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PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO 2.  
TO  
FORM SB-2  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC.  
(Name of small business issuer in its charter)

Nevada  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

2833  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

84-1575085  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:  
As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

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### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Dollar Amount To Be Registered	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(1)	Amount of registration fee
Units, consisting of two shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, one Class A public warrant to purchase one share of common stock and one Class B public warrant to purchase one share of common stock(2)	[     ]	[     ]	\$11,040,000	\$1,398.77
Shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, included in the units(3)				
Class A public warrants to purchase common stock included in the units(3)				
Shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, underlying the Class A public warrants included in the units(3)	[     ]	[     ]	\$8,280,000	\$1,049.08
Class B public warrants to purchase common stock included in the units(3)				
Shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, underlying the Class B public warrants included in the units(3)	[     ]	[     ]	\$11,040,000	\$1,398.77
Representative's warrants to purchase units(3)(4)	[     ]	[     ]	\$100	[     ]
Units issuable upon exercise of the Representative's warrants(3)	[     ]	[     ]	\$1,104,000	\$139.88
Shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, included in units underlying the Representative's warrants(3)				
Class A public warrants to purchase common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, included in units underlying the Representative's warrants(3)				
Shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, underlying the Class A public warrants included in the units issuable upon exercise of the Class A public warrants underlying the Representative's warrants(3)	[     ]	[     ]	\$828,000	\$104.91
Class B public warrants to purchase common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, included in the units underlying the Representative's warrants(3)				
Shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, underlying the public warrants included in the units issuable upon exercise of the Class B public warrants underlying the Representative's warrants(3)	[     ]	[     ]	\$1,104,000	\$139.88
<b>Total</b>	[     ]	[     ]	<b>\$33,396,100.00</b>	<b>\$4,231.29</b>

(1)

We intend to register units having an aggregate initial public offering price of approximately \$11,040,000, including units that may be sold on exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option. The number of units to be registered and the per unit price will depend on the market price of our common stock and the effect of a 1-for-5 reverse stock split of our common stock that we consummated on December 8, 2004 as well as any other reverse stock

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split we may effect prior to this offering.

- (2) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(o) solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee. Includes \_\_\_\_\_ units that the underwriters have the option to purchase to cover over-allotments, if any.
- (3) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, there are also being registered hereby such additional indeterminate number of shares as may become issuable pursuant to any antidilution provisions of the warrants and the Representative's warrants.
- (4) In connection with the sale of units, we are granting to the representative of the underwriters a warrant to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ units at a per unit purchase price equal to 120% of the public offering price of a unit. No registration fee is required pursuant to Rule 457(g).

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**The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Subject to completion, dated February 7, 2005**

**PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS**

**Units**

**each unit consisting of two shares of common stock, one redeemable Class A public warrant and one redeemable Class B public warrant**

This is a public offering of securities of VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. Our securities are being offered in units, each unit consisting of two shares of our common stock, one Class A public warrant to purchase one share of our common stock and one Class B public warrant to purchase one share of our common stock. The common stock and Class A and Class B public warrants offered by this prospectus will initially trade as a unit, until separated, at which time they will each trade separately. Currently, no public market exists for the units, or for the Class A or Class B public warrants. We currently estimate that the public offering price per unit will be between \$6.15 and \$7.15, consisting of \$6.00 to 7.00 attributable to the common stock, \$.10 per Class A public warrant and \$.05 per Class B public warrant.

Our common stock trades on the National Association of Securities Dealers Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board under the symbol "VCUB.OB." On \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, the last reported sales price of our common stock on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board was \$ \_\_\_\_\_. We have applied to the American Stock Exchange to list our common stock, units and Class A and Class B public warrants under the symbols "PRH," "PRH.U," "PRH.WS.A" and "PRH.WS.B," respectively, and plan to be so listed concurrently with the effectiveness of this offering.

**Investing in the securities offered by this prospectus involves significant risks. We urge you to read carefully the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 8 where we describe specific risks you should consider before buying these units.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

	Per Unit	Total
Public offering price	\$	\$9,600,000
Underwriting discount	\$	\$768,000
Proceeds to us, before expenses(1)	\$	\$8,832,000

(1) We expect total cash expenses for this offering to be approximately \$400,000. This does not include (i) a non-accountable expense allowance of 3% of the gross proceeds of this offering (not including proceeds from units sold as part of the underwriters' over-allotment, if any); and (ii) a financial advisory agreement with the representative of the underwriters for a period of 12 months commencing on the date of the closing of the offering for a fee of \$16,000 per month, or an aggregate of \$192,000.

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The units are being offered on a firm commitment basis. The underwriters expect to deliver the units to purchasers on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005. We have granted the underwriters a 45-day option to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ additional units to cover over-allotments. We have also agreed to sell to the representative underwriters' warrants to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ additional units.

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**THE SHEMANO GROUP**

**S.W. BACH & COMPANY**

**NEIDIGER TUCKER BRUNER INC.**

Prospectus dated

\_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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**YOUR RELIANCE ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS**

We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. These securities may be sold only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the effective date of this offering, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of the securities. You must not consider that the delivery of this prospectus or any sale of the securities covered by this prospectus implies that there has been no change in our affairs since the effective date of this offering or that the information contained in this prospectus is current or complete as of any time after the effective date of this offering.

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## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*You should read the following summary together with the more detailed information regarding us and the securities being offered for sale by means of this prospectus and our financial statements and notes to those statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. The following summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. Unless the context indicates otherwise, all references in this prospectus to "we," "our," "us" or the "Company" refer to VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc., and its subsidiaries, VitaCube Systems, Inc. ("V3S"), a Colorado corporation that was acquired by us in a stock-for-stock exchange in June 2003, and VitaCube Network, Inc., a Colorado corporation formed as our network marketing subsidiary in July 2003.*

### **Our Business**

We develop, sell, market and distribute nutritional supplement products primarily through direct sales or network marketing in which independent distributors sell our products, as well as purchase them for their own personal use. We also sell our products directly to professional and Olympic athletes and to professional sports teams.

Our independent distributors are encouraged to build a sales organization consisting of customers and other independent distributors that they recruit and enroll with us. The new independent distributors and customers are classified as part of the recruiting independent distributor's sales network in that distributor's "downline" organization.

Our network marketing program is designed to provide incentive for independent distributors to build, maintain and motivate a sales organization of customers and other independent distributors to enhance their earning potential. Our independent distributors are compensated with commissions and bonuses on sales generated through their downline organization.

Our product lines consist of two powdered beverages, 12 individual supplements packaged in our VitaCube®, and four supplements sold separately. Our VitaCube® is an easy to use, compartmentalized box with instructions for which supplements to take and the proper times to take them.

Our products were formulated for use by professional and Olympic athletes, with sales beginning in the third quarter of 2001. In 2002, we marketed our products to consumers through retail outlets and in-house telemarketing. In the third quarter of 2003, we refocused our marketing plan to concentrate on direct marketing while continuing to sell our products directly to professional and Olympic athletes and to professional sports teams.

### **Risk Factors**

Investing in the securities offered by this prospectus involves a high degree of risk, including:

we have incurred significant operating losses since inception and may never achieve profitability;

our independent auditor's report on our most recent audited financial statements contained an explanatory paragraph expressing doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern;

our direct sales program through independent distributors is new and unproven;

our success will depend to a large degree on our ability to attract and maintain productive independent sales distributors;

our reserve for product returns may not be sufficient if we have significant product returns;

we rely on third parties for production of our products;

we are dependent on our Chief Executive Officer; and



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we face intense competition and new products may render our products obsolete.

As an investor, you should be able to bear a complete loss of your investment. You should carefully consider the information set forth in the "Risk Factors" beginning on page 8 of this prospectus.

### **Our Business Strategy**

Our business strategy is centered on adding independent distributors, increasing the number of professional athletes endorsing our products to enhance our brand and developing additional products. We believe this plan should result in increased sales of our products. In the event our business plan is successful in the U.S., we would expect to expand our business to international markets. We are focusing on the following three key strategies:

**Add Proven Sales Leaders.** We plan to use a portion of the net proceeds from this offering to continue to recruit experienced sales leaders that can attract and train significant numbers of new independent distributors. In 2004, we entered into agreements with three sales leaders, each with more than 10 years of direct selling experience.

