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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 26, 2009

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

**Commission File Number 0-21074
SUPERCONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGIES INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

77-0158076
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**460 Ward Drive,
Santa Barbara, California 93111-2356**
(Address of principal executive offices & zip code)
(805) 690-4500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.
Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☐ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer ☐ Accelerated Filer ☐ Non-accelerated Filer ☐ Smaller reporting company ☒
(do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ or No ☒

The registrant had 22,512,033 shares of the common stock outstanding as of the close of business on October 30, 2009.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We claim the protection of the safe harbor contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 for these forward looking statements. Our forward-looking statements relate to future events or our future performance and include, but are not limited to, statements concerning our business strategy, future commercial revenues, market growth, capital requirements, new product introductions, expansion plans and the adequacy of our funding. Other statements contained in this Report that are not historical facts are also forward-looking statements. We have tried, wherever possible, to identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as may, will, could, should, expects, anticipates, intends, plans, believes, seeks, estimates and other comparable terminology.

We caution investors that any forward-looking statements presented in this Report, or that we may make orally or in writing from time to time, are based on the beliefs of, assumptions made by, and information currently available to, us. Such statements are based on assumptions, and the actual outcome will be affected by known and unknown risks, trends, uncertainties and factors that are beyond our control or ability to predict. Although we believe that our assumptions are reasonable, they are not guarantees of future performance, and some will inevitably prove to be incorrect. As a result, our actual future results can be expected to differ from our expectations, and those differences may be material. Accordingly, investors should use caution in relying on past forward-looking statements, which are based on known results and trends at the time they are made, to anticipate future results or trends.

Some of the risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements include the following:

limited cash and a history of losses;

limited number of potential customers;

limited number of suppliers for some of our components;

no significant backlog from quarter to quarter;

our market is characterized by rapidly advancing technology;

fluctuations in product demand from quarter to quarter can be significant;

the impact of competitive filter products, technologies and pricing;

manufacturing capacity constraints and difficulties; and

general economic conditions.

For further discussion of these and other factors see, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2008.

This Report and all subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. We do not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to our forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Report.

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PART I
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

SUPERCONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGIES INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September	September	September	September
	26,	27,	26,	27,
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Net revenues:				
Net commercial product revenues	\$ 2,985,000	\$ 2,741,000	\$ 5,893,000	\$ 6,082,000
Government and other contract revenues	1,307,000	854,000	2,708,000	3,933,000
Total net revenues	4,292,000	3,595,000	8,601,000	10,015,000
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of commercial product revenue	2,947,000	3,078,000	7,186,000	7,252,000
Cost of government and other contracts	993,000	709,000	2,227,000	3,198,000
Research and development	902,000	1,006,000	2,984,000	2,156,000
Selling, general and administrative	1,629,000	2,096,000	5,164,000	6,513,000
Total costs and expenses	6,471,000	6,889,000	17,561,000	19,119,000
Loss from operations	(2,179,000)	(3,294,000)	(8,960,000)	(9,104,000)
Other Income and Expense				
Noncontrolling interest in joint venture	(30,000)		(117,000)	
Adjustments to fair value of derivatives	393,000		(387,000)	
Interest income	4,000	66,000	21,000	235,000
Interest expense	(7,000)	(7,000)	(25,000)	(23,000)
Net loss	\$ (1,819,000)	\$ (3,235,000)	\$ (9,468,000)	\$ (8,892,000)
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.18)	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.56)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding	21,621,035	17,750,761	19,116,136	15,908,298

See accompanying notes to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	September 26, 2009 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2008 (See Note)
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,716,000	\$ 7,569,000
Accounts receivable, net	1,025,000	355,000
Inventory, net	3,062,000	5,278,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	825,000	416,000
Total Current Assets	17,628,000	13,618,000
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$20,833,000 and \$19,943,000, respectively	2,032,000	2,739,000
Patents, licenses and purchased technology, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,308,000 and \$2,055,000, respectively	2,122,000	2,252,000
Investment in joint venture	412,000	521,000
Other assets	221,000	228,000
Total Assets	\$ 22,415,000	\$ 19,358,000
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 951,000	\$ 707,000
Accrued expenses	1,118,000	578,000
Fair value of warrant derivative	387,000	
Current portion of capitalized lease obligations and long term debt	56,000	80,000
Total Current Liabilities	2,512,000	1,365,000
Other long term liabilities	519,000	441,000
Total Liabilities	3,031,000	1,806,000
Commitments and contingencies-Notes 6 and 7		
Stockholders Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value, 2,000,000 shares authorized, 611,523 shares issued and outstanding	1,000	1,000
Common stock, \$.001 par value, 250,000,000 shares authorized, 22,512,033 and 17,869,030 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	23,000	18,000
Capital in excess of par value	241,514,000	230,219,000

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Accumulated deficit	(222,154,000)	(212,686,000)
Total Stockholders' Equity	19,384,000	17,552,000
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 22,415,000	\$ 19,358,000

See accompanying notes to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Note-December 31, 2008 balances were derived from audited financial statements.

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(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 26, 2009	September 27, 2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$ (9,468,000)	\$ (8,892,000)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,143,000	1,313,000
Stock-based compensation expense	843,000	452,000
Provision for excess and obsolete inventories	192,000	
Noncontrolling interest in joint venture	117,000	
Fair value of derivatives	387,000	
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(670,000)	1,003,000
Inventory	2,024,000	(1,699,000)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(710,000)	75,000
Patents, licenses and purchased technology	(123,000)	(252,000)
Other assets	309,000	(24,000)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other long- term liabilities	838,000	(1,006,000)
Net cash used in operating activities	(5,118,000)	(9,030,000)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Investment in joint venture	(8,000)	(521,000)
Purchases of property and equipment	(183,000)	(126,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	(191,000)	(647,000)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from shares to be issued		(4,000,000)
Net proceeds from the sale of common stock	10,456,000	20,449,000
Net cash provided by financing activities	10,456,000	16,449,000
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	5,147,000	6,772,000
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	7,569,000	3,939,000
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 12,716,000	\$ 10,711,000

See accompanying notes to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

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SUPERCONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGIES INC.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General

Superconductor Technologies Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, we or us) was incorporated in Delaware on May 11, 1987, and we maintain our headquarters in Santa Barbara, California. We have been a world leader in HTS materials, developing more than 100 patents as well as proprietary trade secrets and manufacturing expertise. We are also a recognized industry leader in the production of high reliability cryocoolers for superconducting applications. We have been providing innovative interference elimination solutions to the commercial wireless industry for more than a decade and are now focusing our efforts on emerging opportunities in the electrical grid and in equipment platforms that utilize electrical circuits, as well as government products and reconfigurable handset filters.

Our commercial efforts have been focused on the design, manufacture and sale of high performance infrastructure products for wireless voice and data applications, including our SuperLink®, AmpLink®, and SuperPlex products. For the nine months ended September 26, 2009 and September 27, 2008, commercial revenues accounted for 69% and 61%, respectively, of our net revenues.

