

ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES INC

Form 10-Q

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005**

**Commission File Number 1-10367**

**Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies, Inc.**

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

**Delaware**

*(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)*

**71-0675758**

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

**914 N Jefferson Street**

**Post Office Box 1237**

**Springdale, Arkansas**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

**72765**

*(Zip Code)*

**(479) 756-7400**

*(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)*

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

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

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date. As of November 11, 2005, the number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Class A common stock, which is the class registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, was 37,641,403 and the number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's Class B Common Stock was 1,465,530.

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|   | <b>September 30,<br/>2005<br/>(unaudited)</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2004</b> |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| Current assets:   |   |                              |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 1,938,420                                  | \$ 1,078,536                 |
| Restricted cash   | 1,547,260                                     | 679,635                      |
| Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$348,191 at<br>September 30, 2005 and \$153,526 at December 31, 2004          | 3,676,675                                     | 2,554,594                    |
| Inventories   | 8,261,604                                     | 7,392,838                    |
| Prepaid expenses  | 1,006,755                                     | 586,637                      |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   | <b>16,430,714</b>                             | <b>12,292,240</b>            |
| Land, buildings and equipment:  |   |                              |
| Land  | 1,983,033                                     | 1,612,243                    |
| Buildings and leasehold improvements  | 5,679,004                                     | 5,413,115                    |
| Machinery and equipment   | 35,387,033                                    | 33,524,077                   |
| Transportation equipment  | 904,297                                       | 775,669                      |
| Office equipment  | 755,542                                       | 755,000                      |
| Construction in progress  | 5,513,315                                     | 2,363,936                    |
|   | 50,222,224                                    | 44,444,040                   |
| Less accumulated depreciation   | 22,053,076                                    | 18,963,479                   |
| <b>Net land, buildings, and equipment</b>   | <b>28,169,148</b>                             | <b>25,480,561</b>            |
| Other assets:   |   |                              |
| Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$504,038 at<br>September 30, 2005 and \$373,336 at December 31, 2004 | 3,081,064                                     | 3,211,766                    |
| Debt service reserve fund   | 2,093,475                                     | 2,057,792                    |
| Other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$357,020 at<br>September 30, 2005 and \$335,590 at December 31, 2004        | 205,154                                       | 298,434                      |
| <b>Total other assets</b>   | <b>5,379,693</b>                              | <b>5,567,992</b>             |
|   | <b>\$49,979,555</b>                           | <b>\$43,340,793</b>          |

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

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**ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**Balance Sheets**  
**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

|  | <b>September 30,<br/>2005<br/>(unaudited)</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2004</b> |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| Current liabilities:   |   |                              |
| Accounts payable - trade   | \$ 9,904,934                                  | \$ 8,486,792                 |
| Accounts payable - related parties   | 3,084,972                                     | 2,280,781                    |
| Current maturities of long-term debt   | 858,427                                       | 1,133,168                    |
| Accrued payroll expense  | 1,215,925                                     | 401,183                      |
| Other accrued liabilities  | 1,694,929                                     | 2,533,605                    |
| Notes payable - related parties  | 325,000                                       | 600,000                      |
| Notes payable - other  | 1,031,838                                     | 327,682                      |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>   | <b>18,116,025</b>                             | <b>15,763,211</b>            |
| Long-term debt, less current maturities  | 15,538,301                                    | 15,571,068                   |
| Accrued premium on convertible preferred stock   | 207,000                                       | 276,000                      |
| Commitments and contingencies  |   |                              |
| Stockholders' equity:  |   |                              |
| Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized; 2,760 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004   | 2,760   | 2,760                        |
| Class A common stock, \$.01 par value; 75,000,000 shares authorized; 34,731,403 and 32,032,123 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively | 347,314                                       | 320,322                      |
| Class B convertible common stock, \$.01 par value; 7,500,000 shares authorized, 1,465,530 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004                    | 14,655  | 14,655                       |
| Warrants outstanding; 9,786,242 at September 30, 2005 and 14,890,867 at December 31, 2004  | 4,779,627                                     | 6,917,544                    |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 30,638,845                                    | 27,376,565                   |
| Accumulated deficit  | (19,664,972)                                  | (22,901,332)                 |
| <b>Total stockholders' equity</b>  | <b>16,118,229</b>                             | <b>11,730,514</b>            |
| <b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>  | <b>\$ 49,979,555</b>                          | <b>\$ 43,340,793</b>         |

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**ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)**

|   | <b>Three months ended<br/>September 30,</b> |               | <b>Nine months ended<br/>September 30,</b> |               |
|---|---|---------------|--|---------------|
|   | <b>2005</b>                                 | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2005</b>                                | <b>2004</b>   |
| Net sales   | \$ 23,099,857                               | \$ 18,975,717 | \$ 63,997,598                              | \$ 48,359,413 |
| Cost of goods sold  | 16,833,583                                  | 13,279,972    | 48,677,078                                 | 35,890,957    |
| Gross margin  | 6,266,274                                   | 5,695,745     | 15,320,520                                 | 12,468,456    |
| Selling and administrative costs  | 3,993,730                                   | 3,573,535     | 10,338,488                                 | 8,781,314     |
| Operating income  | 2,272,544                                   | 2,122,210     | 4,982,032                                  | 3,687,142     |
| Other income (expense):   |   |               |  |               |
| Insurance proceeds related to lost income                                       |   |               |  | 8,720         |
| Interest income   | 1,227                                       | 1,877         | 8,933                                      | 3,774         |
| Interest expense  | (552,826)                                   | (554,589)     | (1,547,605)                                | (1,598,309)   |
|   | (551,599)                                   | (552,712)     | (1,538,672)                                | (1,585,815)   |
| Income before extraordinary item and accrued premium on preferred stock         | 1,720,945                                   | 1,569,498     | 3,443,360                                  | 2,101,327     |
| Accrued premium on preferred stock  | (69,000)                                    | (69,000)      | (207,000)                                  | (207,000)     |
| Income before extraordinary item  | 1,651,945                                   | 1,500,498     | 3,236,360                                  | 1,894,327     |
| Extraordinary gain on involuntary conversion of non-monetary assets due to fire |   |               |  | 173,536       |
| Net income applicable to common stock   | \$ 1,651,945                                | \$ 1,500,498  | \$ 3,236,360                               | \$ 2,067,863  |
| Income per share of common stock before extraordinary item (Basic)              | \$ 0.05                                     | \$ 0.05       | \$ 0.09                                    | \$ 0.06       |
| Income per share of common stock before extraordinary item (Diluted)            | \$ 0.04                                     | \$ 0.04       | \$ 0.08                                    | \$ 0.05       |
| Extraordinary gain per share of common stock (Basic)                            |   |               |  | \$ 0.01       |
| Extraordinary gain per share of common stock (Diluted)                          |   |               |  | \$ 0.00       |
| Income per share of common stock after extraordinary item (Basic)               | \$ 0.05                                     | \$ 0.05       | \$ 0.09                                    | \$ 0.07       |

|   |            |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income per share of common stock after extraordinary item (Diluted) | \$ 0.04    | \$ 0.04    | \$ 0.08    | \$ 0.05    |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (Basic)        | 35,839,655 | 31,666,791 | 35,160,351 | 31,460,989 |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding (Diluted)      | 42,653,792 | 42,808,000 | 42,283,336 | 41,721,301 |

