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FORM 10-Q

## (Mark One)

[X] QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR $15(\mathrm{~d})$ OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004
[ ] TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR $15(\mathrm{~d})$ OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$

Commission File Number: 001-14498

BLUEFLY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

42 West 39th Street, New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices)

13-3612110
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10018
(Zip Code)

Issuer's telephone number: (212) 944-8000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Exchange Act during the past 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 [X] No [ ]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes [ ] No [X]

As of April 28, 2004, the issuer had outstanding $15,565,385$ shares of Common Stock, \$. 01 par value.

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Inventories, net
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accountsPrepaid expensesOther current assets
Total current assets
Property and equipment, net

Total assets

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
Current liabilities
Accounts payable
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities
Deferred revenue
Warrant liability
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Total current liabilities
Note payable to related party shareholders
Long-term interest payable to related party shareholders
Long-term capital lease liability
Total liabilities

## Commitments and contingencies

Shareholders' equity
Series A Preferred stock - \$.01 par value; 500,000 shares authorized, 460,000 issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively (liquidation preference: $\$ 9.2$ million plus accrued dividends of $\$ 4.2$ million and $\$ 4.0$ million as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively)
Series B Preferred stock - \$.01 par value; 9,000,000 shares authorized, 8,889,414 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively (liquidation preference: $\$ 30$ million plus accrued dividends of $\$ 5.7$ million and $\$ 5.2$ million as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively)
Series C Preferred stock - \$.01 par value; 3,500 shares authorized and 1,000 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively (liquidation preference: $\$ 1$ million plus accrued dividends of $\$ 124,000$ and $\$ 102,000$ as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively)
Series D Preferred stock - \$.01 par value; 7,150 shares authorized, 7,136.548 issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 (liquidation preference: $\$ 7.1$ million plus accrued dividends of $\$ 896,000$ and $\$ 678,000$ as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively)
Series E Preferred stock - \$. 01 par value; 1,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively (liquidation preference: $\$ 1.0$ million plus accrued dividends of $\$ 103,000$ and $\$ 74,000$ as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively)
Common stock - $\$ .01$ par value; $92,000,000$ shares authorized and $14,565,385$ and $12,894,166$ shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively
Additional paid-in capital
Accumulated deficit
Total shareholders' equity

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

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

BLUEFLY, INC. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

Net sales
Cost of sales
Gross profit
Selling, marketing and fulfillment expenses
General and administrative expenses
Total operating expenses
Operating loss
Interest and other income
Interest expense

Net loss
Preferred stock dividends
Deemed dividend related to beneficial conversion feature on Series C Preferred Stock

Net loss available to common shareholders

Basic and diluted loss per common share
Weighted average common shares outstanding (basic and diluted)

|  | 2004 |  | 2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,114,000 \\ 7,332,000 \end{array}$ | \$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,257, \\ & 6,400, \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 3,782,000 |  | 1,857, |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 3,449,000 \\ & 1,759,000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,412, \\ & 1,203, \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 5,208,000 |  | 3, 615, |
|  | $(1,426,000)$ |  | (1, 758, |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 456,000 \\ (160,000) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 6, \\ \text { (88, } \end{array}$ |
| \$ | $(1,130,000)$ | \$ | (1, 840, |
|  | $(1,024,000)$ |  | (638, |
|  | -- |  | (225, |
| \$ | $(2,154,000)$ | \$ | (2,703, |
| \$ | (0.15) | \$ | (0 |
|  | 14,314,722 |  | 10,982, |

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

BLUEFLY, INC.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

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    Net loss
    Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:
        Depreciation and amortization
        Provisions for returns
        Allowance for doubtful accounts
        Write-down of inventory
        Change in value of warrants
        Changes in operating assets and liabilities:
            (Increase) decrease in
                Inventories
                Accounts receivable
                Prepaid expenses
                Other current assets
        Increase (decrease) in
                Accounts payable
                Accrued expenses and other current liabilities
                Long-term interest payable to related party shareholders
                Deferred revenue
    Net cash used in operating activities
Cash flows from investing activities
    Purchase of property and equipment
Net cash used in investing activities
Cash flows from financing activities
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    Net proceeds from exercise of stock options
    Proceeds from issuance of Notes Payable (January 2003 Financing)
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    Deemed dividend related to beneficial conversion feature on Series C Preferred Stock
    Warrants issued to related party shareholders
    Interest paid
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consolidated condensed financial statements.

BLUEFLY, INC.<br>NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS<br>MARCH 31, 2004

NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Bluefly, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary (collectively the "Company"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnote disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. The results of operations of any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for the fiscal year. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and accompanying footnotes included in the Company's Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2003.

The Company has sustained net losses and negative cash flows from operations since the formation of Bluefly.com. The Company's ability to meet its obligations in the ordinary course of business is dependent on its ability to establish profitable operations and/or raise additional financing through public or private debt or equity financing, or other sources to fund operations. The Company believes that its current funds, together with working capital, will be sufficient to enable it to meet its planned expenditures through December 31, 2004. The Company may seek additional equity or debt financing to maximize the growth of its business or if anticipated operating results are not achieved. If such financings are not available on terms acceptable to the company, and/or the Company does not achieve its sales plan, future operations will need to be modified, scaled back or discontinued.

