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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 10-OSB

(Mark One)

|X| Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001

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 $|_|$ Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File Number: 0-20753

SONICS & MATERIALS, INC.

(Exact name of small business issuer as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

06-0854713 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

53 Church Hill Road Newtown, Connecticut 06470 (Address of principal executive offices)

Telephone Number (203) 270-4600 (Issuer's telephone number, including area code)

Check whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(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 |_|

As of May 15, 2001, there were 3,520,100 shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (Check one):

Yes |_| No |X|

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Sonics & Materials, Inc. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS As of

	March 31, 2001 (Unaudited)				
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	696,482	\$	728 , 993	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$88,470 at					
March 31, 2001 and June 30, 2000		1,870,547		2,692,786	
Inventories		5,125,807		4,489,967	
Other current assets		155 , 075		150,913	
Total current assets		7,847,911		8,062,659	
PROPERTY PLANT & EQUIPMENT - NET		3,915,535		4,050,052	
GOODWILL - NET		887,464		929,091	
OTHER ASSETS		577 , 169		672,215	
		3,228,079		13,714,017	

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Notes payable	\$ 1,390,000	\$	1,290,000
Current maturities of long-term debt	331,097		331,097
Accounts payable	1,108,847		701,929
Customer advances	121,315		133,816
Commissions payable	123,544		
Other accrued expenses and sundry liabilities	289,445		626 , 691
Total current liabilities	3,364,248		3,276,889
LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current portion	3,324,466		3,584,390
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Common stock - par value \$.03 per share; authorized,			
10,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding,			
3,520,100 shares at March 31, 2001			
and June 30, 2000	105,603		105,603
Additional paid in capital	6,571,378		6,575,010
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	 (137,616)		172,125
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Total stockholders' equity	 6,539,365 		6,852,738
	\$ 13,228,079	\$	13,714,017
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 $^{^{\}star}$ Taken from the audited financial statements at June 30, 2000.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Sonics & Materials, Inc.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,			Months
	2001	2000	2001	2
Net sales Cost of sales	\$ 2,791,109 1,689,529	\$ 3,665,932 2,295,551	\$ 8,521,052 5,295,735	\$ 10,3 6,5
Gross profit	1,101,580	1,370,381	3,225,317	3,8
Operating expenses Selling expense General and administrative Research and development	534,784 335,281 98,168	809,669 275,872 104,648	1,977,973 949,931 289,253	2,1 8 2
Total operating expenses	968,233	1,190,189	3,217,157	3,2

Other income (expense)

Interest expense Interest and Other Income		(1,184)	2,988	(2
	 (82,225)		(282,237)	(2
Income before provision for income taxes	51,122	80,181	(274,077)	2
Provision for income taxes	35 , 777	7,572		
Income (loss) from continuing operations				2
Loss from discontinued operations	 	 8 , 930	 	
Net income (loss)	15,345		(309,741)	2
BASIC INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE Net income (loss) per share	.004			\$
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	 3,520,100	 3,520,100	 3,520,100	 3 , 5
INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE - DILUTED Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$.02		\$
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	3,520,100			3 , 5

Sonics & Materials, Inc. CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited) For the Nine Months Ended March 31,

	2001	2000
Net cash provided by operations	\$ 186,172	\$ 241,644
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(55,128)	341,828
Net cash used in financing activities	(163,556)	(359,837)
Net increase (decrease) in cash for the period	(32,512)	223,635
Cash and cash equivalents - at beginning of period	728 , 994	354,564
Cash and cash equivalents - at end of period	\$ 696,482	\$ 578,199
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Cash paid during period for:		
Interest	\$ 312,481	\$ 292 , 829
Income taxes	\$ 0	\$ 48,306

Sonics & Materials, Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements

March 31, 2001

(Unaudited)

NOTE 1: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements for the interim periods are unaudited and reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and operating results for the interim periods. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto, together with the management's discussion and analysis, contained on Form 10-KSB for the year ended June 30, 2000. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2001 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the entire fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

NOTE 2: Consolidation

The accompanying financial statements reflect the consolidated operations of Sonics & Materials, Inc., and its wholly-owned subsidiary Tooltex, Inc. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

NOTE 3: Net Income Per Share

Net income per share is based on the weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares (warrants and options) outstanding during the period, calculated using the treasury stock method.

The weighted average number of shares outstanding for the periods presented are as follows:

Basic and Diluted Weighted Shares Outstanding For the Nine Months Ended March 31,

	2001	2000
Basic shares	3,520,100	3,520,100
Dilution (stock options)		6 , 798
Weighted average number of common and common		
equivalent shares	3,520,100	3,526,898
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NOTE 4: Loan Covenants

The Company's credit facility contains a loan covenant that requires it to maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.10 on a quarterly basis and 1.40 on a trailing six-month basis. At March 31, 2001, the Company met the quarterly but was in violation of the trailing six-month test. The bank has provided a waiver for this violation.

During the second and third quarter of Fiscal Year 2001, and continuing into the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2001, the Company scaled back operations at both its Newtown, Connecticut facility and at Tooltex, Inc., its wholly-owned

subsidiary. Based on projected cost savings, management believes it is probable that the Company will be in compliance with the loan covenants for the fourth quarter.

