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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q**

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

**FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

**“ 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 001-15713**

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**ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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BEIJING 100086, CHINA**

(Address of principal executive office, including zip code)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year,  
if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 November 5, 2004 was 46,462,100

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**Table of Contents****PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (unaudited)**

(In US Dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Software products and solutions	\$ 8,441	\$ 9,614	\$ 21,956	\$ 28,615
Network service	6,759	4,304	17,028	14,849
Third party hardware	12,784	6,088	46,577	31,031
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>27,984</b>	<b>20,006</b>	<b>85,561</b>	<b>74,495</b>
<b>Cost of revenues:</b>				
Software products and solutions	4,098	4,536	10,505	12,799
Network service	1,745	1,328	6,106	5,904
Third party hardware	12,145	5,784	44,248	29,480
<b>Total cost of revenues</b>	<b>17,988</b>	<b>11,648</b>	<b>60,859</b>	<b>48,183</b>
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>9,996</b>	<b>8,358</b>	<b>24,702</b>	<b>26,312</b>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Sales and marketing	2,820	3,092	8,265	8,687
General and administrative	3,116	2,413	8,399	6,396
Research and development	2,037	2,279	7,248	6,593
Impairment of goodwill and acquired intangible assets			30,221	
Amortization of deferred stock compensation			105	
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	41	151	128	480
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>8,014</b>	<b>7,935</b>	<b>54,366</b>	<b>22,156</b>
<b>Income (loss) from operations</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>(29,664)</b>	<b>4,156</b>
<b>Other income</b>				
Interest income	362	674	1,182	1,589
Interest expense			(2)	

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Gain from disposal of investment		4,018		4,018
Other expenses, net	(1)		(32)	(20)
Total other income, net	361	4,692	1,148	5,587
Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests and equity in loss of affiliates	2,343	5,115	(28,516)	9,743
Income tax expense (benefit)		137	(958)	718
Income (loss) before minority interests	2,343	4,978	(27,558)	9,025
Minority interests			(12)	
Equity in loss of affiliate	(94)		(281)	(42)
Net income (loss)	\$ 2,249	\$ 4,978	\$ (27,851)	\$ 8,983
Net income (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.11	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.20
Diluted	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.11	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.19
Shares used in computation:				
Basic	44,521,025	45,426,451	44,329,684	45,377,384
Diluted	46,971,126	46,705,356	44,329,684	46,988,388

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited)**

(In US Dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

	December 31, 2003 (1)	September 30, 2004 (Unaudited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 119,395	\$ 131,284
Restricted cash	14,827	15,453
Short-term investments	13,218	14,624
Notes receivable	3,832	1,824
Accounts receivable (net of allowances of \$3,095 and \$2,878 as of December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004 respectively)	51,923	59,383
Inventories	3,235	3,672
Other receivables	8,528	2,397
Deferred income taxes - current	1,842	1,715
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,680	3,664
	<b>219,480</b>	<b>234,016</b>
Total current assets	219,480	234,016
Property and equipment-net	2,348	1,987
Goodwill	15,368	14,782
Other acquired intangible assets-net	2,341	1,896
Investment in affiliate	331	
Deferred income taxes	154	394
	<b>240,022</b>	<b>253,075</b>
Total Assets	\$ 240,022	\$ 253,075
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term bank loans	\$ 60	\$
Notes payable	2,609	3,807
Accounts payable	13,945	12,777
Accrued expenses	12,822	13,559
Deferred revenue	11,738	12,965
Accrued employee benefits	5,971	7,032
Other payables	2,776	2,152
Other taxes payables	2,212	2,100
Income taxes payables	1,232	1,857
	<b>53,365</b>	<b>56,249</b>
Total current liabilities	53,365	56,249
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock, 100,000,000 shares authorized, \$0.01 par value, shares issued and outstanding: 2004: 45,431,424; 2003: 45,112,278	451	454
Additional paid-in capital	205,154	206,340
Accumulated deficit	(19,009)	(10,026)

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Accumulated other comprehensive income	61	58
Total stockholders' equity	186,657	196,826
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 240,022	\$ 253,075

(1) December 31, 2003 balances were obtained from audited financial statements.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)**

(In US Dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net (loss) income	\$ (27,851)	\$ 8,983
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation	1,551	1,092
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets	128	480
Impairment of goodwill and acquired intangible assets	30,221	
Amortization of deferred stock compensation	105	
Deferred income taxes	181	(113)
Minority interest in loss of consolidated subsidiaries	12	
Equity in loss of an affiliate	281	42
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	24	18
Bad debt expense	2,155	(217)
Stocks issued for services and others	179	
Gain from disposal of investment		(4,018)
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of business acquired:</b>		
Restricted cash	(1,616)	(626)
Notes receivable	(2,712)	2,008
Accounts receivable	(8,722)	(7,278)
Inventories	7,399	(437)
Other receivables	(4,056)	6,131
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(23)	(984)
Notes payable	1,670	1,198
Accounts payable	4,546	(1,168)
Accrued expenses	(2,121)	737
Deferred revenue	2,492	1,227
Accrued employee benefits	1,635	1,061
Other payables	(1,084)	315
Other taxes payable	(1,400)	(112)
Income taxes payable	(1,796)	625
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>1,198</b>	<b>8,964</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Decrease (increase) in short-term investments	(59)	1,286
Purchases of property and equipment	(351)	(755)
Purchases of business	(205)	(354)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	19	7
Proceeds from affiliate		1,615
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(596)</b>	<b>1,799</b>





**Table of Contents****ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited) (CONTINUED)**

(In US Dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of short-term bank loans		(60)
Proceeds on exercise of stock options	1,022	1,189
Distribution to minority shareholder of consolidated subsidiaries	(427)	
	<b>595</b>	<b>1,129</b>
Net cash provided by financing activities		
	<b>1,197</b>	<b>11,892</b>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	115,153	119,395
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	1	(3)
	<b>\$ 116,351</b>	<b>\$ 131,284</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period:		
Income tax	481	406
Interest		

Non-cash investing activity:

In December 2003, the Company acquired certain assets from Pacific Software (China) Limited ( Pacific ) for cash of \$4,180 (of which \$266 represented acquisition costs) and the issuance of 349,315 shares of common stock with a fair market value of approximately \$2,550 at the time the acquisition was announced. Of the cash amount, \$3,006 and \$939 was paid in December 2003 and in the first quarter of 2004, respectively. A refund of contingent payments of \$585 was received from Pacific in the third quarter of 2004. In connection with the acquisition, the Company acquired tangible assets and intangible assets with a fair value of \$93 and \$2,355, respectively.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)**

Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2004

(In US dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

**1. GENERAL AND BASIS OF PREPARATION**

AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. (the Company) is incorporated in the State of Delaware, in the United States of America (the US). The Company principally operates through the following directly owned subsidiaries, or their respective subsidiaries: AsiaInfo Technologies (China), Inc. (AsiaInfo Technologies) (100% owned), incorporated in the People's Republic of China (China or the PRC), and Bonson Information Technology Holdings Limited, (Bonson) (100% owned), incorporated in the Cayman Islands.

The Company and its subsidiaries are leading providers of network and software solutions in China. The software products and network services of the Company enable its customers to build, maintain, operate, manage and continuously improve their communications infrastructure. The main customers of the Company are the major telecommunications carriers in China and their provincial subsidiaries.

The Company acts as a holding company and, through certain subsidiaries, sources network-related equipment in the United States for sale to customers in the PRC.

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. All significant inter-company transactions and balances are eliminated in consolidation. Investments in 50% or less owned affiliates over which the Company exercises significant influence, but not control, are accounted for using the equity method. The Company's share of earnings (losses) of these companies is included in the accompanying condensed statement of operations.

All adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the unaudited results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2004 are included in the accompanying condensed financial statements. All such adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature. The results of operations for the periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full year. The financial statements are unaudited.

The Company's revenues are derived from the procurement of hardware on behalf of customers, software license fees, and professional services for systems design, planning, consulting, and system integration, and is recognized based on the percentage of completion method. Revenues from customer orders requiring significant production, modifications, or customization of the software are recognized over the installation and customization period. Labor costs and direct project expenses are used to determine the stage of completion, except for revenues associated with the procurement of hardware. Such hardware-related revenues are recognized upon delivery. Estimates of hardware warranty costs are included in determining project costs. Revenue from packaged software license fees through reseller arrangements is recorded when the related products are shipped and installed. Costs related to insignificant obligations for a period of up to one year, which include telephone support, are accrued at the time the revenue is recorded.

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Revenue from software products and solutions includes the benefit of the rebate of valued added taxes on sales of software received from the Chinese tax authorities as part of the PRC government's policy of encouragement of software development in the PRC. The rebate was \$499 and \$352 for the three months ended September 30, 2003 and 2004, respectively, and \$1,347 and \$1,762 for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2004, respectively.

Revisions in estimated contract profits are made in the period in which the circumstances requiring the revision become known. Provisions, if any, are made currently for anticipated losses on uncompleted contracts. Revenue in excess of billings is recorded as unbilled receivables and included in trade accounts receivable, net of allowances, amounted to \$31,927 at December 31, 2003 and \$21,029 at September 30, 2004. Billings in excess of revenues recognized are recorded as deferred revenue. Billings are rendered based on agreed milestones included in the contracts with customers.

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**1. GENERAL AND BASIS OF PREPARATION - CONTINUED**

At December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004, the balance of trade accounts receivable, net of allowances, amounted to \$19,996 and \$38,354, respectively, represented amounts billed but not yet collected. All billed and unbilled amounts are expected to be collected within 1 year.

These financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( U.S. GAAP ). This basis of accounting differs from that used in the statutory financial statements of the PRC subsidiaries which are prepared in accordance with the accounting principles and the relevant financial regulations applicable to enterprises with foreign investment as established by China's Ministry of Finance. The principal adjustments made to conform the statutory financial statements of these subsidiaries to U.S. GAAP included an adjustment to record goodwill from business acquisitions and the related impairment provisions, and an adjustment to recognize compensation expense on the issuance of stock options.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The financial records of the Company's PRC subsidiaries are maintained in Renminbi ( RMB ), their functional currency and the currency of the PRC. Their balance sheets are translated into United States dollars based on the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Their statements of operations are translated using a weighted average rate for the period. Translation adjustments are reflected as cumulative translation adjustments in stockholders' equity.

The Renminbi is not fully convertible into United States dollars or other foreign currencies. The rate of exchange quoted by the People's Bank of China on September 30, 2004 was US\$1.00=RMB8.2766. No representation is made that the Renminbi amounts could have been, or could be, converted into United States dollars at that rate or at any other rate.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities ( FIN 46 ). FIN 46 clarifies the application of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, Consolidated Financial Statements and provides guidance on the identification of entities for which control is achieved through means other than voting rights ( variable interest entities or VIEs ) and on the determination of when and which business enterprise should consolidate the VIEs. This new model for consolidation applies to an entity in which either: (1) the equity investors (if any) lack one or more characteristics deemed essential to a controlling financial interest or (2) the equity investment at risk is insufficient to finance that entity's activities without receiving additional subordinated financial support from other parties. FIN 46 was applicable for periods ended after December 15, 2003. In December 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46R which defers the implementation date to the end of the first reporting period after March 15, 2004 unless the Company has a variable interest entity in which case the provisions must be

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applied for fiscal years ended December 31, 2003. The Company has adopted the provisions of FIN 46(R) in June 2004 and consolidated its variable interest entity, Beijing Star VATS Technologies, Inc. since its incorporation.

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**1. GENERAL AND BASIS OF PREPARATION - CONTINUED**

The variable interest entity was established by the Company for the purpose of engaging in the value-added telecommunications services business in the PRC in June 2004. PRC regulations restrict direct foreign ownership of such businesses in the PRC. In order to comply with these regulations, while allowing foreign indirect participation, the Company entered into various contractual agreements with certain individuals to set-up a domestic company, Beijing Star VATS Technologies, Inc. ( Star VATS ), with a registered capital of approximately US\$2.4 million, to conduct the value-added telecommunications services business in the PRC. The Company owns all the beneficial interests in, and effectively controls, Star VATS through these agreements. As of September 30, 2004, the Company has consolidated the results of Star VATS and Star VATS was inactive during the period ended.