NOTE 2 - THE COMPANY

The Company is a leading Internet retailer of designer fashions and home accessories at discount prices. The Company's Web store ("Bluefly.com" or "Web Site"), which was launched in September 1998 , sells over 350 brands of designer apparel, accessories and home products at discounts up to $75 \%$ off retail value.

NOTE 3 - JANUARY 2004 FINANCING

On January 12, 2004, the Company completed a private placement (the "New Financing") pursuant to which it raised $\$ 5,000,000$. Under the terms of the deal, the Company issued $1,543,209$ shares of Common Stock at $\$ 3.24$ per share, which was $90 \%$ of the trailing five-day average of the Company's volume-weighted stock price as of December 29, 2003, the date that a preliminary agreement was reached as to the pricing of the deal. The Company also issued the new investors warrants to purchase 385,801 shares of Common Stock at any time during the next five years at an exercise price equal to $\$ 3.96$ per share.
After professional fees and finders fees paid to brokers, the net proceeds were approximately $\$ 4,577,000$.

In accordance with EITF 00-19, the Company accounted for the warrants issued in January 2004 at fair market value and classified the warrants as a liability

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because the Company may be required to make cash payments to the investors who purchased the warrants in the event that the registration statement covering the offer and sale of the shares underlying the warrants were to no longer be effective. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing method (assumption: volatility $147 \%$, risk free rate $3.76 \%$, two year expected life and zero dividend yield) to calculate the value of the warrants. At January 12,2004 , the date of the transaction, the warrants had a value of $\$ 1,096,000$. The value of the warrants will be marked to market each reporting period as a derivative gain or loss until the warrants are exercised or expire, or once the potential cash payments to the investors are no longer considered significant. At March 31, 2004, the value of the warrants had decreased from $\$ 1,096,000$ to $\$ 835,000$, and, accordingly the company recognized $\$ 261,000$ of other income for the quarter ended March 31, 2004.

Upon exercise or expiration of each of the warrants, or once the potential cash payments to the counterparty are no longer considered significant, the related liability will be reclassified to additional paid-in-capital. As of March 31, 2004, there were 385,801 warrants outstanding.

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The potential cash payments that require the warrants to be classified as a liability under EITF 00-19 result from provisions in the stock purchase agreement that require the Company to maintain the effectiveness of the registration statement covering the offer and sale of the shares underlying the warrant until at least January 11, 2005. In the event that the registration statement is not effective for more than 45 days during that period, the Company is required to pay liquidated damages equal to $0.0333 \%$ of the purchase price per day for the first 30 days that the registration statement is not effective and liquidated damages equal to $0.0667 \%$ of the purchase price for each day thereafter that the registration statement is not effective, to and including January 11, 2005. Based on this formula, the maximum penalty that the Company could have been required to pay as of March 31, 2004 was approximately 15\% of the purchase price. Assuming that the Company maintains the effectiveness of the registration statement through June 17, 2004 , the maximum penalty that could be incurred under this formula as of that date would be less than $10 \%$ of the purchase price. Based on current accounting guidance, the Company believes that the potential cash payments will no longer be considered significant at that time. Assuming that such potential cash payments are, in fact, no longer considered significant at that time, and no warrants are exercised prior to that time, the amount by which $\$ 835,000$ (the value of the warrants as of March 31 , 2004) is less than or exceeds the value of the warrants as of such date will be included as income or loss, as the case may be, in the Company's statement of operations for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2004, and the related liability will be reclassified to additional paid-in-capital as of such date.

In January 2004, the Company also extended the maturity dates on the Convertible Promissory Notes issued to affiliates of Soros Private Equity Partners, LLC that collectively own a majority of its capital stock (collectively, "Soros") in July and October 2003 (the "Notes"). The maturity dates of the Notes, which were originally January and April 2004 , respectively, were each extended to March 1 , 2005. In February 2004, the maturity date of the Notes was further extended to May 1, 2005.

NOTE 4 - FINANCING AGREEMENT

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The Company has a Financing Agreement (the "Financing Agreement") with Rosenthal \& Rosenthal, Inc. ("Rosenthal") pursuant to which Rosenthal provides the Company with certain credit accommodations, including loans and advances, factor-to-factor guarantees or letters of credit in favor of suppliers or factors or purchases of payables owed to the Company's suppliers (the "Loan Facility").

The Financing Agreement was amended in April 2004 to: (i) extend the term until March 30, 2005; (ii) substitute $\$ 1.25$ million of cash collateral pledged by the Company for the $\$ 2.0$ million standby letter of credit previously provided by Soros as collateral security for the Company's obligations under the Loan Facility; (iii) decrease the maximum amount available under the Loan Facility from $\$ 4.5$ million to $\$ 4.0$ million; (iv) increase the tangible net worth requirement to $\$ 7.0$ million; (v) increase the working capital requirement to $\$ 6.0$ million; and (vi) increase the minimum cash balance that the Company is required to maintain to $\$ 750,000$ (exclusive of the $\$ 1.25$ million in cash collateral).