**Add New Endorsers.** We are seeking to add new endorsers in sports such as basketball, golf and NASCAR auto racing, all of which have a significant number of fans which we believe will be receptive to our products. We also believe that our endorsers in these sports will be beneficial to us in recruiting new independent distributors.

**Develop New Products.** In 2005, we plan to introduce two to four new products including a healthy "instant food" product and healthy snack to complement our current products.

### **Our Competitive Strengths**

We believe our core strengths are in five areas: brand position, product offerings, selling system, operational infrastructure and corporate management.

**Brand Position.** We believe that endorsements by professional and Olympic athletes help establish our brand with nutritional supplement consumers. We have entered into endorsement contracts with athletes in football, baseball, hockey, lacrosse, skiing, snowboarding, golf and track and field.

We compensate several well-known sports celebrities through discounted product prices, cash and stock options in exchange for the use of their testimonials, photographs and video footage in our marketing materials and website. Some of our celebrity endorsers include:

Mike Shanahan (football): Head Coach, Denver Broncos five Super Bowl teams;

Randy Johnson (baseball): Pitcher, New York Yankees four-time Cy Young Award Winner and 2001 World Series Co-MVP;

Mike Alstott (football): Fullback, Tampa Bay Buccaneers four-time Pro Bowl selection;

John Lynch (football): Safety, Denver Broncos five-time Pro Bowl selection;

Gary Gait (lacrosse): Forward, Colorado Mammoth six-time National Lacrosse League MVP; and

Megan Addy (track and field): world-ranked 400 meter hurdler.

While these endorsers use and endorse our products, no endorsement by any of them as to the merits of the securities offered by this prospectus should be inferred.

**Product Offerings.** The formulations of our products are based on publicly available scientific research. Key attributes of our products are:

the ingredients are combined in a manner so that their effectiveness is not impaired;

the products do not contain adulterated ingredients such as ephedra, creatine, androstenedione, aspartame, steroids or human growth hormones; and

the tablets, capsules and soft gels are designed to dissolve readily to facilitate absorption.

**Simple Selling System.** Our products are marketed through a simple three-step system to quickly and consistently recruit new independent distributors and customers. First, we invite people to learn about our Company and sample our products. Second, we educate potential new customers and distributors. Third, we use our experienced independent distributors to assist prospects in deciding what products to purchase and how to become an independent distributor.

**Operational Infrastructure.** We believe we can significantly expand our business without substantial additional investment in infrastructure. We incur minimal incremental costs with each added distributor or customer. We utilize our Internet operations to enable online ordering of our products, to enroll new distributors and customers, and to broadcast our training program for new independent distributors.

**Corporate Management.** Collectively, our management team and board of directors have worked for many years for start-up growth companies, leading direct selling companies and for leading nutritional supplement companies.

### **Corporate Structure and Information**

We were incorporated on January 9, 2001, under the name "Instanet, Inc." Instanet was originally formed to provide Internet funds transfers, but had no operating revenues and was a development stage company. In June 2003, Instanet acquired V3S, a Colorado corporation formed in October 2000, in a stock-for-stock exchange. In the transaction, all of the stock of V3S was exchanged for 2,714,403 shares of common stock of Instanet, then representing a 90% ownership interest. After the exchange, V3S became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Instanet, V3S's management became management of Instanet and Instanet changed its name to VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. The description of our historical business describes the business conducted by V3S. Instanet discontinued its business prior to the stock-for-stock exchange.

We maintain our principal executive offices at 480 South Holly Street, Denver, Colorado 80246, and our telephone number is (303) 316-8577. Our website is located at <http://www.v3s.com>. The information on our website does not constitute part of this prospectus.

**The Offering**

<b>Units offered in this offering</b>	units, each unit consisting of two shares of our common stock, one Class A public warrant to purchase one share of our common stock and one Class B public warrant to purchase one share of our common stock. The Class A and Class B public warrants will trade only as part of a unit for 45 days following the effective date of this offering unless the representative of the underwriters determines that separate trading of the public warrants should occur earlier.
<b>Common stock to be outstanding after this offering</b>	shares. This number does not include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shares underlying the Class A public warrants and the Class B public warrants offered by this prospectus;</li> <li>500,000 shares underlying Class A and Class B public warrants to be issued to certain of our stockholders in connection with this offering;</li> <li>shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option;</li> <li>shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise of the representative's warrants; and</li> <li>2,074,074 shares of common stock underlying currently outstanding warrants and stock options with an average exercise price of \$3.44 per share.</li> </ul>
<b>Class A and Class B public warrants to be outstanding after this offering</b>	Class A public warrants to purchase up to shares of common stock and Class B public warrants to purchase up to shares of common stock issued in this offering, as well as an additional 250,000 Class A and 250,000 Class B public warrants to certain of our stockholders to be issued in connection with this offering.
<b>Term of Class A and Class B public warrants</b>	Commencing on the date the public warrants become separately tradeable and thereafter for five years after the effective date of this offering unless earlier redeemed.
<b>Exercise price of Class A public warrants</b>	\$ per warrant, subject to adjustment, including anti-dilution provisions for corporate events such as stock splits.
<b>Exercise price of Class B public warrants</b>	\$ per warrant, subject to adjustment, including anti-dilution provisions for corporate events such as stock splits.

**Redemption of Class A public warrants**

At any time after the first anniversary of the effective date of this offering, we may redeem some or all of the Class A public warrants at a price of \$0.01 per public warrant, upon 30 days' notice so long as the last reported sales price of the common stock as reported by the principal exchange or trading market on which our common stock trades equals or exceeds \$ (subject to certain adjustments) for 20 consecutive trading days ending on the third day prior to the day on which notice is given.

**Redemption of Class B public warrants**

At any time after the first anniversary of the effective date of this offering, we may redeem some or all of the Class B public warrants at a price of \$0.01 per public warrant, upon 30 days' notice so long as the last reported sales price of the common stock as reported by the principal exchange or trading market on which our common stock trades equals or exceeds \$ (subject to certain adjustments) for 20 consecutive trading days ending on the third day prior to the day on which notice is given.

**Proposed American Stock Exchange Symbols**

Common stock: "PRH"  
 Units: "PRH.U"  
 Class A public warrants: "PRH.WS.A"  
 Class B public warrants: "PRH.WS.B"

**Use of proceeds**

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, including any proceeds received upon exercise of the over-allotment option, for marketing and promotions, incentives to attract experienced sales leaders, product development and inventory, capital expenditures, general and administrative expenditures, and for working capital. See "Use of Proceeds."

**250,000 Class A public warrants and 250,000 Class B public warrants to be issued to certain of our stockholders**

Upon completion of this offering, we have agreed, subject to certain conditions, to issue to certain of our stockholders 250,000 Class A public warrants and 250,000 Class B public warrants in consideration of their agreements not to sell 1,630,943 shares of common stock, 433,380 warrants to purchase common stock and 433,380 shares of common stock underlying the warrants until the earlier of 12 months from the closing of this offering or the average of the last reported sales price of our common stock equals or exceeds \$ for 20 consecutive trading days. We expect to register the public offer and resale of these warrants by the securityholders when the Class A and Class B public warrants offered by this prospectus trade separately.

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Unless the context indicates otherwise, all share and per-share information in this prospectus:

is based on 6,534,043 shares of our common stock outstanding as of the date of this prospectus;

assumes no exercise of the Class A or Class B public warrants, including the 250,000 Class A public warrants and the 250,000 Class B public warrants to be issued to certain stockholders of the Company in connection with this offering;

assumes no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option to purchase up to                      units;

assumes no exercise of the representative's warrants to purchase                      units;

assumes no exercise of any of our outstanding options and warrants to acquire 2,074,074 shares of our common stock; and

gives retroactive effect to a 1-for-5 reverse split of our common stock we consummated on December 8, 2004 but does not give effect to any other reverse stock split we may effect prior to this offering.