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**ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**

|   | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |              |
|---|--|--------------|
|   | <b>2005</b>                                | <b>2004</b>  |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |  |              |
| Net income applicable to common stock   | \$ 3,236,360                               | \$ 2,067,863 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |              |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 3,130,502                                  | 3,047,602    |
| Premium accrued on preferred stock  | 207,000                                    | 207,000      |
| Provision for returns   | 194,665                                    |              |
| Extraordinary gain on involuntary conversion of non-monetary assets due to fire   |  | (173,536)    |
| Decrease in other assets  | 166,869                                    | 85,316       |
| Increase in cash restricted for letter of credit and interest costs               | (229,971)                                  | (273,217)    |
| Changes in current assets and current liabilities                                 | (1,351,933)                                | (542,752)    |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 5,353,492                                  | 4,418,276    |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |  |              |
| Purchases of land, buildings and equipment  | (4,105,679)                                | (4,142,009)  |
| Insurance proceeds from involuntary disposition of property and equipment         |  | 669,012      |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | (4,105,679)                                | (3,472,997)  |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |  |              |
| Proceeds from issuance of notes   | 700,000                                    | 1,350,000    |
| Payments on notes   | (2,161,886)                                | (2,519,121)  |
| Increase in cash restricted for payment of long-term debt                         | (637,654)                                  | (526,980)    |
| Increase in outstanding advances on factored receivables                          | 975,732                                    | 503,401      |
| Debt acquisition costs  |  | 11,100       |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options and warrants, net                         | 735,879                                    | 571,268      |
| Net cash used in financing activities   | (387,929)                                  | (610,332)    |
| Increase in cash and cash equivalents   | 859,884                                    | 334,947      |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period                                    | 1,078,536                                  | 1,056,211    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period  | \$ 1,938,420                               | \$ 1,391,158 |



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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1: Unaudited Information**

Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies, Inc. (the Company or AERT) has prepared the financial statements included herein without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). However, all adjustments have been made to the accompanying financial statements which are, in the opinion of the Company's management, of a normal recurring nature and necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's operating results. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented herein not misleading. It is recommended that these financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's latest annual report on Form 10-K. The Company has reclassified certain prior period amounts to conform to the current period presentation.

**Note 2: Description of the Company**

Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies, Inc. (AERT) develops, manufactures and markets composite building materials that are used in place of traditional wood or plastic products for exterior applications in building and remodeling homes and for certain other industrial or commercial building purposes. Our products are made primarily from approximately equal amounts of waste wood fiber, which have been cleaned, sized and reprocessed, and recycled polyethylene plastics. Our products have been extensively tested, and are sold by leading national companies such as the Weyerhaeuser Company (Weyerhaeuser), Lowe's Companies, Inc. (Lowe's) and Therma-Tru Corporation. Since our inception in 1989, we have sold approximately \$333 million of products into the North American market place. Our composite building materials are marketed as a substitute for wood and plastic filler materials for standard door components, windowsills, brick mould, fascia board, decking and heavy industrial flooring under the trade names LifeCycle®, MoistureShield®, MoistureShield® CornerLoc®, Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek® Classic, Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek® Plus, Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek® Premium, ChoiceDek® Classic Colors, ChoiceDek® Premium Colors and MoistureShield® outdoor decking. We operate manufacturing facilities in Springdale, Lowell, and Tontitown, Arkansas; Junction, Texas and Alexandria, Louisiana. In the first quarter of 2005, we added a warehouse and reload complex in Lowell, Arkansas. We also have a third composite extrusion plant, which we refer to as Springdale South, under construction on a site adjacent to our existing Springdale facility. We anticipate that Springdale South will start production in the first quarter of 2006. Our customers are primarily regional and national door and window manufacturers, Weyerhaeuser, our primary decking customer, and various building product distributors.

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**Note 3: Extraordinary Items**

On March 28, 2003, there was an accidental fire at the Junction, Texas plant. The Company began demolition and partial rebuilding in April 2003. The initial restoration project, completed in May 2003, was designed and intended to get the plant back into immediate production in order to hold on to a portion of its customers, and included the rebuilding of one extrusion line that had been partially damaged, electrical system replacement, and roof replacement. The second extrusion line recommenced operations in May 2004. The Junction plant was thought to be fully insured for fire damage and business interruption, with a three tier policy of \$9,575,000, as of the date of the fire.

Our total insurance claim related to the fire was \$7.8 million. We had three tiers of insurance coverage, each tier from a different insurance provider. The first two tiers paid up to the limit of their coverage, which totaled \$6 million. Our third tier provider, Lloyd's London, refused to pay any amount related to our claim (see Note 9. Commitments and Contingencies). Due to the fire, gross assets were written down by approximately \$4.91 million, along with the associated accumulated depreciation on those assets in the amount of \$3.96 million, resulting in a net book value decrease in assets of about \$950,000. Insurance proceeds received from our second tier insurance provider to reimburse costs incurred to reconstruct the facility resulted in a gain of \$173,536 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. Additionally, the Company recorded \$11,213 in business interruption insurance during the first nine months of 2004, including \$8,720 to replace lost income and \$2,493 to cover fixed expenses. In addition, the Company had initially booked a receivable of approximately \$864,000 and related gain in the first quarter of 2004 for amounts we expect to collect from the insurers related to such matter. However, such claims are now being contested by the insurer and, although we intend to vigorously pursue the collection of such claims, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, we reversed any receivable and associated gain for the first quarter of 2004 attributable to such disputed claims unless and until such claims are collected.

**Note 4: Statements of Cash Flows**

In order to determine net cash provided by operating activities, net income has been adjusted by, among other things, changes in current assets and current liabilities, excluding changes in cash and cash equivalents, current maturities of long-term debt and current notes payable. Those changes, shown as an (increase) decrease in current assets and an increase

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(decrease) in current liabilities, are as follows for the nine months ended September 30:

|                            | <b>2005</b><br><b>(unaudited)</b> | <b>2004</b><br><b>(unaudited)</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Receivables                | \$ (1,316,746)                    | \$ (783,857)                      |
| Inventories                | (868,766)                         | (1,422,168)                       |
| Prepaid expenses and other | 851,468                           | 692,954                           |
| Accounts payable -         |                                   |                                   |
| Trade and related parties  | (113,956)                         | 49,289                            |
| Accrued liabilities        | 96,067                            | 921,030                           |
|                            | \$ (1,351,933)                    | \$ (542,752)                      |
| Cash paid for interest     | \$ 1,370,689                      | \$ 1,296,431                      |

**Supplemental Disclosures of Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities:**

|   | <b>2005</b><br><b>(unaudited)</b> | <b>2004</b><br><b>(unaudited)</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Notes payable for financing of insurance policies                 | \$1,271,584                       | \$1,066,083                       |
| Accounts / notes payable for equipment                            | 1,672,506                         | 1,607,025                         |
| Accrued premium on preferred stock paid with Class A common stock | 276,000                           | 276,000                           |
| Interest paid with Class A common stock                           | 120,000                           |                                   |

**Note 5: Significant Accounting Policies****Revenue Recognition Policy**

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, *Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements* (SAB 104). Under SAB 104, revenue is recognized when the title and risk of loss have passed to the customer, there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the sales price is determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. The Company typically recognizes revenue at the time product is shipped or when segregated and billed under a bill and hold arrangement. The terms of this agreement qualify for revenue recognition under SAB 104. Sales are recorded net of discounts, rebates, and returns.