As of March 31, 2004, the maximum availability under the Loan Facility was approximately $\$ 4.0$ million of which approximately $\$ 2.4$ million was committed, leaving approximately $\$ 1.6$ million available against the Loan Facility.

## NOTE 5 - LOSS PER SHARE

The Company has determined Loss Per Share in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 128, "Earnings Per Share." Basic loss per share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period.

Diluted loss per share is computed by dividing loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period, adjusted to reflect potentially dilutive securities. Due to the loss from continuing operations, the following options and warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock and Preferred Stock convertible into shares of Common Stock were not included in the computation of diluted loss per share because the result of the exercise of such inclusion would be antidilutive:

| Security | March 31, 2004 | Exercise Prices | March 31, 2003 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Options | 9,087,447 | \$0.69 - \$16.60 | 9,570,412 |
| Warrants | 1,704,945 | \$0.78-\$9.08 | 1,119,144 |
| Preferred Stock | 43,323,430* |  | 42,057,813* |

* Excludes dividends on preferred stock, which are payable in cash or common stock, at the Company's option, upon conversion, redemption or liquidation.
** Excludes debt issued in connection with the July 2003 financing and October 2003 financing, which is currently not convertible into Common Stock.

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NOTE 6 - STOCK BASED COMPENSATION
The Company applies Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. ("SFAS") No. 148 "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123", SFAS No. 123 "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation," and FASB Interpretation No. 44, "Accounting for Certain Transactions Involving Stock Compensation" ("FIN 44") in accounting for its stock based compensation plan. In accordance with SFAS No. 123, the Company applies Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25 and related Interpretations for expense recognition. In connection with stock option grants to employees, no compensation expense has been recorded in fiscal quarters ended 2004 and 2003, because the exercise price of employee stock options equals or exceeds the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant. Had compensation expense for the Plan been determined consistent with the provisions of SFAS No. 123, the effect on the Company's basic and diluted net loss per share would have been as follows:

Net loss, as reported
Deduct: total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards
$(742,000)$
$-------------872,000)$
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Basic and diluted, as reported } & \text { \$ } & (0.15) & \$ \\ \text { sic and diluted, pro forma } & \$ & (0.20) & \$\end{array}$
Basic and diluted, pro forma $\$$
Loss per share:

March 31, 200
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$\$ \quad(1,840,00$
$(1,142,00$
$(2,982,00$

The effects of applying SFAS No. 123 in this pro forma disclosure are not indicative of future amounts, as additional stock option awards are anticipated in future years.

NOTE 7 - OTHER INCOME

In June 2002, the Company entered into an agreement with a third party investor pursuant to which the investor committed to purchase approximately $\$ 7$ million of Common Stock and warrants from the Company. The investor breached the contract by failing to consummate the investment, although it did provide the Company with $\$ 169,000$ as a good faith deposit. In October 2002, the Company filed an action against the investor based on its failure to consummate the investment, and in December 2003, the court entered judgment in the Company's favor against the third party investor in the amount of $\$ 3,793,688$. In the first quarter of 2004, following the expiration of all applicable appeal periods, the Company recognized the good faith deposit of $\$ 169,000$ as other income, as a partial recognition of litigation settlement. Based on the information currently available to it regarding the investor's finances, the Company does not believe that it will be successful in collecting a material amount of additional funds as a result of the damages award.

In addition, as discussed in Note 3 above, the Company recognized $\$ 261,000$ of other income for the quarter ended March 31, 2004

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to adjust a liability associated with warrants issued by the Company to its fair value as of March 31, 2004.

NOTE 8 - RECLASSIFICATIONS
Certain amounts in the consolidated condensed financial statements of the prior period have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation for comparative purposes.

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

## OVERVIEW

Bluefly, Inc., a Delaware corporation, is a leading Internet retailer of designer fashions and home accessories at outlet store prices. We sell over 350 brands of designer apparel, accessories and home products at discounts up to 75\% off retail value. Bluefly.com, our Web site, was launched in September 1998.

Our net sales increased approximately $35 \%$ to $\$ 11,114,000$ for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 from $\$ 8,257,000$ for the first quarter ended March 31, 2003.

Our gross margin increased to $34.0 \%$ in the first quarter of 2004 from 22.5\% in the first quarter of 2003. Gross margin during the first quarter of 2003 was significantly lower than it had been historically due to our decision to turn more of our out-of-season merchandise, as well as inventory items that we were particularly deep in, into cash that could be used to purchase new inventory, rather than holding the inventory for the next season. Given our stronger balance sheet, we do not expect to face the same issues in 2004 and, accordingly, we believe that our 2002 first quarter gross margin level of $32.7 \%$ provides a more useful comparison point. Our $34 \%$ gross margin level in the first quarter of 2004 represents an improvement over 2002 levels, and we believe that our margins for 2004 as a whole will be generally consistent with the first quarter. Of course, our gross margin is dependent upon a number of factors, including our ability to forecast demand and fashion trends accurately, and, accordingly, there can be no assurance that we will meet any particular margin level.