**Reclassifications** Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year's presentation.

**2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and highly liquid investments, which are unrestricted as to withdrawal or use, and which have maturities of three months or less when purchased.

**3. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS**

Short-term investments are classified as available-for-sale and consist principally of certificates of deposit and marketable securities. Certificates of deposit are issued by major financial institutions which have maturities of between 6 and 12 months.

The marketable securities were received in September 2004 as a result of the liquidation of the Company's affiliate, Intrinsic Technology (Holdings), Ltd. ( Intrinsic ). Total consideration received from the liquidation of Intrinsic includes \$1,615 in cash and 3,262,770 shares of Linktone Ltd. ( Linktone ) valued at \$2,746, which resulted in a gain from disposal of investment in affiliate of \$4,018. The Linktone shares are carried at fair market value, and the unrealized gain or loss from the change in market values is included in accumulated other comprehensive income. There was no material change in the market value of Linktone shares held by the Company through September 30, 2004.

**4. NOTES RECEIVABLE**

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At December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004, the balances of notes receivable of \$3,832 and \$1,824, respectively, represented bank acceptance drafts of \$3,832 and \$323, and commercial acceptance notes of nil and \$1,501, respectively, that are non-interest bearing and due within six months.

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**5. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

The components of comprehensive income for the periods presented are as follows:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003,</b>	<b>2004</b>
Net income	\$ 2,249	\$ 4,978
Change in cumulative translation adjustment	2	
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$ 2,251</b>	<b>\$ 4,978</b>
	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003,</b>	<b>2004</b>
Net (loss) income	\$ (27,851)	\$ 8,983
Change in cumulative translation adjustment	(1)	(3)
<b>Comprehensive (loss) income</b>	<b>\$ (27,852)</b>	<b>\$ 8,980</b>

**6. SHORT-TERM BANK LOANS**

As of December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004, the Company had total short-term banking facilities for working capital purposes totaling \$40,540 and \$38,123, expiring by December 2005. The facilities were secured by bank deposits of \$14,000 as of December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004. At December 31, 2003, unused short-term credit facilities were \$28,759 and used facilities totalled \$11,781. The used facilities were used for issuing standby letters of credit and notes payable to hardware suppliers and customers. Additional bank deposits of \$827 were used for issuing standby letters of credit and bank acceptance drafts as of December 31, 2003. At September 30, 2004, unused short-term credit facilities were \$31,615 and used facilities totaled \$6,508. The used facilities were used for issuing standby letters of credit and notes payable to hardware suppliers and customers. Additional bank deposits of \$1,453 were used for issuing standby letters of credit and bank acceptance drafts as of September 30, 2004. Bank deposits pledged as security for these credit facilities totaled \$14,827 and \$15,453 as of

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December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004, respectively, and are presented as restricted cash in the consolidated balance sheets.

In addition, as of December 31, 2003, the Company had short-term borrowings of \$60, bearing an interest rate of 4.8% and secured by certain assets of the Company. As of September 30, 2004, the Company had no short-term borrowings outstanding.

### **7. NOTES PAYABLE**

At December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004, the balances of notes payable of \$2,609 and \$3,807, respectively, represented commercial notes of \$945 and \$1,329, and bank acceptance drafts of \$1,664 and \$2,478, respectively, that are non-interest bearing and due within six months.

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**8. INCOME TAXES**

The Company is subject to US federal and state income taxes. The Company's subsidiaries incorporated in the PRC are subject to PRC income taxes.

A reconciliation between the provision for income taxes computed by applying the US federal tax rate to income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests and equity in loss of affiliate and the actual provision for income taxes is as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2003	2004
US federal rate	(35)%	35%
Difference between statutory rate and foreign effective tax rate	24	(35)
Non-deductible goodwill and intangible expenses	8	
Benefit of stock option deduction related to cheap stock expenses	(3)	
Increase in valuation allowance	3	7
	(3)%	7%

**9. CAPITAL STOCK**

Option activity in the Company's stock option plans is summarized as follows:

	Number of shares	Outstanding options weighted average exercise price per share
Outstanding, January 1, 2004:	9,657,883	\$ 7.37
Granted	94,700	8.20
Cancelled	(434,134)	10.94

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Exercised	(273,260)	3.69
Outstanding, March 31, 2004	9,045,189	\$ 7.31
Granted	1,600,950	5.44
Cancelled	(201,044)	9.41
Exercised	(37,900)	3.96
Outstanding, June 30, 2004	10,407,195	\$ 7.00
Granted	95,000	4.49
Cancelled	(261,742)	7.38
Exercised	(7,986)	3.99
Outstanding, September 30, 2004	10,232,467	\$ 6.97

The exercise price of all options granted during the three months and the nine months ended September 30, 2004 was equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the dates of grant.

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**10. ACCOUNTING FOR STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

The following table summarizes relevant information as to reported results under the Company's intrinsic value method of accounting for stock awards, with supplemental information as if the fair value recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 123 had been applied:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Net income as reported	\$ 2,249	\$ 4,978
Add: Stock-based compensation included in reported net income		
Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense under SFAS 123, net of tax effect	(2,508)	(1,847)
Pro forma net (loss) income	\$ (259)	\$ 3,131
Net income per share as reported		
Basic	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.11
Diluted	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.11
Pro forma net (loss) income per share		
Basic	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.07
Diluted	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.07
	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Net (loss) income as reported	\$ (27,851)	\$ 8,983
Add: Stock-based compensation included in reported net income	105	
Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense under SFAS 123, net of tax effect	(13,411)	(5,319)
Pro forma net (loss) income	\$ (41,157)	\$ 3,664

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Net (loss) income per share as reported		
Basic	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.20
Diluted	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.19
Pro forma net (loss) income per share		
Basic	\$ (0.93)	\$ 0.08
Diluted	\$ (0.93)	\$ 0.08

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**11. NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE**

The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted net income (loss) per share computations:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Net income (numerator):		
Net income		
Basic and diluted	\$ 2,249	\$ 4,978
Shares (denominator):		
Weighted average		
Common Stock Outstanding	44,521,025	45,426,451
Basic	44,521,025	45,426,451
Options (Treasury Method)	2,450,101	1,278,905
Diluted	46,971,126	46,705,356
Net income per share:		
Basic	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.11
Diluted	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.11
	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Net income (numerator):		
Net (loss) income		
Basic and diluted	\$ (27,851)	\$ 8,983

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Shares (denominator):		
Weighted average		
Common Stock Outstanding	44,329,684	45,377,384
Basic	44,329,684	45,377,384
Options (Treasury Method)		1,611,004
Diluted	44,329,684	46,988,388
Net (loss) income per share:		
Basic	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.20
Diluted	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.19

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**11. NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE - CONTINUED**

As of September 30, 2003, the Company had 10,175,362 options outstanding that could have potentially diluted earnings per share (EPS) in the future, but which were excluded in the computation of diluted EPS in these periods, as their effect would have been antidilutive due to the net loss reported in these periods.

As of September 30, 2004, the Company had 6,025,973 options outstanding that could have potentially diluted EPS in the future, but which were excluded in the computation of diluted EPS in these periods, as their exercise prices were above the average market values in such periods.

**12. ACQUISITION**

On October 20, 2003 (the date of acquisition), the Company acquired certain human resources management and business intelligence assets from Pacific Software (China) Limited (Pacific), a software solutions company, in exchange for cash of \$4,180 and 349,315 shares of the Company's common stock valued at \$2,550. The value of the shares issued was determined based on the average market price of the Company's common shares over the 5-day period before and after the terms of the acquisition were agreed to and announced. There was an additional contingent payment which amount has been indeterminable at date of acquisition and is payable by the Company in the third quarter of 2004 upon Pacific's attaining certain terms and conditions on or before July 31, 2004. During the three-month period ended September 30, 2004, \$585 was released by Pacific from the escrow account established for the contingent consideration, which reduced the goodwill recognized by \$585 as of September 30, 2004.

This acquisition was treated as a purchase and, accordingly, the acquired assets were recorded at their fair market values at the date of acquisition.

The aggregate purchase price of \$6,145, net of refund of contingent payment, has been allocated as follows:

		<u>Economic Life</u>
Current assets	\$ 58	
Equipment	35	
Completed technology	1,945	5 years

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Contract backlog	326	2 years
Trade mark	60	2 years
Customer list	24	5 years
In-process technology	169	None
Goodwill	3,528	Indefinite
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Total	\$ 6,145	
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The Company recorded a charge of \$169 at the date of acquisition in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 4, Applicability of FASB Statement No. 2 to Business Combinations Accounted for by the Purchase Method, for purchased in-process technology related to a development project that had not reached technological feasibility, had no alternative future use, and for which successful development was uncertain. The conclusion that the in-process development effort, or any material sub-component, had no alternative future use was reached in consultation with the Company's management and Pacific's management.

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**12. ACQUISITION - CONTINUED**

The following unaudited pro forma information summarizes the results of operations for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2003 and 2004 of the Company and Pacific. It has been prepared on the assumption that the acquisition occurred on January 1, 2003. The following pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of the results that would have occurred had the acquisition been completed on January 1, 2003, nor is it indicative of future operating results:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Total revenue	\$ 27,984	\$ 20,006
Net income	2,098	4,978
Net income per share		
- Basic	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.11
- Diluted	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.11
Shares used in calculation of net income per share		
- Basic	44,870,340	45,426,451
- Diluted	47,320,441	46,705,356
	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Total revenue	\$ 85,561	\$ 74,495
Net (loss) income	(28,306)	8,983
Net (loss) income per share		
- Basic	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.20
- Diluted	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.19
Shares used in calculation of (loss) net income per share		
- Basic	44,678,999	45,377,384
- Diluted	44,678,999	46,988,388

The pro forma results of operations give effect to certain adjustments, including amortization of purchased intangibles with definite lives, associated with the acquisition. The charge for purchased in-process research and development of \$169 has been excluded from the pro forma results, as it is a material non-recurring charge.



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**13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

*IPO Litigation*

On December 4, 2001, a securities class action case was filed in New York City against the Company, certain of its current officers and directors and the underwriters of the Company's initial public offering, or IPO. The lawsuit alleged violations of the federal securities laws and was docketed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, or the Court, as *Hassan v. AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., et al.* The lawsuit alleged, among other things, that the underwriters of the Company's IPO improperly required their customers to pay the underwriters excessive commissions and to agree to buy additional shares of the Company's common stock in the aftermarket as conditions to their purchasing shares in the Company's IPO. The lawsuit further claimed that these supposed practices of the underwriters should have been disclosed in the Company's IPO prospectus and registration statement. The suit seeks rescission of the plaintiffs' alleged purchases of the Company's common stock as well as unspecified damages. In addition to the case against the Company, various other plaintiffs have filed approximately 1,000 other, substantially similar class action cases against approximately 300 other publicly traded companies and their IPO underwriters in New York City, which along with the case against the Company have all been transferred to a single federal district judge for purposes of case management.

On July 15, 2002, together with the other issuer defendants, the Company filed a collective motion to dismiss the consolidated, amended complaints against the issuers on various legal grounds common to all or most of the issuer defendants. The underwriters also filed separate motions to dismiss the claims against them. On October 9, 2002, the Court dismissed without prejudice all claims against the individual defendants in the litigation. The dismissals were based on stipulations signed by those defendants and the plaintiffs' representatives. On February 19, 2003, the Court issued its ruling on the motions to dismiss filed by the underwriter and issuer defendants. In that ruling the Court granted in part and denied in part those motions. As to the claims brought against the Company under the anti-fraud provisions of the securities laws, the Court dismissed all such claims without prejudice. As to the claims brought under the registration provisions of the securities laws, which do not require that intent to defraud be pleaded, the Court denied the motion to dismiss such claims as to the Company and as to substantially all of the other issuer defendants. The Court also denied the underwriter defendants' motion to dismiss in all respects.

In June 2003, the Company elected to participate in a proposed settlement agreement with the plaintiffs in this litigation. If ultimately approved by the Court, this proposed settlement would result in a dismissal, with prejudice, of all claims in the litigation against the Company and against any of the other issuer defendants who elect to participate in the proposed settlement, together with the current or former officers and directors of participating issuers who were named as individual defendants. The proposed settlement does not provide for the resolution of any claims against the underwriter defendants, and the litigation against those defendants is continuing. The proposed settlement provides that the class members in the class action cases brought against the participating issuer defendants will be guaranteed a recovery of \$1 billion by insurers of the participating issuer defendants. If recoveries totaling \$1 billion or more are obtained by the class members from the underwriter defendants, however, the monetary obligations to the class members under the proposed settlement will be satisfied. In addition, all participating issuer defendants will be required to assign to the class members certain claims that the Company may have against the underwriters.