We also generate significant revenues from government contracts. We typically own the intellectual property developed under these contracts and grant the U.S. government a royalty-free, non-exclusive and nontransferable license to use it. For the nine months ended September 26, 2009 and September 27, 2008, government related contracts accounted for 31% and 39%, respectively, of our net revenues.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial information furnished herein has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and reflects all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments that, in our opinion, are necessary for a fair statement of the results of operations for the periods presented.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and such differences may be material to the financial statements. This quarterly report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2008 (our 2008 Form 10-K). The results of operations for the nine months ended September 26, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results for all of 2009.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

For the nine months ended September 26, 2009, we incurred a net loss of \$9.5 million and negative cash flows from operations of \$5.1 million. In 2008, we incurred a net loss of \$12.7 million and had negative cash flows from operations of \$12.1 million. Our independent registered public accounting firm has included in its audit reports for 2008 and 2007 an explanatory paragraph expressing doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

In June 2009 we completed a public offering of 3,752,005 shares of common stock at \$3.00 per share, raising net proceeds of \$10.5 million. At September 26, 2009 we had \$12.7 million in cash. Our cash resources, together with our line of credit, should be sufficient to fund our business for at least the next twelve months. We believe the key factors to our liquidity will be our ability to successfully use our expertise and our technology to generate revenues in various ways, including commercial operations, government contracts, joint ventures and licenses. Because of the uncertainty of these factors, we may need to raise funds to meet our working capital needs. If we require additional financing, we cannot assure you that additional financing will be available on acceptable terms or at all. If we issue additional equity securities to raise funds, the ownership percentage of our existing stockholders would be reduced. New investors may demand rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of existing holders of common stock. If we cannot raise any needed funds, we might be forced to make further substantial reductions in our operating expenses, which could adversely affect our ability to implement our current business plan and ultimately our viability as a company.

Our financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from this uncertainty. Our financial statements have been prepared assuming that we will continue as a going concern.

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Principles of Consolidation

The interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Superconductor Technologies Inc. and our wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated from the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Cash equivalents are maintained with quality financial institutions and from time to time exceed FDIC limits. Our money market funds are not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC. Historically we have not experienced any losses due to such concentration of credit risk.

Accounts Receivable

We sell predominantly to entities in the wireless communications industry and to entities of the United States government. We grant uncollateralized credit to our customers. We perform usual and customary credit evaluations of our customers before granting credit. Trade accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. The allowance for doubtful accounts represented our best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in our existing accounts receivable. We determine the allowance based on historical write-off experience. Past due balances are reviewed for collectibility. Accounts balances are charged off against the allowance when we deem it is probable the receivable will not be recovered. We do not have any off balance sheet credit exposure related to our customers.

Revenue Recognition

Commercial revenues are principally derived from the sale of our SuperLink, AmpLink and SuperPlex family of products and are recognized once all of the following conditions have been met: a) an authorized purchase order has been received in writing, b) customer's credit worthiness has been established, c) shipment of the product has occurred, d) title has transferred, and e) if stipulated by the contract, customer acceptance has occurred and all significant vendor obligations, if any, have been satisfied.

Contract revenues are principally generated under research and development contracts. Contract revenues are recognized utilizing the percentage-of-completion method measured by the relationship of costs incurred to total estimated contract costs. If the current contract estimate were to indicate a loss, utilizing the funded amount of the contract, a provision would be made for the total anticipated loss. Revenues from research-related activities are derived primarily from contracts with agencies of the U.S. Government. Credit risk related to accounts receivable arising from such contracts is considered minimal. These contracts include cost-plus, fixed price and cost sharing arrangements and are generally short-term in nature.

All payments to us for work performed on contracts with agencies of the U.S. Government are subject to adjustment upon audit by the Defense Contract Audit Agency. Contract audits through 2003 are closed and there have been no audit adjustments to date.

Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs

Shipping and handling fees billed to customers are included in net commercial product revenues. Shipping and handling fees associated with freight are generally included in cost of commercial product revenues.

Warranties

We offer warranties generally ranging from one to five years, depending on the product and negotiated terms of purchase agreements with our customers. Such warranties require us to repair or replace defective product returned to us during such warranty period at no cost to the customer. Our estimate for warranty-related costs is recorded at the time of sale based on our actual historical product return rates and expected repair costs. Such costs have been within our expectations.

Guarantees

In connection with the sales and manufacturing of our commercial products, we indemnify, without stated limit or term, our customers and contract manufacturers against claims, suits, demands, damages, liabilities, expenses, judgments, settlements and penalties arising from actual or alleged infringement or misappropriation of any intellectual property relating to our products or other claims arising from our products. We cannot reasonably develop an estimate of the maximum

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potential amount of payments that might be made under our indemnities because of the uncertainty as to whether a claim might arise and how much it might total. Historically, we have not incurred any expenses related to these indemnities.

Research and Development Costs

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred and include salary, facility, depreciation and material expenses. Research and development costs incurred solely in connection with research and development contracts are charged to contract research and development expense. Other research and development costs are charged to other research and development expense.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, with costs primarily determined using standard costs, which approximate actual costs utilizing the first-in, first-out method. We review inventory quantities on hand and on order and record, on a quarterly basis, a provision for excess and obsolete inventory and/or vendor cancellation charges related to purchase commitments. If we determine that a write-down is necessary, we recognize a loss in the period in which the loss is identified, whether or not the inventory is retained. Our inventory reserves establish a new cost basis for inventory and are not reversed until we sell or dispose of the related inventory. Such provisions are established based on historical usage, adjusted for known changes in demands for such products, or the estimated forecast of product demand and production requirements. Costs associated with idle capacity are expensed immediately.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives ranging from three to seven years. Leasehold improvements and assets financed under capital leases are amortized over the shorter of their useful lives or the lease term. Furniture and fixtures are depreciated over seven years. Expenditures for additions and major improvements are capitalized. Expenditures for minor tooling, repairs and maintenance and minor improvements are charged to expense as incurred. When property or equipment is retired or otherwise disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts. Gains or losses from retirements and disposals are recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Patents, Licenses and Purchased Technology

Patents and licenses are recorded at cost and are amortized using the straight-line method over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or approximately seventeen years. Purchased technology acquired through the acquisition of Conductus, Inc. in 2002 was recorded at its estimated fair value and has been amortized using the straight-line method over seven years.

Long-Lived Assets

We evaluate the realizability of long-lived assets as events or circumstances indicate a possible inability to recover the carrying amount. Long-lived assets that will no longer be used in the business are written off in the period identified since they will no longer generate any positive cash flows for us. Periodically, long-lived assets that will continue to be used by us will need to be evaluated for recoverability. Such evaluation is based on various analyses, including cash flow and profitability projections. The analyses necessarily involve significant judgment. In the event the projected undiscounted cash flows are less than net book value of the assets, the carrying value of the assets will be written down to their estimated fair values. We tested our long lived assets for recoverability during 2008 and determined there was no impairment.

While we believe the expected cash flows from these long-lived assets, including intangible assets, exceed the carrying amounts, materially different assumptions regarding future performance and discount rates could result in future impairment losses. In particular, if we no longer believe we will achieve our long-term projected sales or operating expenses, we may conclude, in connection with any future impairment tests, that the estimated fair value of our long-lived assets, including intangible assets, is less than the book value and recognize an impairment charge. Any impairment charge would adversely affect our earnings.

Other Investments

We use the equity method of accounting for our joint venture with Hunchun BaoLi Communications (BAOLI) in China. We have agreed to license certain technology for our SuperLink interference elimination solution for the

China market

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to this joint venture where we own 45 percent of the equity. In the fourth quarter of 2008, we successfully completed lab and field trials for our new TD-SCDMA solution in China. In the first quarter of 2009, we successfully completed a field trial in the existing China 2G market using our SuperLink solution. These 2G field trial efforts have continued through the third quarter of 2009, and additional units were shipped in October 2009. The commencement of manufacturing and the transfer of our processes to the joint venture will be driven by product demand from the China market. The joint venture's activities remain subject to successful product marketing efforts in addition to a number of other conditions, including certain critical approvals from the Chinese and U.S. governments. In particular, we have been in discussions with the U.S. government concerning the national security implications of our joint venture and investment from BAOLI. There continues to be no assurance that these conditions will be met, or that all required approvals (if obtained) will be obtained on a timely basis.