Our customer acquisition costs increased to $\$ 10.72$ per customer in the first quarter of 2004 , from $\$ 5.26$ per customer in the first quarter of 2003 because we were more aggressive in our customer acquisition efforts. On average, the positive contribution to overhead that we generate from a customer's purchase exceeds our current customer acquisition costs by a significant margin. Accordingly, we believe that it may be prudent to continue to be more aggressive in acquiring customers (even though it may increase our customer acquisition costs in 2004 and beyond) in order to acquire larger numbers of customers with profitable ordering patterns.

Our reserve for returns and credit card chargebacks increased to $37 \%$ in the first quarter of 2004 from $36.7 \%$ in the first quarter of 2003 . On the whole, our reserve for returns and credit card chargebacks has risen for the past three years, from $32 \%$ in 2001 , to $36 \%$ in 2002 to $37 \%$ in 2003 as a result of increasing return rates. The increase in return rates has primarily been driven by shifts in our merchandise mix. However, we believe that the increase in return rates is more than offset by higher gross margins and average order sizes that have been generated by this shift in merchandise mix. While we are testing initiatives to reduce our return rates, we believe that the overall shift in merchandise mix

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has been beneficial to the overall gross profit realized per order. Accordingly, we do not expect return rates to decrease to 2001 levels in the near term.

From time to time, a portion of our inventory consists of out-of-season merchandise that we either purchased with the intention of holding for the appropriate season or were unable to sell in a prior season and have determined to hold for the next selling season, subject (in some cases) to appropriate mark-downs.

At March 31, 2004, we had an accumulated deficit of $\$ 93,466,000$, of which approximately $\$ 29,000,000$ was the result of non-cash beneficial conversion charges incurred in connection with the reduction of the conversion price of the Company's Preferred Stock. The net losses and accumulated deficit resulted primarily from the costs associated with developing and marketing our Web site and building our infrastructure. In order to expand our business, we intend to invest in sales, marketing,

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merchandising, operations, information systems, site development and additional personnel to support these activities. We therefore expect to continue to incur substantial operating losses for the foreseeable future. Although we have experienced revenue growth in recent years, this growth may not be sustainable and therefore should not be considered indicative of future performance.

## CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Management Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. The most significant estimates and assumptions relate to the adequacy of the allowances for sales returns, the recoverability of inventories and deferred tax valuation allowances. Actual amounts could differ significantly from these estimates.

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 101 "Revenue Recognition in the Financial Statements" as amended. Gross sales consists primarily of revenue from product sales and shipping and handling charges and is net of promotional discounts. Net sales represent gross sales, less provisions for returns, credit card chargebacks, and adjustments for uncollected sales taxes. Revenue is recognized when all the following criteria are met:
. A customer executes an order via our website.
. The product price and the shipping and handling fee have been determined.
. Credit card authorization has occurred and collection is reasonably assured.
. The product has been shipped and received by the customer.

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Shipping and handling billed to customers are classified as revenue in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Task Force's Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") No. 00-10, "Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs" ("EITF No. 00-10").

Provision for Returns and Doubtful Accounts
We generally permit returns for any reason within 90 days of the sale. Accordingly, we establish a reserve for estimated future returns and bad debt at the time of shipment based primarily on historical data. We perform credit card authorizations and check the verification of our customers prior to shipment of merchandise. However, our future return and bad debt rates could differ from historical patterns, and, to the extent that these rates increase significantly, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

Inventory Valuation
Inventories, which consist of finished goods, are stated at the lower of cost or market value. Cost is determined by the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method. We review our inventory levels in order to identify slow-moving merchandise and in some instances use markdowns below cost to clear merchandise. Markdowns below cost may be used if inventory exceeds customer demand for reasons of style, changes in customer preference or lack of consumer acceptance of certain items, or if it is determined that the inventory in stock will not sell at its currently marked price. Such markdowns may have an adverse impact on earnings, depending on the extent of the markdowns and amount of inventory affected.

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## Deferred Tax Valuation Allowance

We recognize deferred income tax assets and liabilities on the differences between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted statutory rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. The effect on deferred taxes of a change in tax rates is realized in income in the period that included the enactment date. We have assessed the future taxable income and determined that a $100 \%$ deferred tax valuation allowance is deemed necessary. In the event that we were to determine that we would be able to realize our deferred tax assets, an adjustment to the deferred tax valuation allowance would increase income in the period such determination is made.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004 COMPARED TO THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003