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In the table below, we provide you with historical selected consolidated financial data for the two years ended December 2003 and 2002, derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We also provide the below financial data for, and as of the end of, the third fiscal quarters of 2004 and 2003, derived from our unaudited financial statement included elsewhere in this prospectus. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period. When you read this historical selected financial data, it is important that you read along with it the historical consolidated financial statements and related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	Year Ended December 31, 2002	Year Ended December 31, 2003	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
			2003	2004
(unaudited)				
<b>Statements of Operations Data:</b>				
Net sales	\$ 983,557	\$ 1,213,062	\$ 1,018,329	\$ 561,454
Cost of goods sold	291,132	625,976	575,509	174,653
Operating expenses	2,141,354	2,446,993	1,864,524	1,807,089
Other expenses (interest)	156,928	225,075	132,244	296,901
Net loss	(1,605,857)	(2,084,982)	(1,553,948)	(1,717,189)
<b>Per Common Share Data:</b>				
Basic and Diluted loss per share	\$ (.42)	\$ (.71)	\$ (.54)	\$ (.32)
<b>Weighted Average Shares of Common Stock Outstanding:</b>				
Basic and Diluted	3,786,458	2,952,907	2,867,113	5,443,860

	December 31, 2003	September 30, 2004	
		Actual	As adjusted
(unaudited)			
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>			
Current assets	\$ 356,149	\$ 1,234,289	\$ 9,186,289
Total assets	566,772	1,461,725	9,413,725
Current liabilities	1,412,332	403,593	403,593
Long-term debt and other liabilities	1,635,861		
Stockholders' equity (deficit)	(2,481,441)	1,058,132	9,010,132
Accumulated deficit	(4,868,405)	(6,585,594)	(6,585,594)



## RISK FACTORS

*Investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described below together with all of the other information included in this prospectus before making an investment decision. If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition or results of operations could suffer. In that case, the trading price of our securities could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.*

### **We have a history of operating losses and a significant accumulated deficit, and we may never achieve profitability.**

We have not been profitable since inception in 2001. We had a net loss of \$2,084,982 for the year ended December 31, 2003, and a net loss of \$1,717,189 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. At September 30, 2004, we had an accumulated deficit of \$6,585,594. We may never achieve or maintain profitability. Our ability to achieve and maintain a profit is dependent upon our attracting and maintaining a large base of independent distributors who generate significant sales.

Assuming successful completion of this offering, we expect to incur operating losses for at least the next 12 to 18 months, depending primarily on our sales levels. We will incur significant expenses in seeking to expand our sales, including marketing and promotional expenditures directed at increasing consumer awareness of our products, differentiating our products from competing products, and building a productive direct sales force. We expect to use up to \$4.6 million of the net proceeds of this offering for these purposes, including up to \$1.2 million in incentives to attract and retain experienced sales leaders. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in expanding our sales or in achieving profits.

### **We may be unable to continue as a going concern in which case our securities will have little or no value.**

Our independent auditor has noted in its report concerning our financial statements as of December 31, 2003, that we have incurred substantial losses since inception and at December 31, 2003, our current liabilities exceeded our current assets, which raised substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. In the event we are not able to continue operations you will likely suffer a complete loss of your investment in our securities. See the auditors' report on our consolidated financial statements elsewhere in this prospectus.

### **Because our working capital requirements have been and will continue to be significant, we may need funds in addition to the net proceeds of this offering in the future or we would not be able to continue to operate our business. If our business fails, then you could lose your entire investment.**

Upon completion of this offering, we expect that our available funds will be sufficient to meet our anticipated capital needs for 12 to 18 months, depending primarily upon our sales levels. If our assumptions are incorrect we would require additional capital beyond the cash generated from our operations, and we would need to seek additional financing. We cannot assure you that we would be able to obtain additional financing on acceptable terms, or at all. Our failure to obtain financing when needed could force us to reduce or terminate operations which would lower or eliminate revenues, which would severely jeopardize our ability to stay in business.

### **Any future financing we may obtain could impose operational and financial restrictions on us and reduce your percentage equity interest in our Company.**

Our working capital needs will continue to be significant and, depending primarily on our sales levels, we may need funds in addition to the net proceeds of this offering. To meet our working capital

needs we may enter into financing arrangements. Any financing arrangements may impose significant financial and operational restrictions on us and dilute your equity interest in our Company. We cannot assure you that we will be able to enter into future financing on terms acceptable to us.

**Our limited operating history and recent change in marketing strategy make it difficult to evaluate our prospects.**

We have a limited operating history on which to evaluate our business and prospects. Our products were formulated in 2000 and 2001, and we began selling our products to the general public in early 2002. In late 2003, we began to refocus our sales and marketing efforts on direct sales of products through our network of independent distributors. There is no assurance that we will achieve significant sales as a result of this new strategy. Our revenue for the first nine months of 2004 decreased by 45% compared to the same period during 2003 due in large part to the start up efforts relating to our direct sales program. There is no assurance that we will achieve significant sales as a result of our new marketing strategy.

We also may not be successful in addressing our operating challenges such as establishing a viable network of independent distributors, developing brand awareness and expanding our market presence. Our prospects for profitability must be considered in light of our evolving business model. These factors make it difficult to assess our prospects.

**Our failure to recruit, maintain and motivate a large base of productive independent distributors could limit our ability to generate revenues.**

To increase revenue, we must increase the sales and recruiting productivity of our independent distributors. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in recruiting and retaining productive independent distributors, particularly since direct sales organizations usually experience high turnover rates of independent distributors. Our independent distributors can terminate their relationships with us at any time. The distributors also typically work on a part-time basis and may engage in other business activities, which may reduce their efforts for us.

In recruiting and keeping independent distributors, we will be subject to significant competition from other direct sales organizations, both inside and outside our industry. Our ability to attract and retain independent distributors will be dependent on the attractiveness of our compensation plan, our product mix, and the support we offer to our independent distributors. Adverse publicity concerning direct sales marketing and public perception of direct selling businesses generally could negatively affect our ability to attract, motivate and retain independent distributors.

Based on our knowledge of the direct selling industry, we anticipate that our independent distributor organization will be headed by a relatively small number of key independent distributors who together with their downline network will be responsible for a disproportionate amount of revenues. We believe this structure is typical in the direct selling industry, as sales leaders emerge in these organizations, and it is the current situation with us. The loss of key independent distributors will adversely affect our revenues and could adversely affect our ability to attract other independent distributors, especially if an independent distributor takes other independent distributors of ours to a competitor or to any other organization.

**A change in the amount of compensation paid to our independent distributors could reduce our ability to recruit and retain them and to realize a profit.**

We expect that one of our significant expenses will be payment of compensation to our independent distributors. This compensation includes commissions, bonuses, awards and prizes. From the date we changed our sales method to direct sales through independent distributors, August 1, 2003,

through September 30, 2004, compensation paid to our independent distributors represented 29.5% of our total revenues. We may change our independent distributor compensation plan in seeking to better manage these incentives, to monitor the amount of independent distributor compensation paid and to prevent independent distributor compensation from having a significant adverse effect on our revenues. Changes to our independent distributor compensation plan may make it difficult for us to recruit and retain qualified and motivated independent distributors. We do not have any current plans to change our distributor compensation plan.

**We are not in a position to exert the same level of influence or control over our independent distributors as we could if they were our employees, and we may be subject to significant costs and reputational harm in the event our independent distributors violate any laws or regulations applicable to our operations.**

Our independent distributors are independent contractors and, accordingly, we are not in a position to provide the same level of control and oversight as we would if independent distributors were our employees. While we have implemented independent distributor policies and procedures designed to govern independent distributor conduct and to protect our goodwill, there can be no assurance that our independent distributors will comply with our policies and procedures. Violations by our independent distributors of applicable law or of our policies and procedures dealing with customers could reflect negatively on our products and operations and harm our business reputation. To date, we have not experienced any significant problems affecting our products, operations or business reputation caused by distributor violations of our policies and procedures.

In addition, extensive federal, state and local laws regulate our direct selling program. The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") or a court could hold us liable for the actions of our independent distributors. The FTC could also find us liable civilly for deceptive advertising if health benefit representations made by our independent distributors are not supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence. If any of these representations made by our independent distributors were deemed fraudulent, the FTC could refer the matter to the Department of Justice for criminal fraud prosecution. Also, the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") could seek to hold us civilly and criminally liable for misbranding, for adulteration, or for sale of an unapproved new drug if an independent distributor were to make false or misleading claims, sell a product past its shelf life, or represent that any of our products were intended for use in the cure, treatment, or prevention of a disease or health-related condition. While we train our independent distributors and attempt to monitor our independent distributors' marketing claims and sales materials, we cannot ensure that all of these materials comply with applicable law.