Loss Contingencies

In the normal course of our business we are subject to claims and litigation, including allegations of patent infringement. Liabilities relating to these claims are recorded when it is determined that a loss is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. The costs of our defense in such matters are expensed as incurred. Insurance proceeds recoverable are recorded when deemed probable.

Income Taxes

We account for income taxes with guidance from the *Income Taxes* subsections of the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 740 which requires that we recognize deferred tax liabilities and assets based on the differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities, using enacted tax rates in effect in the years the differences are expected to reverse. At September 26, 2009 we continued to maintain a valuation allowance against our net deferred tax benefit (expense). Deferred income tax benefit (expense) results from the change in net deferred tax assets or deferred tax liabilities. A valuation allowance is recorded when it is more likely than not that some or all deferred tax assets will not be realized. The guidance further clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes and sets a consistent framework to determine the appropriate level of tax reserve to maintain for uncertain tax positions. This interpretation uses a two-step approach wherein a tax benefit is recognized if a position is more-likely-than-not to be sustained. The amount of the benefit is then measured to be the highest tax benefit that is greater than 50% likely to be realized and sets out disclosure requirements to enhance transparency of our tax reserves. As of December 31, 2008, we had net operating loss carryforwards for federal and state income tax purposes of approximately \$291.4 million and \$168.8 million, respectively. Due to the uncertainty surrounding their realization, we recorded a full valuation allowance against our net deferred tax assets. Accordingly, no deferred tax asset has been recorded in the accompanying balance sheets.

Marketing Costs

All costs related to marketing and advertising our products are expensed as incurred or at the time the advertising takes place. Advertising costs were not material in either of the three and nine months ended September 26, 2009 and September 27, 2008.

Net Loss Per Share

Basic and diluted net loss per share is computed by dividing net loss available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding in each year. Potential common shares are not included in the calculation of diluted loss per share because their effect is anti-dilutive.

Stock-based Compensation

We did not grant any options in the nine months ended September 26, 2009. For the three and nine months ended September 27, 2008, the weighted average fair value of options we granted was estimated as of the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and the significant weighted average assumptions used for estimating the fair value under our stock option plans was as follows: expected life of 4.0 years; risk free interest rate of 3.0% and 2.47%; expected volatility of 104% and 109% and; dividend yield of 0%, respectively.

The expected life was based on the contractual term of the options and the expected employee exercise behavior. Typically, options to our employees have a three or four year vesting term and a 10 year contractual term. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U. S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with a remaining term equal to the expected option life assumed at the grant date. The future volatility is based on our four year historical volatility. We

used an expected dividend yield of 0% because we have never paid a dividend and do not anticipate paying dividends. We assumed a 10% forfeiture rate based on our historical stock option cancellation rates over the last four years.

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The following table presents details of total stock-based compensation expense that is included in each functional line item on our unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations:

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September	September	September	September
	26,	27,	26,	27,
	2009	2008	2009	2008
Cost of revenue	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 17,000
Research and development	67,000	31,000	200,000	93,000
Selling, general and administrative	224,000	114,000	620,000	342,000
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 299,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 843,000	\$ 452,000

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. The significant estimates in the preparation of the financial statements relate to the assessment of the carrying amount of accounts receivable, inventory, fixed assets, intangibles, estimated provisions for warranty costs, accruals for restructuring and lease abandonment costs, contract revenues, income taxes and disclosures related to litigation. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and such differences may be material to the financial statements.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments. We estimate that the carrying amount of the debt approximates fair value based on our current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements.

The ASC Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging* and subsections provides guidance for bifurcation of embedded derivative instruments and measurement of their fair value for accounting purposes. Our warrants were valued in accordance with the fair value guidance subsections of ASC Topic 820 utilizing the Black-Scholes valuation model. The significant weighted average assumptions used for estimating the fair value of these warrants at September 26, 2009 were as follows: expected life of 10 months; risk free interest rate of 0.4%; expected volatility of 119% and; dividend yield of 0%, respectively. Derivative liabilities are adjusted to reflect fair value at each period end, with any increase or decrease in the fair value being recorded in results of operations as Adjustments to Fair Value of Derivatives See Note 4 Warrants.

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

We have no items of other comprehensive income (loss) in any period and consequently we do not report comprehensive income.

Segment Information

We operate in a single business segment, the research, development, manufacture and marketing of high performance products used in cellular base stations to maximize the performance of wireless telecommunications networks by improving the quality of uplink signals from mobile wireless devices. We currently derive net commercial product revenues primarily from the sales of our SuperLink, AmpLink and SuperPlex products. We currently sell most of our products directly to wireless network operators in the United States. Net revenues derived principally from government research and development contracts are presented separately on the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented.

Certain Risks and Uncertainties

We have continued to incur operating losses. Our long-term prospects and execution of our business plan are dependent upon the continued and increased market acceptance for our products.

We currently sell most of our products directly to wireless network operators in the United States, and our product sales have historically been concentrated in a small number of customers. In the nine months ended September 26, 2009, we had two customers that represented 55% and 11% of total net revenues and 26% of accounts receivable. In 2008, these two customers represented 44% and 13% of total net revenues and 59% of accounts receivable. The loss of or reduction in sales to, or the

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inability to collect outstanding accounts receivable from, any of these customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

We currently rely on a limited number of suppliers for key components of our products. The loss of any of these suppliers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In connection with the sales of our commercial products, we indemnify, without stated limit or term, our customers against claims, suits, demands, damages, liabilities, expenses, judgments, settlements and penalties arising from actual or alleged infringement or misappropriation of any intellectual property relating to our products or other claims arising from our products. We cannot reasonably develop an estimate of the maximum potential amount of payments that might be made under our indemnities because of the uncertainty as to whether a claim might arise and how much it might total.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (Codification) was issued. The Codification is the source of authoritative U.S. GAAP recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. The Codification is effective for financials statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The implementation of this standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In June 2009, the FASB issued an amendment to the accounting and disclosure requirements for the consolidation of variable interest entities. The guidance affects the overall consolidation analysis and requires enhanced disclosures on involvement with variable interest entities. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. Implementation will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In September 2009, the FASB issued additional guidance on measuring the fair value of liabilities effective for the first reporting period (including interim periods) beginning after issuance. Implementation will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In September 2009, the FASB issued additional guidance on measuring fair value of certain alternative investments effective for the first reporting period (including interim periods) ending after December 15, 2009. Implementation will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In October 2009, the FASB issued amendments to the accounting and disclosure for revenue recognition. These amendments, effective for fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010 (early adoption is permitted), modify the criteria for recognizing revenue in multiple element arrangements and the scope of what constitutes a non-software deliverable. We are currently assessing the impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

3. Short Term Borrowings

We have a line of credit with a bank. The line of credit was renewed in July 2009 for a term of one year and expires in July 2010. It is structured as a sale of accounts receivable. The agreement provides for the sale of up to \$3.0 million of eligible accounts receivable, with advances to us totaling 80% of the receivables sold. Advances under the agreement are collateralized by all of our assets. Under the terms of the agreement, we continue to service the sold receivables and are subject to recourse provisions. Advances bear interest at the banks prime rate (4.0% at September 26, 2009) plus 2.50% subject to a minimum monthly charge. There was no amount outstanding under this borrowing facility at September 26, 2009.

The agreement contains representations and warranties, affirmative and negative covenants and events of default customary for financings of this type. The failure to comply with these provisions, or the occurrence of any one of the events of default, would prevent any further borrowings and would generally require the repayment of any outstanding borrowings. Such representations, warranties and events of default include (a) non-payment of debt and interest thereunder, (b) non-compliance with terms of the agreement covenants, (c) insolvency or bankruptcy, (d) material adverse change, (e) merger or consolidation where our stockholders do not hold a majority of the voting rights of the surviving entity, (f) transactions outside the normal course of business, or (g) payment of dividends.