The following table sets forth our statement of operations data, for the three months ended March 31st. All data is in thousands, except as indicated below:

| Net sales | \$ 11,114 | 100.0\% | \$ | 8,257 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of sales | 7,332 | $66.0 \%$ |  | 6,400 |
| Gross profit | 3,782 | $34.0 \%$ |  | 1,857 |
| Selling, marketing and fulfillment expenses | 3,449 | $31.0 \%$ |  | 2,412 |
| General and administrative expenses | 1,759 | 15.8\% |  | 1,203 |
| Total operating expenses | 5,208 | $46.8 \%$ |  | 3,615 |
| Operating loss | $(1,426)$ | (12.8) \% |  | $(1,758)$ |
| Interest (expense) and other income, net | 296 | $2.7 \%$ |  | (82) |
| Net loss | $(1,130)$ | (10.1) \% |  | $(1,840)$ |

We also measure and evaluate ourselves against certain other key operational metrics. The following table sets forth our actual results based on these other metrics for the three months ended March 31st, as indicated below:

Average Order Size (including shipping \& handling)
Average Order Size Per New Customer (including shipping \& handing)
Average Order Size Per Repeat Customer (including shipping \& handling)

New Customers Added during the Period
Revenue from Repeat Customers as a of total Revenue
Customer Acquisition Costs

We define a "repeat customer" as a person who has bought more than once from us during their lifetime. We calculate customer acquisition cost by dividing total advertising expenditures (excluding staff related costs) during a given time period by total new customers added during that period. All measures of the number of customers are based on unique email addresses.

Net sales: Gross sales for the three months ended March 31, 2004 increased by over $35 \%$ to $\$ 17,650,000$, from $\$ 13,044,000$ for the three months ended March 31, 2003. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, we recorded a provision for returns and credit card chargebacks and other discounts of $\$ 6,536,000$, or approximately $37.0 \%$ of gross sales. For the three months ended March 31, 2003, the provision for returns and credit card chargebacks and other discounts was $\$ 4,787,000$, or approximately $36.7 \%$ of gross

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\text { MARCH 31, } & 2004
\end{array}
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sales. The slight increase in this provision as a percentage of gross sales resulted from an increase in the return rate. The increase was primarily caused by a shift in our merchandise mix towards certain product categories that historically have generated higher return rates. However, we believe that this increase in return rates has been more than offset by the higher gross margins and average order sizes that have been generated by this shift in merchandise

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mix.

After the necessary provisions for returns, credit card chargebacks and adjustments for uncollected sales taxes, our net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2004 were $\$ 11,114,000$. This represents an increase of approximately $35 \%$ compared to the three months ended March 31, 2003, in which net sales totaled $\$ 8,257,000$. The growth in net sales resulted from both an increase in the number of new customers acquired (approximately $23 \%$ higher compared to first quarter 2003) and an increase in average order size (approximately 13\% higher compared to the first quarter 2003). For the three months ended March 31, 2004 revenue from shipping and handling (which is included in net sales) increased by $34 \%$ to $\$ 837,000$ from $\$ 623,000$ for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. Revenue as a whole increased at a slightly higher rate than shipping and handing revenue because of the increase in average order size.

Cost of sales: Cost of sales consists of the cost of product sold to customers, in-bound and out-bound shipping costs, inventory reserves, commissions and packing materials. Cost of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2004 totaled $\$ 7,332,000$, resulting in gross margin of approximately $34 \%$. Cost of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2003 totaled $\$ 6,400,000$, resulting in gross margin of $22.5 \%$. Gross profit increased by over $103 \%$, to $\$ 3,782,000$ for the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared to $\$ 1,857,000$ for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The growth in gross margin is primarily the result of increased product margins. In the first quarter of 2003 , lower gross margin resulted primarily from our decision to turn more of our out-of-season merchandise, as well as inventory items that we were particularly deep in, into cash that could be used to purchase new inventory, rather than holding the inventory for the next season. Because we currently have a significantly stronger balance sheet than we did during a large part of 2003 , we do not expect to face the same issues in 2004. In addition, our merchandise strategy is now focused on offering the most current trends, which allows us to generate a higher product margin while still providing significant value to our customers.

Selling, marketing and fulfillment expenses: Selling, marketing and fulfillment expenses increased by approximately 38\% in the first three months of 2004 compared to the first three months of 2003. Selling, marketing and fulfillment expenses were comprised of the following:

Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

Marketing
Operating
Technology
E-Commerce

Three Months Ended March 31, 2003
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Percentage Difference increase (decrease)
$\qquad$
122.7\%
$32.2 \%$
37.9\%
$26.8 \%$
$43.0 \%$

As a percentage of net sales, our selling, marketing and fulfillment expenses increased slightly to 31.0\% for the three months ended March 31, 2004 from 29.2\% in the three months ended March 31, 2003. The increase in selling, marketing and fulfillment expenses as a percentage of net sales resulted from an increase of approximately 123\% in marketing expenses.

Marketing expenses include expenses related to online and print advertising, direct mail campaigns as well as staff related costs. Marketing expenses increased by a higher percentage than revenue because of a 104\% increase in

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customer acquisition cost. Customer acquisition costs increased to $\$ 10.72$ per customer for the three months ended March 31, 2004 , from $\$ 5.26$ per customer for the three months ended March 31, 2003 because we were more aggressive in our customer acquisition efforts (acquiring over $23 \%$ more new customers in the first quarter of 2004 than we acquired in the first quarter of 2003). On average, the positive contribution to overhead that we generate from a customer's purchase exceeds our current customer acquisition costs by a significant margin. Accordingly, we believe that it may be prudent to continue to be more aggressive in acquiring customers (even thought it may increase our customer acquisition costs in 2004 and beyond) in order to acquire larger numbers of customers with profitable ordering patterns.