Estimates of expected sales discounts are calculated by applying the appropriate sales discount rate to all unpaid invoices that are eligible for the discount. The Company's sales prices

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are determinable given that the Company's sales discount rates are fixed and given the predictability with which customers take sales discounts.

**Shipping and Handling**

In accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue 00-10, *Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs*, the Company records shipping fees billed to customers in net sales and records the related expenses in cost of goods sold.

**Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market. Inventories consisted of the following:

|                 | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2005<br/>(unaudited)</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2004</b> |
|-----------------|---|------------------------------|
| Raw materials   | \$ 4,850,896                                      | \$ 5,479,344                 |
| Work in process | 1,204,379   | 891,473                      |
| Finished goods  | 2,206,329   | 1,022,021                    |
|                 | <b>\$ 8,261,604</b>                               | <b>\$ 7,392,838</b>          |

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Research and Development**

Expenditures relating to the development of new products and processes, including significant improvements to existing products, are expensed as incurred.

**Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company adopted the disclosure-only provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* (SFAS 123). Beginning in 2005, the Company has modified its employee/director equity compensation policies to generally provide restricted stock awards rather than stock options. Restricted stock

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awards are expensed as a portion of compensation costs. The following tables illustrate the effect on net income and earnings per share if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123 to stock-based employee compensation for the following periods:

|  | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>September 30:</b> |              |
|--|---|--------------|
|  | <b>2005</b>                                 | <b>2004</b>  |
| Net income applicable to common stock, as reported   | \$ 1,651,945                                | \$ 1,500,498 |
| Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards | 5,454                                       | 108,005      |
| Net income applicable to common stock, proforma  | \$ 1,646,491                                | \$ 1,392,493 |
| Net income per share of common stock:  |   |              |
| Basic as reported  | \$ 0.05                                     | \$ 0.05      |
| Basic pro forma  | \$ 0.05                                     | \$ 0.04      |
| Diluted as reported  | \$ 0.04                                     | \$ 0.04      |
| Diluted pro forma  | \$ 0.04                                     | \$ 0.03      |

|  | <b>Nine Months Ended September 30:</b> |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
|  | <b>2005</b>                            | <b>2004</b>                                    |   |
|  |  | <b>Before<br/>Extra-<br/>ordinary<br/>Item</b> | <b>After<br/>Extra-<br/>ordinary<br/>Item</b> |
| Net income applicable to common stock, as reported   | \$ 3,236,360                           | \$ 1,894,327                                   | \$ 2,067,863                                  |
| Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards | 18,055                                 | 243,267  | 243,267                                       |
| Net income applicable to common stock, proforma  | \$ 3,218,305                           | \$ 1,651,060                                   | \$ 1,824,596                                  |
| Net income per share of common stock:  |  |  |   |
| Basic as reported  | \$ 0.09                                | \$ 0.06  | \$ 0.07                                       |
| Basic pro forma  | \$ 0.09                                | \$ 0.05  | \$ 0.06                                       |
| Diluted as reported  | \$ 0.08                                | \$ 0.05  | \$ 0.05                                       |
| Diluted pro forma  | \$ 0.08                                | \$ 0.04  | \$ 0.04                                       |

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In November 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 151, *Inventory Costs, an Amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4* (SFAS 151). SFAS 151 amends the guidance in ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, *Inventory Pricing*, to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage). Additionally, this statement requires that allocation of fixed production overheads to the costs of conversion be based on the normal

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capacity of the production facilities. The Company is required to adopt the provisions of this statement no later than the beginning of the first fiscal year beginning after June 15, 2005. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 151 to have a material effect on the Company's financial statements and related disclosures.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, *Share-Based Payment* (SFAS 123R). SFAS 123R is a revision of SFAS 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and its related implementation guidance. This statement requires a public entity to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award (with limited exceptions) and requires that cost to be recognized in the financial statements. In March 2005, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107, which includes interpretations that express views of the SEC staff regarding the interaction between SFAS 123R and certain SEC rules and regulations and provide the staff's views regarding the valuation of share-based payment arrangements for public companies. The Company is required to adopt the provisions of SFAS 123R no later than the beginning of the first interim or annual reporting period of the Company's first fiscal year that begins on or after June 15, 2005. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 123R to have a material effect on the Company's financial statements and related disclosures, particularly since the Company during 2005 has begun to more generally issue restricted stock awards rather than stock option awards.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 153, *Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, an Amendment of APB Opinion No. 29* (SFAS 153). The guidance in APB Opinion 29, *Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions*, is based on the principle that exchanges of nonmonetary assets should be measured based on the fair value of the assets exchanged. SFAS 153 amends APB Opinion 29 to eliminate an exception for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replaces it with a general exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. The Company is required to adopt the provisions of this statement no later than the beginning of the first fiscal period beginning after June 15, 2005. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 153 to have any effect on the Company's financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*, which replaces APB Opinion No. 20, *Accounting Changes* and FASB Statement 3, *Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements*. This statement changes the requirements for the accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle, including all voluntary changes in accounting principles. It also applies to changes required by an accounting pronouncement in the unusual instance that the pronouncement does not include specific transition provisions. This statement requires voluntary changes in accounting principles be recognized retrospectively to prior periods' financial statements, rather than

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recognition in the net income of the current period. Retrospective application requires restatements of prior period financial statements as if that accounting principle had always been used. This statement carries forward without change the guidance contained in Opinion 20 for reporting the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements and a change in accounting estimate. The provisions of SFAS No. 154 are effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005.

**Note 6: Income Taxes**

No income tax provision was recorded for the three or nine months ended September 30, 2005, due to the realization of previously unrecognized net operating loss carryforwards. The Company continues to provide a valuation allowance against the deferred tax asset resulting from net operating loss carryforwards.

**Note 7: Segment Information**

SFAS No. 131 *Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information* (SFAS 131), establishes standards for the way that public business enterprises report information about operating segments in annual financial statements and requires that those enterprises report selected information about operating segments in interim financial reports issued to shareholders. SFAS 131 requires that a public business enterprise report financial and descriptive information about its reportable operating segments. A reportable operating segment is defined as a component of an enterprise:

That engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and expenses,

Whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the enterprise's chief operating decision maker, and

For which discrete financial information is available.