**Our direct selling program through independent distributors could be found not to be in compliance with current or newly adopted laws or regulations, which could subject us to increased costs and reduced distributor participation in sales efforts, and our revenues would decrease significantly.**

Our direct marketing program could be found to violate laws or regulations applicable to direct selling marketing organizations. These laws and regulations generally are directed at preventing fraudulent or deceptive schemes, often referred to as "pyramid" or "chain sales" schemes, by ensuring that product sales ultimately are made to consumers and that advancement within an organization is based on sales of the organization's products rather than investments in the organization or other non-retail sales-related criteria. The regulations concerning these types of marketing programs do not include "bright line" rules and are inherently fact-based. Thus, even in jurisdictions where we believe that our direct selling program is in full compliance with applicable laws or regulations governing direct selling programs, we are subject to the risk that these laws or regulations or the enforcement or interpretation of them by governmental agencies or courts can change. The failure of our direct selling program to comply with current or newly adopted laws or regulations could result in costs and fines to

us and make our independent distributors reluctant to continue their sales efforts, which would reduce our revenues significantly.

We are also subject to the risk of private party challenges to the legality of our direct selling program. Direct selling programs of some other companies have been successfully challenged in the past. The challenges centered on whether the marketing programs of direct selling companies are investment contracts in violation of applicable securities laws and pyramid schemes in violation of applicable FTC rules and regulations. These challenges have caused direct selling companies to focus greater attention on generating product sales to non-participants or non-distributors. Direct selling companies have addressed these issues by promoting retail sales incentives, tying sales commissions more directly to retail sales and reclassifying those persons who enroll as distributors but do not make sales to other persons as retail customers. An adverse judicial determination with respect to our direct selling program, or in proceedings not involving us directly but which challenge the legality of direct selling systems, could have a material adverse effect on our sales efforts, leading to lower revenues. To date, we have not been subject to any adverse judicial determination with respect to our direct selling program.

**We may be held responsible for taxes or assessments relating to the activities of our independent distributors resulting in greater costs to us.**

We treat our independent distributors as independent contractors and do not pay social security or similar taxes with respect to compensation paid to them. In the event that we are required to treat our independent distributors as employees, rather than independent contractors, we may be held responsible for social security and related taxes, plus any related assessments and penalties, which could significantly increase our operating costs.

**We are affected by extensive laws, governmental regulations, administrative determinations, court decisions and similar constraints which can make compliance costly and subject us to enforcement actions by governmental agencies.**

The formulation, manufacturing, packaging, labeling, holding, storage, distribution, advertising and sale of our products are affected by extensive laws, governmental regulations and policies, administrative determinations, court decisions and similar constraints at the federal, state and local levels. There can be no assurance that we or our independent distributors will be in compliance with all of these regulations. A failure by us or our distributors to comply with these laws and regulations could lead to governmental investigations, civil and criminal prosecutions, administrative hearings and court proceedings, civil and criminal penalties, injunctions against product sales or advertising, civil and criminal liability for the Company and/or its principals, bad publicity, and tort claims arising out of governmental or judicial findings of fact or conclusions of law adverse to the Company or its principals. In addition, the adoption of new regulations and policies or changes in the interpretations of existing regulations and policies may result in significant new compliance costs or discontinuation of product sales and may adversely affect the marketing of our products, resulting in decreases in revenues.

The FDA regulates our products and our product labeling. Among other matters the FDA regulates nutrient content and ingredient information, claims of the effect of a dietary supplement or dietary ingredient on a body structure or function, and claims of the effect of a dietary supplement or dietary ingredient on disease or risk of disease. The FDA can initiate civil and criminal proceedings against persons who make false or misleading claims on labels or in labeling, who engage in misbranding, who evidence an intent to sell their products for a therapeutic use not approved by the agency, who sell misbranded products, or who sell adulterated products. The FDA can also require the recall of all products that are misbranded or adulterated.

The FTC has jurisdiction over our product advertising. The FTC can initiate civil proceedings for deceptive advertising and deceptive advertising practices. It can seek for companies to make payments to consumers or disgorgement of profits from the sale of any product held to have been deceptively advertised. The FTC or a federal court can require a company found liable to give notice of the availability of refunds in part or whole for the product purchase price for all products sold through use of advertising deemed deceptive.

State authorities may likewise bring enforcement actions for misbranding, adulteration, and deceptive advertising. Those actions may be pursued simultaneously with federal actions.

On March 13, 2003, the FDA proposed a new regulation to require current Good Manufacturing Practice guidelines ("cGMPs") in the manufacture, packing, holding, and distribution of nutritional supplements. The proposed rules would establish minimum standards that must be met by all companies that manufacture, package, and hold nutritional supplements in the United States. Violation of those standards would render the products in question presumptively adulterated and unlawful to sell. The proposed cGMPs would require manufacturers to follow procedures that would track nutrients from source to finished product, test nutrients for identity, purity, quality, strength, and composition at each stage of production, and record full compliance with specific regulations governing production, manufacture, and holding of nutritional supplements. The cGMPs are expected to be adopted in 2005 and may become fully effective by 2007. We expect that the cGMPs will increase our product costs by requiring our various contract manufacturers to expend additional capital and resources on quality control testing, new personnel, plant redesign, new equipment, facilities placement, recordkeeping and ingredient and product testing.

The FDA and some state agencies invite the public to complain if they experience any adverse effects from the consumption of nutritional supplements. These complaints may be made public. Regardless of whether complaints of this kind are substantiated or proven, public release of complaints of this type may have an adverse effect upon public perception of us, the quality of our products or the prudence of taking our products. Changes in consumer attitudes based on adverse event reports could adversely affect the potential market for and sales of our products and make it more difficult to recruit and retain independent distributors and obtain endorsers.

**We are dependent on a limited number of independent suppliers and manufacturers of our products, which may affect our ability to deliver our products in a timely manner. If we are not able to ensure timely product deliveries, potential distributors and customers may not order our products, and our revenues may decrease.**

We rely entirely on a limited number of third parties to supply and manufacture our products. Our manufacturers produce our products on a purchase order basis only and can terminate their relationships with us at will. Our two primary supplement manufacturers are Vitatech International Inc. and GMP Laboratories of America, Inc. These third parties may be unable to satisfy our supply requirements, manufacture our products on a timely basis, fill and ship our orders promptly, provide services at competitive costs or offer reliable products and services. The failure to meet any of these critical needs would delay or reduce product shipment and adversely affect our revenues, as well as jeopardize our relationships with our independent distributors and customers. In the event any of our third party manufacturers were to become unable or unwilling to continue to provide us with products in required volumes and at suitable quality levels, we would be required to identify and obtain acceptable replacement manufacturing sources. There is no assurance that we would be able to obtain alternative manufacturing sources on a timely basis. An extended interruption in the supply of our products would result in decreased product sales and our revenues would likely decline. We believe that we can meet our current supply and manufacturing requirements with our current suppliers and manufacturers or with available substitute suppliers and manufacturers. Historically, we have not experienced any delays or disruptions to our business caused by difficulties in obtaining supplies.

**We are dependent on our third party manufacturers to supply our products in the compositions we require, and we do not independently analyze our products. Any errors in our product manufacturing could result in product recalls, significant legal exposure, and reduced revenues and the loss of distributors.**

While we require that our manufacturers verify the accuracy of the contents of our products, we do not have the expertise or personnel to monitor the production of products by these third parties. We rely exclusively, without independent verification, on certificates of analysis regarding product content provided by our third party suppliers and limited safety testing by them. We cannot be assured that these outside manufacturers will continue to supply products to us reliably in the compositions we require. Errors in the manufacture of our products could result in product recalls, significant legal exposure, adverse publicity, decreased revenues, and loss of distributors and endorsers.

