

STORAGENETWORKS INC  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2001.

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF  
1934.

**Commission file number: 0-30905**

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

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

**04-3436145**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

225 Wyman Street  
Waltham, MA 02451  
(781) 622-6700  
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code,  
of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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 ☐

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock as of August 7, 2001: 96,897,339 shares.

**StorageNetworks, Inc.**  
**Form 10-Q**  
**For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30, 2001**  
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## **PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### **StorageNetworks, Inc. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands)**

|                                           | <b>December 31,<br/>2000</b> | <b>June 30,<br/>2001</b> |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                           | <b>(Note 1)</b>              | <b>(Unaudited)</b>       |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                             |                              |                          |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>                    |                              |                          |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | \$ 304,861                   | \$ 189,802               |
| Short-term investments                    | 84,767                       | 127,826                  |
| Accounts receivable, net                  | 7,886                        | 12,647                   |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 10,044                       | 13,139                   |
| Total current assets                      | 407,558                      | 343,414                  |
| Property and equipment, net               | 135,867                      | 151,210                  |
| Restricted cash equivalents               | 32,133                       | 32,781                   |
| Rights to use fiber optic capacity        | 7,595                        | 9,354                    |
| Other assets                              | 19,460                       | 20,255                   |
| Total assets                              | \$ 602,613                   | \$ 557,014               |

#### **LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

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|                                                 | December 31,<br>2000 | June 30,<br>2001 |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:                            |                      |                  |
| Accounts payable                                | \$ 3,746             | \$ 9,216         |
| Accrued expenses                                | 23,134               | 29,841           |
| Deferred revenue                                | 5,938                | 7,082            |
| Capital lease obligations                       | 36,617               | 42,451           |
| Total current liabilities                       | 69,435               | 88,590           |
| Capital lease obligations, less current portion | 94,050               | 91,062           |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:                           |                      |                  |
| Common stock                                    | 954                  | 966              |
| Treasury stock                                  |                      | (200)            |
| Additional paid-in capital                      | 601,649              | 601,248          |
| Deferred stock compensation                     | (13,754)             | (10,398)         |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income          | (406)                | 126              |
| Accumulated deficit                             | (149,315)            | (214,380)        |
| Total stockholders' equity                      | 439,128              | 377,362          |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity      | \$ 602,613           | \$ 557,014       |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**StorageNetworks, Inc.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Unaudited)  
(in thousands, except per share data)

|                                                                                                 | Three-Months Ended<br>June 30, |           | Six-Months Ended<br>June 30, |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                                                 | 2000                           | 2001      | 2000                         | 2001      |
| REVENUES:                                                                                       |                                |           |                              |           |
| Managed storage services revenues                                                               | \$ 3,673                       | \$ 29,818 | \$ 4,980                     | \$ 52,867 |
| Professional services revenues                                                                  | 4,365                          | 3,584     | 7,678                        | 7,640     |
| Total revenues                                                                                  | 8,038                          | 33,402    | 12,658                       | 60,507    |
| COSTS AND EXPENSES:                                                                             |                                |           |                              |           |
| Cost of managed storage services revenues, excluding deferred compensation amortization amounts | 15,702                         | 32,189    | 26,797                       | 62,299    |
| Cost of professional services revenues, excluding deferred compensation amortization amounts    | 5,149                          | 2,198     | 9,966                        | 4,981     |
| Sales and marketing, excluding deferred compensation amortization amounts                       | 11,143                         | 18,393    | 20,750                       | 36,793    |
| General and administrative, excluding deferred compensation amortization amounts                | 4,056                          | 5,757     | 7,757                        | 11,260    |
|                                                                                                 | 2,696                          | 6,524     | 4,523                        | 10,880    |