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**13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES - CONTINUED**

The proposed settlement contemplates that any amounts necessary to fund the settlement or settlement-related expenses would come from participating issuers' directors and officers liability insurance policy proceeds as opposed to funds of the participating issuer defendants themselves. A participating issuer defendant could be required to contribute to the costs of the settlement if that issuer's insurance coverage were insufficient to pay that issuer's allocable share of the settlement costs. The Company expects that its insurance proceeds will be sufficient for these purposes and that it will not otherwise be required to contribute to the proposed settlement. Consummation of the proposed settlement is conditioned upon, among other things, negotiating, executing, and filing with the Court final settlement documents, and final approval by the Court. If the proposed settlement described above is not consummated, the Company intends to continue to defend the litigation vigorously. Moreover, if the proposed settlement is not consummated, the Company believes that the underwriters may have an obligation to indemnify the Company for the legal fees and other costs of defending this suit and that the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance policies would also cover the defense and potential exposure in the suit. While the Company cannot guarantee the outcome of these proceedings, the Company believes that the final result of these actions will have no material effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

*Warranty Costs*

The Company's product warranty accrual reflects management's best estimate of probable liability under its product warranties. Management determines the warranty based on historical experience and other currently available evidence.

Changes in the product warranty accrual for the 9 months ended September 30, 2004 were as follows:

Balance at beginning of period	\$ 2,060
Current period provision	389
Payments	(53)
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Balance, end of period	\$ 2,396
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**14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

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On October 19, 2004, the Company closed the acquisition of the Lenovo Group Limited's (Lenovo) non-telecom related IT services business in a transaction valued at US\$ 36.3 million (RMB 300 million). A new division of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., Lenovo-AsiaInfo Technologies, Inc., has been formed from the combination of the assets acquired and AsiaInfo's enterprise information solutions (EIS) business unit. The consideration for the acquisition is paid in two parts. On October 20, 2004, the Company paid the Lenovo shares of the Company valued at US\$ 4.8 million (RMB 40 million). The value of the shares issued was determined based on the average market price of the Company's common shares over the 10-day period before the closing date, October 19, 2004. On October 19, 2004, the Company entered into a forward contract with a subsidiary of Lenovo to deliver shares of the Company with a market value of approximately US\$31.5 million (RMB 260 million) at any time during the twelve months after closing, at the Company's option. Lenovo may also be entitled to an earn-out payment following the first anniversary of the closing, depending on the level of operating income achieved by the acquired business during the first year following the closing.

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

Except for historical information, the statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Reform Act) contains certain safe harbors regarding forward-looking statements. Certain of the forward-looking statements include management's expectations, intentions and beliefs with respect to our growth, our operating results, the nature of the industry in which we are engaged, our business strategies and plans for future operations, our needs for capital expenditures, capital resources and liquidity, and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to materially differ from those expressed in the statements. All forward-looking statements included in this document are based on information available to us on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. These cautionary statements are being made pursuant to the provisions of the Reform Act with the intention of obtaining the benefits of the safe harbor provisions of the Reform Act. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are the factors discussed below under the heading **Certain Risks That May Affect Our Operating Results and Our Common Stock**.

#### **Overview**

We are a leading provider of high-quality software and customer solutions in China, helping our customers increase their business value in fast-growing and evolving markets. In the telecommunications market, our software products and services, and our network services enable our customers to build, maintain, operate, manage and continuously improve their communications infrastructure. Our largest customers are the major telecommunications carriers in China and their provincial subsidiaries, such as China Telecommunications Corporation, or China Telecom, China Network Communications Group Corporation, or China Netcom Group, China Mobile Communications Corporation, or China Mobile, and China United Telecommunications Corporation, or China Unicom. In addition to providing software and customer solutions to China's telecom carriers, we also offer a wide range of enterprise solutions, including security products and services, management consulting, e-HR and business intelligence, e-government and financial solutions to small, medium and large sized Chinese enterprises, across multiple vertical industries.

We commenced our operations in the United States in 1993 and moved our major operations from the United States to China in 1995. We began generating significant network solutions revenues in 1996 and significant software revenues in 1998. We conduct the bulk of our business through our operating subsidiaries, including AsiaInfo Technologies (China), Inc., or AsiaInfo Technologies, and AsiaInfo Management Software, Inc., or AsiaInfo Management, which are both Chinese companies.

We believe that there are opportunities for us to expand into new business areas and to continue to grow our business both organically and through acquisitions. On July 27, 2004, we signed a definitive agreement with Lenovo Group Limited to acquire its non-telecommunications related information technology services business in a transaction valued at approximately \$36.3 million. On October 19, 2004, we completed the closing of this acquisition and formed a new division, Lenovo-AsiaInfo Technologies, under which we will operate the acquired assets, along with our enterprise information solutions business unit. We believe this acquisition will greatly expand our current enterprise offerings and will allow us to provide security products and services, management consulting, as well as e-HR and business intelligence, e-government and financial solutions to Chinese enterprises in industries beyond our traditional telecommunications customer base. We also anticipate that this acquisition will create significant cross-selling synergies for our products and services across a range of vertical industries, including manufacturing, financial services and the government sector. In the fourth quarter of 2004, the new Lenovo-AsiaInfo division is expected to generate approximately \$7 million revenues, representing more than 30% of our total expected net revenues for the quarter.

***Reliance on key telecommunications customers.*** We have derived, and believe that we will continue to derive, a significant portion of our revenues from a limited number of large customers, such as China Telecom, China Unicom, China Mobile and China Netcom Group. Sales to



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China Telecom and its subsidiaries amounted to approximately 9%, 21% and 31% of total revenues in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Sales to China Unicom and its subsidiaries

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amounted to approximately 38%, 22% and 45% of total revenues in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Sales to China Netcom Group and its subsidiaries amounted to approximately 13%, 6% and 9% of total revenues in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Sales to China Mobile and its subsidiaries amounted to approximately 38%, 42% and 10% of total revenues in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The sum of our top five receivable balances represented 96% and 95% of the total receivable balances for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. We have expanded our customer base recently through the acquisition of an e-HR and business intelligence software business with customers in sectors such as transportation and energy and expect to continue to expand our customer base with our acquisition of Lenovo's IT Services business. However, our operating results are still dependent on our large customers in the telecommunications sector, and the loss of any of those customers could have a material adverse impact on us.

As a result of our reliance on our key customers in the telecommunications industry, our operating results are influenced by governmental spending policies in that sector. Ongoing uncertainty in the telecommunication industry, combined with the Chinese government's measures to control the over-heating of the Chinese economy, has contributed and will continue to contribute to cautious spending by our telecommunications customers and could lead to the delay of many large telecommunications spending projects.

***Impact of goodwill impairments.*** In connection with our acquisition of Bonson Information Technology Holdings Limited in February 2002, we paid the former shareholders of that company \$32.76 million (net of acquisition costs) in cash and 1,031,686 shares of our common stock (which were valued at approximately \$18 million at the time the acquisition was announced). During the first quarter of 2003, we completed an annual impairment test as required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No.142 and recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$29.84 million relating to the goodwill and acquired intangible assets attributable to our acquisition of Bonson. We do not presently anticipate any further impairment charges in connection with our acquisition of Bonson, however, any future deterioration of market conditions or other changes may require us to record additional impairment charges in the future, which would impact our net income (loss).

In December 2003, we conducted an impairment test in connection with our investment in Intrinsic Technology (Holdings) Limited, in which we hold a minority stake, and recorded a charge of \$2.2 million. In this quarter, we received a distribution from Intrinsic consisting of cash and shares of Linktone Ltd. (Nasdaq: LTON). The distribution resulted in an investment gain of \$4.0 million for this quarter because the distribution exceeded the carried value of our investment in Intrinsic, which had been written down to zero as of September 30, 2004.

## **Revenues**

To provide a clearer breakdown of our revenues, we have recently begun reporting our revenues on the basis of the three principal types of revenues derived from our business: software products and solutions revenue, network service revenue and third party hardware revenue.

***Software products and solutions revenue.*** We typically sell our software as part of total solutions for our customers, which include proprietary software licenses, professional services related to the design and implementation of the solution (such as consulting, training, technical support and maintenance) and, in cases where the customer requests a turn-key solution, related hardware. We do not sell any software products without these related implementation services. Software products and solutions revenue include two types of revenues: software license revenue and software services revenue. Software license revenue consists of fees received from customers for licenses or sublicenses to use our software products as well as third party software products in perpetuity, typically up to a specified maximum number of users. In most cases where a customer is required to purchase additional licenses from us because the number of users exceeds the number of licensed users, we enter into an extension agreement with the customer to expand and upgrade the customer's system. These extension contracts will usually include a license for the additional users, an updated versions of our software and, if required, additional services and hardware for the customer's network. Our software license revenue also includes the benefit of value added tax rebates on software license sales, which are part of the Chinese government's policy of encouraging China's software industry. Software services revenue consists of revenue from software installation, customization, training and other services.



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**Network service revenue.** Network service revenue consists of revenue from services for network planning, design, systems integration and training.

**Third party hardware revenue.** Third party hardware revenue consists of hardware sales for equipment procured by us on behalf of our customers from hardware vendors. We procure for and sell hardware to our customers as part of our total solutions strategy. We minimize our exposure to hardware risks by sourcing equipment from hardware vendors against letters of credit from our customers. We believe that as the telecommunications-related market in China develops our customers will increasingly purchase hardware directly from hardware vendors and hire us for our professional services.

**Net revenues.** Although we report our revenues on a gross basis, inclusive of hardware acquisition costs that are passed through to our customers, we manage our business internally based on revenues net of hardware costs, or net revenues, which is consistent with our strategy of providing our customers with high value IT professional services and, where efficient, outsourcing lower-end services such as hardware acquisition and installation. This strategy may result in lower growth rates for total revenues as against prior periods, but will not adversely impact revenues net of hardware costs. The following table shows our revenue breakdown on this basis and reconciles our net revenues to our total revenues:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2004	2003	2003	2002
	(amounts in thousands of dollars)			
Software products and solutions revenue	\$ 28,615	\$ 21,956	\$ 31,488	\$ 33,013
Network service revenue	14,849	17,028	22,892	28,745
Third party hardware revenue (net of hardware costs)	1,551	2,329	3,090	2,975
Total net revenues	\$ 45,015	\$ 41,313	\$ 57,470	\$ 64,733
Hardware costs	29,480	44,248	58,704	56,533
Total revenues	\$ 74,495	\$ 85,561	\$ 116,174	\$ 121,266

The information on revenues net of hardware costs, or net revenues, in the above table is a non-GAAP financial measure within the meaning of Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We have provided a reconciliation of this non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, total revenues. We believe that the presentation of this non-GAAP measure provides useful information for investors regarding our regular financial performance because total revenues net of hardware costs more accurately reflect the core of our business, which is the provision of software solutions and services. We believe such measure provides transparency to our investors because it is the measure used by our management to evaluate the competitiveness and development of our business. In addition, third party hardware revenue tends to fluctuate from period to period depending on the requirements of our customers. As a result, a presentation that excludes hardware costs allows investors to better evaluate the performance of our core business. We have evaluated the criteria outlined in EITF No. 99-19, Reporting Revenue Gross as Principal Versus Net as an Agent, in determining whether it is appropriate under GAAP to record the gross amount of revenues and related costs or the net amount earned after deducting hardware costs paid to the supplier. We record the gross amounts billed to our customers because we are the primary obligor in these transactions, bear the inventory risk, have latitude in establishing prices, are involved in the determination of the product specifications, bear credit risk and have the right to select suppliers. The presentation above of additional information on revenues net of hardware costs is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for our financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

**Cost of Revenues**

*Software products and solutions costs.* Software products and solutions costs consist primarily of three components:

packaging and written manual expenses for our proprietary software products and solutions;

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compensation and travel expenses for the professionals involved in modifying, customizing or installing our software products and solutions and in providing consultation, training and support services; and

software license fees paid to third-party software providers for the right to sublicense their products to our customers as part of our solutions offerings.