As of September 30, 2005, the Company does not have available discrete financial information to disclose gross margin by product line. All operating expenses are allocated primarily on capacity. Corporate overhead is not allocated by product line and neither are selected assets. Net sales segregated by product line and gross margin by plant location are as follows:

**Net Sales Three months ended September 30:**

|   | <b>2005</b>          | <b>2004</b>          |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Commercial and residential decking surface components | \$ 19,336,734        | \$ 15,428,179        |
| Exterior door, window and housing trim components     | 3,763,123            | 3,547,538            |
|   | <b>\$ 23,099,857</b> | <b>\$ 18,975,717</b> |



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|   | <b>2005</b>          | <b>2004</b>          |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Commercial and residential decking surface components | \$ 53,451,221        | \$ 39,584,990        |
| Exterior door, window and housing trim components     | 10,546,377           | 8,774,423            |
|   | <b>\$ 63,997,598</b> | <b>\$ 48,359,413</b> |

**Gross Margin -  
Three months ended September 30:**

|                    | <b>2005</b>         |                     | <b>2004</b>         |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                    | <b>Springdale</b>   | <b>Junction</b>     | <b>Springdale</b>   | <b>Junction</b>     |
| Net sales          | \$ 17,993,079       | \$ 5,106,778        | \$ 13,678,454       | \$ 5,297,263        |
| Cost of goods sold | 12,746,685          | 4,086,898           | 9,660,893           | 3,619,079           |
| Gross margin       | <b>\$ 5,246,394</b> | <b>\$ 1,019,880</b> | <b>\$ 4,017,561</b> | <b>\$ 1,678,184</b> |

**Gross Margin -  
Nine months ended September 30:**

|                    | <b>2005</b>          |                     | <b>2004</b>          |                     |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                    | <b>Springdale</b>    | <b>Junction</b>     | <b>Springdale</b>    | <b>Junction</b>     |
| Net sales          | \$ 49,747,513        | \$ 14,250,085       | \$ 36,326,022        | \$ 12,033,391       |
| Cost of goods sold | 37,224,577           | 11,452,501          | 25,912,379           | 9,978,578           |
| Gross margin       | <b>\$ 12,522,936</b> | <b>\$ 2,797,584</b> | <b>\$ 10,413,643</b> | <b>\$ 2,054,813</b> |

**Note 8: Earnings Per Share**

The Company calculates and discloses earnings per share (EPS) in accordance with SFAS No. 128, *Earnings Per Share* (SFAS 128). SFAS 128 replaces the presentation of Primary EPS with Basic EPS and requires dual presentation of Basic and Diluted EPS on the face of the statements of operations and requires a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the Basic EPS computation to the numerator and denominator of the Diluted EPS computation. Basic EPS excludes dilution and is computed by dividing income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the Company. Diluted EPS is computed similarly to Fully Diluted EPS pursuant to Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 15, *Earnings Per Share*.

In computing Diluted EPS, only potential common shares that are dilutive those that reduce earnings per share or increase loss per share are included. Exercise of options and warrants or conversion of convertible securities is not assumed if the result would be antidilutive, such as when a loss from continuing operations is reported. The control number for determining whether including potential common shares in the diluted EPS computation would be antidilutive is income from continuing operations. As a result, if there were a loss from continuing operations, Diluted EPS would be computed in the same manner as Basic EPS is

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computed, even if an entity has net income after adjusting for discontinued operations, an extraordinary item or the cumulative effect of an accounting change.

|  | <b>Three Months Ended September<br/>30:</b> |              |
|--|---|--------------|
|  | <b>2005</b>                                 | <b>2004</b>  |
| Net income applicable to common stock (A)  | \$ 1,651,945                                | \$ 1,500,498 |
| Assumed exercise of stock options and warrants                                     | 14,020,603                                  | 20,014,003   |
| Application of assumed proceeds toward repurchase of stock at average market price | (7,206,466)                                 | (8,872,794)  |
| Net additional shares issuable   | 6,814,137                                   | 11,141,209   |
| Adjustment of shares outstanding:  |   |              |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding   | 35,839,655                                  | 31,666,791   |
| Net additional shares issuable   | 6,814,137                                   | 11,141,209   |
| Adjusted shares outstanding (B)  | 42,653,792                                  | 42,808,000   |
| Net income per common share Diluted (A) divided by (B)                             | \$ 0.04                                     | \$ 0.04      |
| Antidilutive and/or non-exercisable options  | 832,500                                     | 1,107,500    |
| Antidilutive and/or non-exercisable warrants                                       | 1,021,269                                   | 2,333,933    |

|  | <b>Nine Months Ended September 30:</b> |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
|  | <b>2005</b>                            | <b>2004</b>                                    |   |
|  |  | <b>Before<br/>Extra-<br/>ordinary<br/>Item</b> | <b>After<br/>Extra-<br/>ordinary<br/>Item</b> |
| Net income applicable to common stock (A)  | \$ 3,236,360                           | \$ 1,894,327                                   | \$ 2,067,863                                  |
| Assumed exercise of stock options and warrants                                     | 14,020,603                             | 19,965,503                                     | 19,965,503                                    |
| Application of assumed proceeds toward repurchase of stock at average market price | (6,897,618)                            | (9,705,191)                                    | (9,705,191)                                   |
| Net additional shares issuable   | 7,122,985                              | 10,260,312                                     | 10,260,312                                    |
| Adjustment of shares outstanding:  |  |  |   |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding   | 35,160,351                             | 31,460,989                                     | 31,460,989                                    |
| Net additional shares issuable   | 7,122,985                              | 10,260,312                                     | 10,260,312                                    |
| Adjusted shares outstanding (B)  | 42,283,336                             | 41,721,301                                     | 41,721,301                                    |
| Net income per common share -  |  |  |   |

|  |    |           |    |           |    |           |
|--|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|
| Diluted (A) divided by (B)                   | \$ | 0.08      | \$ | 0.05      | \$ | 0.05      |
| Antidilutive and/or non-exercisable options  |    | 832,500   |    | 1,156,000 |    | 1,156,000 |
| Antidilutive and/or non-exercisable warrants |    | 1,021,269 |    | 2,333,933 |    | 2,333,933 |

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The Company has additional options and warrants that were not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the quarters and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 as indicated in the tables above. Those options and warrants were antidilutive and/or not exercisable during those periods. Although the above financial instruments were not included due to being antidilutive and/or not exercisable, such financial instruments may become dilutive and would then need to be included in future calculations of Diluted EPS. Except in the case the Company incurs a loss from continuing operations, the conversion of all series of preferred stock is assumed in calculating Diluted EPS.

**Note 9: Commitments and Contingencies**

We have been sued by certain underwriters at Lloyd's, London (Lloyd's) in connection with a pending final settlement of our Junction, Texas fire claim. Our total claim was \$7.8 million. We had three tiers of insurance coverage, each tier from a different insurance provider. The first two tiers paid up to the limit of their coverage, which totaled \$6 million. Our third tier provider, Lloyd's, refused to pay any amount related to our claim.

Lloyd's filed suit January 19, 2005 in the Circuit Court of Washington County, Arkansas seeking a declaratory judgment, declaring that they are not liable to reimburse us for certain costs of rebuilding the AERT Junction, Texas facility. Lloyd's alleges that we did not rebuild the facility exactly as it had existed prior to the March 2003 fire and that we committed fraud in seeking reimbursement for alleged improvements made to the facility. Lloyd's also seeks to retroactively cancel its portion of the insurance policy. The filing was unexpected by us because we had cooperated fully with the claims underwriting process and negotiations toward a final settlement of the claim seemed to be progressing prior to the lawsuit.

We believe the Lloyd's lawsuit is without merit. We filed an answer to the complaint and a counterclaim on January 24, 2005 in which we denied all material allegations that we had deliberately and fraudulently submitted a claim and had wrongfully classified our losses, and are affirmatively seeking to recover actual damages of at least \$1.8 million plus attorney and court fees. Our counterclaim also includes a claim against Lloyd's for its bad faith failure to pay under the policy of insurance issued to AERT. If this bad faith claim is established and proven, it would expose Lloyd's to punitive damages.