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The following is a summary of stockholders equity transactions for the nine months ended September 26, 2009:

	Convertible Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Capital in Excess of Par Value	Accumulated Deficit	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount			
Balance at December 31, 2008	611,523	\$ 1,000	17,869,030	\$ 18,000	\$ 230,219,000	\$(212,686,000)	\$ 17,552,000
Issuance of common stock			3,752,005	4,000	10,452,000		10,456,000
Issuance of awards and stock-based compensation			890,998	1,000	843,000		844,000
Net loss						(9,468,000)	(9,468,000)
Balance at September 26, 2009	611,523	\$ 1,000	22,512,033	\$ 23,000	\$ 241,514,000	\$(222,154,000)	\$ 19,384,000

Common Stock

In a registered direct offering completed in June 2009 we raised net proceeds of \$10.5 million, net of offering costs of \$800,000, from the sale of 3,752,005 shares of common stock at \$3.00 per share based on a negotiated discount to market.

Equity Awards

We have four equity award option plans, the nonstatutory 1992 Directors Stock Option Plan, 1998 and 1999 Stock Option Plans and the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, although we can only grant new awards under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. Under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, equity awards may consist of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, performance awards, and performance share awards. Stock options granted under these plans must be granted at prices no less than the market value on the date of grant. There were no stock option exercises during the three and nine months ended September 26, 2009 or during the three and nine months ended September 27, 2008.

The option compensation impact on net income was \$130,000 and \$391,000 and \$0.01 and \$0.02 on basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 26, 2009, respectively, compared to \$132,000 and \$322,000 and \$0.01 and \$0.02 on basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 27, 2008, respectively. No stock compensation cost was capitalized during either period. There were no stock options issued in the first nine months of 2009. The weighted-average fair value at the grant date for options issued in the first nine months of 2008 was \$3.59 per share. The total compensation cost related to non-vested awards not yet recognized is \$1.3 million and the weighted-average period over which the cost is expected to be recognized is 2.5 years in the first nine months of 2009 versus \$1.8 million and 3.6 years in the first nine months of 2008.

The following is a summary of stock option transactions under our equity award plans during the first nine months of 2009:

	Weighted	Number	Weighted
Number of Shares	Average Exercise Price	of Options Exercisable	Average Exercise Price

		Price Per Share			
Balance at December 31, 2008	1,234,025	\$ 1.43-\$493.75	\$ 22.18	674,061	\$ 36.67
Granted					
Exercised					
Canceled	(76,889)	\$ 6.10-\$471.25	\$ 42.54		
Balance at September 26, 2009	1,157,136	\$ 1.43-\$493.75	\$ 20.83	932,722	\$ 24.74

The outstanding options expire on various dates through the end of July 2018. The weighted-average contractual term of outstanding options is 6.0 years and the weighted-average contractual term of currently exercisable stock options is slightly less than 6 years. The exercise prices for options range from \$1.43 to \$493.75 per share, for an aggregate exercise price of approximately \$24 million. At September 26, 2009, outstanding options covering 23,000 shares, with an intrinsic value of \$19,000, had an exercise price less than the current market value. At September 26, 2009, 18,725 of these shares were exercisable, with an intrinsic value of \$14,000.

In May 2009, we issued awards covering 55,000 shares of restricted stock, vesting 50% after one year of service and 50% after two years of service. The per share weighted average grant-date fair value was \$3.24. In January 2009, we issued awards covering 835,998 shares of restricted stock, vesting 50% after one year of service and 50% after two years of service. The per share weighted average grant-date fair value was \$1.00. In September 2008, we issued awards covering 20,000 shares of restricted stock, all vesting after two years of service, with a per share weighted average grant-date fair value of \$1.62. A 10% forfeiture rate was assumed for all awards.

The impact of restricted stock compensation on the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations was \$169,000 and \$452,000 and \$0.01 and \$0.02 on basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 26, 2009, respectively, and \$19,000 and \$130,000 and zero and \$0.01 on basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 27, 2008, respectively. No stock compensation cost was capitalized during any

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period. The total compensation cost related to non-vested awards of restricted stock not yet recognized, and the weighted-average period over which the cost was expected to be recognized was \$486,000 and 8 months, respectively, at September 26, 2009 versus \$29,000 and two years, respectively, at September 27, 2008.

Warrants

The following is a summary of outstanding warrants at September 26, 2009:

	Total and Currently Exercisable	Common Shares Price per Share	Expiration Date	
Warrants related to the issuance of common stock	608,237	6.25	August 16, 2010*	**
Warrants related to April 2004 Bridge Loans	10,000	18.50	April 28, 2011*	
Total	618,237			

* The terms of these warrants contain net exercise provisions, under which holders can elect to receive common stock equal to the difference between the exercise price and the sale price for common shares on the exercise date or the date immediately preceding the exercise date instead of paying the exercise price in cash.

** These warrants contain special anti-dilution

adjustment
provisions
relating to the
price of other
issuances.

We applied the guidance from the subsections of ASC 815 and determined that the 608,237 warrants related to issuance of common stock are subject to fair value accounting as a derivative. Using the Black-Scholes valuation model, the significant weighted average assumptions for estimating the fair value of these warrants at September 26, 2009 were as follows: expected life of 10 months; risk free interest rate of 0.4%; expected volatility of 119% and; dividend yield of 0%, respectively. The September 26, 2009 fair value of those warrants was estimated to be \$387,000, an expense reduction of \$393,000 from the \$780,000 estimated value at June 27, 2009.

5. Earnings Per Share

We present basic and diluted earnings per common share pursuant to guidance from the *Earnings per Share* subsections of ASC 260. Basic earnings (loss) per share is based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding and diluted earnings (loss) per share was based on the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding plus all potentially dilutive common shares outstanding.

Since their impact would be anti-dilutive, our loss per common share does not include the effect of the assumed exercise of any of the following options or warrants or the vesting of any of the following restricted stock awards:

	September 26, 2009	September 27, 2008
Outstanding stock options	1,157,136	1,275,964
Unvested restricted stock awards	910,998	20,000
Outstanding warrants	618,237	352,466
Total	2,686,371	1,648,430

6. Commitments and Contingencies

Operating Leases

We lease our offices and production facilities under a non-cancelable operating lease that expires in November 2016. This lease contains escalation clauses for increases in annual renewal options and requires us to pay utilities, insurance, taxes and other operating expenses.

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Rent expense was \$282,000 and \$845,000, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 26, 2009 and \$279,000 and \$841,000, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 27, 2008.

Patents and Licenses

We have entered into various licensing agreements requiring royalty payments ranging from 0.13% to 2.5% of specified product sales. Certain of these agreements contain provisions for the payment of guaranteed or minimum royalty amounts. In the event that we fail to pay minimum annual royalties, these licenses may automatically become non-exclusive or be terminated. These royalty obligations terminate at various times from 2009 to 2020. For the three and nine months ended September 26, 2009 royalty expense totaled \$40,000 and \$115,000, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 27, 2008, royalty expense totaled \$38,000 and \$113,000, respectively. Under the terms of certain royalty agreements, royalty payments made may be subject to audit. There have been no audits to date.