The costs associated with designing and modifying our proprietary software are classified as research and development expenses as incurred.

**Network service costs.** Network service costs consist primarily of compensation and travel expenses for the professionals involved in designing and implementing projects, as well as hardware warranty costs. We accrue hardware warranty costs upon final acceptance. We typically obtain manufacturers' warranties for hardware we sell, which cover a portion of the warranties that we give to our customers. We currently accrue 0.5% of hardware sales to cover potential warranty expenses. This estimate of warranty cost is based on our current experience with contracts for which the warranty period has expired.

**Third party hardware costs.** Third party hardware costs consist primarily of hardware costs. We recognize hardware costs in full upon delivery of the hardware to our customers. In order to minimize our working capital requirements, we generally obtain from our hardware vendors payment terms that are timed to permit us to receive payment from our customers for the hardware before our payments to hardware vendors are due. However, in large projects we sometimes obtain less favorable payment terms from our customers, thereby increasing our working capital requirements.

## **Operating Expenses**

Operating expenses are comprised of sales and marketing expenses, research and development expenses, general and administrative expenses, and amortization expenses for intangible assets, deferred stock compensation and impairment of goodwill and acquired intangible assets. Compensation expenses consistently comprise a significant portion of our total operating expenses.

Sales and marketing expenses include compensation expenses for employees in our sales and marketing departments, third party advertising expenses, as well as sales commissions and sales agency fees.

Research and development expenses relate to the development of new software and the modification of existing software. We expense such costs as they are incurred.

## **Taxes**

Except for certain hardware procurement and resale transactions, we conduct substantially all of our business through our Chinese subsidiaries, which are generally subject to a 30% state corporate income tax and a 3% local income tax.

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Under the income tax laws of China, foreign invested enterprises, or FIEs, satisfying certain criteria can enjoy preferential tax treatment. Our subsidiaries, AsiaInfo Technologies, AsiaInfo Management and AsiaInfo Technologies (Chengdu), Inc., are FIEs and enjoy certain preferential tax treatments in China. Please refer to Note 11 to our consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2004 for details of the respective preferential treatments for each of these subsidiaries.

The unified Chinese corporate income tax laws for domestic enterprises and FIEs will likely take effect in 2005. We anticipate that these unified tax laws will eliminate various preferential tax provisions in China. However, such unified tax laws should not affect the preferential tax treatments granted to FIEs in previous years. We expect our effective income tax rate to be within the range of 13% to 15% for the full year of 2004, absent extraordinary regulatory changes in China.

Sales of hardware procured in China are subject to a 17% value added tax. Most of our sales

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of hardware procured outside of China are made through our U.S. parent company, AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., and thus are not subject to the value added tax. We effectively pass value-added taxes on hardware sales through to our customers and do not include them in revenues reported in our financial statements. In addition, companies that develop their own software and register the software with the relevant authorities in China are generally entitled to a value added tax refund. If the net amount of the value added tax payable exceeds 3% of software sales, the excess portion of the value added tax is refundable immediately. This policy is effective until 2010.

We are also subject to U.S. income taxes on revenues generated in the United States, including revenues from our limited hardware procurement activities through our U.S. parent company, AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., and interest income earned in the United States.

## **Foreign Exchange**

A majority of our revenues and expenses relating to hardware sales are denominated in U.S. dollars, and substantially all of our revenues and expenses relating to the software and service components of our business are denominated in Renminbi. The value of our shares will be affected by the foreign exchange rate between U.S. dollars and Renminbi because the value of our business is effectively denominated in Renminbi, while our shares are traded in U.S. dollars. Furthermore, an increase in the value of the Renminbi may require us to exchange more U.S. dollars into Renminbi to meet the working capital requirements of our subsidiaries in China. Depreciation of the value of the U.S. dollar will also reduce the value of the cash we hold in U.S. dollars, which we may use for purposes of future acquisitions or other business expansion. We actively monitor our exposure to these risks and adjust our cash position in the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar when we believe such adjustments will reduce our foreign exchange risks. For example, in February 2004 we exchanged approximately \$28 million cash from U.S. dollars to Renminbi in order to address concerns regarding a possible increase in the relative value of the Renminbi.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates and judgments, including those related to revenues and cost of revenues under customer contracts, warranty obligations, bad debts, income taxes, investment in affiliate, goodwill and other intangible assets, and litigation. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that we believe are reasonable. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe the following critical accounting policies affect the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

**Revenue recognition.** We generally charge a fixed price for all of our projects and recognize revenue based on the percentage of completion of the project as required under SOP 81-1. With respect to software products and solutions, revenue from customer orders requiring significant production, modifications, or customizations of the software are recognized over the installation and customization period. Labor costs and direct project expenses are used to determine the stage of completion. Costs related to insignificant obligations for a period of up to one year, which include telephone support, are accrued at the time the revenue is recorded. We do not sell any software products without related implementation services. In cases where the customer requires additional software licenses, we enter into an extension agreement with the customer to expand and upgrade the customer's system. Revenue arising from such extension agreements is also recognized under SOP 81-1. We recognize network service revenue (which is charged on a fixed price basis) based on the percentage of completion of the project as required under SOP 81-1. We use labor costs and direct project expenses to determine the state of completion. We recognize third party hardware revenue upon delivery of the hardware to the customer. Since a large part of the cost of certain projects often relates to hardware, the timing of hardware delivery can cause our quarterly gross revenue and inventory level to fluctuate significantly. However, those fluctuations do not significantly affect our gross profits because third party hardware revenue generally approximates the costs of the hardware.





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Recognized revenues and profit are subject to adjustments in current periods as the contract progresses to completion. If we do not have a sufficient basis to measure progress toward completion, revenue will be recognized upon completion. Provisions for estimated losses on contracts are made in the period in which the anticipated losses become known. Actual costs and gross margins on such contracts could differ from management's estimates and those differences could be material to the consolidated financial statements. Historically, our estimates for costs and gross margins have not differed significantly from actual costs and gross margins. However, any material deviation of such costs and gross margins from our estimates would impact our future operating results.

**Income taxes.** We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that we believe is more likely than not to be realized. In the event we were to determine that we would be able to realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of their recorded amount, an adjustment to the deferred tax asset would increase income in the period such determination was made. Likewise, should we determine that we would not be able to realize all or part of our net deferred tax asset in the future, an adjustment to the deferred tax asset would be charged to income in the period such determination was made.

**Impairment of long-lived assets.** We review our long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may no longer be recoverable. When these events occur, we measure impairment by comparing the carrying value of the long-lived assets to the estimated future value.

**Goodwill.** Beginning in 2002, with the adoption of SFAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, goodwill is no longer amortized, but instead tested for impairment upon first adoption and annually thereafter, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired. We use a two-step impairment test to identify potential goodwill impairment and recognize a goodwill impairment loss in the statement of operations when the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value. Prior to 2002, goodwill was amortized using a straight-line method over its economic life of five years. Accumulated amortization recorded through December 31, 2001 was \$2,971,000. The latest goodwill impairment tests were performed in the first and second quarters of 2003 for our acquisitions of Bonson Information Technology Holdings, Ltd., and Zhejiang AsiaInfo Dekang Telecommunications Technology, Inc., respectively. Subsequently, we decided to change the date of our annual goodwill impairment test and perform all goodwill impairment tests in the fourth quarter of each year. The change did not have a material impact on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## **Consolidated Results of Operations**

**Revenues.** Total revenues were \$20 million and \$74.5 million, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, representing decreases of 29% and 13%, respectively, against the comparable periods in 2003, and an 11% decrease compared with the previous quarter. These decreases were primarily due to lower network service revenues, as well as lower hardware passthrough revenue, as we continue to focus our business on software and services.

Revenues net of third party hardware costs were \$14.2 million and \$45 million, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, representing a 10% decrease and a 9% increase, respectively, against the comparable periods in 2003 and a 10% decrease against the previous quarter. The decreases in net revenues during the third quarter resulted primarily from lower network service revenue.

Software products and solutions revenues were \$9.6 million and \$28.6 million, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, representing increases of 14% and 30%, respectively, over the comparable periods in 2003 and a 3% increase over the previous quarter. These increases reflect our strategy to focus on our software solutions business.

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Network service revenues were \$4.3 million and \$14.8 million, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, representing decreases of 36% and 13%, respectively, against the comparable periods in 2003 and a 29% decrease against the previous quarter. The decreases were due to cautious spending on network construction by our key customers in the telecommunications industry.

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Third party hardware revenues were \$6.1 million and \$31 million, respectively, in the three-and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004, representing decreases of 52% and 33%, respectively, against the comparable periods in 2003 and a 14% decrease over the previous quarter. These decreases were attributable to our strategy to focus more of our resources on growing our software products and solutions businesses and reduce hardware passthrough.

Net revenue from our e-HR and business intelligence unit, which we acquired in December 2003, accounted for approximately 2% of our net revenue in the quarter ended September 30, 2004. Going forward, our e-HR and business intelligence business unit will be integrated into our new Lenovo-AsiaInfo division, which will include the IT services business we acquired from Lenovo Group Limited.

**Cost of Revenues.** Our cost of gross revenues decreased 35% to \$11.6 million and 21% to \$48.2 million, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, against the comparable periods in 2003. These decreases in cost of gross revenue were attributable to our strategy to reduce hardware passthrough.

**Gross Profit.** Our gross profit was \$8.4 million and \$26.3 million, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, representing decreases of 16% and an increase of 7%, respectively, against comparable periods in 2003, and a decrease of 4% against the previous quarter. These decreases were primarily due to lower revenues and the absorption of employees, including software engineers and sales personnel, from our former telecom software competitor, Wholewise. Gross profit as a percentage of gross revenues, or gross margin, increased to 42% and 35%, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, as compared to 36% and 29%, respectively, in the comparable periods of 2003 and 39% in the previous quarter. These increases were attributable to our strategy of reducing hardware passthrough, which provides a relatively low gross margin. Gross profit as a percentage of net revenues decreased to 59% and 58%, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, as compared to 63% and 60%, respectively, in comparable periods in 2003.

**Operating Expenses.** Total operating expenses decreased 1% and 59%, respectively, to \$7.9 million and \$22.2 million, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, from \$8 million and \$54.4 million, respectively, against the comparable periods in 2003. The 59% decrease in total operating expenses in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 was primarily attributable to the \$30 million goodwill impairment charge we recognized during the comparable period in 2003.

Sales and marketing expenses increased 10% and 5%, respectively, to \$3.1 million and \$8.7 million, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, against the comparable periods in 2003.

Research and development expenses increased 12% and decreased 9%, respectively, to \$2.3 million and \$6.6 million, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, against the comparable periods in 2003.

General and administrative expenses decreased 23% and 24%, respectively, to \$2.4 million and \$6.4 million, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, against the comparable periods in 2003. General and administrative expenses increased 59% compared with the previous quarter. General and administrative expenses in the second quarter were lower than normal due to a bad debt collection of approximately US\$1 million. The increase in general and administrative expenses in the third quarter also reflects costs associated with the audit of our internal controls as required under Section 404 of the Sarbenes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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**Income (Loss) from Operations.** Our operating income was \$0.4 million and \$4.2 million, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2004, as compared to operating income of \$2 million and an operating loss of \$29.7 million in the comparable periods in 2003. The loss in the first nine months of 2003 was due primarily to the one-time, non-cash impairment charge of \$30.2 million for goodwill and acquired intangible assets attributable to our acquisition of Bonson and the minority interest in Marsec Holdings, Inc.

**Other Income (Expense).** Other income and expenses, consisting primarily of net interest income and expense, increased from income of approximately \$0.4 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, in the three-and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2003 to \$4.7 million and \$5.6 million, respectively, in the same periods in 2004. In the third quarter, we received a distribution from Intrinsic Technology (Holdings) Limited consisting of cash and shares of Linktone Ltd. (Nasdaq: LTON), which resulted in an investment gain of \$4 million for the quarter.