**Note 10: Subsequent Events**

**Long-term Debt**

On October 4, 2005, we entered into a construction loan in the amount of \$1,932,000 with Liberty Bank of Arkansas to refinance existing indebtedness on ten acres of land owned by us in Washington County, Arkansas and to construct and develop a third composite extrusion plant on that land, which is adjacent to our existing Springdale facility. The loan is evidenced by a loan agreement and a promissory note, each of which contains customary terms, conditions, restrictions, and other provisions. The loan is secured by (i) certain liens and encumbrances set forth in a related mortgage on the land; (ii) an assignment of leases and rents encumbering the land and any lease thereof; and (iii) any financing statements filed by the bank.

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The loan requires that all development, construction and any related improvements, landscaping and other work with respect to the land financed with the proceeds of the loan must be completed no later than September 28, 2006 (the Completion Deadline ). The loan will mature three years after the Conversion Date (meaning the Completion Deadline or any earlier date that we elect to begin repayment of principal and interest), unless we default on the loan or we and the bank mutually agree on a different maturity date ( Maturity ). The loan requires interest-only payments prior to the Conversion Date followed by principal and interest payments from the Conversion Date through Maturity. From the Conversion Date through Maturity, we will be required to make consecutive monthly payments of principal and interest amortized over a twenty five (25) year period with a final payment of all outstanding sums due, including without limitation, principal and accrued interest due and payable upon Maturity. The loan contemplates that we will be required to make a balloon payment of all outstanding principal and accrued interest upon Maturity.

The loan bears interest: (a) from October 4, 2005 until the Conversion Date, at a fixed rate equal to the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate of Interest plus 25 basis points determined on the Conversion Date and (b) from the Conversion Date until maturity at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate of Interest plus 100 basis points.

**Preferred Stock**

On November 10, 2005, all 2,760 shares of our outstanding preferred stock were converted into 2,300,000 shares of Class A common stock, pursuant to the mandatory conversion feature of the preferred stock.

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

As a growing business in an expanding market, we faced many challenges over the last year, including:

Our rapid growth requires increasing amounts of working capital. We have inadequate working capital, which has limited our capital expansion and efficiency programs. A major contributor to this inadequacy was the failure of our insurance carrier to pay the full amount of our fire insurance claim on the Junction, Texas plant. This limited our ability to meet our customers' needs by slowing the reconstruction of the Texas plant.

World political instability, rapid economic growth in Asia, and a series of hurricanes along the U.S. Gulf Coast have significantly raised the cost for our principal raw material, polyethylene.

The Gulf Coast hurricanes have raised the cost of operating our Alexandria, Louisiana recycling plant as trucking companies are being paid a premium rate to service the region's reconstruction activities.

We have been overly dependent for raw materials on outside plastic recycling companies and virgin resin producers. As some of our suppliers faced their own challenges from rapidly rising plastic scrap prices, AERT was periodically left without an adequate quantity and quality of materials for our composite board extrusion lines. This negatively affected our ability to keep up with growing customer orders. We were periodically forced to purchase alternative feedstock, such as virgin polyethylene, to keep our factories running and meet our obligations to our customers. The higher priced input materials pushed up our cost of goods sold and depressed our gross margin. Our ability to respond to the shifting market conditions was hampered by insufficient capital resources, which was partially caused by the insurance carrier's failure to pay the fire claim.

We were overly dependent on one customer. Since 1995, we have sold our decking products exclusively to Weyerhaeuser, who resold it through their distribution system. Over time, Weyerhaeuser's business strategy has shifted and we believed that their distribution system was not allowing us to grow and adequately compete in some attractive market segments. In particular, their reluctance to take and hold independent lumber dealer inventory each year during the fourth quarter has limited our growth and tied up our working capital.

Our aggressive growth objectives have increased the need for human capital.

We believe that an excessive overhang of common stock warrants limits institutional participation in the market for our stock in the near term, which depresses our stock price and limits our access to additional equity capital.

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During 2005 and beyond, we are focused on alleviating these impediments to our growth and profitability. For example:

We are investing in additional in-house plastic recycling capacity that will allow us to reduce recycling costs by processing more scrap plastic internally.

We are investing in new technologies that will allow us to use forms of scrap plastic that are not suitable for most plastic manufacturing applications. This will help us manage raw material costs in the face of continuing instability in the polyethylene market, which we expect.

We are working to increase our extruder throughputs and further improve our efficiencies.

Our new Springdale South plant and raw material system is under construction and should be operational in the first quarter of 2006.

We are further automating our existing manufacturing facilities.

We have added a warehouse and reload complex in Lowell, Arkansas.

We are completing the reconstruction of the Texas plant.

We are evaluating ways to reduce logistical costs at the Alexandria facility, but we may close that plant until transportation costs in the region allow for economic viability. The facility currently employs about 20 people.

We continue to focus on increasing gross margins through price increases and increased operating efficiencies.

We are re-evaluating the margin and profit contribution of all our product lines.

We have renegotiated the distribution arrangements with Weyerhaeuser to allow us to sell decking products to other customers, though Weyerhaeuser retains an exclusive right to purchase ChoiceDek products for re-sale to Lowe's Home Improvement stores. Over 80% of Weyerhaeuser's 2004 purchases from us were for re-sale to Lowe's. The August 2004 agreement with Weyerhaeuser allows us to sell our new MoistureShield decking product to the non-home improvement segments of the market. Broadening decking distribution through a group of regional, smaller, and more product-focused decking distributors will allow us to provide better customer service and support to commercial contractors. It will also allow us to reduce our reliance on any given customer. The MoistureShield decking line fills a need in the commercial market segment for a high quality, competitively priced composite decking product. Although there has been only a limited regional marketing effort thus far, initial results are exceeding our expectations. As our production capacity increases, we will be able to serve additional markets. We believe that our previous exposure in the lumber dealer marketplace and our product's unparalleled product field history will provide substantial future growth for the MoistureShield line.

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We are pursuing additional sources of working capital financing and construction financing.

We are aggressively recruiting additional AERT associates for senior and middle management levels.

Many of the outstanding stock warrants will expire in 2005 and 2006, with the balance expiring in 2007.

We continue to build brand recognition and our reputation with the quality of our products and our focus on customer service.



**Table of Contents****Results of Operations****Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2004**

The following table sets forth selected information from our statements of operations.