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|                                                                                |             |             |             |             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Research and development, excluding deferred compensation amortization amounts |             |             |             |             |
| Amortization of deferred stock compensation*                                   | 1,194       | 1,154       | 2,577       | 2,348       |
| Total costs and expenses                                                       | 39,940      | 66,215      | 72,370      | 128,561     |
| Loss from operations                                                           | (31,902)    | (32,813)    | (59,712)    | (68,054)    |
| Interest income                                                                | 2,154       | 4,320       | 3,753       | 9,753       |
| Interest expense                                                               | (1,569)     | (3,709)     | (2,374)     | (6,764)     |
| Net loss                                                                       | \$ (31,317) | \$ (32,202) | \$ (58,333) | \$ (65,065) |
| Net loss per share basic and diluted                                           | \$ (1.20)   | \$ (0.33)   | \$ (2.29)   | \$ (0.68)   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding                                     | 26,126      | 96,449      | 25,449      | 96,159      |
| *Amortization of deferred stock compensation                                   |             |             |             |             |
| Cost of managed storage services revenues                                      | \$ 206      | \$ 117      | \$ 398      | \$ 322      |
| Cost of professional services revenues                                         | 136         | 59          | 281         | 111         |
| Sales and marketing                                                            | 312         | 382         | 733         | 787         |
| General and administrative                                                     | 110         | 101         | 368         | 202         |
| Research and development                                                       | 430         | 495         | 797         | 926         |
|                                                                                | \$ 1,194    | \$ 1,154    | \$ 2,577    | \$ 2,348    |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**StorageNetworks, Inc.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Unaudited)  
(in thousands)

|                                                      | <b>Six-Months Ended</b> |             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                                                      | <b>June 30,</b>         |             |
|                                                      | <b>2000</b>             | <b>2001</b> |
| Net cash used in operating activities                | \$ (35,700)             | \$ (31,528) |
| <b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>                         |                         |             |
| Purchases of property and equipment                  | (26,300)                | (20,118)    |
| Purchases of short term investments                  | (199,727)               | (156,127)   |
| Proceeds from maturities of short term investments   | 173,649                 | 113,068     |
| Purchase of restricted cash equivalents              |                         | (648)       |
| Purchases of long term investments                   |                         | (2,000)     |
| Net cash used in investing activities                | (52,378)                | (65,825)    |
| <b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>                         |                         |             |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options              | 1,115                   | 1,173       |
| Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock, net       | 142,951                 |             |
| Acquisition of treasury stock                        |                         | (200)       |
| Offering costs                                       |                         | (552)       |
| Payments of capital lease obligations                | (4,468)                 | (18,964)    |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities  | 139,598                 | (18,543)    |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 51,520                  | (115,896)   |

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| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash          | 181       | 837        |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 13        | 304,861    |
| <hr/>                                            |           |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period       | \$ 51,714 | \$ 189,802 |
| <hr/>                                            |           |            |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## StorageNetworks, Inc.

### NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of StorageNetworks, Inc. (the "Company") 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 footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2001.

The balance sheet at December 31, 2000 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2000 included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 23, 2001.

#### 2. Revenue Recognition

Revenues consist of (i) service fees and installation fees from customer use of the Company's managed storage services, which include the Company's PACS storage services, STORManage storage services and STORfusion storage services and (ii) professional services fees. Revenues are recognized in accordance with the guidance of Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101 "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements", when all of the following conditions are met: persuasive evidence of an agreement exists, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the sales price is fixed or determinable and collection is reasonably assured. Revenues from service fees from managed storage services are recognized as the service levels are provided. Revenues from managed storage services installation fees are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the contract. Revenues from time and materials professional service engagements are recognized as the services are provided. Revenues from fixed-priced professional services contracts are recognized using the percentage of completion method of accounting and are adjusted monthly for the cumulative impact of any revision in estimates. The Company determines the percentage of completion of its contracts by comparing costs incurred to date to total estimated costs. Contract costs include all direct labor and expenses related to the contract performance.

#### 3. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following (in thousands):

|                                                   | December 31,<br>2000 | June 30,<br>2001 |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Managed storage services related equipment        | \$ 146,367           | \$ 174,604       |
| Furniture, fixtures, computer and other equipment | 5,584                | 7,230            |
| Lab equipment                                     | 2,259                | 3,699            |
| Leasehold improvements                            | 2,377                | 8,314            |
| Purchased software                                | 4,796                | 7,138            |
| <hr/>                                             |                      |                  |
|                                                   | 161,383              | 200,985          |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization    | (25,516)             | (49,775)         |

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|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
|  | \$ 135,867 | \$ 151,210 |
|--|------------|------------|

#### 4. Segment Information

The results of operations of the Company's managed storage services and its professional services segments are reported separately in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. Total assets for the Company's managed storage services were \$136.2 million and \$154.0 million at December 31, 2000 and June 30, 2001, respectively. Total assets for the Company's professional services were \$3.3 million and \$2.6 million at December 31, 2000 and June 30, 2001, respectively.