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**Net Income (Loss).** We recorded net income of \$5 million, or \$0.11 basic income per share, for the quarter ended September 30, 2004, compared to net income in the comparable period in 2003 of \$2.2 million, or \$0.05 basic income per share. We expect net revenue for the fourth quarter of 2004 to be approximately \$21 million, or approximately \$0.01 to \$0.02 per basic share.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our capital requirements are primarily working capital requirements related to hardware sales and costs associated with the expansion of our business, such as research and development and sales and marketing expenses. We recognize hardware costs in full upon delivery of the hardware to our customers. In order to minimize our working capital requirements, we generally obtain from our hardware vendors payment terms that are timed to permit us to receive payment from our customers for the hardware before our payments to hardware vendors are due. However, we sometimes obtain less favorable payment terms from our customers, thereby increasing our working capital requirements. See

**Certain Risks That May Affect Our Operating Results and Our Common Stock -** Our working capital requirements may increase significantly. We have historically financed our working capital and other financing requirements through careful management of our billing cycle, private placements of equity securities, our initial public offering in March of 2000 and, to a limited extent, bank loans.

Our accounts receivable balance at September 30, 2004 was \$59.4 million, consisting of \$38.4 million in billed receivables and \$21.0 million in unbilled receivables. Our billed receivables are based on revenue we have booked and billed. Our unbilled receivables are based on revenue we have booked through the percentage completion method, but for which we have not yet billed the customer. For example, we recognize revenues for hardware pass-through at the time the hardware is accepted by the customer, based on the cost of the underlying hardware. However, our contracts with our customers will often allow the customers to withhold 10-20% of the total contract payments until final project acceptance, which on average is eight to nine months after hardware delivery. As a result, revenues from hardware pass-through generally represent a significant portion of our unbilled receivables and can cause the aging of these receivables to be relatively long.

At the end of the third quarter, our days sales outstanding were 215 days, as compared to 208 days at the end of the second quarter of 2004. Our billed receivables were 139 days sales outstanding and our unbilled receivables were 76 days sales outstanding. As of the end of the third quarter, our accounts payable balance increased 23% as compared to the previous quarter end.

As of September 30, 2004, we had total short-term credit facilities for working capital purposes totaling \$38.1 million, expiring by December 2005, which were secured by bank deposits of \$14.0 million. \$6.5 million of the short-term credit facilities were used to issue letters of credit and notes payable at that date. Additional bank deposits of \$1.5 million were used for issuing standby letters of credit. Bank deposits pledged as security for these standby letter of credit and short-term credit facilities totaled \$15.5 million as of September 30, 2004, and are presented as restricted cash in our consolidated balance sheets.

We ended the quarter with a cash position of \$161.4 million, of which \$14.6 million was in short term investments and \$15.5 million was in restricted cash. Restricted cash consisted of \$14.0 million used to secure our \$38.1 million credit facility, \$1.5 million pledged as security for issuing standby letter of credits and \$131.3 million of which was in cash and cash equivalents. Our short-term investments feature fixed income securities, as well as shares of Linktone Ltd., a Nasdaq-listed company, which we received in September 2004 as a distribution from Intrinsic Technology Holdings. The cash equivalents include investments in cash management accounts to enhance our interest income.

We had net operating cash inflow of \$1.7 million in the third quarter of 2004, compared to \$5.2



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million in the previous quarter, primarily attributable to lower gross revenues and an increase in inventories. Our inventory position at the end of the quarter returned to our historical range at approximately \$3.7 million, representing a 164% increase over the previous quarter's \$1.4 million, which was lower than normal.

We anticipate that the net proceeds of our initial public offering in March 2000, together with available funds and cash flows generated from operations, will be sufficient to meet our anticipated needs for working capital, capital expenditures and business expansion through 2004. We may need to raise additional funds in the future, however, in order to fund acquisitions, develop new or enhanced services or products, respond to competitive pressures to compete successfully for larger projects involving higher levels of hardware purchases, or if our business otherwise grows more rapidly than we currently predict. We anticipate that we would raise additional funds, if necessary, through new issuances of shares of our equity securities in one or more public offerings or private placements, or through credit facilities extended by lending institutions.

In the event that we decide to pay dividends to our shareholders, our ability to pay dividends will depend in part on our ability to receive dividends from our operating subsidiaries in China. Foreign exchange and other regulations in China may restrict our ability to distribute retained earnings from our operating subsidiaries in China or convert those payments from Renminbi into foreign currencies.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of September 30, 2004, we have not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements with any individuals or entities.

## **Accounting Pronouncements Recently Adopted**

### ***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

Our adoption of the following recently issued accounting pronouncements did not have a material impact on our financial position, cash flows or results of operations. We have reflected all disclosure requirements of these pronouncements in our financial statements.

SFAS No. 146, Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Interpretation Number, (FIN) No.45, Guarantors Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others.

Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables.

SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure. As allowed by SFAS No. 148, we have elected to continue to utilize the accounting method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees.



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SFAS No. 150, Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity, for instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003.

FIN No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, applicable December 31, 2004.

We have not yet adopted the following recently issued accounting pronouncements because they are not yet applicable in part or in total:

SFAS No. 150, applicable January 1, 2004 for instruments existing at May 31, 2003 and not subsequently modified; we do not expect the adoption of SFAS No. 150 to have a material effect on our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

On October 13, 2004, FASB concluded that the Proposed Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, Share-Based Payment, which would require all companies to measure compensation cost for all share-based payments (including employee stock options) at fair value, would be effective for public companies for interim or annual periods beginning after June 15, 2005. The proposed Statement would eliminate the Company's ability to account for share-based compensation transactions using APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and generally would require instead that such transactions be accounted for using a fair-value based method.

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**Certain Risks That May Affect Our Operating Results and Our Common Stock**

In addition to the other information in this report, the following factors should be considered in evaluating our business and our future prospects:

*The growth of our business is dependent on government telecommunications infrastructure and budgetary policies, particularly the allocation of funds to sustain the growth of the telecommunications industry in China.*

Most of our large customers are directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the government of China. Accordingly, their business strategies, capital expenditure budgets and spending plans are largely decided in accordance with government policies, which, in turn, are determined on a centralized basis at the highest level by the National Development and Reform Commission of China. As a result, the growth of our business is heavily dependent on government policies for telecommunications infrastructure. Insufficient government allocation of funds to sustain the growth of China's telecommunications industries in the future could reduce the demand for our products and services and have a material adverse effect on our ability to grow our business.

On December 11, 2001, in an effort to increase the efficiency of telecommunications service providers through competition, the State Council of China announced that it would split China Telecom geographically into a northern division (comprising ten provinces) and a southern division (comprising 21 provinces). Under the State Council's plan, the northern division of China Telecom has merged with China Netcom and Jitong Communication, and has been renamed China Network Communications Group Corporation, or China Netcom Group, while the southern division operates under the China Telecom name. As a result of the restructuring, new orders for telecommunications infrastructure expansion and improvement projects have decreased over the past several quarters, adversely affecting our backlog and our net revenue. Although we expect that the restructuring will have a positive impact on growth in the telecommunications industry in China in the long term, continued delays in capital expenditure projects could continue to negatively affect our growth in the near-term. In addition, similar restructurings of this nature could cause our operating results to vary unexpectedly from quarter to quarter in the future.

*Our customer base is concentrated and the loss of one or more of our customers could cause our business to suffer significantly.*

We have derived, and believe that we will continue to derive, a significant portion of our revenues from a limited number of large customers, such as China Telecom, China Unicom, China Mobile and China Netcom Group. China Mobile accounted for 38% of our revenues in 2003. The loss, cancellation or deferral of any large contract by any of our large customers would have a material adverse effect on our revenues, and consequently our profits. Our recent acquisition of the human resources management and business intelligence assets of Pacific Software, as well as our recent acquisition of Lenovo's IT services business, are part of our strategy to further diversify our business and gradually reduce such concentration risk in the future. However, in the near term, the expected revenue to be generated by our business outside the telecommunications industry is still limited compared to our overall revenues. Moreover, we cannot provide any assurance that a material proportion of our revenues will be derived from other industries in the future.

*The long and variable sales cycles for our products and services can cause our revenues and operating results to vary significantly from period to period and may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock.*

Our revenues and operating results will vary significantly from quarter to quarter due to a number of factors, many of which are outside of our control and any of which may cause our stock price to fluctuate. A customer's decision to purchase our services and products involves a

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significant commitment of its resources and an extended evaluation. As a result, our sales cycle tends to be lengthy. We spend considerable time and expense educating and

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providing information to prospective customers about features and applications of our services and products. Because our major customers operate large and complex networks, they usually expand their networks in large increments on a sporadic basis. The combination of these factors can cause our revenues and results of operations to vary significantly and unexpectedly from quarter to quarter.

A large part of the contract amount of our projects usually relates to hardware procurement. Since we recognize most of the revenues relating to hardware plus a portion of services and software revenues at the time of hardware delivery, the timing of hardware delivery can cause our quarterly gross revenues to fluctuate significantly. Due to the foregoing factors, we believe that quarter to quarter comparisons of our operating results are not a good indication of our future performance and should not be overly relied upon. It is likely that our operating results in some periods may be below the expectations of public market analysts and investors. In this event, the price of our common stock will probably decline, perhaps significantly more in percentage terms than any corresponding decline in our operating results.

***Our working capital requirements may increase significantly.***

We typically purchase hardware for our customers as part of our turn-key total solutions services. We generally require our customers to pay 80 to 90% of the invoice value of the hardware upon delivery. We typically place orders for hardware against back-to-back orders from customers and seek favorable payment terms from hardware vendors. This policy has historically minimized our working capital requirements. However, for certain large and strategically important projects, we have agreed to payment of less than 80 to 90% of the invoice value of the hardware upon delivery in order to maintain competitiveness. Wider adoption of less favorable payment terms or delays in hardware deliveries could cause our working capital needs to increase significantly.

***We have sustained losses in prior years and may incur slower earnings growth, earnings declines or net losses in the future.***

Although we had net income in 2001 and 2002, we sustained net losses in 1999, 2000 and 2003. There are no assurances that we can sustain profitability or avoid net losses in the future. We continue to expect that certain of our operating expenses will increase as our business grows. The level of these expenses will be largely based on anticipated organizational growth and revenue trends and a high percentage will be fixed. As a result, any delays in expanding sales volume and generating revenue could result in substantial operating losses.

***Our high level of fixed costs, as well as increased competition in the software market, could result in reduced operating margins.***

We maintain a relatively stable work force of software and network engineers engaged in all phases of planning and executing projects on behalf of our customers. As a result, our operating costs are relatively fixed from quarter to quarter, regardless of fluctuations in our revenues. In recent periods, this has resulted in our gross profit decreasing as a percentage of our net revenues. For example, during the second quarter of 2003 our revenues were impacted by the outbreak of SARS and our gross profit as a percentage of net revenue decreased to 56% as compared to 66% in the comparable period of 2002. Future fluctuations in our net revenues could result in similar decreases in our operating margins. In addition, enhanced competition in the software market and other markets in which we operate could result in reduced prices, which, together with our relatively fixed operating costs, could also result in reduced operating margins.

***Business acquisitions we undertake may be challenging, and we may realize losses on our investments.***

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On October 19, 2004, we completed our acquisition of the IT services business of Lenovo Group Limited and formed a new division, Lenovo-AsiaInfo, comprised primarily of the acquired assets. In the future, we may acquire other companies or assets that we feel will enhance our revenue growth, operations and profitability. Such acquisitions could result in the use of significant amounts of cash and dilutive issuances of our common stock. Such acquisitions involve other significant risks, including:

the difficulties of integrating, assimilating and managing the operations, technologies, intellectual property, products and personnel of the acquired business;

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the diversion of management attention from other business concerns;

the additional expense associated with acquired contingent liabilities;

the loss of key employees in acquired businesses; and

the risk of being sued by terminated employees and contractors.

We will need to integrate and manage any businesses we determine to acquire in the future. Our failure to do so successfully could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***PRC laws and regulations currently prohibit foreign-invested companies from engaging in systems, integration businesses involving state secrets, which is part of the non-telecommunications business we acquired from Lenovo Group Limited, or Lenovo Group, on October 19, 2004. Substantial uncertainties exist with respect to our contractual arrangements with Lenovo Computer System and Technology Services Co., Ltd, or Lenovo Computer, and our proposed contractual arrangements with Lenovo Security Technologies, Inc., or Lenovo Security, to engage in such business due to uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of current or future PRC laws and regulations.***

In 2001, the State Secrecy Bureau of China promulgated a special rule, the Management Measure for Qualification of the Computer Information System Integration Involving State Secrets, which expressly prohibits foreign persons or foreign-invested enterprises from engaging in systems integration businesses involving state secrets. State secrets as defined under the Administration Regulation for the Commercial Code, as promulgated by the State Council of China, include all code technology and code products used in encryption and security authentication for information, irrespective of whether such information belongs to the State.