**Quarterly Comparison**

|  | <b>Three Months Ended September 30:</b> |                     |               |
|--|---|---------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2005</b>                             | <b>%<br/>Change</b> | <b>2004</b>   |
| Net sales  | \$ 23,099,857                           | 21.7%               | \$ 18,975,717 |
| Cost of goods sold                               | 16,833,583                              | 26.8%               | 13,279,972    |
| % of net sales                                   | 72.9%                                   | 2.9%                | 70.0%         |
| Gross margin                                     | 6,266,274                               | 10.0%               | 5,695,745     |
| % of net sales                                   | 27.1%                                   | -2.9%               | 30.0%         |
| Selling and administrative costs                 | 3,993,730                               | 11.8%               | 3,573,535     |
| % of net sales                                   | 17.3%                                   | -1.5%               | 18.8%         |
| Operating income                                 | 2,272,544                               | 7.1%                | 2,122,210     |
| % of net sales                                   | 9.8%                                    | -1.4%               | 11.2%         |
| Other income (expense):                          |   |                     |               |
| Net interest expense                             | (551,599)                               | -0.2%               | (552,712)     |
| Income before accrued premium on preferred stock | 1,720,945                               | 9.6%                | 1,569,498     |
| % of net sales                                   | 7.5%                                    | -0.8%               | 8.3%          |
| Accrued premium on preferred stock               | (69,000)                                |                     | (69,000)      |
| Net income applicable to common stock            | 1,651,945                               | 10.1%               | \$ 1,500,498  |
| % of net sales                                   | 7.2%                                    | -0.7%               | 7.9%          |

**Net Sales**

Our net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 are summarized as follows:

|                     | <b>Three months ended September 30:</b> |                     |              |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
|                     | <b>2005</b>                             | <b>%<br/>Change</b> | <b>2004</b>  |
| Springdale facility | \$17,993,079                            | 31.5                | \$13,678,454 |
| Junction facility   | 5,106,778                               | -3.6                | 5,297,263    |
| Total net sales     | \$23,099,857                            | 21.7                | \$18,975,717 |

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Demand for AERT products continues to grow, which drove higher third quarter sales in all three of our product lines: Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek, MoistureShield outdoor decking, and industrial components such as door rails and window sills.

Compared to the third quarter of 2004, net sales for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 increased through a combination of factors, including:

We implemented price increases in December 2004 and April 2005, which together accounted for approximately 46% of the increase;

Higher volume of unit sales and product mix accounted for approximately 54% of the increase.

Since we had the same number of extrusion lines operating in the third quarter 2005 as in third quarter 2004, increased unit sales were made possible by our Associates developing better, faster, and more efficient ways to make our products.

We believe we can continue to grow our sales. Limiting factors include, among other things, our ability to add production capacity, which depends on our ability to generate cash flow available to invest in new plant and equipment.

***Cost of Goods Sold and Gross Margin***

Our cost of goods sold, as a percent of sales, increased for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 compared to the same period of 2004. Labor costs were down, as a percent of sales, due to increased plant automation and manufacturing efficiency initiatives. Our manufacturing improvement programs also resulted in higher output per manufacturing line in the quarter compared to last year, reducing overhead costs as a percent of sales. Material costs were up significantly due to higher costs of polyethylene scrap prices. Polyethylene costs were jolted upward when hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast at the end of August, followed by hurricane Rita in late September. As a result, we expect our material costs will be higher in fourth quarter 2005 and into 2006. Sustained upward price movement of our raw materials has an adverse effect on our profitability.

Our gross profit margin was down from 30% in third quarter 2004 to 27.1% in third quarter 2005 as increased materials costs outweighed efficiency gains and a price increase. Although we continue to focus on improving our manufacturing and operating efficiencies, it is not possible to offset the continued increases in plastic prices through efficiency gains. We have therefore announced price increases for 2006 to partially offset a portion of the anticipated raw material price increases.

***Selling and Administrative Costs***

Selling and administrative costs decreased from 18.8% of sales in the quarter ended September 30, 2004 to 17.3% of sales in the quarter ended September 30, 2005 as we increased sales at a faster rate than overhead expenses. Employment costs, advertising and promotion, travel and entertainment, and professional fees related to Sarbanes Oxley and litigation

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collectively comprised 71% of sales and administrative expenses. We believe that we can continue to increase sales at a faster rate than SG&A expenses.

***Income Taxation***

Our \$23 million federal net operating loss carryforward continues to shield us from federal income taxes, allowing those funds to be used for our capital expansion program. We have nearly exhausted, however, our Arkansas net operating losses and future profits will be subject to the state corporate income tax. We have applied for certain Arkansas state income tax credits that apply to the construction of recycling facilities such as our new Springdale South plant.

***Net Income***

Net income increased 10.1% over third quarter 2004, but the margin of net income to sales decreased from 7.9% in third quarter 2004 to 7.2% in third quarter 2005. Higher raw material costs outweighed the efficiency gains in labor and general overhead expenses and price increases. Continued profitable operations depends on, among other things, our ability to manage raw material costs and our ability to pass along some of the increased costs in the form of higher prices to our customers.

**Table of Contents*****Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004***

The following table sets forth selected information from our statements of operations.

|   | <b>Nine Months Ended September 30:</b> |               |               |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|
|   |  | %             |               |
|   | <b>2005</b>                            | <b>Change</b> | <b>2004</b>   |
| Net sales   | \$ 63,997,598                          | 32.3%         | \$ 48,359,413 |
| Cost of goods sold  | 48,677,078                             | 35.6%         | 35,890,957    |
| % of net sales  | 76.1%                                  | 1.9%          | 74.2%         |
| Gross margin  | 15,320,520                             | 22.9%         | 12,468,456    |
| % of net sales  | 23.9%                                  | -1.9%         | 25.8%         |
| Selling and administrative costs  | 10,338,488                             | 17.7%         | 8,781,314     |
| % of net sales  | 16.2%                                  | -2.0%         | 18.2%         |
| Operating income  | 4,982,032                              | 35.1%         | 3,687,142     |
| % of net sales  | 7.8%                                   | 0.2%          | 7.6%          |
| Other income (expense):   |  |               |               |
| Insurance proceeds related to lost income   |  | -100.0%       | 8,720         |
| Net interest expense  | (1,538,672)                            | -3.5%         | (1,594,535)   |
| Income before extraordinary item and accrued premium on preferred stock           | 3,443,360                              | 63.9%         | 2,101,327     |
| Accrued premium on preferred stock  | (207,000)                              |               | (207,000)     |
| Income before extraordinary item  | 3,236,360                              | 70.8          | 1,894,327     |
| % of net sales  | 5.1%                                   | 1.2%          | 3.9%          |
| Extraordinary gain from involuntary conversion of non-monetary assets due to fire |  | -100.0%       | 173,536       |
| Net income applicable to common stock   | \$ 3,236,360                           | 56.5%         | \$ 2,067,863  |
| % of net sales  | 5.1%                                   | 0.8%          | 4.3%          |

***Net Sales***

Our net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 are summarized as follows:

|                     | <b>Nine months ended September 30:</b> |               |              |
|---------------------|--|---------------|--------------|
|                     |  | %             |              |
|                     | <b>2005</b>                            | <b>Change</b> | <b>2004</b>  |
| Springdale facility | \$49,747,513                           | 36.9          | \$36,326,022 |
| Junction facility   | 14,250,085                             | 18.4          | 12,033,391   |
| Total net sales     | \$63,997,598                           | 32.3          | \$48,359,413 |

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Demand for AERT products continues to grow, which drove higher sales in all three of our product lines: Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek, MoistureShield outdoor decking, and industrial components such as door rails and window sills.

Compared to the first nine months of 2004, net sales for the first nine months of 2005 increased through a combination of factors, including:

We implemented price increases in December 2004 and April 2005, which together accounted for approximately 31% of the year-over-year increase;

Reconstruction of the Texas plant from the fire damage accounted for about 7% of the increase; and

Higher volume of unit sales and product mix accounted for the remaining 62% of the increase.

Since we had the same number of extrusion lines operating in the first nine months of 2005 as in the same period of 2004, increased unit sales were made possible by our Associates developing better, faster, and more efficient ways to make our products.