#### 5. Comprehensive Income

Total comprehensive loss was not materially different from net loss for the three and six-months ended June 31, 2000 and 2001.

#### 6. Subsequent Events

In July 2001, the Company initiated an action against Metromedia Fiber Network ("MFN") seeking compensatory, punitive and declaratory relief, and alleging, among other things, misrepresentation, fraudulent inducement and breach of contract due to MFN's failure to possess or to deliver fiber optic capacity in accordance with representations made by MFN and as specified under the Company's Fiber Optic Network Leased Fiber Agreement with MFN. MFN also initiated an action in New York, NY alleging that the Company has breached such agreement. While the outcome of these matters is not currently determinable, the Company believes that the result will not have a material adverse effect on the results of its operations or financial position, although it can make no assurances in this regard.

In July 2001, the Company executed a cost reduction program. The Company reduced its headcount by approximately 220 employees primarily in its sales, delivery and support organizations. As a result, the Company recognized a charge for severance and other associated costs of \$1.5 million, which will be taken in the third quarter of 2001 in the normal course.

### ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. Any statements contained herein that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, the words "believes", "anticipates", "plans", "expects", and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause StorageNetworks, Inc.'s ("we", "our" or "StorageNetworks") actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, without limitation, those set forth below under the caption "Certain Factors That May Affect Future Operating Results".

#### Overview

We are a leading provider of data storage management services and developer of data storage management technology. We provide both managed storage services and professional services to our customers. Through our proprietary software and technology we deliver data storage management services that enable us to manage our customers' data storage environments. Our professional services assist customers in assessing their data storage needs and designing appropriate data storage systems.

#### Revenues

Revenues consist of monthly service fees and installation fees from customer use of the Company's managed storage services, which include our PACS storage services, STORmanage storage services and STORfusion storage services, and fees for professional services.

In general we provide our managed storage services under service level agreements with our customers. These agreements set forth monthly fees charged on a per managed gigabyte rate that is based on the amount of managed storage services specified in the agreement and the type and complexity of such services. Managed storage services revenues are recognized as the services are provided. Installation fees charged for managed storage services are recognized as revenue on a straight-line basis over the term of the contract.

We provide our professional services under statements of work with our customers, and we work on either a fixed price or time and materials basis. Our professional services engagements generally consist of assessments, designs and implementations of a customer's data storage systems. Our professional services engagements vary in length, generally from one to three months, depending on the scope of the services provided. Revenues from time and materials professional services engagements are recognized as the services are provided, and revenues from fixed price professional services engagements are recognized using the percentage of completion method of accounting, adjusted monthly for the

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cumulative impact of any revision in estimates.

### ***Cost of Revenues***

Our cost of managed storage services revenues is comprised primarily of the following costs: depreciation of capital equipment; facility costs; salaries and benefits for our field and corporate operations personnel; networking costs, including telecommunications and access charges and networking equipment; fiber costs, including amortization of our right to use fiber optic capacity; and maintenance and utilities. Our cost of professional services revenues is comprised primarily of salaries and benefits of consulting personnel.

### ***Sales and Marketing***

Our sales and marketing expenses are comprised primarily of salaries and benefits of our corporate marketing, sales and business development personnel; sales commissions; fees paid to third parties, such as web-hosting providers and systems integrators who resell or market our services to customers; travel; sales and other promotional materials; trade shows; and other sales and marketing programs.

### ***General and Administrative***

Our general and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries and benefits of our administrative personnel; information technology costs; facility costs; and fees for outside professional advisors.

### ***Research and Development***

Our research and development expenses consist primarily of salaries and benefits of our technology and engineering personnel; depreciation of laboratory and quality assurance equipment; and fees for third party development costs.

### ***Amortization of Deferred Stock Compensation***

Amortization of deferred compensation represents the amortization of deferred compensation resulting from the grant of stock options at exercise prices deemed to be less than the fair value of the common stock on the grant date.

### ***Interest Income***

Interest income consists of income received from the investment of proceeds received primarily from our equity offerings.

### ***Interest Expense***

Interest expense consists of the imputed interest recognized from payments of capital lease obligations.