**We face significant competition from existing suppliers of products similar to ours. If we are not able to compete with these companies effectively, then we may not be profitable.**

We face intense competition from numerous resellers, manufacturers and wholesalers of energy drinks, protein shakes and nutritional supplements similar to ours, including retail, online and mail order providers. We consider the significant products in the U.S. market to be Myoplex® for protein drinks, Gatorade®, Powerade®, Acclerade® and All Sport® for energy drinks, and that Nature's Bounty, Inc. and General Nutrition Centers, Inc. are the significant producers of vitamins. Most of our competitors have longer operating histories, established brands in the marketplace, revenues significantly greater than ours, more capital and better access to capital than us. We expect that these competitors may use their resources to engage in various business activities that could result in reduced sales of our products. Companies with greater capital and research capabilities could re-formulate existing products or formulate new products that could gain wide marketplace acceptance, which could have a depressive effect on our future sales. In addition, aggressive advertising and promotion by our competitors may require us to compete by lowering prices because we do not have the resources to engage in marketing campaigns against these competitors, and the economic viability of our operations likely would be diminished.

**We may not be able to attract high visibility endorsers, which may result in reduced product sales for us.**

A principal component of our marketing program is the use and endorsement of our products by well-known professional and Olympic athletes and others associated with professional sports teams. Although we have obtained several well-known sports celebrities as endorsers of our products, some of these persons may not continue their endorsements, may not continue to succeed in their fields, may engage in activities which could bring disrepute on themselves and, in turn, on us and our products, and our revenues could suffer. We also may not be able to attract new endorsers, especially sports celebrities that may emerge in the future. Competition for endorsers is significant and adverse publicity regarding us or our industry could make it more difficult to attract and retain endorsers.

**Adverse publicity associated with our products, ingredients or direct selling program, or those of similar companies, could adversely affect our sales and revenues.**

Adverse publicity concerning any actual or purported failure of our Company or our independent distributors to comply with applicable laws and regulations regarding any aspect of our business could have an adverse effect on the public perception of our Company. This, in turn, could negatively affect our ability to obtain endorsers and attract, motivate and retain independent distributors, which would have a material adverse effect on our ability to generate sales and revenues.

Our independent distributors' and customers' perception of the safety and quality of our products as well as similar products distributed by others can be significantly influenced by national media

attention, publicized scientific research or findings, product liability claims and other publicity concerning our products or similar products distributed by others. Adverse publicity, whether or not accurate, that associates consumption of our products or any similar products with illness or other adverse effects, will likely diminish the public's perception of our products. Claims that any products are ineffective, inappropriately labeled or have inaccurate instructions as to their use, could have a material adverse effect on the market demand for our products, including reducing our sales and revenues.

The results of new nutritional dietary supplement studies could be contrary to general industry knowledge on which the formulation and marketing of our products are based and could materially and adversely impact our product sales. The federal government, research institutes, universities and others regularly conduct research into the use, effectiveness and potential for adverse results from the use of nutritional dietary supplements. Even if adverse studies are subject to substantial criticism or not supported by accepted scientific methodology, publicity surrounding the reports of these studies may result in flat or decreased sales of our products. In the past few years, the effectiveness of, and potential for harm from, some of the leading herbal supplements, which contain ingredients not in our products, have come into question as a result of research studies. These negative study results and other negative publicity could adversely affect the potential market and sales of our products, as well as increase our product returns, resulting in increased expenses to us.

While we have not received any direct negative publicity, recent negative publicity such as the ban from the FDA on the ingredient ephedra and the publicized studies associating increased mortality rates with high dosages of Vitamin E has increased awareness of our consumers relating to the safety of the ingredients in our supplements.

**Nutritional supplement products may be supported by only limited conclusive clinical studies resulting in less market acceptance of these products and lower revenues or lower growth rates in revenues.**

Our nutritional supplement products are made from vitamins, minerals, amino acids, herbs, botanicals, and other substances for which there is a long history of human consumption. However, there is little long-term experience with human consumption of certain product ingredients or combinations of ingredients in concentrated form. Although we believe all of our products fall within the generally known safe limits for daily doses of each ingredient contained within them, nutrition science is imperfect. Moreover, some people have peculiar sensitivities or reactions to nutrients commonly found in foods and may have similar sensitivities or reactions to nutrients contained in our products. Furthermore, nutrition science is subject to change based on new research. New scientific evidence may disprove the efficacy of our products or prove our products to have effects not previously known. We could be adversely affected in the event that our products should prove to be or if they are asserted to be ineffective or harmful to consumers, or if adverse effects are associated with a competitor's similar products.

**Our products have higher prices than the products of most of our competitors, which may make it difficult for us to achieve significant revenues.**

We may have difficulty in achieving market acceptance of our products because our products are among the highest priced in their categories due to the ingredients that we require in our products. While we believe that our products are superior to competing, lower priced products, consumers must be educated about our products. If we are unable to achieve market acceptance, we will have difficulty in achieving revenue growth, which would likely result in continuing operating losses.

**The sale of our products involves product liability and related risks that could expose us to significant insurance and loss expenses.**

We face an inherent risk of exposure to product liability claims if the use of our products results in, or is believed to have resulted in, illness or injury. Most of our products contain combinations of ingredients, and there is little long-term experience with the effect of these combinations. In addition, interactions of these products with other products, prescription medicines and over-the-counter drugs have not been fully explored or understood and may have unintended consequences. While our third party manufacturers perform tests in connection with the formulations of our products, these tests are not designed to evaluate the inherent safety of our products.

Although we maintain product liability insurance, it may not be sufficient to cover product liability claims and such claims could have a material adverse effect on our business. The successful assertion or settlement of an uninsured claim, a significant number of insured claims or a claim exceeding the limits of our insurance coverage would harm us by adding further costs to our business and by diverting the attention of our senior management from the operation of our business. Even if we successfully defend a liability claim, the uninsured litigation costs and adverse publicity may be harmful to our business.

Any product liability claim may increase our costs, and adversely affect our revenues and operating income. Moreover, liability claims arising from a serious adverse event may increase our costs through higher insurance premiums and deductibles, and may make it more difficult to secure adequate insurance coverage in the future. In addition, our product liability insurance may fail to cover future product liability claims, which if adversely determined could subject us to substantial monetary damages.

**We have primarily used one individual to formulate all of our products, and the loss of his services may result in delays in formulating new products and our revenues may decrease.**

The loss of the services of Dr. William Wheeler, a nutritionist, could have an adverse effect on our future revenues, as he is the primary person responsible for the formulation of all of our existing products. Although we have entered into a consulting agreement providing us with certain services by Dr. Wheeler, there is no assurance that he will be available to formulate new products for us. In addition, Dr. Wheeler formulates nutritional products for others, including his own company, and these products may compete with our products. Dr. Wheeler formulated and markets Gold Standard Protein®, a protein shake which competes with our VitaPro® shakes, although we sell our products through direct marketing and his protein shake is sold directly to consumers without network marketing. If he is unavailable to us for any reason, our ability to formulate new products may be impaired, which could result in lower revenues.

**A slower growth rate in the nutritional supplement industry could lessen our sales and make it more difficult for us to achieve growth and become profitable.**

According to the Nutrition Business Journal (May/June 2004), nutritional supplement companies, analysts, publications and other industry sources have indicated that the nutritional supplement industry has experienced a significantly slower rate of growth in recent years, although available data revealed this trend was reversed in 2003, and numbers for 2004 are not available. In our view, this slowdown may be attributable in part to the maturing of the market for nutritional supplements, the lack of any significant developments of new products over the past few years, negative publicity about the effectiveness of some ingredients in certain nutritional supplements, the increase in the number of products competing in the industry, and the increased number of private label brands. Despite the growth in 2003, a slowdown in the industry's rate of growth could continue over the long term and impair the prospects for increasing the sale of and the demand for our products.



**New products may render our products obsolete and our sales may suffer.**

The nutritional supplement market historically has been influenced by "fad" products that became popular due to changing consumer tastes and media attention. Our products may be rendered obsolete by changes in popular tastes as well as media attention on new products or adverse media attention on nutritional supplements, which could reduce our sales. It may be difficult for us to change our product line to adapt to changing tastes. In addition, other "fad" food regimens, such as low carbohydrate diets, may decrease the overall popularity and use of our products, as well as result in higher returns of our products, thereby increasing our expenses.