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Operating expenses include all costs related to inventory management, fulfillment, customer service, and credit card processing. Operating expenses increased in the first three months of 2004 by approximately $32 \%$ compared to the first three months of 2003 as a result of variable costs associated with the increased sales volume (e.g., picking and packing orders, processing returns and credit card fees). The increase in operating expenses was largely the result of costs associated with our temporary clearance store, which closed in March.

Technology expenses consist primarily of staff related costs, amortization of capitalized costs and Web Site hosting. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 technology expenses increased by approximately $38 \%$ compared to the three months ended March 31,2003 . This increase resulted from an increase in headcount and salary related expenses, an increase in web hosting expense, as well as an increase in depreciation expense related to new purchases. During the first quarter of 2004 there were 15 people in the department compared to 11 in the first quarter of 2003. We believe that our headcount in the technology department will continue to increase throughout the year, as we intend to invest in the roll-out of new features that drive the performance of our business.

E-Commerce expenses include expenses related to our photo studio, image processing, and Web Site design. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, this amount increased by approximately $27 \%$ as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2003, primarily due to an increase in salary related expenses as well as an increase in expenses associated with outside research tools. We believe that our increased investment in the e-commerce group played a key role in the growth of our business during the first quarter, and we intend to continue to invest in this area throughout the year.

General and administrative expenses: General and administrative expenses include merchandising, finance and administrative salaries and related expenses, insurance costs, accounting and legal fees, depreciation and other office related expenses. General and administrative expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2004 increased by approximately $46 \%$ to $\$ 1,759,000$ as compared to $\$ 1,203,000$ for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily the result of increased salary and benefit expenses. We expect to continue to add to our merchandising team throughout the year.

As a percentage of net sales, general and administrative expenses for the first quarter of 2004 increased slightly to approximately $15.8 \%$ from $14.6 \%$.

Loss from operations: Operating loss decreased by almost 19\% in the first three months of 2004 to $\$ 1,426,000$ from $\$ 1,758,000$ in the first three months of 2003 as a result of the increase in gross margin.

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Interest and other income: Other income for the three months ended March 31, 2004 increased to $\$ 456,000$ from $\$ 6,000$ for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The increase resulted from $\$ 261,000$ recognized to adjust a liability associated with warrants issued by us to their fair value as of March 31, 2004, the $\$ 169,000$ realized in connection with the judgment we received in the Breider Moore litigation and an increase in interest income earned on our cash balance.

Interest expense: Interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2004 totaled $\$ 160,000$, and related primarily to fees paid in connection with the Loan Facility and interest expense on the Convertible Notes. For the three months ended March 31, 2003, interest expense totaled $\$ 88,000$, and related to fees paid in connection with our Loan Facility as well as amortization of warrants issued in connection with the January 2003 Financing.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

General
At March 31, 2004, we had approximately $\$ 12.1$ million of liquid assets, entirely in the form of cash and cash equivalents, and working capital of approximately $\$ 15.1$ million. In addition, as of March 31, 2004, we had approximately $\$ 2.4$ million of borrowings committed under the Loan Facility, leaving approximately $\$ 1.6$ million of availability. In January of 2004 , we raised $\$ 5,000,000$ through the sale of $1,543,209$ shares of our common stock and warrants to purchase an additional 385,801 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of $\$ 3.96$ per share. In January 2004, we also extended the maturity dates on the Convertible Promissory Notes issued to Soros in July and October 2003. The Notes originally matured in January and April 2004, respectively, and the maturity date was extended to March 1, 2005. In February 2004, the maturity date on the on the

Convertible Promissory Notes issued to affiliates of Soros were again extended to May 1, 2005

We fund our operations through cash on hand, operating cash flow, as well as the proceeds of any equity or debt financing. Operating cash flow is affected by revenue and gross margin levels, as well as return rates, and any deterioration in our performance on these financial measures would have a negative impact on our liquidity. Total availability under the Loan Facility is based upon our inventory levels and is dependent, among other things, on the Company having at least $\$ 7.0$ million of tangible net worth, $\$ 6.0$ million of working capital and cash balances of at least $\$ 750,000$ (exclusive of the $\$ 1.25$ million cash collateral pledged to Rosenthal to secure our obligations under the Loan Facility). In addition, both availability under the Loan Facility and our operating cash flows are affected by the payment terms that we receive from suppliers and service providers, and the extent to which suppliers require us to request Rosenthal to provide credit support under the Loan Facility. We believe that our suppliers' decision-making with respect to payment terms and/or the type of credit support requested is largely driven by their perception of our credit rating, which is affected by information reported in the industry and financial press and elsewhere as to our financial strength. Accordingly, negative perceptions as to our financial strength could have a negative impact on our liquidity.