## **Results of Operations for the Three and Six-Month Periods Ended June 30, 2000 and 2001**

### ***Revenues***

Total revenues for the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 were \$33.4 million and \$60.5 million, compared to \$8.0 million and \$12.7 million in the same periods in 2000. Revenues from managed storage services for the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 were \$29.8 million and \$52.9 million, compared to \$3.7 million and \$5.0 million in the same periods in 2000. The increase in managed storage services revenues resulted from increases in the number of managed storage services customers receiving services and revenue per customer in the 2001 periods. In addition, 7% of total revenues earned in the three-months ended June 30, 2001 were recognized from fees paid for non-recurring customer contract renegotiations. Revenues from professional services for the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 were \$3.6 million and \$7.6 million, compared to \$4.4 million and \$7.7 million in the same periods in 2000. The decrease in professional services revenues resulted from fewer professional service engagements provided during the 2001 periods.

### ***Cost of Revenues***

Cost of managed storage services revenues in the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 were \$32.2 million and \$62.3 million, compared to \$15.7 million and \$26.8 million in the same periods in 2000. The increase was caused by an increase in the number of S-POP data centers in operation and related infrastructure deployed during the 2001 periods. Accordingly, costs incurred in the operation of an S-POP data center, such as depreciation of capital equipment, personnel costs and networking costs were all higher in the 2001 periods. Cost of professional services revenues in the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 were \$2.2 million and \$5.0 million, compared to \$5.1 million and \$10.0 million in the

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same periods in 2000. The decrease was caused by a reduction in the number of professional services personnel and their related salaries and benefits in the 2001 periods.

### ***Sales and Marketing***

Sales and marketing expenses in the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 were \$18.4 million and \$36.8 million, compared to \$11.1 million and \$20.8 million in the same periods in 2000. The increase was caused primarily by an increase in the number of sales and marketing personnel and their related salaries and benefits in the 2001 periods. In addition, as a result of higher revenues during the 2001 periods, higher direct sales related compensation expenses, such as commissions and fees paid to third parties who resell or market our services to customers, were incurred in the 2001 periods.

### ***General and Administrative***

General and administrative expenses in the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 were \$5.8 million and \$11.3 million, compared to \$4.1 million and \$7.8 million in the same periods in 2000. The increase was caused by an increase in the number of general and administrative personnel and their related salaries and benefits, as well as increased information technology costs, facilities costs and insurance costs incurred as a result of our growth in the 2001 periods.

### ***Research and Development***

Research and development expenses in the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 were \$6.5 million and \$10.9 million, compared to \$2.7 million and \$4.5 million in the same periods in 2000. The increase was caused by an increase in the number of engineering and software development personnel and their related salaries and benefits, as well as higher costs incurred in connection with research and development activities, such as depreciation of lab equipment and third party development costs, in the 2001 periods.

### ***Amortization of Deferred Stock Compensation***

Amortization of deferred stock compensation in the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 was \$1.2 million and \$2.3 million, compared to \$1.2 million and \$2.6 million in the same periods in 2000. The decrease in the six-months ended June 30, 2001 was caused by the forfeiture of compensatory options subsequent to June 30, 2000 that resulted in a reduction in deferred stock compensation.

### ***Interest Income***

Interest income in the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 was \$4.3 million and \$9.8 million, compared to \$2.2 million and \$3.8 million in the same periods in 2000. The increase was caused by higher average cash and investment balances during the 2001 periods.

### ***Interest Expense***

Interest expense in the three and six-months ended June 30, 2001 was \$3.7 million and \$6.8 million, compared to \$1.6 million and \$2.4 million in the same periods in 2000. The increase resulted from higher capital lease obligations, under which interest expense is incurred, in the 2001 periods.

### ***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

At June 30, 2001, we had cash and cash equivalents, including temporarily restricted cash equivalents, of \$222.6 million; short-term investments of \$127.8 million; and working capital of \$254.8 million.

Net cash used in operating activities totaled \$31.5 million in the six-months ended June 30, 2001, and \$35.7 million in the same period in 2000. Our use of cash in the 2000 and 2001 periods was primarily attributable to the operating loss generated by our investment in the growth of our business, offset by non-cash charges such as depreciation and amortization and increases in accounts payable and accrued expenses. In July 2001, we executed a cost reduction program. We reduced headcount by approximately 220 employees primarily in our sales, delivery and support organizations. We currently anticipate that maintaining this reduced headcount will result in near-term operating cash flow savings of approximately \$5.0 million per quarter.