**We may from time to time write off obsolete inventories resulting in higher expenses and consequently greater net losses.**

Because we maintain high levels of inventories to meet the product needs of our independent distributors and customers, a change by us of our product mix could result in writedowns of our inventories. For example, in 2003 and 2004 we discontinued certain products and sales tools that we deemed obsolete, and we incurred a writedown against inventory in 2003 of \$177,898 and a charge against obsolete inventory of \$14,483 in 2004. Writedowns and charges of this type have historically increased our net losses, and if experienced in the future, will make it more difficult for us to achieve profitability.

**Product returns in excess of our estimates could require us to incur significant additional expenses, which would make it difficult for us to achieve profitability.**

We have established a reserve in our financial statements for product returns which is based upon our limited historical experience. If this reserve were to be inadequate, we may incur significant expenses for product returns. We began our direct selling marketing in the last quarter of 2003 and expanded our return policy in May 2004 to allow product returns for up to 12 months after purchase. We may need to revise our reserves for product returns as we gain more operating experience.

**If we are not able to adequately protect our intellectual property, then we may not be able to compete effectively and we may not be profitable.**

Our existing proprietary rights may not afford remedies and protections necessary to prevent infringement, reformulation, theft, misappropriation and other improper use of our products by competitors. We own the formulations contained in our products. We consider our product formulations our critical proprietary property, which must be protected from competitors. We do not have any patents because we do not believe they are necessary to protect our proprietary rights. Although trade secret, trademark, copyright and patent laws generally provide such protection and we may attempt to protect ourselves through contracts with manufacturers of our products, we may not be successful in enforcing our rights. In addition, enforcement of our proprietary rights may require lengthy and expensive litigation. We have attempted to protect the trade names and trademarks used for our products by registering them with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, but we must rely on common law trademark rights to protect our unregistered trademarks. Common law trademark rights do not provide the same remedies as are granted to federally registered trademarks and the rights of a common law trademark are limited to the geographic area in which the trademark is actually used. Our inability to protect our intellectual property could have a material adverse impact on our ability to compete and could make it difficult for us to achieve a profit.

**Interruptions to or failure of our information processing systems may disrupt our business and our sales may suffer.**

We are dependent on our information processing systems to timely process customer orders, oversee and manage our distributor network and control our inventory, and for our distributors to communicate with their customers and distributors in their network. Since the initial purchase of our technology system in 2001 through September 30, 2004, we had spent \$157,582 on technology system upgrades. We have experienced interruptions and may in the future experience interruptions to or failure of our information processing system; however, none of the interruptions to date have materially disrupted our business. Interruptions to or failure of our information processing systems may be costly to fix and may damage our relationships with our customers and distributors, and cause us to lose customers and distributors. If we are unable to fix problems with our information processing systems in a timely manner our sales may suffer.

**Loss of key personnel could impair our ability to operate.**

Our future success depends on the skills, experience and efforts of our executive officers. The active involvement and participation of our Chief Executive Officer, Sanford D. Greenberg, is critical to our success. The loss of Mr. Greenberg's services could impair and delay our ability to operate and could cause us to go out of business. Although we have a \$5 million key man insurance policy on the life of Mr. Greenberg and an employment contract with him, we have no arrangement providing for his disability or loss of his services for reasons other than death.

Our success also depends on hiring, retaining and integrating senior management and skilled employees, including Timothy Transtrum, our Chief Operating Officer, and David Litt, our Vice President of Sales and Marketing, in order to expand our business. As with all personal service providers, our officers can terminate their relationship with us at will. Our inability to retain these individuals may result in our reduced ability to operate our business.

**Provisions in our articles of incorporation and bylaws may prevent a change in control of us which could limit the price that investors may be willing to pay for our securities.**

Provisions contained in our articles of incorporation and bylaws could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us or for our stockholders to change our management. These provisions:

give our board of directors the right to set the number of directors between one and nine directors;

permit the board of directors to fill vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of directors or the death or resignation of a board member;

prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors; and

authorize our board of directors to issue shares of preferred stock in the future without stockholder approval and to determine the rights, preferences, privileges, and restrictions of such preferred stock.

These provisions may limit the price that investors are willing to pay in the future for our securities.

### **Risks Related to This Offering**

**You will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the shares of common stock included in the units you purchase in this offering.**

The per share price of our common stock included in a unit will be substantially higher than the net tangible book value of the common stock as of September 30, 2004. Therefore, based on a public offering price of \$6.65 per unit (the midpoint of our estimated price range of the units), if you purchase units in this offering, you will suffer immediate and substantial dilution of approximately \$2.29 per common share. If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option, or if outstanding options or warrants to purchase our common stock are exercised, you will experience additional dilution. See "Dilution" on page 26 for more information.

**The price of our securities could be subject to wide fluctuations and your investment could decline in value.**

The market price of the securities of a company such as ours with little name recognition in the financial community and without significant revenues can be subject to wide price swings. For example, the bid price of our common stock has ranged from a high \$16.25 and a low \$0.75 during the eight quarters ended December 31, 2004. The market price of our securities may be subject to wide changes in response to quarterly variations in operating results, announcements of new products by us or our competitors, reports by securities analysts, volume trading, or other events or factors. In addition, the financial markets have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations for a number of reasons, including the failure of certain companies to meet market expectations. These broad market price swings, or any industry-specific market fluctuations, may adversely affect the market price of our securities.

Speculative traders may anticipate a decline in the market price of our securities and engage in short sales of our securities. Such short sales could further negatively affect the market price of our securities.

Companies that have experienced volatility in the market price of their stock have been the subject of securities class action litigation. If we were to become the subject of securities class action litigation, it could result in substantial costs and a significant diversion of our management's attention and resources.

**An active trading market for our securities may not be developed or sustained which could limit the liquidity of an investment in our securities.**

There is a limited trading market for our common stock and no trading market for our units, Class A public warrants or Class B public warrants. Since December 26, 2001, our common stock has been traded on the OTC Bulletin Board, an inter-dealer automated quotation system for equity securities. During the 30 trading days ended January 14, 2005, the average daily trading volume of our common stock was 687 shares. As of the date of this prospectus, we had approximately 170 record holders of our common stock. We have submitted an application to list the units, common stock, Class A public warrants and Class B public warrants offered by this prospectus, together with the common stock currently trading on the OTC Bulletin Board, on the American Stock Exchange as of the effective date of this offering. However, there can be no assurance that our securities will be accepted for listing on the American Stock Exchange. There is no assurance that, in the event the securities offered by this prospectus are listed for trading on the American Stock Exchange, we will be able to continue to meet the listing requirements or that our securities will remain listed on the American Stock Exchange. If we are delisted from the American Stock Exchange, our common stock would likely be subject to the penny stock rules of the SEC, which generally have the effect of reducing the level of trading activity for stock. An investor could find it more difficult to dispose of, or to obtain

accurate quotation as to the market value of, our securities and it may be difficult for us to qualify the Class A and Class B public warrants, as well as the common stock underlying those warrants, for sale in various states, impairing your ability to sell your securities. Additionally, regardless of which exchange our securities may trade on, an active and liquid trading market may not develop or, if developed, may not be sustained, which could limit security holders' ability to sell our securities at a desired price.

**The representative has limited experience as a managing underwriter, which may adversely affect the size of any trading market for our securities and adversely affect their price.**

Although certain officers of the representative of the underwriters have experience working on public offerings and other corporate finance matters, the representative has limited experience serving as a managing underwriter. The Shemano Group, Inc. began to underwrite firm commitment offerings in October 2003 and has completed three public offerings prior to this offering. Since the representative's experience in underwriting a firm commitment public offering is limited, there can be no assurance that the lack of experience will not adversely affect the trading market for our securities.

**Certain events could result in a dilution of your ownership of our common stock.**

We currently have 2,074,074 common stock equivalents outstanding, including warrants and options. The exercise price of all common stock equivalents is an average of \$3.44 per share. We also currently have 43,465,957 shares of common stock that are authorized but unissued. For 12 months after the effective date of this offering, issuances of our common stock will require the prior approval of the representative of the underwriters. We may issue additional shares of common stock in private or public transactions to raise funds for working capital, research and development, acquisitions, or other purposes. If we issue additional common stock or if outstanding warrants or options are exercised, the number of outstanding shares of our common stock would increase and dilute your percentage ownership of our common stock. Exercise of the Class A and B public warrants, including 250,000 Class A and 250,000 Class B public warrants to be issued to certain of our stockholders in connection with this offering, will also dilute your percentage ownership of common stock.