The minimum lease payments under operating leases and license obligations are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Licenses	Operating Leases
Remainder of 2009	\$ 150,000	\$ 328,000
2010	175,000	1,333,000
2011	175,000	1,364,000
2012	175,000	1,396,000
2013	175,000	1,429,000
Thereafter	1,110,000	4,413,000
 Total payments	 \$ 1,960,000	 \$ 10,263,000

7. Contractual Guarantees and Indemnities

During our normal course of business, we make certain contractual guarantees and indemnities pursuant to which we may be required to make future payments under specific circumstances. We have not recorded any liability for these contractual guarantees and indemnities in the accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Warranties

We establish reserves for future product warranty costs that are expected to be incurred pursuant to specific warranty provisions with our customers. Our warranty reserves are established at the time of sale and updated throughout the warranty period based upon numerous factors, including historical warranty return rates and expenses over various warranty periods.

Intellectual Property Indemnities

We indemnify certain customers and our contract manufacturers against liability arising from third-party claims of intellectual property rights infringement related to our products. These indemnities appear in development and supply agreements with our customers as well as manufacturing service agreements with our contract manufacturers, are not limited in amount or duration and generally survive the expiration of the contract. Given that the amount of any potential liabilities related to such indemnities cannot be determined until an infringement claim has been made, we are unable to determine the maximum amount of losses that we could incur related to such indemnities.

Director and Officer Indemnities and Contractual Guarantees

We have entered into indemnification agreements with our directors and executive officers that require us to indemnify such individuals to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. Our indemnification obligations under such agreements are not contractually limited in amount or duration. Certain costs incurred in connection with such indemnities may be recovered under certain circumstances under various insurance policies. Given that the amount of any potential liabilities related to such indemnities cannot be determined until a lawsuit has been filed against a director or executive officer, we are unable to determine the maximum amount of losses that we could incur relating

to such indemnities. Historically, any amounts payable pursuant to such director and officer indemnities have not had a material negative effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We have also entered into severance and change in control agreements with certain of our executives. These agreements provide for the payment of specific compensation benefits to such executives upon the termination of their employment with us.

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During the normal course of business, we enter into contracts with customers where we agree to indemnify the other party for personal injury or property damage caused by our products. Our indemnification obligations under such agreements are not generally contractually limited in amount or duration. Given that the amount of any potential liabilities related to such indemnities cannot be determined until a lawsuit has been filed, we are unable to determine the maximum amount of losses that we could incur relating to such indemnities. Historically, any amounts payable pursuant to such indemnities have not had a material negative effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. We maintain general and product liability insurance as well as errors and omissions insurance, which may provide a source of recovery to us in the event of an indemnification claim.

Short Term Borrowings

We also have an existing line of credit with a bank. The line of credit was renewed in July 2009 and expires in July 2010. The loan agreement is structured as a sale of our accounts receivable and provides for the sale of up to \$3.0 million of eligible accounts receivable, with advances to us totaling 80% of the receivables sold. Advances bear interest at the bank's prime rate (4% at September 26, 2009) plus 2.50% subject to a minimum monthly charge. There was no amount outstanding under this line of credit at September 26, 2009 or December 31, 2008. Advances are collateralized by a lien on all of our assets. Under the terms of the agreement, we would continue to service the sold receivables and are subject to recourse provisions. *See Note 3 Short Term Borrowings.*

Contractual Contingency

We had a contract to deliver several custom products to a government contractor, with respect to which delivery of the product was delayed because we were unable to manufacture the products for technical reasons. In December 2008, new terms and amended specifications were agreed upon and in September 2009 we delivered and the customer accepted the products.

8. Details of Certain Financial Statement Components and Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information and Non-Cash Activities*Balance Sheet Data:*

	September 26, 2009	December 31, 2008
Accounts receivable:		
Accounts receivable-trade	\$ 291,000	\$ 110,000
United States government accounts receivable-billed	751,000	320,000
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(17,000)	(75,000)
	\$ 1,025,000	\$ 355,000

	September 26, 2009	December 31, 2008
Inventories:		
Raw materials	\$ 2,075,000	\$ 2,753,000
Work-in-process	796,000	1,038,000
Finished goods	995,000	2,348,000
Less inventory reserve	(804,000)	(861,000)
	\$ 3,062,000	\$ 5,278,000

	September 26, 2009	December 31, 2008
Property and Equipment:		
Equipment	\$ 15,706,000	\$ 15,537,000
Leasehold improvements	6,755,000	6,741,000
Furniture and fixtures	404,000	404,000
	22,865,000	22,682,000
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(20,833,000)	(19,943,000)
	\$ 2,032,000	\$ 2,739,000

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Depreciation expense amounted to \$274,000 and \$890,000, respectively, for the three and nine month periods ended September 26, 2009 and \$329,000 and \$1,073,000, respectively, for the three and nine month periods ended September 27, 2008.

	September 26, 2009	December 31, 2008
Patents and Licenses:		
Patents pending	\$ 1,039,000	\$ 940,000
Patents issued	1,109,000	1,059,000
Less accumulated amortization	(459,000)	(409,000)
Net patents issued	650,000	650,000
Licenses Pending	13,000	39,000
Licenses Issued	563,000	563,000
Less accumulated amortization	(192,000)	(167,000)
Net licenses Issued	371,000	396,000
Purchased technology	1,706,000	1,706,000
Less accumulated amortization	(1,657,000)	(1,479,000)
Net purchased technology	49,000	227,000
	\$ 2,122,000	\$ 2,252,000

Amortization expense related to these items totaled \$85,000 and \$253,000, respectively, for the three and nine month periods ended September 26, 2009, and \$83,000 and \$250,000, respectively, for the three and nine month periods ended September 27, 2008. Amortization expense is expected to total \$85,000 for the remainder of 2009 and \$100,000 in each of 2010 and 2011.

	September 26, 2009	December 31, 2008
Accrued Expenses and Other Long Term Liabilities:		
Salaries payable	\$ 164,000	\$ 12,000
Compensated absences	419,000	375,000
Compensation related	111,000	12,000
Warranty reserve	277,000	261,000
Deferred rent	368,000	325,000
Fair value of warrant derivative	387,000	
Other	354,000	114,000
	2,080,000	1,099,000
Less current portion	(1,561,000)	(658,000)

Long term portion	\$	519,000	\$	441,000
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		For the nine months ended,	
		September	September
		26,	27,
		2009	2008
Warranty Reserve Activity:			
Beginning balance	\$	262,000	\$ 380,000
Additions		21,000	37,000
Deductions		(6,000)	(107,000)
Ending balance	\$	277,000	\$ 310,000

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9. Subsequent Events

We have evaluated events subsequent to the balance sheet date of September 26, 2009 through November 10, 2009, the date of issuance of these unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements, and do not believe that there are any subsequent events that require disclosure.

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

General

We are a leading company in high temperature superconductor (HTS) materials and related technologies. HTS materials have the unique ability to conduct various signals or energy (e.g., electrical current or radio frequency (RF) signals) with little or no resistance when cooled to critical temperatures. Electric currents that flow through conventional conductors encounter resistance that requires power to overcome and generates heat. HTS materials can substantially improve the performance characteristics of electrical systems, reducing power loss, lowering heat generation and decreasing electrical noise. Circuits designed to remove interference inherent in some RF signals can also be made from HTS materials. Commercial use of HTS materials requires a number of cutting edge technologies, including development of HTS materials, specialized manufacturing expertise to create uniform thin layers of these materials, expert designs of circuits optimized for HTS materials, and technologies to maintain an extremely low temperature environment for HTS applications (although the critical temperatures for HTS are high compared with traditional superconductors, they are still extremely cold by other standards).

Our Proprietary Technology

We are focused on research and development to maintain our technological edge. As of September 26, 2009 we had 35 employees in our research and development division; 9 of our employees have Ph.D.s, and 14 others hold advanced degrees, in physics, materials science, electrical engineering and other fields. Our development efforts over the last 21 years have yielded an extensive patent portfolio as well as critical trade secrets, unpatented technology and proprietary knowledge. We enter into confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements with our employees, suppliers and consultants to protect our proprietary information. As of September 26, 2009, we held 58 U.S. patents in the following categories:

8 patents for technologies directed toward producing thin-film materials and structures, which expire between 2010 and 2025. We have developed a proprietary state-of-the-art manufacturing process for producing HTS thin-films of the highest quality.