Net cash used in investing activities totaled \$65.8 million in the six-months ended June 30, 2001, and \$52.4 million in the same period in 2000. Our cash used in investing activities in the 2000 and 2001 periods resulted primarily from the procurement of capital equipment to be used in our S-POP data centers, and the purchase of short-term investments, partially offset by maturities of such investments.

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Net cash used in financing activities totaled \$18.5 million in the six-months ended June 30, 2001, and net cash provided by financing activities totaled \$139.6 million in the same period in 2000. The cash used in financing activities in the six-months ended June 30, 2001 primarily reflects the payments of capital lease obligations. The cash provided by financing activities in the six-months ended June 30, 2000 primarily reflects the proceeds received from the sale of Series C and Series D preferred stock, totaling \$143.0 million, partially offset by the payments of capital lease obligations.

If our services continue to gain market acceptance we may experience significant growth in our operating costs in order to execute our business plan. We may also open new domestic and international offices and establish and operate additional S-POP data centers in order to support the needs of our existing and anticipated customers. As a result, we estimate that these operating costs will constitute a significant use of our cash resources. In addition, we may use cash resources to fund acquisitions of complementary businesses and technologies.

We believe that our current cash and short-term investment position, equipment lines of credit and vendor financing arrangements will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash needs for working capital and capital expenditures for at least the next 18 months. However, we may need to raise additional funds to develop new services or acquire complementary businesses or technologies or if we choose to more rapidly expand our business. In the event that additional financing is required, we may not be able to raise it on terms acceptable to us, if at all.

### **Certain Factors That May Affect Future Operating Results**

#### *We have a limited operating history*

Due to the changing nature of our business, our limited operating history and the emerging nature of our markets and services, it is difficult to evaluate our business and prospects.

We commenced operations in October of 1998. We began offering our managed data storage services in May of 1999 and derived 12% of revenues in 1999, 64% of our revenues in 2000, and 87% of our revenues through the second quarter of 2001 from these services. The storage management services market is new and may not grow or be sustainable. Potential customers may choose not to purchase storage management services from a third party provider due to concerns about security, reliability, system availability or data loss. It is possible that our services may never achieve significant market acceptance. Furthermore, we incur operating expenses based largely on anticipated revenue trends that are difficult to predict. If this market does not develop, or develops more slowly than we expect, our business, results of operations and financial condition will be seriously harmed.

We have incurred losses in each quarter since our inception. We experienced a net loss of \$23.9 million in 1999, \$124.9 million in 2000 and \$65.1 million in the first half of 2001. As of June 30, 2001, we had an accumulated deficit of \$214.4 million. We cannot be certain that our revenues will grow or that we will generate sufficient revenues to achieve profitability. We believe that we will continue to incur losses on a quarterly and annual basis for the foreseeable future. We will need to generate significantly higher revenues in order to achieve and maintain profitability. If our revenues do not grow or grow more slowly, or if our operating or capital expenses increase more than we expect or cannot be further reduced in the event of lower revenues, our business will be materially and adversely affected.

#### *Our stock price has been volatile and could result in substantial losses for investors*

The market for technology stocks has been extremely volatile. The following factors could cause the market price of our common stock in the public market to fluctuate significantly:

- the addition or departure of key personnel;
- variations in our quarterly operating results;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant contracts, new products or services offerings or enhancements, acquisitions, joint ventures or capital commitments;
- our sales of common stock or other securities in the future;
- changes in market valuations of technology companies; and
- fluctuations in stock market prices and volumes.

It is not uncommon for class action litigation to be brought against companies following periods of volatility in the market price of those companies' common stock. We may become involved in this type of litigation in the future. Litigation is often expensive and diverts management's attention and resources and could have a materially adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

#### *Our growth strategy will be unsuccessful if we are unable to develop and protect our proprietary technology*

A key component of our growth strategy is to further develop our proprietary technology such as our STORos operating system, Virtual Storage Portal software and STORvision command and control software. Our continued expansion and development of our operations will depend on,

among other things, our ability to develop new technology.