**If we do not maintain an effective registration statement or comply with applicable state securities laws, you may not be able to exercise your Class A and Class B public warrants.**

For you to be able to exercise our Class A and Class B public warrants, the shares of our common stock underlying these warrants must be covered by an effective and current registration statement and qualify or be exempt under the securities laws of the state or other jurisdiction in which you live. We cannot assure you that we will continue to maintain a current registration statement relating to the shares of our common stock underlying the Class A and Class B public warrants or that an exemption from registration or qualification will be available throughout their term. This may have an adverse effect on demand for the Class A and Class B public warrants and the prices that can be obtained from reselling them.

**The Class A and Class B public warrants may be redeemed on short notice. This may have an adverse impact on their price.**

We may redeem the Class A public warrants upon 30 days' notice so long as the last reported sales price of the common stock as reported by the principal exchange or trading market on which our common stock trades equals or exceeds \$ (subject to certain adjustments) for 20 consecutive trading days ending on the third day prior to the day on which notice is given. We may redeem the Class B public warrants upon 30 days' notice so long as the last reported sales price of the common stock as reported by the principal exchange or trading market on which our common stock trades equals or exceeds \$ (subject to certain adjustments) for 20 consecutive trading days ending on the third day prior to the day on which notice is given. The redemption price is \$0.01 per public warrant, subject to

adjustment in the event of a stock split, dividend or the like. We do not intend to redeem the public warrants at a time when we do not have an effective registration statement for the exercise of the public warrants. If we give notice of redemption, holders of our public warrants will be forced to sell or exercise the public warrants they hold or accept the redemption price. The notice of redemption could come at a time when it is not advisable or possible to sell or exercise the public warrants.

**The Class A and Class B public warrants may negatively affect our ability to raise additional capital.**

During the terms of the Class A and Class B public warrants, their holders are given the opportunity to profit from a rise in the market of our common stock. So long as the public warrants are outstanding, the terms on which we could obtain additional capital may be adversely affected. The holders of the public warrants might be expected to exercise them at a time when we might be able to obtain any needed capital by a new offering of securities on terms more favorable than those provided by the public warrants.

**A large number of our shares of common stock may be sold in the market following this offering which could cause the prices of our securities to decline.**

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock or other securities in the public markets, or the perception that these sales may occur, could cause the market price of our common stock or other securities to decline. After this offering, we will have \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock outstanding (including shares of our common stock comprising a part of the units that are the subject of this offering but excluding shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of any of the Class A and Class B public warrants), or \_\_\_\_\_ shares if the underwriters' over-allotment is exercised in full. We anticipate \_\_\_\_\_ of the shares will be eligible for public trading. The \_\_\_\_\_ units sold in this offering, or \_\_\_\_\_ units if the underwriters' over-allotment is exercised in full, will be freely tradeable without restriction or further registration under the federal securities laws unless purchased by our affiliates.

Assuming no exercise of options or warrants outstanding as of the effective date of this offering, \_\_\_\_\_ shares are subject to contractual lockup agreements with the representative of the underwriters pursuant to which the holders of the shares have agreed not to sell their shares for one year after the completion of this offering. Of these shares, unless held by "affiliates," \_\_\_\_\_ will be freely tradable after \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will be freely tradable after \_\_\_\_\_.

In addition, the holders of \_\_\_\_\_ common shares and \_\_\_\_\_ warrants to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ shares have agreed with the representative not to sell their common shares, the warrants or the \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock underlying the warrants for the earlier of one year after completion of this offering or when the average of the last reported sales price for our common stock exceeds \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 consecutive trading days. These shares and warrants are otherwise freely tradeable pursuant to an effective registration statement with the SEC.

**We may issue preferred stock with rights senior to the common stock.**

Our articles of incorporation authorize the issuance of up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock without stockholder approval and on terms established by our directors. We have no existing plans to issue shares of preferred stock. However, the rights and preferences of any such class or series of preferred stock would be established by our board of directors in its sole discretion and may have dividend, voting, liquidation and other rights and preferences that are senior to the rights of the common stock.

**You should not rely on an investment in our common stock for the payment of cash dividends.**

Because of our significant operating losses and because we intend to retain future profits, if any, to expand our business, we have never paid cash dividends on our stock and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. You should not make an investment in our securities if you require dividend income. Any return on investment in our common stock would only come from an increase in the market price of our stock, which is uncertain and unpredictable.

**Our officers, directors and their affiliates control us and can take actions that conflict with your interests as stockholders.**

Our executive officers, directors and holders of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock own a total of approximately 72.5% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock. As a result of this ownership, these persons have the power to control our Company in many instances without a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors, and other matters pertaining to corporate governance. For example, our two largest stockholders recently approved by written consent the request of our board to effect a 1-for-5 reverse stock split. This concentration of ownership also may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control of our Company. Thus, you will have no ability to exert control over our operations or significant corporate decisions.

**DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical fact are "forward-looking statements" for purposes of federal and state securities laws, including any projections of earnings, revenue or other financial items; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations; any statements concerning proposed new products or developments; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; any statements of belief; and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Forward-looking statements may include the words "may," "will," "estimate," "intend," "continue," "believe," "expect" or "anticipate" and other similar words.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in any of our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in any of our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in this prospectus. Important factors that could cause our actual results, performance and achievements, or industry results to differ materially from estimates or projections contained in forward-looking statements include, among others, the following:

- our ability to attract and retain productive independent distributors and endorsers;
- our relationships with, and our ability to influence the actions of, our independent distributors;
- adverse publicity associated with our products, similar products of others or direct sales organizations;
- our ability to continue as a going concern;
- changing consumer preferences and demands;
- the competitive nature of our business;
- regulatory matters governing our products and direct sales program;
- our reliance on outside manufacturers;
- the sufficiency of our trademarks and other intellectual property rights; and
- our reliance on our management team.

Additional factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our forward-looking statements are set forth in this prospectus, including under the headings "Prospectus Summary," "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Our Company" and in our "Summary of Financial Information" and the related notes. We do not intend, and undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement.

Before deciding whether to invest in the securities offered by the prospectus, you should carefully consider the matters set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" and all other information contained in this prospectus. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate that the net proceeds from the sale of the units that we are selling in this offering will be approximately \$7,952,000 based on a public offering price of \$ per unit and after deducting \$1,248,000, reflecting the estimated underwriting discount, non-accountable expense allowance, financial advisory agreement with the representative of the underwriters, and \$400,000, reflecting the estimated offering expenses payable by us. If the underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised in full, we estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$9,176,000. We expect to use the net proceeds of this offering as follows.

Intended Use	Approximate Amount	Approximate Percentage of Net Proceeds
For marketing and promotions of our products, celebrity endorsements, promotional and independent distributor lead generation events and public relations.	\$ 2,200,000	27.6%
For incentives to attract and retain experienced sales leaders, including short-term guaranteed base payments, and travel and related expenses.	1,200,000	15.1%
For product development and inventory build up in anticipation of sales growth, including expenditures for the formulation, marketing and introduction of two to four new products.	1,200,000	15.1%
Capital expenditures for warehouse relocation, improvements and expansion of our customer service center currently located at our Denver, Colorado office, upgrading and expansion of our website and other information systems.	1,000,000	12.6%
General and administrative expenditures, including increasing staffing and consulting and other operating costs as we seek to expand our operations.	800,000	10.1%
Payment of deferred salary and related payroll taxes to certain of our executive officers(1)	70,000	0.9%
For general working capital needs, including repayment of any short term loans we may obtain prior to the completion of this offering. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources."	1,482,000	18.6%
	<u>\$ 7,952,000</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

(1) Certain of our executive officers have agreed to defer up to \$70,000, in the aggregate, of their salaries and related payroll tax pending completion of this offering.

In the event the underwriters' over-allotment option is exercised, then the amount of net proceeds available for working capital will be more than is indicated in the above table.