We believe that our current funds, together with working capital, will be sufficient to enable us to meet our planned expenditures through December 31,

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2004. We may seek additional equity or debt financing to maximize the growth of our business or if anticipated operating results are not achieved. If such financings are not available on terms acceptable to us, and/or we do not achieve our sales plan, future operations will need to be modified, scaled back or discontinued.

Loan Facility
Pursuant to the Loan Facility, Rosenthal provides us with certain credit accommodations, including loans and advances, factor-to-factor guarantees, letters of credit in favor of suppliers or factors and purchases of payables owed to our suppliers. The Rosenthal Financing Agreement was amended in April 2004 to: (i) extend the term until March 30, 2005; (ii) substitute $\$ 1.25$ million of cash collateral pledged by the Company for the $\$ 2.0$ million standby letter of credit previously provided by Soros as collateral security for the Company's obligations under the Loan Facility; (iii) decrease the maximum amount available under the Loan Facility from $\$ 4.5$ million to $\$ 4.0$ million; (iv) increase the tangible net worth requirement to $\$ 7.0$ million; (v) increase the working capital requirement to $\$ 6.0$ million; and (vi) increase the minimum cash balance that the Company is required to maintain to $\$ 750,000$ (exclusive of the $\$ 1.25$ million in cash collateral). Because we removed the requirement that Soros provide a standby letter of credit to secure the Loan Facility, we are no longer subject to an agreement with Soros that previously required us to issue additional warrants to Soros with an exercise price equal to $75 \%$ of market price in the event that Rosenthal were to draw on Soros' letter of credit.

Interest accrues monthly on the average daily amount outstanding under the Loan Facility during the preceding month at a per annum rate equal to the prime rate plus 1\%. We pay an annual facility fee equal to $1.5 \%$ of the portion of the Loan Facility that is provided on the basis of our inventory level. This formula currently results in an annual facility fee of $\$ 33,750$. We also pay Rosenthal certain fees to open letters of credit and guarantees in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the face amount of the letter of credit for each thirty (30) days such letter of credit, or a portion thereof, remains open.

In consideration for the Loan Facility, among other things, we granted to Rosenthal a first priority lien on substantially all of our assets, including control of all of our cash accounts (including the $\$ 1.25$ million of cash collateral, which has been placed in a segregated, restricted account) upon an event of default and certain of our cash accounts in the event that the total amount of funded debt loaned to us under the Loan Facility exceeds 90\% of the maximum amount available under the Loan Facility for more than 10 days.

Under the terms of the Loan Facility, Soros has the right to purchase all of our obligations from Rosenthal at any time during its term.

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Commitments and Long Term Obligations
As of March 31, 2004, we had the following commitments and long term obligations:
2004 2005 $\quad 2006 \quad 2007 \quad 2008$

Marketing and Advertising
Operating Leases
Capital Leases
Employment Contracts*
Notes payable to shareholders
Grand total
\$ 122,000
342,000
243,000
1,590,000
182,000
\$ 2,479,000


* Does not include $\$ 75,000$ that we are required to pay our President if she relocates herself and her family to the New York City area on or before August 31, 2004. She will also be entitled to stock options to purchase an additional 100,000 shares of our common stock at $\$ 1.56$ per share if she relocates within that timeframe.

We believe that in order to grow the business, we will need to make additional marketing and advertising commitments in the future. In addition, we expect to hire and train additional employees for the operations and development of Bluefly.com. However, our marketing budget and our ability to hire such employees is subject to a number of factors, including our results of operations as well as the amount of additional capital that we raise.

In order to continue to expand our product offerings, we intend to expand our relationships with suppliers of end-of-season and excess name brand apparel and fashion accessories. We expect that our suppliers will continue to include designers and retail stores that sell excess inventory as well as third-party end-of-season apparel aggregators. To achieve our goal of offering a wide selection of top name brand designer clothing and fashion accessories, we may acquire certain goods on consignment and may explore leasing or partnering select departments with strategic partners and distributors.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK
We have assessed our vulnerability to certain market risks, including interest rate risk associated with financial instruments included in cash and cash equivalents and our notes payable. Due to the short-term nature of these investments we have determined that the risks associated with interest rate fluctuations related to these financial instruments do not pose a material risk to us.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND DISCLOSURES.