We rely on a combination of copyright, trademark and trade secret laws and restrictions on disclosure to protect our intellectual property rights. We do not have any issued patents and have filed only a limited number of patent applications with respect to our data storage services. We cannot be certain that our current patent applications or any future application will be granted, that any future patent will not be challenged, invalidated or circumvented, or that rights granted under any patent issued to us will afford us a competitive advantage. Our intellectual property may be subject to even greater risk in foreign jurisdictions. The laws of many countries do not protect proprietary rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States.

Litigation may be necessary in the future to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets, to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others or to defend against claims of infringement. Any such litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of resources. There can be no assurance that our means of protecting our proprietary rights will be adequate or that our competitors will not independently develop similar information or technology. Our inability to continue to expand our services or to develop and adequately protect our proprietary technology would have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition and our ability to compete effectively.

*Any failure of our services could lead to significant costs, service disruptions and data loss, which could reduce our revenues and harm our business and reputation*

To be successful, we must provide our customers with secure, efficient and reliable managed data storage services. To meet these customer requirements, we must protect our services against failure caused by occurrences such as:

- human error;
- physical or electronic security breaches;
- fire, earthquake, flood and other natural disasters;
- power loss; and
- sabotage and vandalism.

Customers may lose stored data or lose access to some or all of such data as a result of any of these occurrences. Depending on the nature of the data loss or unavailability, and the degree to which the event results in negative publicity for us or our customers, our reputation, our ability to attract new customers and the value of our stock all could suffer. We may also be subject to legal actions by our customers. As our engagements increase in sophistication and scale, we face new challenges in implementing new technologies, processes and storage capacity without disruption. Errors and defects in our infrastructure and technology or delays in deployment have, from time to time, and may in the future, adversely affect our services.

The occurrence of a natural disaster or other unanticipated problem at one or more of our S-POP data centers could result in service interruptions, significant damage to equipment or loss of customer data. Any widespread loss of services would slow the adoption of our services and cause damage to our reputation, which would seriously harm our business.

*Our revenues will not continue to grow, our costs will increase, and our reputation will be damaged if we are not able to deliver our services in accordance with our contracts with our customers*

We are managing data from an increasing number of customers, and we have not provided services to customers on the scale that we will in the future if there is broad market acceptance of our services. Because our contracts provide customers credits against a portion of their monthly service fees if our managed data storage services do not achieve specified performance levels of data availability, successfully completed back-ups and data security, we will lose revenues if our services do not perform as we expect. Moreover, we will need to make additional investments in our infrastructure to satisfy customers as demand increases. There can be no assurance that we will be able to make these investments successfully or at an acceptable cost, and upgrades to our infrastructure may cause delays or failures in our services. As a result, we may be unable to satisfy customer demand. Our failure to satisfy customer demand could damage our reputation, significantly reduce demand for our services, and cause us to receive lower fees than expected and incur unforeseen costs to remedy our shortfalls.

*Our competition includes storage hardware and software vendors and other providers of storage services against whom we may not be able to compete successfully*

We currently face competition from storage hardware and software vendors. Some of these vendors also provide consulting and related services that compete with our data storage management services. Many of these vendors have longer operating histories, greater name recognition and substantially greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we have. Many of these vendors also have more extensive customer bases, broader customer relationships and broader industry alliances than us, including relationships with many of our current and potential customers. We also face competition from other providers of storage services and additional direct competitors are likely to enter this market.

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Increased competition from any of these sources could result in a loss of customers and market share. Additionally, price competition, particularly from competitors with greater resources, could require us to reduce the prices for our managed data storage services. Any of these results could seriously harm our business and financial condition.

*Unexpected events such as equipment shortages, network instability, demand surges and deterioration in the financial health of our customers may cause our quarterly and annual results to fluctuate and our stock price to decline and could cause long-term harm to our business*

Factors beyond our control may cause our quarterly and annual results to fluctuate. The same factors could cause serious long-term harm to our business. These factors include:

- temporary shortages or interruptions in supply of storage equipment;
- natural disasters in the geographic markets in which we operate or other causes of network instability;
- surges in demand for data storage capacity; and
- the financial condition of our customers.

Additionally, we are dependent on other companies to supply certain hardware and software storage products we use in delivering our services. We currently purchase a large portion of these software and hardware products from a limited number of storage product vendors. Any interruption in our ability to obtain these products, or comparable quality replacements, could substantially harm our business and results of operations.