Any statements in this filing that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements that are subject to a number of important risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. Specifically, any forward looking statements in this filing related to the Company's objectives for future growth, profitability and financial returns are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, risks related to a growing market demand for Sonics' existing and new products, continued growth in sales and market share of Sonics and its Ultra Sonic Seal line of products, pricing, market acceptance of existing and new products, a fluctuation in the sales product mix, general economic conditions, competitive products, and product technology development. There can be no assurance that such objectives will be achieved. In addition, the Company's objectives of future growth, profitability and financial returns are also subject to the uncertainty of the growth and profitability of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Tooltex, Inc.

Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The following information should be read in conjunction with the unaudited financial statements included herein (see Item 1) and the financial information contained in the Company's latest annual report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended June 30, 2000.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

During the second and third quarters of Fiscal Year 2001, and continuing into the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2001, the Company implemented an extensive restructuring program. The result has been a significant reduction in costs, primarily through layoffs and attrition. On an annualized basis, the Company estimates that it has reduced its expenses by approximately \$1,800,000. During the second quarter, the Company incurred a one-time severance charge associated with the layoffs of \$42,000. The severance charge was paid in full during the third quarter of this fiscal year.

In May 2000 Sonics' management and Board of Directors elected to discontinue the Company's VibraSurge operation after reviewing the marketability of its line of ultrasonic surgical products and its recurring operating losses. As a result, for Fiscal Year 2000, the Company's balance sheet, statements of income, and statements of cash flows have been reclassified to report the net assets and operating results of the VibraSurge business as discontinued. As of June 30, 2000, VibraSurge operations ceased and remaining net assets, consisting principally of inventory and accounts receivable, have been written off.

Three months ended March 31, 2001 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2000.

Net sales. Net sales for the quarter ended March 31, 2001 decreased \$875,000 or 23.9% compared to the quarter ended March 31, 2000. This decrease is primarily the result of a decline in sales of its plastic welding equipment and specialized equipment sales by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Tooltex, Inc. Sales at Tooltex were adversely affected when a customer delayed delivery on a major order. Management believes this product will be delivered in the fourth quarter.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales decreased from 62.6% of net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2000 to 60.5% of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2001. A shift to higher-margin standard products, as opposed to

specialty products, accounted for this improvement.

Selling Expenses. Selling expenses for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2001 decreased \$275,000 or 34.0% compared with the same period in Fiscal Year 2000. As a percentage of net sales, selling expenses decreased from 22.1% to 19.2% in these same periods. This decrease is due to the implementation of a Company wide restructuring program that began in the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2001. As part of the restructuring program, the Company reorganized its sales department and reduced the number of employees through both attrition and layoffs.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2001 increased \$59,000 or 21.5% over the third quarter of fiscal 2000. As a percentage of net sales, these expenses increased, from 7.5% to 12.0% over the same periods. This increase is primarily the result of an increase in legal and professional fees.

Interest Expense. Interest expense for the third quarter of fiscal 2001 decreased by \$11,000 compared with the same period in Fiscal Year 2000. This was due to a decrease in interest rates and lower principal balances.

Income Taxes. A tax accrual of \$36,000. for nine months ending March 31, 2001 consisted primarily of state income taxes. The Company has not accrued the Federal tax benefit of the current period net operating loss because its realization is uncertain.

Nine months ended March 31, 2001 compared to the nine months ended March 31, 2000.

Net sales. Net sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2001 decreased \$1,877,000 or 18.1% compared with the same period in Fiscal Year 2000. The decrease is primarily the result of a decline in sales of specialty equipment by Tooltex, Inc., as well as a continued slowdown in the economy, which appears to have affected sales of the Company's plastic welding equipment. However, despite the economic slowdown, the Company continues to see growth in its liquid processing product line.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales decreased from 63.4% of net sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2000 to 62.2% of sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2001. A shift to higher-margin standard products, as opposed to specialty products, accounted for this improvement.

Selling Expenses. Selling expenses for the first three quarters of fiscal 2001 decreased \$158,000 or 7.4% compared with the same period in Fiscal Year 2000. As a percentage of net sales, selling expenses increased from 20.6% to 23.2% over the same periods. The selling expenses decreased due to the second quarter restructuring program. The selling expenses as a percentage of sales increased due to the fact that the percentage decline of sales was greater than the percentage decline of selling expenses.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses for the first three quarters of fiscal 2001 increased \$120,000 or 14.4% over the first three quarters of fiscal 2000. As a percentage of net sales, these expenses increased from 8.0% to 11.2% over the same periods. This increase is the result of increased professional fees and legal fees.

Interest Expense. Total interest expense decreased for the first three quarters of Fiscal Year 2001 by \$8,000 or 2.6%. This is due to a decrease in interest rates and lower principal balances.