30 patents for cryogenic and non-microwave circuit designs, which expire between 2010 and 2026. The expertise of our highly qualified team has allowed us to design and fabricate extremely small, high-performance circuits including RF signal filters.

17 patents covering cryogenics, packaging and systems, which expire between 2013 and 2025. Our proprietary and patented cryogenic packaging innovation provides us with a significant competitive advantage in maintaining our HTS materials at their critical temperatures.

3 patents covering other superconducting technologies, which expire between 2013 and 2015.

As of September 26, 2009, we also had 17 issued foreign patents, 22 U.S. patent applications pending and 48 foreign patent applications pending.

We are currently focusing our efforts on applications in areas such as:

Wireless Networks. Our current commercial products help maximize the performance of wireless telecommunications networks by improving the quality of uplink signals from mobile wireless devices. Our products increase capacity utilization, lower dropped and blocked calls, extend coverage, and enable higher wireless data throughput all while reducing capital and operating costs.

Reconfigurable Handset Filters. The trend in the wireless handset industry is to continually reduce size and cost, while adding more features and making the unit more adaptable to different air interfaces and frequencies throughout the world. This drives the need for more complex and reconfigurable transceivers.

We believe our strong intellectual property and expertise in frequency agile and thin film filters position us well to meet this demand.

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Superconducting Power Transmission Lines. We have entered into a collaborative effort and signed a Material Transfer Agreement with the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to apply our HTS expertise to LANL's research initiative to develop HTS coated conductors for power transmission lines. If successfully developed, HTS superconducting cables could replace copper power transmission lines, resulting in higher capacity with less resistive cable losses.

Government Products. As the worldwide leader in developing tunable HTS filter systems for military applications, we continue to be a crucial partner in the U.S. government's future success. Our high-performance HTS filter systems have been proven to increase the detection range, reduce interference, and in some cases, detect signals that were previously undetectable with conventional technology. Currently, we actively participate in the development of technologies for application in military communications, signals intelligence, and electronic warfare.

Our development efforts can take a significant number of years to commercialize, and we must overcome significant technical barriers and deal with other significant risks, some of which are set out in our public filings, including in particular the *Risk Factors* included in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2008 (our 2008 Form 10-K).

Our Business Model

To be successful, we must use our expertise and our technology to generate revenues in various ways, including government contracts, commercial operations, joint ventures and licenses:

Government Contracts

We generate significant revenues from government contracts. We typically own the intellectual property developed under these contracts, and grant the U.S. government a royalty-free, non-exclusive and nontransferable license to use it. As a result, our government contracts can not only generate a profit for us, but we can also make additional money through exploiting the resulting technology in our commercial operations as well as government products, or through licenses or joint ventures.

Commercial Applications

We have chosen to manufacture and sell certain commercial products on our own. To date, our commercial efforts have been focused on the design, manufacture, and sale of high performance infrastructure products for wireless voice and data applications. We have three current product lines, all of which relate to wireless base stations:

SuperLink, a highly compact and reliable receiver front-end HTS wireless filter system to eliminate out-of-band interference for wireless base stations, combining filters with a proprietary cryogenic cooler and a cooled low-noise amplifier.

AmpLink, a ground-mounted unit for wireless base stations that includes a high-performance amplifier and up to six dual duplexers.

SuperPlex, a high-performance multiplexer that provides extremely low insertion loss and excellent cross-band isolation designed to eliminate the need for additional base station antennas and reduce infrastructure costs.

We sell most of our current commercial products to a small number of wireless carriers in the United States, including AT&T, Sprint Nextel, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless. Verizon Wireless and AT&T each accounted for more than 10% of our commercial revenues in the nine months ended September 26, 2009 and for all of 2008. We are seeking to expand our customer base by selling directly to other wireless network operators and manufacturers of base station equipment, including internationally. Demand for wireless communications equipment fluctuates dramatically and unpredictably. The wireless communications infrastructure equipment market is extremely competitive and is characterized by rapid technological change, new product development, product obsolescence and evolving industry standards. We expect these trends to continue and possibly cause significant fluctuations in our quarterly and annual revenues. Our commercial operations are subject to a number of significant risks, some of which are set out in our public filings, including in particular the *Risk Factors* included in Item 1A of our 2008 Form 10-K.

Joint Ventures

From time to time we may pursue joint ventures with other entities to commercialize our technology. In particular, we have agreed to license certain technology for our SuperLink interference elimination solution for the China market to a joint venture where we own 45 percent of the equity. In the fourth quarter of 2008, we successfully completed lab and field trials for our new TD-SCDMA solution in China and in the first quarter of 2009, we successfully completed a field trial in the existing China 2G market using our SuperLink solution. These 2G field trial efforts have continued through the third quarter of 2009, and additional units were shipped in October 2009. The commencement of manufacturing and the transfer of our

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processes to the joint venture will be driven by product demand from the China market. The joint venture's activities remain subject to successful product marketing efforts in addition to a number of other conditions, including certain critical approvals from the Chinese and United States governments. In particular, we have been in discussions with the United States government concerning the national security implications of our joint venture and investment from Hunchun BaoLi Communications. There continues to be no assurance that these conditions will be met, or that all required approvals (if obtained) will be obtained on a timely basis. Even if these conditions are met and the approvals received, the results from our joint venture will be subject to a number of significant risks associated with international operations and new ventures, some of which are set forth in our public filings, including in particular the *Risk Factors* included in Item 1A of our 2008 Form 10-K.

Licenses

From time to time we grant licenses for our technology to other companies. Specifically, we have granted licenses to, among others, (1) Bruker for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance application, (2) General Dynamics for government applications and (3) Star Cryoelectronics for Superconducting Quantum Interference Device applications.

Backlog

Our commercial backlog consists of accepted product purchase orders with scheduled delivery dates during the next twelve months. We had commercial backlog of \$95,000 at September 26, 2009 compared to \$272,000 at December 31, 2008.

Results of Operations

Quarter and nine months ended September 26, 2009 compared to the quarter and nine months ended September 27, 2008

Total net revenues increased by \$697,000, or 19%, to \$4.3 million in the third quarter of 2009 from \$3.6 million in the third quarter of 2008. Total net revenues decreased by \$1.4 million or 14% to \$8.6 million in the first nine months of 2009 from \$10.0 million in the same period of 2008. Total net revenues consist primarily of commercial product revenues and government contract revenues.

Net commercial product revenues increased to \$3.0 million in the third quarter of 2009 from \$2.7 million in the third quarter of 2008, an increase of \$244,000, or 9%. The increase in the three month period was primarily the result of higher sales volume for our SuperLink product due to customer program acceleration. For the first nine months of 2009 net commercial product revenues decreased to \$5.9 million from \$6.1 million in the same period of 2008, a decrease of 3%. The decrease in the nine month period was the result of slightly lower sales of both our SuperLink and AmpLink products especially in the first quarter of 2009. The average sales prices for our products were unchanged. Our three largest customers accounted for 98% of our total net commercial product revenues in the first nine months of 2009, compared to 95% in the first nine months of 2008. These customers generally purchase products through non-binding commitments with minimal lead times. Consequently, our commercial product revenues can fluctuate dramatically from quarter to quarter based on changes in our customers' capital spending patterns.