We and our PRC operating subsidiaries are considered foreign persons or foreign-invested enterprises under PRC laws. As a result, in connection with our acquisition of Lenovo Group's IT services business, we will operate the part of that business that constitutes systems integration businesses involving state secrets through affiliated entities in which we do not hold a direct equity interest. We will operate the systems integration businesses involving state secrets initially through Lenovo Computer, and, upon the establishment of and the receipt by Lenovo Security of certain business licenses and qualifications, through Lenovo Security. Lenovo Computer is owned by certain subsidiaries of Lenovo Group. Lenovo Security will be owned by Legend Holdings Limited, or Legend Holdings, and certain of our employees who are PRC citizens. Lenovo Computer conducts, and Lenovo Security will conduct, substantially all of our operations in relation to the systems integration businesses involving state secrets, will generate substantially all of our revenue relating to such business and, will hold or make use of the licenses and approvals that are essential to such business. We do not currently have any equity interest in these operating companies and instead enjoy, and will enjoy, the economic benefits of such companies through contractual arrangements between Lenovo-AsiaInfo Technologies, Inc., or Lenovo-AsiaInfo, our wholly-owned subsidiary, and these affiliated entities and their respective shareholders. Further information on these arrangements is set forth below in Item 5. Other Information in Part II of this Report.

In the opinion of our Chinese legal counsel, T&C Law Firm, and Chinese legal counsel to Lenovo Group, Tian Yuan Law Firm, our current ownership structure of Lenovo Computer, and our proposed ownership structure of Lenovo Security, and the contractual arrangements among us, Lenovo-AsiaInfo, these affiliated entities and their respective shareholders, are in compliance with all existing PRC laws and regulations. There are, however, substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of current or future PRC laws and regulations, including regulations governing the validity and enforcement of such contractual arrangements. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that PRC government authorities will not ultimately take a view contrary to the opinion of the Chinese counsels.



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If the PRC government finds that our contractual arrangements with Lenovo Computer and Lenovo Security do not comply with its prohibition on foreign-invested companies from engaging in systems integration businesses involving state secrets, we could be subject to severe penalties.

*Our contractual arrangements with Lenovo Computer and Lenovo Security may not be as effective in providing operational control as direct ownership of these affiliated entities and may be difficult to enforce.*

Although we have been advised by our Chinese legal counsel and Chinese legal counsel to Lenovo Group Limited that our contractual arrangements with Lenovo Computer and Lenovo Security are valid, binding and enforceable under current PRC laws, these arrangements may not be as effective in providing control as direct ownership of these affiliated entities. For example, these affiliated entities and their respective shareholders could fail to perform or make payments as required under such contractual arrangements. In any such event, we would have to rely on the PRC legal system to enforce these agreements. Any legal proceedings could result in the disruption of our business, damage to our reputation, diversion of our resources and the incurrence of substantial costs.

*We may not be able to operate the systems integration businesses involving state secrets once we acquire all of the equity interest in Lenovo Computer and Lenovo Security.*

PRC laws and regulations currently prohibit foreign persons or foreign-invested enterprises from engaging in systems integration businesses involving state secrets. We and our subsidiaries are considered foreign persons or foreign-invested enterprises under PRC laws. Unless such prohibition is lifted in the future, we will not be able to operate such business after we acquire all of the equity interest in Lenovo Computer and Lenovo Security pursuant to the terms of our contractual arrangements with Lenovo Computer and Lenovo Security and their respective shareholders. The loss of this line of business may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

*Asset impairment reviews may result in future periodic write-downs.*

Effective January 1, 2002, we adopted SFAS No. 142, which requires us, among other things, to review goodwill and intangible assets for impairment annually. In connection with our business acquisitions, we make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows and other factors to determine the fair value of goodwill and intangible assets. In assessing the related useful lives of those assets, we have to make assumptions regarding their fair value, our recoverability of those assets and our ability to successfully develop and ultimately commercialize acquired technology. If those assumptions change in the future when we conduct our periodic reviews in accordance with applicable accounting standards, we may be required to record impairment charges.

We recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$30.2 million as a result of an independent valuation during the first quarter of 2003 of the goodwill and acquired intangible assets mainly attributable to our acquisition of Bonson in February 2002. In December 2003 we recorded an impairment charge of \$2.2 million related to our investment in Intrinsic. There is no assurance that future reviews will not result in further write-downs to goodwill and other intangible assets.

*Severe acute respiratory syndrome may have an impact on our business.*



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The outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, is believed to have started in Guangdong Province, China in late 2002 and to have later spread to Beijing. The SARS outbreak impacted our revenues in 2003 by disrupting travel throughout China and causing serious delays in service delivery to our customers. The outbreak also interrupted our collection efforts, causing accounts receivable and days sales outstanding to increase. Although the spread of SARS in China appears to have been contained and our business activities resumed normal operations throughout the third and fourth quarters of 2003, the medical community worldwide has not fully understood the origin of SARS and has not found a well-recognized effective treatment for SARS. As a consequence, the potential long-term effects of SARS on economic growth in China are still unknown. Since January 5, 2004, a small number of new SARS cases have been reported in China. Any worsening of the SARS epidemic could have an adverse impact on our business.

*We are highly dependent on our executive officers.*

Each of our executive officers is responsible for an important segment of our operations. Although we believe that we have significant depth at all levels of management, the loss of any of our executive officers' services could be detrimental to our operations. We do not have, and do not plan to obtain, key man life insurance on any of our employees.

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***We face a competitive labor market in China for skilled personnel and therefore are highly dependent on the skills and services of our existing key skilled personnel and our ability to hire additional skilled employees.***

Competition for highly skilled software design, engineering and sales and marketing personnel is intense in China. Our failure to attract, assimilate or retain qualified personnel to fulfill our current or future needs could impair our growth. Competition for skilled personnel comes primarily from a wide range of foreign companies active in China, many of which have substantially greater resources than we have. Limitations on our ability to hire and train a sufficient number of personnel at all levels would limit our ability to undertake projects in the future and could cause us to lose market share.

***We extend warranties to our customers that expose us to potential liabilities.***

We customarily provide our customers with one to three year warranties, under which we agree to maintain installed systems at no additional cost to our customers. The maintenance services cover both hardware and our proprietary and third party software products. Although we seek to arrange back-to-back warranties with hardware and software vendors, we have the primary responsibility to maintain the installed hardware and software. Our contracts do not have disclaimers or limitations on liability for special, consequential and incidental damages, nor do we typically cap the amounts our customers can recover for damages. In addition, we do not currently maintain any insurance policy with respect to our exposure to warranty claims. The failure of our installed projects to operate properly could give rise to substantial liability for special, consequential or incidental damages, which in turn could materially and adversely affect us.

***We sell our services on a fixed-price, fixed-time basis, which exposes us to risks associated with cost overruns and delays.***

We sell most of our services on a fixed-price, fixed-time basis. In contracts with our customers, we typically agree to pay late completion fines of up to 5% of the total contract value. In large scale telecommunications infrastructure projects, there are many factors beyond our control which could cause delays or cost overruns. In this event, we would be exposed to cost overruns and liable for late completion fines.

***We may become less competitive if we are unable to develop or acquire new products, or enhancements to our existing products, that are marketable on a timely and cost-effective basis.***

Our future operating results will depend, to a significant extent, upon our ability to enhance our existing products and services and to introduce new products and services to meet the requirements of our customers in a rapidly developing and evolving market. For example, we continually develop new services and software products and solutions for our customers. If we do not enhance our existing products and services or introduce new successful products and services in a timely manner, our products and services may become obsolete, and our revenues and operating results may suffer. Moreover, unexpected technical, operational, distribution or other problems could delay or prevent the introduction of any products or services that we may plan to introduce in the future. We cannot be sure that any of these products and services will achieve widespread market acceptance or generate incremental revenues.

***Our proprietary rights may be inadequately protected and there is a risk of poor enforcement of intellectual property rights in China.***

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Our success and ability to compete depend substantially upon our intellectual property rights, which we protect through a combination of confidentiality arrangements and copyright, trademark, and patent registrations. We have registered some marks and filed trademark applications for other marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Trademark Bureau of the State Administration of Industry and Commerce in China and the Trade Marks Registry in Hong Kong. We have also registered copyrights with the State Copyright Bureau in China with respect to certain of our software products, although we have not applied for copyright protection elsewhere (including the United States). We have filed some patent applications and have acquired some existing patents in the PRC for certain hardware products used or developed in our business. Despite these precautions, the legal regime protecting intellectual property rights in China is weak. Moreover, Bonson Information Technology Holdings, Ltd., which we acquired in February, 2002 had never registered copyrights for its software products prior to the acquisition. Because the Chinese legal system in general, and the intellectual property regime in particular, are relatively weak, it is often difficult to enforce intellectual property rights in China. In addition, there are other countries where effective copyright, trademark and trade secret protection may be unavailable or limited.

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We do not own any patents and have not filed any patent applications for software products, as we do not believe that the benefits of patent protection outweigh the costs of filing and updating patents for our software products. We enter into confidentiality agreements with most of our employees and consultants, and control access to, and distribution of, our documentation and other licensed information. Despite these precautions, it may be possible for a third party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our licensed services or technology without authorization, or to develop similar technology independently. Policing unauthorized use of our licensed technology is difficult and there can be no assurance that the steps we take will prevent misappropriation or infringement of our proprietary technology. In addition, litigation may be necessary to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets or to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others, which could result in substantial costs and diversion of our resources.

A portion of our business involves the development and customization of software applications for customers. We generally retain significant ownership or rights to use and market such software for other customer projects, where possible. However, our customers sometimes retain co-ownership and rights to use the applications, processes, and intellectual property so developed. In some cases, we may have no right or only limited rights to reuse or provide these developments in projects involving other customers. To the extent that we are unable to negotiate contracts which permit us to reuse source-codes and methodologies, or to the extent that we have conflicts with our customers regarding our ability to do so, we may be unable to provide similar solutions to our other customers.

*We are exposed to certain business and litigation risks with respect to technology rights held by third parties.*

We currently license technology from third parties and intend to do so increasingly in the future as we introduce services that require new technology. There can be no assurance that these technology licenses will be available to us on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. Our inability to obtain any of these licenses could delay or compromise our ability to introduce new services. In addition, we may or may allegedly breach the technology rights of others and incur legal expenses and damages, which could be substantial.

Investors may not be able to enforce judgments by United States courts against certain of our officers and directors.

We are incorporated in the State of Delaware. However, a majority of our directors and executive officers, and certain of our principal shareholders, live outside of the United States, principally in Beijing and Hong Kong. As a result, you may not be able to:

effect service of process upon those persons within the United States; or

enforce against those persons judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments relating to the federal securities laws of the United States.

*We do not intend to pay and may be restricted from paying dividends on our common stock.*

We have never declared or paid dividends on our capital stock and we do not intend to declare any dividends in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain future earnings to fund our growth. Furthermore, if we decide to pay dividends, foreign exchange and other regulations in China may restrict our ability to distribute retained earnings from China or convert those payments from Renminbi into foreign currencies.

*The fact that our business is conducted in both U.S. dollars and Renminbi may subject us to currency exchange rate risk due to fluctuations in the exchange rate between those two currencies.*

Substantially all of our revenues, expenses and liabilities are denominated in either U.S. dollars or Renminbi. As a result, we are subject to the effects of exchange rate fluctuations between those currencies. Because of the unitary exchange rate system introduced in China on January 1, 1994, the official bank exchange rate for conversion of Renminbi to U.S. dollars experienced a devaluation of approximately 50%. We report our financial results in U.S. dollars, therefore, any future devaluation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar may have

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an adverse effect on our reported net income. Substantially all our revenues and expenses relating to hardware sales are denominated in U.S. dollars, and substantially all our revenues and expenses relating to the software and services component of our business are denominated in Renminbi. The value of our shares may be affected by the foreign exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Renminbi because the value of our business is effectively denominated in Renminbi, while our shares are traded in U.S. dollars. Furthermore, an increase in the value of the Renminbi may require us to exchange more U.S. dollars into Renminbi to meet the working capital requirements of our subsidiaries in China. Depreciation of the value of the U.S. dollar will also reduce the value of the cash we hold in U.S. dollars, which we may use for purposes of future acquisitions or other business expansion.