Income Taxes. A tax accrual of \$36,000. for nine months ended March 31,

2001, consisted primarily of state income taxes. The Company has not accrued the Federal tax benefit of the current period net operating loss because its realization is uncertain.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's cash position increased approximately \$167,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2001. The principal factors accounting for this increase were improved accounts receivable collection performance and a higher level of accounts payable, which was partially offset by a reduction of customer deposits. During the first three quarters of the Fiscal Year 2001, the Company's cash position declined by \$33,000. This slight decline was caused by a combination of factors. The Company's cash flow increased by improved collection of accounts receivable and increased accounts payable. This increase was essentially offset by the losses sustained in the first half of the Fiscal Year 2001 and an increase in inventory.

The Company's principal outside source of working capital is a \$1,500,000 bank credit facility. The Line of Credit bears interest, at the Bank's base lending rate (8.0% at March 31, 2001). Advances under the Line of Credit are at the Bank's sole discretion. The entire principal balance of the Line of Credit, which at March 31, 2001 was \$1,390,000, will mature and be due and payable upon the demand of the Bank. The borrowings under the Line of Credit may be prepaid in whole or in part, without premium or penalty, at any time.

The outstanding principal amount of the Company's Term Loan at March 31, 2001 is \$119,308, which bears interest, at the Bank's base lending rate (8.0% at March 31, 2001). The principal of the term loan

was to be paid in 36 equal monthly installments of \$11,861, which commenced on November 1, 1997 and the entire remaining principal balance was to mature and be due payable on October 1, 2000. In July of 1998, however, the Company renegotiated the terms of this Loan. Beginning August 1, 1998 the remaining balance of \$320,250 is to be paid in 51 monthly installments of \$6,279, and the entire remaining principal balance will mature and be due and payable on October 1, 2002. The terms and conditions under which the Company may prepay all or any portion of the Term Loan are the same as for the Line of Credit discussed above.

In December 1997, the Company issued Industrial Revenue Bonds through the Connecticut Development Authority in the amount of \$3,810,000. The outstanding principal amount of the Industrial Revenue Bond at March 31, 2001 was \$3,358,816, which bears interest at a rate of 75% of the Bank's base lending rate (6.00% at March 31, 2001). The Company's current lender purchased the bonds pursuant to the credit agreement. The proceeds were used in part to pay then existing indebtedness of approximately \$1,343,000. Most of the remaining proceeds have been used exclusively for the purchase and preparation of the Company's new facilities, and to purchase new machinery and equipment. The Bonds are payable in 228 monthly installments of \$16,700 plus interest through November 2017. The bondholder, however, may make written demand for redemption of all or part of outstanding principal and accrued interest commencing in December 2000.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6 Exhibits and Reports on form 8-K

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3(i)	Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of Amendment No. 3 to Registration Statement No. 33-96414).
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10(i)	Form of Employment Agreement between the Registrant and Robert S. Soloff (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 of Registration Statement No. 33-96414).
10(ii)	1995 Incentive Stock Option Plan and form of Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 of Registration Statement No. 33-96414).
10(iii)	Lease between Registrant and Aston Investment Associates (Aston, PA) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.5 of Registration Statement No. 33-96414).
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10(v)	Lease between Registrant and Janine Berger (Gland, Switzerland) (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.7 of Registration Statement No. 33-96414).
10(vi)	Form of Sales Representation Agreement (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.8 of Registration Statement No. 33-96414).
10(vii)	Form of Sales Distribution Agreement (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.9 of Registration Statement No. 33-96414).
10(viii)	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 25, 1997, among the Registrant, SM Sub, Inc., Tooltex, Inc., and the persons designated as the shareholders thereon (excluding schedules and annexes). A list of omitted schedules and annexes appears on pages iv and v of the Agreement and Plan of Merger. The Registrant hereby undertakes to furnish supplementally a copy of

any omitted schedule and annex to the Commission upon request. (Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2(a) of the Registrant's

Form 8-K dated July 25, 1997).

- 10(ix) Agreement of Merger, dated as of July 25, 1997, among the Registrant, SM Sub, Inc. and Tooltex, Inc. (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 2(b) of the Registrant's Form 8-K dated July 25, 1997).
- 10(x) Credit Agreement, dated September 19, 1997, between Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. and Registrant (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10 (xii) of the Registrant's Form 10KSB for the year ended June 30, 1997).
- 10(xi) Term Loan Note of Registrant, dated September 19, 1997, payable to the order of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. in the original principal amount of \$427,000 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10 (xiii) of the Registrants Form 10KSB for the year ended June 30, 1997).
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- 10(xiii) Intentionally deleted
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- 10(xviii) Tax Regulatory Agreement between Connecticut Development Authority and Sonics & Materials, Inc., and Brown Brothers Harriman Trust Company as Trustee dated December 12, 1997 (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10 (xvii) of the Registrants Form 10KSB for the year ended June 30, 1998).
- 21 Subsidiaries of the Registrant (incorporated by reference from Exhibit 21 of the Registrants Form 10KSB for the year ended June 30, 1998).

SIGNATURES

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

SONICS & MATERIALS, INC.

Date: May 14, 2001 By /s/ Robert S. SOLOFF

Robert S. Soloff

President, Chief Executive Officer,

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