*If any of our business relationships with hosting service providers, hardware and software vendors and other service providers and suppliers terminate, our revenues could be adversely affected*

We have formed business relationships, both formally and informally, with various hosting service providers, hardware and software vendors and other service providers and suppliers for joint marketing and storage component purchases. A significant

portion of our revenues have been historically derived, directly or indirectly, from these relationships. If these arrangements are terminated, our future revenues could be adversely affected.

*Our services may become obsolete if we do not respond rapidly to technological and market changes*

The managed data storage services market is and will continue to be characterized by rapid technological change and frequent new product and service introductions. We may be unable to respond quickly or effectively to these developments. If competitors introduce products, services or technologies that are better than ours or that gain greater market acceptance, or if new industry standards emerge, our services may become obsolete, which would materially harm our business and results of operations. In developing our services, we have made, and will continue to make, assumptions about the standards that our customers and competitors may adopt. If the standards adopted are different from those that we may now or in the future promote or support, market acceptance of our services may be significantly reduced or delayed, and our business will be harmed. In addition, the introduction of services or products incorporating new technologies and the emergence of new industry standards could render our existing services obsolete.

Our current and prospective customers may require features and capabilities that our current services do not have. The development of new or enhanced services is a complex and uncertain process that requires the accurate anticipation of technological and market trends. We may experience design, marketing and other difficulties that could delay or prevent the development, introduction or marketing of new services or enhancements to our existing services. The introduction of new or enhanced services also requires that we manage the transition from older services in order to minimize disruption in customer ordering patterns and ensure that we can deliver services to meet anticipated customer demand. Our failure to anticipate and meet changing customer requirements or to effectively manage transitions to new services would materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

*We may not be able to obtain additional financing necessary to grow our business*

As we grow our business and expand our network infrastructure, we may need additional financing. We plan to finance this growth primarily with current and future vendor financing, equipment lease lines and bank lines of credit. We cannot be sure that we will be able to secure additional financing on acceptable terms. Additionally, holders of any future debt instruments may have rights senior to those of the holders of our common stock, and any future issuance of common stock would result in dilution of existing stockholders' equity interests.

*Our revenues could decline if our customers do not renew our services or if the rates we charge for services are reduced*

We provide our managed data storage services through service level agreements with our customers. We have little historical information with which to forecast future demand for our services from our existing customer base after existing contracts expire. If our customers elect not to

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renew our services, our revenue growth may slow and our business and financial results may suffer. As our business model gains acceptance and attracts the attention of competitors, we may experience pressure to decrease the fees for our services, which could adversely affect our revenues and our gross margin. If we are unable to sell our services at acceptable prices, or if we fail to offer additional services with sufficient profit margins, our revenue growth will slow and our business and financial results will suffer.

*A portion of our current customers are Internet-based businesses that may not pay us for our services on a timely basis and that may not succeed over the long term*

Approximately 42% of our revenues recognized in the second quarter of 2001 were derived from customers that are Internet-based businesses, and a portion of our future managed storage services revenues will be derived from this customer base. The unproven business models of some of these customers make their continued financial viability uncertain. Given the short operating history and emerging nature of many of these businesses, some of our customers have encountered financial difficulties and failed to pay for our services or substantially delayed payment and there is a risk that more of these customers will encounter similar difficulties. The failure of our emerging business customers to pay our fees on a timely basis or to continue to purchase our services in accordance with their contractual commitments could adversely affect our revenue collection periods, revenues and other financial results.

*We depend on our key personnel to manage our business effectively in a rapidly changing market, and if we are unable to retain our key employees, our ability to compete could be harmed*

Our future success depends upon the continued services of our executive officers, in particular Peter W. Bell, our Chief Executive Officer, and William D. Miller, our Executive Vice President and Chief Technical Officer, and upon the continued services of other key technology, sales, marketing and support personnel who have critical industry experience and relationships that we rely on in implementing our business plan. None of our officers or key employees is bound by an employment agreement for any specific term. The loss of the services of any of our officers or key employees could delay the development and introduction of, and negatively impact our ability to sell, our services.