### ***The markets in which we sell our services and products are competitive and we may not be able to compete effectively.***

Our main domestic competitors in China include local systems integration and IT services firms, including Digital China, Huawei, Linkage and Neusoft. Our international competitors include multinational companies such as IBM Global Services, HP Services, Oracle, Sibel, Convergys and SAP, who are establishing more active presences in the IT services market in China. In addition, top international consulting companies such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Ernst & Young, Accenture, and KPMG, have also entered China's IT services market.

In the human resources management and business intelligence software sector, our competitors include large international information technology companies such as SAP, Oracle, IBM and PeopleSoft, as well as domestic players such as UFSOFT and Kingdee.

Our competitors, some of whom have greater financial, technical and human resources than we have, may be able to respond more quickly to new and emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements or devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sale of new products or services. It is possible that competition in the form of new competitors or alliances, joint ventures or consolidation among existing competitors may decrease our market share. Increased competition could result in lower personnel utilization rates, billing rate reductions, fewer customer engagements, reduced gross margins and loss of market share, any one of which could materially and adversely affect our profits and overall financial condition.

### ***Political and economic policies of the Chinese government could affect our industry in general and our competitive position in particular.***

Since the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949, the Communist Party has been the governing political party in China. The highest bodies of leadership are the Politburo of the Communist Party, the Central Committee and the National People's Congress. The State Council, which is the highest institution of government administration, reports to the National People's Congress and has under its supervision various commissions, agencies and ministries, including The Ministry of Information Industry, the telecommunications regulatory body of the Chinese government. Since the late 1970s, the Chinese government has been reforming the Chinese economic system. Although we believe that economic reform and the macroeconomic measures adopted by the Chinese government have had and will continue to have a positive effect on economic development in China, there can be no assurance that the economic reform strategy will not from time to time be modified or revised. Such modifications or revisions, if any, could have a material adverse effect on the overall economic growth of China. Such developments could reduce, perhaps significantly, the demand for our products and services. Furthermore, changes in political, economic and social conditions in China, adjustments in policies of the Chinese government or changes in laws and regulations could adversely affect our industry in general and our competitive position in particular.

Recently, the Chinese government's increased measures to control economic growth have contributed and will continue to contribute to cautious spending by our telecommunications customers. Such measures may also result in the delay of certain large telecommunications-related projects,

which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

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*High technology and emerging market shares have historically experienced extreme volatility and may subject you to losses.*

The trading price of our shares may be subject to significant market volatility due to investor perceptions of investments relating to China and Asia, as well as developments in the telecommunications industry. In addition, the high technology sector of the stock market frequently experiences extreme price and volume fluctuations, which have particularly affected the market prices of many software companies and which have often been unrelated to the operating performance of those companies.

*If our stock price is volatile, we may become subject to securities litigation, which is expensive and could result in a diversion of resources.*

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a particular company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been brought against that company. Many companies in our industry have been subject to this type of litigation in the past, and we are currently involved in this type of litigation as a result of allegedly improper allocation procedures relating to the sale of our common stock in connection with our initial public offering in March of 2000. For more information on that litigation, please see the discussion under the heading "Item 1. Legal Proceedings" in Part II of this report. Litigation is often expensive and diverts management's attention and resources, which could materially and adversely affect our business.

*Future sales of shares by existing stockholders could cause the market price of our common stock to fall.*

If our stockholders sell substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, including shares issued upon the exercise of outstanding options, the market price of our common stock could fall. Such sales also might make it more difficult for us to sell equity or equity-related securities in the future at a time and price that we deem appropriate.

*A small number of stockholders controls us.*

A small number of shareholders, including Warburg-Pincus Ventures, and their affiliates, as well as Edward Tian, one of our directors, James Ding, our Chairman, and several of our other directors and officers control approximately 50% of our voting stock. As a result, these stockholders collectively are able to control all matters requiring stockholder approval, including election of directors and approval of significant corporate transactions, such as a sale of our assets and the terms of future equity financings. The combined voting power of our large stockholders could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control.

*We are subject to anti-takeover provisions that could prevent a change of control and prevent our stockholders from realizing a premium on their common stock.*

Our board of directors has the authority to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of our preferred stock. Without any further vote or action on the part of our stockholders, the board of directors has the authority to determine the price, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of the preferred stock. This preferred stock, if it is ever issued, may have preference over and harm the rights of the holders of our common stock. Although the issuance of this preferred stock will provide us with flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, such an



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issuance may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire a majority of our outstanding voting stock.

We currently have authorized the size of our board of directors to be not less than three nor more than ten directors. The terms of the office of the ten-member board of directors have been divided into three classes: Class I, whose term will expire at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held in 2006; Class II, whose term will expire at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2007; and Class III, whose term will expire at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2005. This classification of the board of directors may have the effect of delaying or preventing changes in our control or management.

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, the statute prohibits a publicly-held Delaware corporation from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the date when the person became an interested stockholder unless, subject to certain exceptions, the business combination or the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder is approved in a prescribed manner. Generally, a business

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combination includes a merger, asset or stock sale, or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the stockholder; and an interested stockholder includes any person that is the owner of 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock or is an affiliate or associate of ours.

### *Our change of control severance agreements with executive officers may discourage a change of control.*

Recently, we have entered into change of control severance agreements with several of our executive officers. These agreements provide, among other things, that the executive officers would be entitled to various benefits upon the occurrence of either a covered termination (as defined therein) or a change of control (as defined therein), including payment of one year of base salary and bonus, immediate vesting of 50% of any outstanding unvested stock options held by the executive officer and provisions of medical benefits and housing allowance. The potential obligations to pay the executive officers the above amounts may discourage a potential acquiror from effecting a change of control.

## **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

We are exposed to interest-rate risk primarily associated with our cash, short-term investments and short-term bank loans. To date, we have not entered into any types of derivatives to hedge against interest-rate changes.

We are exposed to exchange rate risk in connection with the relative value of the U.S. dollar and the Renminbi. Substantially all of our revenues and expenses relating to hardware sales are denominated in U.S. dollars, and substantially all of our revenues and expenses relating to the service and software components of our business are denominated in Renminbi. We maintain a significant portion of our cash deposits in U.S. dollars to avoid currency risk related to Renminbi. A portion of these U.S. dollar deposits are used to collateralize Renminbi denominated loans from Chinese banks.

The value of our shares will be affected by the foreign exchange rate between U.S. dollars and Renminbi because the value of our business is effectively denominated in Renminbi, while our shares are traded in U.S. dollars. Furthermore, an increase in the value of the Renminbi may require us to exchange more U.S. dollars into Renminbi to meet the working capital requirements of our subsidiaries in China. Depreciation of the value of the U.S. dollar will also reduce the value of the cash we hold in U.S. dollars, which we may use for purposes of future acquisitions or business expansion. We actively monitor our exposure to these risks and adjust our cash position in the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar when we believe such adjustments will reduce our foreign exchange risk. For example, in February 2004 we exchanged approximately \$28 million cash in U.S. dollar into Renminbi.

There have been no significant changes in our exposure to changes in either interest rates or foreign currency exchange rates for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. Our exposure to interest rates is limited as we do not have variable rate and long-term borrowings. We are subject to variable interest rates on our bank deposits that are short-term investments. As there are no significant market price movements, such investments are held at cost. As of September 30, 2004, a hypothetical 10% immediate increase or decrease in interest rates would increase our annual interest expense by approximately \$24 or decrease our annual interest income by approximately \$158,900, respectively.

## **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

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Within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-14 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective. There were no significant changes in our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect those controls subsequent to the date of our evaluation.

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On December 4, 2001, a securities class action case was filed in New York City against us, certain of our officers and directors and the underwriters of our initial public offering, or IPO. The lawsuit alleged violations of the federal securities laws and was docketed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York as *Hassan v. AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., et al.* The lawsuit alleged, among other things, that the underwriters of our IPO improperly required their customers to pay the underwriters excessive commissions and to agree to buy additional shares of our common stock in the aftermarket as conditions to their purchasing shares in our IPO. The lawsuit further claimed that these supposed practices of the underwriters should have been disclosed in our IPO prospectus and registration statement. The suit seeks rescission of the plaintiffs' alleged purchases of our common stock as well as unspecified damages. In addition to the case against us, various other plaintiffs have filed approximately 1,000 other, substantially similar class action cases against approximately 300 other publicly traded companies and their IPO underwriters in New York City, which along with the case against us have all been transferred to a single federal district judge for purposes of case management. On July 15, 2002, together with the other issuer defendants, we filed a collective motion to dismiss the consolidated, amended complaints against the issuers on various legal grounds common to all or most of the issuer defendants. The underwriters also filed separate motions to dismiss the claims against them. On October 9, 2002, the court dismissed without prejudice all claims against the individual defendants in the litigation. The dismissals were based on stipulations signed by those defendants and the plaintiffs' representatives. On February 19, 2003, the court issued its ruling on the motions to dismiss filed by the underwriter and issuer defendants. In that ruling the court granted in part and denied in part those motions. As to the claims brought against us under the anti-fraud provisions of the securities laws, the court dismissed all such claims without prejudice. As to the claims brought under the registration provisions of the securities laws, which do not require that intent to defraud be pleaded, the court denied the motion to dismiss such claims as to us and as to substantially all of the other issuer defendants. The court also denied the underwriter defendants' motion to dismiss in all respects.

In June 2003, based on a decision made by a special independent committee of our board of directors, we elected to participate in a proposed settlement agreement with the plaintiffs in this litigation. If ultimately approved by the court, this proposed settlement would result in a dismissal, with prejudice, of all claims in the litigation against us and against any of the other issuer defendants who elect to participate in the proposed settlement, together with the current or former officers and directors of participating issuers who were named as individual defendants. The proposed settlement does not provide for the resolution of any claims against the underwriter defendants, and the litigation against those defendants is continuing. The proposed settlement provides that the class members in the class action cases brought against the participating issuer defendants will be guaranteed a recovery of \$1 billion by insurers of the participating issuer defendants. If recoveries totaling \$1 billion or more are obtained by the class members from the underwriter defendants, however, the monetary obligations to the class members under the proposed settlement will be satisfied. In addition, all participating issuer defendants will be required to assign to the class members certain claims that we may have against the underwriters.

The proposed settlement contemplates that any amounts necessary to fund the settlement or settlement-related expenses would come from participating issuers' directors and officers liability insurance policy proceeds as opposed to funds of the participating issuer defendants themselves. A participating issuer defendant could be required to contribute to the costs of the settlement if that issuer's insurance coverage were insufficient to pay that issuer's allocable share of the settlement costs. We expect that our insurance proceeds will be sufficient for these purposes and that we will not otherwise be required to contribute to the proposed settlement. Consummation of the proposed settlement is conditioned upon, among other things, negotiating, executing, and filing with the court final settlement documents, and final approval by the court. If the proposed settlement described above is not consummated, we intend to continue to defend the litigation vigorously. Moreover, if the proposed settlement is not consummated, we believe that the underwriters may have an obligation to indemnify us for the legal fees and other costs of defending this suit and that our directors' and officers' liability insurance policies would also cover the defense and potential exposure in the suit. While we cannot guarantee the outcome of these proceedings, we believe that the final result of these actions will have no material effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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

On March 2, 2000, our Registration Statement on Form S-1 covering the offering of 5,000,000 shares of our common stock (No.333-93199) was declared effective. The underwriters in the offering exercised an over-allotment option to purchase an additional 750,000 shares of our common stock. The total price to the public for the shares offered and sold was \$138,000,000. The net proceeds of the offering (after deducting expenses) was approximately \$126,610,000.