Government contract revenues increased by \$453,000, or 53%, to \$1.3 million in the third quarter of 2009 from \$854,000 in the third quarter of 2008, and were the result of revenue recognized for shipments on one contract and a funding increase on another contract. For the first nine months of 2009 government contract revenues decreased to \$2.7 million from \$3.9 million, a decrease of \$1.2 million or 31%. This decrease was due to a funding delay on a current contract and completion of another contract in the second quarter. In March 2009, our SURF contract was funded for an additional twelve months and provides for progress billing of up to \$4.1 million.

Cost of commercial product revenues includes all direct costs, manufacturing overhead, provision for excess and obsolete inventories and restructuring and impairment charges relating to the manufacturing operations. The cost of commercial product revenue decreased by \$131,000, or 4%, to \$2.9 million for the third quarter of 2009 compared to \$3.1 million for the third quarter of 2008. For the first nine months of 2009, the cost of commercial product revenues totaled \$7.1 million compared with \$7.3 million for the first nine months of 2008, a decrease of \$66,000, or less than 1%. The lower costs resulted principally from lower sales.

Our cost of sales includes both variable and fixed cost components. The variable component consists primarily of materials, assembly and test labor, overhead (which includes equipment and facility depreciation), transportation costs and warranty costs. The fixed component includes test equipment and facility depreciation, purchasing and

procurement expenses and quality assurance costs. Given the fixed nature of such costs, the absorption of our production overhead costs into inventory decreases, and the amount of production overhead variances expensed to cost of sales increases, as production volumes decline since we have fewer units to absorb our overhead costs against. Conversely, the absorption of our production overhead costs into inventory increases, and the amount of production overhead variances expensed to cost of sales decreases, as production volumes increase since we have more units to absorb our overhead costs against. As a result,

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our gross profit margins generally decrease as revenue and production volumes decline due to lower sales volume and higher amounts of production overhead variances expensed to cost of sales; and our gross profit margins generally increase as our revenue and production volumes increase due to higher sales volume and lower amounts of production overhead variances expensed to cost of sales.

The following is an analysis of our commercial product gross profit and margins:

<i>Dollars in thousands</i>	Three Months Ended				Nine Months Ended			
	September 26, 2009		September 27, 2008		September 26, 2009		September 27, 2008	
Net commercial product sales	\$ 2,985	100%	\$ 2,741	100%	\$ 5,893	100%	\$ 6,082	100%
Cost of commercial product sales	2,947	99%	3,078	112%	7,186	122%	7,252	119%
Gross profit	\$ 38	1%	\$ (337)	(12)%	\$ (1,293)	(22)%	\$ (1,170)	(19)%

We had a positive gross profit from the sale of our commercial products of \$38,000 in the third quarter of 2009 compared to negative gross profit of \$337,000 in the third quarter of 2008. Our positive gross profit in the third quarter of 2009 resulted from higher volume and the sale of \$260,000 of previously written-off inventory, so that unlike the third quarter of 2008, which had lower volume and no sales of previously written-off inventory, our revenues more than covered our fixed manufacturing overhead costs. Our gross margins were adversely impacted in 2009 by charges of \$90,000 and \$180,000 in the third quarter and first nine months, respectively, for excess and obsolete inventory. There were no such charges in the comparable 2008 periods. We regularly review inventory quantities on hand and provide an allowance for excess and obsolete inventory based on numerous factors, including sales backlog, historical inventory usage and forecasted product demand and production requirements for the next twelve months.

Our cost of contract research and development totaled \$993,000 in the third quarter of 2009 compared to \$709,000 in the third quarter of 2008. These expenses totaled \$2.2 million in the first nine months of 2009 and \$3.2 million in the first nine months of 2008. This represented 76% of government contract revenues in the third quarter of 2009 compared to 83% in the third quarter of 2008. For the first nine months of 2009 costs represented 82% of government contract revenues compared to 81% in the first nine months of 2008. This decrease in cost relative to revenue for the third quarter of 2009 and the slight increase in the first nine months of 2009 are the result of different contract billing structures which allowed us to receive more or less revenue for a given level of costs.

Research and development expenses relate principally to development of new wireless commercial products and other products related to our expertise. We also incur design expenses associated with reducing the cost and improving the manufacturability of our existing products. These expenses totaled \$902,000 in the third quarter of 2009 compared to \$1.0 million in the same quarter of 2008 and totaled \$3.0 million in the first nine months of 2009 and \$2.2 million in the same period of 2008. These expenses decreased in the third quarter of 2009 due to our increased efforts on a large new government contract that used more of our limited engineering resources. For the first nine months of 2009 these expenses increased due to the delay in funding of that same government contract, allowing us to use more of our limited engineering resources on new product development.

Selling, general and administrative expenses totaled \$1.6 million in the third quarter of 2009 compared to \$2.1 million in the third quarter of 2008. In the first nine months of 2009, these expenses totaled \$5.2 million compared to \$6.5 million in 2008. The lower expenses in 2009 resulted primarily from a reduction in employees in the fourth quarter of 2008 as well as lower expenses for insurance premiums and lower consulting expenses.

Other income and expenses consisted of losses amounting to \$30,000 and \$117,000 in the third quarter and first nine months of 2009, respectively, from our joint venture with Hunchun BaoLi Communications (BAOLI) in China and from adjustments to the fair value of our warrants related to issuance of common stock. We used the

Black-Scholes valuation model for estimating the fair value of these warrants at September 26, 2009 and the result in the third quarter of 2009 was a reduction in the expense of \$393,000 compared to an expense of \$387,000 for the first nine months of 2009. There were no such charges in the comparable 2008 periods.

Interest income in the three months and nine months ended September 26, 2009 amounted to \$4,000 and \$21,000, respectively, compared to \$66,000 and \$235,000 in the three and nine months ended September 27, 2008, respectively. The decreases resulted from lower interest rates.

Interest expense in the three and nine months ended September 26, 2009 amounted to \$7,000 and \$25,000, respectively, compared to \$7,000 and \$23,000 in the three and nine months ended September 27, 2008, respectively.

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We had a net loss of \$1.8 million for the quarter ended September 26, 2009, compared to a net loss of \$3.2 million in the same period of 2008. For the nine months ended September 26, 2009, our net loss totaled \$9.5 million compared to a net loss of \$8.9 million in the same period of 2008.

The net loss available to common stockholders totaled \$0.08 per common share in the third quarter of 2009 compared to a net loss of \$0.18 per common share in the same period of 2008. The net loss available to common shareholders totaled \$0.50 per common share in the first nine months of 2009 and \$0.56 per common share in the same period of 2008.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash Flow Analysis

As of September 26, 2009, we had working capital of \$15.1 million, including \$12.7 million in cash and cash equivalents, compared to working capital of \$12.3 million at December 31, 2008, which included \$7.6 million in cash and cash equivalents. We currently invest our excess cash in short-term, investment-grade, money-market instruments with maturities of three months or less. We do not own any auction rate securities. We believe that all of our cash investments would be readily available to us should the need arise.

Cash and cash equivalents increased by \$5.1 million from \$7.6 million at December 31, 2008 to \$12.7 million at September 26, 2009.

Net cash used in operations totaled \$5.1 million in the first nine months of 2009. We used \$6.8 million cash to fund our net loss. Cash increased as a result of a \$2.0 million reduction of inventory and a \$838,000 increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities, offset by a \$670,000 increase in accounts receivable and a \$524,000 increase in prepaid expenses and other assets.

Net cash used in investing activities totaled \$161,000 in the first nine months of 2009 compared to \$647,000 in the first nine months of 2008. In the first nine months of 2009, we used \$183,000 to purchase property and equipment, offset by a \$22,000 net reduction in our joint venture investment.

Financing Activities

We have historically financed our operations through a combination of cash on hand, cash provided from operations, equipment lease financings, available borrowings under bank lines of credit and both private and public equity offerings. We have effective registration statements on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering the public resale by investors of common stock issued in our private placements, as well as any common stock acquired upon exercise of their warrants.