*Insiders have substantial control over StorageNetworks and could limit your ability to influence the outcome of key transactions, including changes of control, and sales of a substantial amount of our common stock by these insiders or by other stockholders could cause our stock price to fall*

Our executive officers, directors and entities affiliated with them own a substantial amount of our outstanding common stock. These stockholders, if acting together, would be able to significantly influence all matters requiring approval by our stockholders, including the election of directors and the approval of mergers or other business combination transactions. A sale of a substantial number of shares of our common stock by these or other stockholders within a short period of time could cause our stock price to fall.

*Provisions of our charter documents may have anti-takeover effects that could prevent a change in control even if the change in control would be beneficial to our stockholders*

Provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, by-laws, and Delaware law could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so would be beneficial to our stockholders. For example, our Board of Directors is staggered in three classes, so that only a portion of the directors may be replaced at any annual meeting. Our by-laws limit the persons authorized to call special meetings of stockholders and require advance notice for stockholders to submit proposals for consideration at stockholder meetings. Additionally, our certificate of incorporation permits our Board of Directors to authorize the issuance of preferred stock without stockholder approval that could have the effect not only of delaying or preventing an acquisition, but also of adversely affecting the price of our common stock.

### **ITEM 3. Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Nearly all of our revenues to date have been denominated in United States dollars and are primarily from customers located in the United States. Revenues from international customers to date have not been significant. We incur costs for our overseas offices in the local currency of those offices for staffing, rent, telecommunications and other services. As a result, our operating results could become subject to significant fluctuations based upon changes in the exchange rates of those currencies in relation to the United States dollar. We do not believe that a 10% increase or decrease in foreign currency exchange rates currently would have a material impact on our result of operations cash flows. We will continue to monitor our exposure to currency fluctuations and, when appropriate, use financial hedging techniques to minimize the effect of these fluctuations in the future. We do not currently utilize any derivative financial instruments or derivative commodity instruments.

Our interest income is sensitive to changes in the general level of United States interest rates. We typically do not attempt to reduce or eliminate our market risk on our investments because substantially all of our investments are in fixed-rate, short-term securities. The fair value of our investment portfolio or related income would not be significantly impacted by either a 100 basis point increase or decrease in interest rates due to the fixed-rate, short-term nature of our investment portfolio.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings**

In July, 2001 we initiated an action against Metromedia Fiber Network ("MFN") in Middlesex (MA) Superior Court seeking compensatory, punitive and declaratory relief, alleging, among other things, misrepresentation, fraudulent inducement and breach of contract due to MFN's failure to possess or to deliver fiber optic capacity in accordance with representations made by MFN and as specified under our Fiber Optic Network Leased Fiber Agreement with MFN. MFN also initiated an action in New York, NY alleging that we have breached such agreement. While the outcome of these matters is not currently determinable, we believe that the result will not have a material adverse effect on the results of our operations or our financial position, although we can make no assurances in this regard.

In addition, we are subject to various claims and proceedings in the ordinary course of business. Based on information currently available, we believe that none of such current claims, or proceedings, individually or in the aggregate will seriously harm our financial condition or results of operations, although we can make no assurances in this regard.

**ITEM 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds**

In our initial public offering, we sold 10,350,000 shares of our common stock pursuant to a Registration on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-31430) that was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 29, 2000. To date, we have not spent any proceeds from the IPO, except for expenses incurred in connection with the IPO and previously disclosed in our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2000.

**ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to Vote of Security Holders**

On May 15, 2001 we held our Annual Meeting of Stockholders, at which Steven J. Gaal and Michael D. Lambert were elected as Class I directors for a term of three years to expire at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in 2004. The directors were elected with the following votes: Mr. Gaal received 77,412,009 shares of common stock voting for his election and 38,621 shares of common stock voting against his election. Mr. Lambert received 77,412,009 shares of common stock voting for his election and 38,621 shares of common stock voting against his election.

Our stockholders also approved the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2001. Such proposal was approved by the following votes: 77,392,596 shares of common stock voted in favor of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP, 25,181 shares of common stock voted against the selection and 32,853 shares of common stock abstained from the vote.

**ITEM 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K**

- (b) Reports on Form 8-K  
None.

**SIGNATURES**

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

Dated: August 11, 2001

STORAGENETWORKS, INC.

By:

Paul C. Flanagan  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,  
Treasurer and Secretary