The net proceeds have been used for general corporate purposes, including working capital, and expenses such as research and development and sales and marketing, as well as acquisition or investment in complementary businesses or products. The remaining net proceeds from the offering have been invested in cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments. The use of proceeds from the offering does not represent a material change in the use of proceeds described in the prospectus contained in the Registration Statement on Form S-1 described above. None of the net proceeds of the offering have been paid directly or indirectly to our directors, officers or their associates, to persons owning ten percent or more of our common stock, or to our affiliates.

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**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Beneficial Ownership Structure of Lenovo Computer System and Technology Services Co., Ltd. and Lenovo Security Technologies, Inc.**

The following chart provides an outline of this structure:

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- (1) Mr. Bing Yu is a director of our company and head of Lenovo-AsiaInfo. He will own 25% of the equity interest in Lenovo Security Technologies, Inc., or Lenovo Security.
  - (2) Ms. Zheng Wang is director of investments of our company. She will own 24% of the equity interest in Lenovo Security.
  - (3) Legend Holdings Limited, or Legend Holdings, is the parent of Lenovo Group Limited, or Lenovo Group, and will own 51% of the equity interest in Lenovo Security.
  - (4) As part of our acquisition of the non-telecommunications related information technology services business of Lenovo Group, Legend Holdings has agreed to establish Lenovo Security with Mr. Bing Yu and Ms. Zheng Wang. The purpose of this structure is to assist us in obtaining certain business licenses and qualifications that are necessary for the operation of the systems integration businesses involving state secrets, which is part of the business acquired from Lenovo Group. Initially we will not have any ownership interest in Lenovo Security. Through Lenovo-AsiaInfo, we will enter into a series of contractual arrangements with Lenovo Security and its shareholders that will provide us with control of Lenovo Security.
  - (5) We do not currently have any ownership interest in Lenovo Computer System and Technology Services Co., Ltd., or Lenovo Computer. Through Lenovo-AsiaInfo, we have entered into a series of contractual arrangements with Lenovo Computer and its shareholders providing us with control of Lenovo Computer.

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As previously reported in our Form 8-K filed on October 25, 2004, we completed the closing of our acquisition of Lenovo Group Limited's, or Lenovo Group's, non-telecommunications related information technology services business on October 19, 2004. In connection with the closing of the acquisition, we and Lenovo Group entered into a supplement to the acquisition agreement dated as of October 1, 2004, which sets forth certain supplemental understandings and agreements regarding the structure of the acquisition and other terms and conditions. Among other things, the supplement sets forth the structure of the acquisition of Lenovo's IT services business that relates to systems integration involving state secrets. Under the supplement, the parties agreed that Legend Holdings Limited, or Legend Holdings, the parent of Lenovo Group, will establish a subsidiary in China, Lenovo Security Technologies Ltd., or Lenovo Security. Legend Holdings will own 51% of the equity interest in Lenovo Security, and two of our employees who are PRC citizens, Mr. Bing Yu and Ms. Zheng Wang, will hold the remaining equity interest. The purpose of Lenovo Security is to obtain the necessary licenses and qualifications for the systems integration businesses involving state secrets, after which Lenovo Security will be transferred to us (unless it has been transferred earlier, under certain circumstances). Through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Lenovo-AsiaInfo Technologies, Inc., or Lenovo-AsiaInfo, we will enter into a series of contractual arrangements with Lenovo Security and its shareholders whereby we will enjoy effective control of Lenovo Security and all of the economic benefit of the operation of Lenovo Security's business.

This structure was developed in order to comply with the current prohibition under PRC laws and regulations on foreign persons or foreign-invested enterprises from engaging in systems integration businesses involving state secrets, and to comply with certain licensing requirements with respect to such business. We and our subsidiaries are considered foreign persons or foreign-invested enterprises under PRC laws. Therefore, we will enter into the following contractual agreements with Lenovo Security and its shareholders to conduct such business in China. The principal terms of these agreements are described below.

***Loan Agreements.*** Lenovo-AsiaInfo will provide a loan to each of Legend Holdings, Mr. Bing Yu and Ms. Zheng Wang to fund their respective contributions to the registered capital of Lenovo Security. Pursuant to the terms of the Equity Transfer Arrangement Agreements, the loans will only be repayable through the transfer by each of Legend Holdings, Mr. Bing Yu and Ms. Zheng Wang of their respective equity interests in Lenovo Security to Lenovo-AsiaInfo.

***Power of Attorneys.*** Each of the Legend Holdings, Mr. Bing Yu and Ms. Zheng Wang, will irrevocably appoint Lenovo-AsiaInfo as attorney-in-fact to vote on their behalf on all matters they are entitled to vote on, including matters relating to the transfer of any and all of their respective equity interests in Lenovo Security and the appointment of directors and senior management members of Lenovo Security. The term of each of the power of attorneys will be seven years and two months.

***Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement.*** Lenovo Security will appoint Lenovo-AsiaInfo as its exclusive services provider to provide it with complete business support services and consulting services. The term of this agreement will be ten years. In consideration for our services, Lenovo Security will pay Lenovo-AsiaInfo a consulting and service fee equal to all of its revenue.

***Share Pledge Agreements.*** Each of Legend Holdings, Mr. Bing Yu and Ms. Zheng Wang will pledge all of their respective equity interests in Lenovo Security as security for the payment of the service fee under the exclusive business cooperation agreement. In the event that any of them breaches any of their respective obligations under the exclusive business cooperation agreement, we will be entitled to sell the equity interests held by them and retain the proceeds from such sale or require any of them to transfer their respective equity interests in Lenovo Security to Lenovo-AsiaInfo.

***Equity Transfer Arrangement Agreements.*** Upon the earlier of (1) October 19, 2011, (2) the occurrence of an event of default as set forth in the equity transfer arrangement agreements and (3) the exercise by Lenovo-AsiaInfo of its option to purchase all of the equity interest in Lenovo Security, Lenovo-AsiaInfo will purchase, and each of Legend Holdings, Mr. Bing Yu and Ms. Zheng Wang will sell, all of their respective equity interests in Lenovo Security to Lenovo-AsiaInfo in consideration of the cancellation by Lenovo-AsiaInfo of all outstanding loans made to

each of them under their respective loan agreements with Lenovo-AsiaInfo.



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During the transition period from the date of closing of the acquisition to the earlier of (1) the date when Lenovo Security has received the Information System Integration Qualification from the Ministry of Information Industry of China (which is a pre-requisite qualification for the operation of the systems integration businesses involving state secrets) and (2) the date when Lenovo-AsiaInfo acquires all of Legend Holdings equity interest in Lenovo Security pursuant to the terms of the equity transfer arrangement agreements described above, we intend to operate the system integration businesses involving state secrets through Lenovo Computer. We have entered into similar contractual arrangements with Lenovo Computer to operate such business during this transitional period. The principal terms of these agreements are described below.

**Power of Attorneys.** Each of the Lenovo Manufacturing Limited, or Lenovo Manufacturing, and Lenovo Beijing Limited, or Lenovo Beijing, has irrevocably appointed Lenovo-AsiaInfo as attorney-in-fact to vote on their behalf on all matters they are entitled to vote on, including matters relating to the transfer of any and all of their respective equity interests in Lenovo Computer and the appointment of directors and senior management members of Lenovo Computer. The term of each of the power of attorneys is seven years and two months.

**Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement.** Lenovo Computer has appointed Lenovo-AsiaInfo as its exclusive services provider to provide it with complete business support services and consulting services. The term of this agreement is ten years. In consideration for our services, Lenovo Computer will pay Lenovo-AsiaInfo a consulting and service fee equal to all of its revenue.

**Share Pledge Agreements.** Each of Lenovo Manufacturing and Lenovo Beijing will pledge all of their respective equity interests in Lenovo Computer as security for the payment of the service fee under the exclusive business cooperation agreement. In the event that any of them breaches any of their respective obligations under the exclusive business cooperation agreement, we will be entitled to sell the equity interests held by them and retain the proceeds from such sale or require any of them to transfer their respective equity interests in Lenovo Computer to Lenovo-AsiaInfo.

**Equity Transfer Arrangement Agreements.** Upon the earlier of (1) the receipt by Lenovo Security of the Information System Integration Qualification (Level I) from the Ministry of Information Industry of China, which is a pre-requisite qualification for the operation of the system integrations businesses involving state secrets, (2) the purchase by Lenovo-AsiaInfo of all of Legend Holding's equity interest in Lenovo Security and (3) the occurrence an event of default as set forth in the equity transfer arrangement agreements, Lenovo-AsiaInfo will purchase, and each of Lenovo Manufacturing and Lenovo Beijing will sell, all of their respective equity interests in Lenovo Computer to Lenovo-AsiaInfo for an aggregate consideration of RMB100.

## **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K**

### ***(a) Exhibits***

Please see the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

### ***(b) Reports on Form 8-K***

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We furnished Current Reports on Form 8-K on:

August 19, 2004, with respect to the retirement of Alan Bickell from and the appointment of Yungang Lu to our board of directors;

September 1, 2004, with respect to the resignation of Michael Zhao from, and the appointment of Davin Mackenzie to our board of directors;

October 25, 2004, with respect to the closing of the acquisition of the non-telecommunications related information technology services business from Lenovo Group Limited in a transaction valued at approximately \$36.3 million, the appointment of Mr. Bing Yu to our board of directors, and amendments to our by-laws;

on October 27, 2004, with respect to our quarterly earnings announcement for the quarter ended September 30, 2004; and

on October 28, 2004, with respect to certain Regulation FD disclosure.

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Signature

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

AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc.

Date: November 9, 2004

By:           /s/ Ying Han          

Name: Ying Han  
Title: Chief Financial Officer  
(duly authorized officer  
and principal financial officer)

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**Exhibit****Number Description Exhibits**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description Exhibits</b>
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., dated June 8, 1998*
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., dated August 27, 1999*
3.3	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., dated November 15, 2000**
3.4	Certificate of Correction to Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., dated January 18, 2001**
3.5	Amended and Restated By-Laws of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., dated October 21, 2004(Incorporated by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 25, 2004)
4.1	Specimen Share Certificate representing AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. shares of common stock*
10.1	2002 Stock Option Plan, approved and adopted as of April 18, 2003 (Incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement for the 2003 Annual Meeting of stockholders filed on March 21, 2003)
10.15	Acquisition Agreement between AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and Lenovo Group Limited dated July 27, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 9, 2004)
10.16	Supplement and Amendment No.1 to Acquisition Agreement dated as of October 1, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 25, 2004)
10.17	Trademark License Agreement between Bonson Information Technology Limited and Lenovo (Beijing) Limited dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)
10.18	Patent, Copyright and Technology License Agreement between Lenovo (Beijing) Limited, Legend Holdings Limited, Bing Yu and Zheng Wang dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)
10.19	Patent Assignment Agreement between Lenovo (Beijing) Limited, Legend Holdings Limited, Bing Yu and Zheng Wang dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)
10.20	Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreement between Lenovo-AsiaInfo Technologies, Inc. and Lenovo Computer System and Technology Services Co., Ltd. dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)
10.21	Share Pledge Agreement between Lenovo-AsiaInfo Technologies, Inc., Lenovo (Beijing) Limited and Lenovo Computer System and Technology Services Co., Ltd. dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)
10.22	Share Pledge Agreement between Lenovo-AsiaInfo Technologies, Inc., Lenovo Manufacturing Limited and Lenovo Computer System and Technology Services Co., Ltd. dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)
10.23	Equity Transfer Arrangement Agreement between Lenovo-AsiaInfo Technologies, Inc., Lenovo Group Limited, Lenovo (Beijing) Limited, Lenovo Manufacturing Limited, Lenovo Computer System and Technology Services Co., Ltd. and Bonson Information Technology Limited dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)

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- 10.24 Power of Attorney executed by Lenovo (Beijing) Limited dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)
- 10.25 Power of Attorney executed by Lenovo Manufacturing Limited dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)
- 10.26 Loan Agreement between Lenovo-AsiaInfo Technologies, Inc. and Legend Holdings Limited dated October 19, 2004 (filed herewith)
- 10.27 Employment Agreement between AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and Bing Yu dated September 9, 2004 (filed herewith)
- 10.28 Employment Agreement between AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and Yue Ma dated October 1, 2004 (filed herewith)
- 11.1 Statement regarding computation of per share earnings (included in note 11 to condensed consolidated financial statements)
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page to this report)
- 31.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
- 31.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer required by Rules 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)

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\* Incorporated by reference to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No.333-93199).

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