We believe we can continue to grow our sales. Limiting factors include, among other things, our ability to add production capacity, which depends on our ability to generate cash flow available to invest in new plant and equipment.

***Cost of Goods Sold and Gross Margin***

Our cost of goods sold, as a percent of sales, increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to the same period of 2004. Labor costs were down, as a percent of sales, due to increased plant automation and manufacturing efficiency initiatives. Manufacturing overhead costs, as a percent of sales, were unchanged from the first nine months of 2004. Material costs were up significantly year-over-year due to higher costs of polyethylene scrap prices. Polyethylene costs rose steadily in the first half of 2005 and were jolted upward when hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast at the end of August, followed by hurricane Rita in late September. As a result, we expect our material costs will be higher in fourth quarter 2005 and into 2006. Sustained upward price movement of our raw materials has an adverse effect on our profitability.

The gross profit margin decreased to 23.9% from 25.8% as higher raw material costs outweighed gains in efficiency. Although we continue to focus on improving our manufacturing and operating efficiencies, it is not possible to offset the continued increases in plastic prices through efficiency gains. We have therefore announced price increases for 2006 to offset a portion of the anticipated raw material price increases.

***Selling and Administrative Costs***

Selling and administrative costs decreased from 18.2% of sales in the first nine months of 2004 to 16.2% of sales in the same period of 2005 as we increased sales at a faster rate than overhead expenses. Employment costs, advertising and promotion, sales commissions, travel

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and entertainment, and professional fees related to Sarbanes Oxley and litigation collectively comprised 74% of all sales and administrative expenses. We believe that we can continue to increase sales at a faster rate than SG&A expenses.

***Extraordinary Item***

The extraordinary gain in the first nine months of 2004 was due to the major fire at the Junction facility in March 2003. The Junction facility was, and is, fully insured. Insurance proceeds received from the second tier insurance provider to reimburse costs incurred to reconstruct the facility resulted in a gain of \$173,536 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. In addition, we recognized a total gain of approximately \$2.96 million in 2003 attributable to such insurance proceeds as the facility and equipment damaged had been nearly fully depreciated. There were no extraordinary gains in 2005.

***Income Taxation***

Our \$23 million federal net operating loss carryforward continues to shield us from federal income taxes, allowing those funds to be used for our capital expansion program. We have nearly exhausted, however, our Arkansas net operating losses and future profits will be subject to the state corporate income tax. We have applied for certain Arkansas state income tax credits that apply to the construction of recycling facilities such as our new Springdale South plant.

***Net Income***

Net income for the first nine months of 2005 increased about \$1.2 million, or 56.5%, over the first nine months of 2004. The margin of net income to sales increased to 5.1% from last year's margin of 4.3%, as gains in manufacturing efficiency and sales and administration efficiency gains combined with product price increases to offset the effect of higher raw material costs. While we expect that raw material costs will continue to be volatile, we are working to improve efficiencies by carefully managing overhead costs and by further automating our processes. We are also working to develop more efficient manufacturing techniques and throughputs, and ways to identify and utilize lower grades of scrap plastics. Continued profitable operations depends on, among other things, our ability to manage raw material costs and our ability to pass along some of the increased costs in the form of higher prices to our customers.

***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

At September 30, 2005, we had a working capital deficit of \$1.7 million, down from a working capital deficit of \$3.5 million at December 31, 2004. The working capital deficit at September 30, 2005 included total current liabilities of approximately \$18.1 million, of which \$2.9 million was for accrued payroll expense and other accrued liabilities, \$13.0 million was in payables and \$2.2 million was a combination of short-term notes payable and the current portion of long-term debt. Our continuing working capital deficit reflects strong product acceptance and sales, and management's decision to pay for capital expansion to serve the Company's customers using cash generated from operations. It also reflects our problems in obtaining reimbursement from Lloyd's London for rebuilding the Junction plant due to fire damage. Additionally,

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pursuant to our bond agreement, we are required to maintain a debt service reserve fund in the amount of approximately \$2.0 million, which is classified as a non-current asset in our balance sheet.

Unrestricted cash increased by \$859,884 to \$1,938,420 at September 30, 2005 from December 31, 2004. Significant components of that increase were: (i) cash provided by operating activities of \$5,353,492, which consisted of the net income for the period of \$3,236,360 increased by depreciation and amortization of \$3,130,502 and decreased by other uses of cash of \$1,013,370; (ii) cash used in investing activities of \$4,105,679; and (iii) cash used in financing activities of approximately \$387,929. Payments on notes during the period were \$2,161,886, including \$975,000 to Brooks Investment Company, a related party. Proceeds from the issuances of notes amounted to \$700,000, which was completely comprised of amounts borrowed from Brooks Investment Company. At September 30, 2005, we had bonds and notes payable in the amount of \$17.8 million, of which \$2.2 million was current notes payable and the current portion of long-term debt.

We spent approximately \$5.8 million on capital expansion during the first nine months of 2005. Expenditures were primarily for construction at our second Springdale manufacturing site, machinery at our existing Springdale manufacturing facility and machinery at our Lowell plastic processing facility. New capital projects have been funded primarily from cash flow available after meeting our operating and fixed obligations, so there has been no assurance as to when, or if, funds would be available to complete our planned capital projects.

Our capital improvement budget for 2005 is currently estimated at \$12.8 million, of which we believe we can finance up to \$6 million through long-term debt and operating leases; the balance of required funds is intended to come from cash flow. As described below, we have thus far secured \$1.9 million of the desired \$6 million. We have received proposals from financial institutions to provide the additional \$4.1 million, but there is no assurance that such funding will be finalized. If we are not able to secure additional debt or lease funding, our capital expansion program will be delayed.

On October 4, 2005, we entered into a construction loan in the amount of \$1,932,000 with Liberty Bank of Arkansas to refinance existing indebtedness on ten acres of land owned by us in Washington County, Arkansas and to construct and develop an extension of our manufacturing facility currently existing on the land. The loan is evidenced by a loan agreement and a promissory note, each of which contains customary terms, conditions, restrictions, and other provisions. The loan is secured by (i) certain liens and encumbrances set forth in a related mortgage on the land; (ii) an assignment of leases and rents encumbering the land and any lease thereof; and (iii) any financing statements filed by the bank.

The loan requires that all development, construction and any related improvements, landscaping and other work with respect to the land financed with the proceeds of the loan must be completed no later than September 28, 2006 (the Completion Deadline). The loan will mature three years after the Conversion Date (meaning the Completion Deadline or any earlier date that we elect to begin repayment of principal and interest), unless we default on the loan or we and the bank mutually agree on a different maturity date (Maturity). The loan requires interest-only payments prior to the Conversion Date followed by principal and interest payments from the Conversion Date through Maturity. From the Conversion Date through Maturity, we

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shall be required to make consecutive monthly payments of principal and interest amortized over a twenty five (25) year period with a final payment of all outstanding sums due, including without limitation, principal and accrued interest due and payable upon Maturity. The loan contemplates that we will be required to make a balloon payment of all outstanding principal and accrued interest upon Maturity.

The loan bears interest: (a) from October 4, 2005 until the Conversion Date, at a fixed rate equal to the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate of Interest plus 25 basis points determined on the Conversion Date and (b) from the Conversion Date until maturity at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate of Interest plus 100 basis points.