As of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-Q, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer along with our Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 (e) and 15d-15(e)). Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer along with our Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to us (including our consolidated subsidiaries) required to be included in our periodic SEC filings. There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may include statements that constitute "forward-looking" statements, usually containing the words "believe", "project", "expect", or similar expressions. These statements are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements

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inherently involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. The risks and uncertainties are detailed from time to time in reports filed by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Forms 8-A, 8-K, 10-Q, and $10-\mathrm{K}$. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following: our history of losses and anticipated future losses; need for additional capital and potential inability to raise such capital; the risk of default by us under the Rosenthal financing agreement and the consequences that might arise from us having granted a lien on substantially all of our assets under that agreement; potential dilution arising from future equity financings, including potential dilution as a result of the anti-dilution provisions contained in our Preferred Stock and Convertible Notes; risks associated with Soros owning a majority of our stock; the potential failure to forecast revenues and/or to make adjustments to our operating plans necessary as a result of any failure to forecast accurately; unexpected changes in fashion trends; cyclical variations in the apparel and e-commerce markets; risks of litigation for sale of unauthentic or damaged goods and litigation risks related to sales in foreign countries; the dependence on third parties and certain relationships for certain services,

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including our dependence on U.P.S. (and the risks of a mail slowdown due to terrorist activity) and our dependence on our third-party web hosting and fulfillment centers; online commerce security risks; risks related to brand owners' efforts to limit our ability to purchase products indirectly; management of potential growth; the competitive nature of our business and the potential for competitors with greater resources to enter the business; the availability of merchandise; the need to further establish brand name recognition; risks associated with our ability to handle increased traffic and/or continued improvements to its Web site; rising return rates; dependence upon executive personnel; the successful hiring and retaining of new personnel; risks associated with expanding our operations; risks associated with potential infringement of other's intellectual property; the potential inability to protect our intellectual property; government regulation and legal uncertainties; uncertainties relating to the imposition of sales tax on Internet sales; and risks associated with the agreements with Soros with respect to a change of control and the liquidation preference of the Preferred Stock owned by Soros.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We currently and from time to time, are involved in litigation incidental to the conduct of our business. However we are not party to any lawsuit or proceeding which in the opinion of management is likely to have a material adverse effect on us.

In October 2002, we commenced an action against Breider Moore \& Co. LLC ("Breider Moore") and Joseph Breider in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, as a result of Breider Moore's failure to consummate an agreed upon $\$ 7$ million investment in the Company. In the action, we asserted a breach of contract claim against Breider Moore, fraud claims against Breider Moore and Mr. Breider and a piercing the corporate veil claim against Mr. Breider. In February 2003, we obtained summary judgment on our breach of contract claim, and our piercing the corporate veil claim was dismissed. One of our fraud claims is still pending, and the other has been dismissed. Given that we had been granted summary judgment on our breach of contract claim, an

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evidentiary hearing on our damages was held before a special referee in May 2003. In July 2003, the special referee recommended that we be awarded damages in the amount of approximately $\$ 3.3$ million for our breach of contract claim against Breider Moore. In December 2003, the court entered judgment in our favor against Breider Moore in the amount of $\$ 3,793,688$. In the first quarter of 2004 , following the expiration of all applicable appeal periods, we recognized a good faith deposit of $\$ 169,000$ previously provided by Breider Moore as other income, as a partial offset of the damages incurred. Based on the information currently available to us regarding Breider Moore's finances, we do not believe that it will be successful in collecting a material amount of additional funds as a result of the damages award.

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

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities
In January 2004, we completed a private placement pursuant to which we raised $\$ 5,000,000$ from a group of investors led by Redwood Grove Capital Management, LLC, a California-based private equity firm. Under the terms of the deal, we issued $1,543,209$ shares of Common Stock at $\$ 3.24$ per share, which was $90 \%$ of the trailing five-day average of our volume-weighted stock price as of December 29, 2003, the date that a preliminary agreement was reached as to the pricing of the deal. We also issued to the new investors warrants to purchase 385,801 shares of Common Stock at any time during the next five years at an exercise price of $\$ 3.96$ per share. We agreed to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of these new investors within 30 days of the closing, in order to register the resale of the Common Stock issued, as well as the Common Stock underlying the warrants, and to use commercially reasonable efforts to have such registration statement declared effective within 90 days of the closing. We also agreed to certain liquidated damages provisions to the extent that we did not meet these deadlines. We filed the required registration statement on January 16, 2004, and the registration statement was declared effective on April 1, 2004. Accordingly, no liquidated damages have been incurred to date, although they could be incurred in the future were the registration statement to become subject to a stop order or a blackout period for an extended period of time. We paid Enable Capital, LLC and Broadband Capital Management finders fees of $\$ 194,000$ and $\$ 100,000$, respectively, in consideration for their roles in introducing us to the participants in the transaction.

The above-described sales were deemed exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K
(a) The following is a list of exhibits filed as part of this Report:

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Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 22, 2004).
10.63* Amendment, dated as of March 17, 2004, to the Services Agreement, dat between Distribution Associates, Inc. and the Company.
31.1 Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14 (a)
31.2 Certification Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a)
32.1 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

* Confidential treatment requested as to certain portions of this Exhibit. Such portions have been redacted.
(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 13, 2004, regarding the consummation of a $\$ 5$ million private placement of common stock and warrants.

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 16, 2004, attaching the press release announcing the extension of the maturity date of the Convertible Notes.

Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 19, 2004, attaching the press release announcing the Company's results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2003.

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## SIGNATURES

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

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BLUEFLY, INC.
By: /s/ E. Kenneth Seiff
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    E. Kenneth Seiff
    Chief Executive Officer
By: /s/ Patrick C. Barry
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    Patrick C. Barry
    Chief Financial Officer
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May 3, 2004