Net cash provided by financing activities in the first nine months of 2009 totaled \$10.5 million, net of \$800,000 expenses, from the sale of 3,752,005 shares of common stock at \$3.00 per share in June 2009.

We also have an existing line of credit from a bank. The line of credit was renewed in July 2009 and expires in July 2010. The loan agreement is structured as a sale of our accounts receivable and provides for the sale of up to \$3.0 million of eligible accounts receivable, with advances to us totaling 80% of the receivables sold. Advances bear interest at the bank's prime rate (4% at September 26, 2009) plus 2.50% subject to a minimum monthly charge. There was no amount outstanding under this facility at September 26, 2009 or December 31, 2008. Advances are collateralized by a lien on all of our assets. Under the terms of the loan agreement, we would continue to service the sold receivables and are subject to recourse provisions.

Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

In February 2009, we amended our office and production facilities lease. The base rent and the minimum annual escalation clause were reduced and the term of the lease was extended five years to November 2016. Except for that change, we are not aware of any material changes outside the ordinary course of business in the contractual obligations as specified in our 2008 Form 10-K.

Capital Expenditures

We plan to invest approximately \$200,000 in fixed assets during the remainder of 2009.

Future Liquidity

For the nine months ended September 26, 2009, we incurred a net loss of \$9.5 million and had negative cash flows from operations of \$5.1 million. In 2008, we incurred a net loss of \$12.7 million and had negative cash flows from operations of \$12.1 million. Our independent registered public accounting firm has included in its audit reports for

2008 and 2007 an explanatory paragraph expressing doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

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At September 26, 2009, we had \$12.7 million in cash. Our cash resources, together with our line of credit, should be sufficient to fund our business for at least the next twelve months. We believe the key factors to our future liquidity will be our ability to successfully use our expertise and our technology to generate revenues in various ways, including commercial operations, government contracts, joint ventures and licenses. Because of the uncertainty of these factors, we may need to raise funds to meet our working capital needs.

We cannot assure you that additional financing will be available on acceptable terms or at all. If we issue additional equity securities to raise funds, the ownership percentage of our existing stockholders would be reduced. New investors may demand rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of existing holders of common stock. If we cannot raise any needed funds, we might be forced to make further substantial reductions in our operating expenses, which could adversely affect our ability to implement our current business plan and ultimately our viability as a company.

Net Operating Loss Carryforward

As of December 31, 2008, we had net operating loss carryforwards for federal and state income tax purposes of approximately \$291.4 million and \$168.8 million, respectively, which expire in the years 2009 through 2028. Of these amounts, \$88.3 million and \$23.5 million, respectively, resulted from the acquisition of Conductus, Inc. Included in the net operating loss carryforwards are deductions related to stock options of approximately \$24.1 million and \$13.1 million for federal and California income tax purposes, respectively. To the extent net operating loss carryforwards are recognized for accounting purposes, the resulting benefits related to the stock options will be credited to stockholders' equity. In addition, we had research and development and other tax credits for federal and state income tax purposes of approximately \$3.0 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, which expire in the years 2009 through 2028. Of these amounts \$661,000 and \$736,000, respectively, resulted from the acquisition of Conductus. California has recently suspended the use of loss carryforwards.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding their realization, we have recorded a full valuation allowance against our net deferred tax assets. Accordingly, no deferred tax asset has been recorded in the accompanying balance sheets.

Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code imposes an annual limitation on the utilization of net operating loss carryforwards based on a statutory rate of return (usually the applicable federal funds rate, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code) and the value of the corporation at the time of a change of ownership as defined by Section 382. We had changes in ownership in August 1999 and December 2002, and are evaluating whether any changes occurred in 2009. In addition, we acquired the right to Conductus' net operating losses, which are also subject to the limitations imposed by Section 382. Conductus underwent three ownership changes, which occurred in February 1999, February 2001 and December 2002. Therefore, the ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards of \$94.3 million incurred prior to the ownership changes and Conductus' net operating loss carryforwards of \$83.7 million incurred prior to the ownership changes will be subject in future periods to annual limitations. Net operating losses incurred by us subsequent to the ownership changes totaled \$113.4 million at December 31, 2008 and were not subject to a limitation at that time.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of our historical financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with those principles requires us to make estimates of certain items and judgments as to certain future events including for example those related to bad debts, inventories, recovery of goodwill and long-lived assets (including intangible assets), income taxes, warranty obligations, and contingencies. These determinations, even though inherently subjective and subject to change, affect the reported amounts of our assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. While we believe that our estimates are based on reasonable assumptions and judgments at the time they are made, some of our assumptions, estimates and judgments will inevitably prove to be incorrect. As a result, actual outcomes will likely differ from our accruals, and those differences positive or negative could be material. Some of our accruals are subject to adjustment, as we believe appropriate, based on revised estimates and reconciliation to the actual results when available.

In addition, we identified certain critical accounting policies that affect certain of our more significant estimates and assumptions used in preparing our consolidated financial statements in our 2008 Form 10-K. We have not made any material changes to these policies.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (Codification) was issued. The Codification is the source of authoritative GAAP recognized by the FASB to be applied by nongovernmental entities. The Codification is effective for financials statements issued for interim and annual periods ending after September 15, 2009. The implementation of this standard did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

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In June 2009, the FASB issued an amendment to the accounting and disclosure requirements for the consolidation of variable interest entities. The guidance affects the overall consolidation analysis and requires enhanced disclosures on involvement with variable interest entities. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2009. Implementation will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In September 2009, the FASB issued additional guidance on measuring the fair value of liabilities effective for the first reporting period (including interim periods) beginning after issuance. Implementation will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In September 2009, the FASB issued additional guidance on measuring fair value of certain alternative investments effective for the first reporting period (including interim periods) ending after December 15, 2009. Implementation will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In October 2009, the FASB issued amendments to the accounting and disclosure for revenue recognition. These amendments, effective for fiscal years beginning on or after June 15, 2010 (early adoption is permitted), modify the criteria for recognizing revenue in multiple element arrangements and the scope of what constitutes a non-software deliverable. We are currently assessing the impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

We do not believe that there was a material change in our exposure to market risk at September 26, 2009 compared with our market risk exposure on December 31, 2008. See *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Market Risk* in our 2008 Form 10-K.

Item 4T. Controls and Procedures.

We have established disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to us and our consolidated subsidiaries is made known to the officers who certify our financial reports, as well as other members of senior management and the Board of Directors, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. As of September 26, 2009, we carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Controller (Principal Financial Officer), of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in timely alerting them to material information related to us that is required to be included in our periodic Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that occurred during the period covered by this report that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

We do not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal controls will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected.

PART II **OTHER INFORMATION**

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

We may be involved in routine litigation arising in the ordinary course of our business, and, while the results of the proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe that the final outcome of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, operating results or cash flows.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

A description of the risk factors associated with our business is contained in Item 1A, Risk Factors, of our 2008 Form 10-K. We are not aware of any material changes to those risk factors.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

None.

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Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

None

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits.

Number	Description of Document
31.1	Statement of CEO Pursuant to 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
31.2	Statement of CFO Pursuant to 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
32.1	Statement of CEO Pursuant to 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*
32.2	Statement of CFO Pursuant to 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002*

* Filed herewith.

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SIGNATURES

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

**SUPERCONDUCTOR TECHNOLOGIES
INC.**

Dated: November 10, 2009

/s/ William J. Buchanan
William J. Buchanan
Controller (Principal Financial and Accounting
Officer)

/s/ Jeffrey A. Quiram
Jeffrey A. Quiram
President and Chief Executive Officer

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