We have proceeded with reconstruction of the fire-damaged Junction, Texas facility despite a dispute with our third tier insurance carrier, Lloyds of London, and have been required to invest \$1.4 million from cash flow. We have filed a claim seeking \$1.8 million from Lloyds, and the claim is currently being reevaluated based upon the replacement cost of the assets damaged in the fire.

Under the 2003 bond agreement, AERT covenants that it will maintain certain financial ratios. If we fail to comply with the covenants, or to secure a waiver there from, the bond trustee would have the option of demanding immediate repayment of the bonds. In such an event, it could be difficult for us to refinance the bonds, which could give the bond trustee the option to take us into bankruptcy.

| <b>Bonds payable and Allstate Notes Payable Quarterly Debt Covenants</b>              | <b>September<br/>30,<br/>2005</b> | <b>Compliance</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Long-term debt service coverage ratio for last four quarters of at least 2.00 to 1.00 | 2.91                              | Yes               |
| Current ratio of not less than 1.00 to 1.00 (as adjusted <sup>1</sup> )               | 1.02                              | Yes               |
| Not more than 10% of accounts payable in excess of 75 days past invoice date          | 7.6%                              | Yes               |
| Not more than 20% of accounts receivable in excess of 90 days past invoice date       | 0.1%                              | Yes               |

(1) The current ratio calculation was modified through December 31, 2005 by Allstate to include the debt service reserve fund of \$2,093,475 in current assets.

We believe that funds generated from operations will be adequate for us to pay operating expenses and meet our fixed obligations for the balance of 2005 and into the future. If we are unable to complete our 2005 capital expansion and efficiency improvement programs as planned, it will limit our ability to grow sales and profit margins in 2006.



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**Uncertainties, Issues and Risks**

There are many factors that could adversely affect AERT's business and results of operations. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions, significant price increases of plastic raw materials, decline in demand for our products, business or industry changes, critical accounting policies, government rules and regulations, environmental concerns, litigation, new products / product transition, product obsolescence, competition, acts of war, natural disasters, terrorism, public health issues, concentration of customer base, loss of a significant customer, management's failure to execute effectively, inability to obtain adequate financing (i.e. working capital), equipment breakdowns, low stock price, and fluctuations in quarterly performance.

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk.**

We have no material exposures relating to our long-term debt because all of our long-term debt bears interest at fixed rates. We depend on the market for favorable long-term mortgage rates to help generate sales of our product for use in the residential construction industry. Should mortgage rates increase substantially, our business could be impacted by a reduction in the residential construction industry. Important raw materials that we purchase are recycled plastic and wood fiber, which are subject to price fluctuations. We attempt to limit the impact of price increases on these materials by negotiating with each supplier on a term basis. We are continuing to recycle and process more plastic materials in-house to partially offset plastic price increases.

**Forward-Looking Information**

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Prior to making an investment, prospective investors should carefully consider the following factors, among others, and seek professional advice. In addition, this Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such forward-looking statements, which are often identified by words such as believes, anticipates, expects, estimates, should, may, will and similar expressions, represent our expectations and beliefs concerning future events. Numerous assumptions, risks, and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Prospective purchasers of our securities should carefully consider the information contained herein or in the documents incorporated herein by reference.

The foregoing discussion contains certain estimates, predictions, projections and other 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) that involve various risks and uncertainties. While these forward-looking statements, and any assumptions upon which they are based, are made in good faith and reflect management's current judgment regarding the direction of the business, actual results will almost always vary, sometimes materially, from any estimates, predictions, projections, or other future performance suggested herein. Some important factors (but not necessarily all factors) that could affect the sales volumes, growth

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strategies, future profitability and operating results, or that otherwise could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statement include the following: market, political or other forces affecting the pricing and availability of plastics and other raw materials; accidents or other unscheduled shutdowns affecting us, our suppliers or their customers plants, machinery, or equipment; competition from products and services offered by other enterprises; state and federal environmental, economic, safety and other policies and regulations, any changes therein, and any legal or regulatory delays or other factors beyond our control; execution of planned capital projects; weather conditions affecting our operations or the areas in which our products are marketed; adverse rulings, judgments, or settlements in litigation or other legal matters. We undertake no obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions to any such forward-looking statements that may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

Each of our Co-Chief Executive Officers, Joe G. Brooks and Stephen W. Brooks, and our Chief Financial Officer, Robert A. Thayer, have reviewed and evaluated the disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that we have in place as of September 30, 2005 with respect to, among other things, the timely accumulation and communication of information to management and the recording, processing, summarizing and reporting thereof for the purpose of preparing and filing this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. Based upon their review, these executive officers have concluded that, as of September 30, 2005, we have an effective system of disclosure controls and procedures and an effective means for timely communication of information required to be disclosed in this Report. During the quarter ended September 30, 2005, there have been no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

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

We held our 2005 annual meeting of stockholders on July 28, 2005. The following matters proposed by the board of directors were voted upon at that meeting.

Proposal 1: The stockholders approved the proposal to elect to the board of directors each of the nominees listed below.

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|                        | Votes For  | Votes Withheld |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Nominees               |            |                |
| Joe G. Brooks          | 37,884,883 | 527,872        |
| Marjorie S. Brooks     | 37,959,429 | 453,326        |
| Stephen W. Brooks      | 37,961,583 | 451,172        |
| Jerry B. Burkett       | 38,085,148 | 327,607        |
| Edward P. Carda        | 38,065,423 | 347,332        |
| Melinda Davis          | 38,084,948 | 327,807        |
| Tim W. Kizer           | 38,079,923 | 332,832        |
| Samuel L. Tony Milbank | 38,074,248 | 338,507        |
| Sal Miwa               | 38,083,948 | 328,807        |
| Jim Robason            | 38,062,748 | 350,007        |
| Michael M. Tull        | 38,066,348 | 346,407        |

Proposal 2: The stockholders approved the 2005 Key Associate and Management Equity Incentive Plan.

| For        | Against   | Abstain |
|------------|-----------|---------|
| 19,123,752 | 1,211,301 | 75,128  |

Proposal 3: The stockholders approved the 2005 Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Plan.

| For        | Against   | Abstain |
|------------|-----------|---------|
| 19,180,521 | 1,142,028 | 87,632  |

Proposal 4: The stockholders approved the proposal to ratify the appointment of Tullius Taylor Sartain and Sartain as our independent auditors.

| For        | Against | Abstain |
|------------|---------|---------|
| 38,178,917 | 91,020  | 142,818 |

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The exhibits listed in the accompanying Index to Exhibits are filed and incorporated by reference as part of this report.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

**ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL  
RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

By: /s/ JOE G. BROOKS

Joe G. Brooks,  
*Chairman, Co-Chief Executive Officer and President*

/s/ STEPHEN W. BROOKS

Stephen W. Brooks,  
*Co-Chief Executive Officer*

/s/ ROBERT A. THAYER

Robert A. Thayer,  
*Chief Financial Officer*

Date: November 14, 2005

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**Index to Exhibits**

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|---------------------------|--|
| 10.47                     | Loan Agreement   |
| 10.48                     | Promissory Note  |
| 31.1                      | Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, by the Company's chairman, co-chief executive officer and president |
| 31.2                      | Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, by the Company's co-chief executive officer                         |
| 31.3                      | Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, by the Company's chief financial officer                            |
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