The above amounts are our current estimate of the allocation of the net proceeds. Because the future of our business is difficult to predict, it is likely that the actual amounts used for these purposes may vary significantly from our current estimates. Also, we may use offering proceeds for purposes not listed above in response to cash requirements or business opportunities that we do not now anticipate. Any such use could reduce proceeds available for the uses described above.

We anticipate that our existing cash and the net proceeds of this offering will be sufficient to fund our operations and capital requirements for at least 12 to 18 months following this offering, depending primarily on our sales levels. We cannot assure you, however, that such funds will not be expended earlier due to unanticipated changes in economic conditions or other circumstances that we cannot foresee. In the event our plans change or our assumptions change or prove to be inaccurate, we could be required to seek additional financing sooner than currently



anticipated.

Until we use the net proceeds of this offering in our business, we intend to invest the funds in short-term, government or investment grade, interest-bearing securities. We cannot predict whether the proceeds invested will yield a favorable return.

**DIVIDEND POLICY**

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. For the foreseeable future, we intend to retain any earnings to finance the development and expansion of our business, and we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will be dependent upon then existing conditions, including our financial condition and results of operations, capital requirements, contractual restrictions, business prospects, and other factors that our board of directors considers relevant.

## CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of December 31, 2003, derived from our audited consolidated financial statements found elsewhere in this prospectus. The table also sets forth our capitalization as of September 30, 2004, derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements found elsewhere in this prospectus on an actual basis and on an as adjusted basis. As adjusted data assume the receipt of \$7,952,000 in net proceeds from this offering.

	<u>December 31, 2003</u>	<u>September 30, 2004</u>	
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>As adjusted</u>
		<u>(unaudited)</u>	<u>(unaudited)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,963	\$ 602,714	\$ 8,554,714
Total debt	2,089,401		
Shareholders' equity			
Preferred Stock, authorized 5,000,000 shares, \$0.001 par value, none issued and outstanding			
Common Stock, authorized 50,000,000 shares, \$0.001 par value, issued and outstanding actual and pro forma, shares issued and outstanding pro forma as adjusted	3,241	6,534	
Additional paid-in capital	2,383,723	7,637,192	
Deficit	(4,868,405)	(6,585,594)	(6,585,594)
Total shareholders' equity (deficit)	(2,481,441)	1,058,132	9,010,132
Total capitalization (deficit)	\$ (392,040)	\$ 1,058,132	\$ 9,010,132

**DILUTION**

Purchasers of units in this offering will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the common stock from the public offering price. Net tangible book value per share represents the amount of our tangible assets reduced by the amount of our total liabilities, divided by the number of shares of common stock outstanding.

As of September 30, 2004, our net tangible book value (unaudited) was \$1,058,132 or approximately \$.16 per share of common stock then outstanding. As of September 30, 2004, our pro forma net tangible book value (unaudited), as adjusted for the sale of the 1,443,609 units offered in this offering and application of the net proceeds of \$7,952,000 (at an assumed public offering price of \$6.65 per unit, which is the midpoint of our estimated price range of the units, and includes \$.10 allocated to the Class A public warrants and \$.05 allocated to the Class B public warrants, and after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses), would have been approximately \$.96 per share.

This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of \$.80 per share to existing stockholders and an immediate and substantial dilution of \$2.29 per share or approximately 70% to new investors purchasing common stock in this offering.

The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

	<b>Per Share of Common Stock</b>
Assumed public offering price per share of common stock	\$ 3.25
Net tangible book value (unaudited) as of September 30, 2004	.16
Increase attributable to new investors	.80
Pro forma net tangible book value (unaudited) after this offering	.96
Dilution of net tangible book value to investors in this offering	\$ 2.29

The following table summarizes on a pro forma basis, as of September 30, 2004 (giving retroactive effect to a 1-for-5 reverse split of our common stock we consummated on December 8, 2004) (i) the number of shares of common stock purchased from us, (ii) the total consideration paid for such shares and (iii) the average price per share paid by existing holders of our common stock, and investors in this offering, assuming the sale of all 2,887,218 shares offered by this prospectus of common stock at the price indicated above and before deducting any underwriting discounts and offering expenses payable by us.

	<b>Shares</b>		<b>Total Consideration</b>		<b>Average Price per Share</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percent</b>	
Existing stockholders	6,534,043	69%	\$ 7,551,515	45%	\$ 1.16
New investors	2,887,218	31%	\$ 9,383,459	55%	\$ 3.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,421,261</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 16,934,974</b>	<b>100%</b>	

The above discussion and tables assume a per unit price of \$6.65 and exclude:

443,077 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option;

1,476,923 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of Class A and Class B public warrants issuable in this offering;

500,000 shares of common stock underlying 250,000 Class A and 250,000 Class B public warrants to be issued to certain of our stockholders in connection with this offering;

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shares of common stock issued upon exercise of the representative's warrants (including Class A and Class B warrants underlying the units the representative's warrants); and

2,074,074 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise of outstanding warrants and stock options with an average exercise price of \$3.44 per share.

**MARKET FOR COMMON STOCK AND RELATED SECURITY HOLDER MATTERS**

Our common stock commenced trading on the OTC Bulletin Board on December 26, 2001. Our trading symbol is "VCUB.OB." Since there is only a limited trading market for our stock, stockholders, may find it difficult to sell their shares. Until June 20, 2003, the common stock trades reflected the business of Instanet prior to the share exchange with V3S. There is presently no market for the units or Class A or Class B public warrants offered by this prospectus.

The following table sets forth high and low bid prices for our common stock for the calendar quarters indicated as reported by the OTC Bulletin Board for the fiscal quarters indicated. These prices have been stated after giving retroactive effect to a 1-for-5 reverse split of our common stock we consummated on December 8, 2004, and represent quotations between dealers without adjustment for retail markup, markdown, or commission and may not represent actual transactions.

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
First Quarter 2005 (through January 17, 2005)	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.50
Fourth Quarter 2004	\$ 3.75	\$ 2.00
Third Quarter 2004	\$ 4.25	\$ 1.55
Second Quarter 2004	\$ 7.55	\$ 3.50
First Quarter 2004	\$ 7.55	\$ 4.00
Fourth Quarter 2003	\$ 15.00	\$ 7.00
Third Quarter 2003	\$ 16.25	\$ 14.00
Second Quarter 2003	\$ 14.00	\$ 0.75
First Quarter 2003	\$ 6.25	\$ 0.75

As of the date of this prospectus, we had approximately 170 holders of record of our common stock. A significant number of our shares were held in street name and, as such, we believe that the actual number of beneficial owners is significantly higher.

**Equity compensation plans**

The following table provides information about our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2003.

<u>Plan Category</u>	<u>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u>	<u>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u>	<u>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plan</u>
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	550,275	\$ 5.00	449,725
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders	0	N/A	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>550,275</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>449,725</b>

## SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

In the table below, we provide you with historical selected consolidated financial data for the two years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We also provide below financial data for, and as of the end of, our third fiscal quarter of 2004, derived from our unaudited financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus on an actual basis and on an as adjusted basis. As adjusted data assume the receipt of \$7,952,000 in net proceeds from this offering. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any future period or for a full year. When you read this historical selected financial data, it is important that you read along with it the historical consolidated financial statements and related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2002	For the Year Ended December 31, 2003	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		
			2003  (unaudited)	2004 (actual)	2004 (as adjusted)  (unaudited)
<b>Statements of Operations Data:</b>					
Net sales	\$ 983,557	\$ 1,213,062	\$ 1,018,329	\$ 561,454	\$ 561,454
Cost of goods sold	291,132	625,976	575,509	174,653	174,653
Operating expenses	2,141,354	2,446,993	1,864,524	1,807,089	1,807,089
Other expenses (interest)	156,928	225,075	132,244	296,901	296,901
Net loss	(1,605,857)	(2,084,982)	(1,553,948)	(1,717,189)	(1,717,189)
<b>Per Common Share Data:</b>					
Basic and Diluted loss per share	\$ (.42)	\$ (.71)	\$ (.54)	\$ (.32)	\$
<b>Weighted Average Shares of Common Stock Outstanding:</b>					
Basic and Diluted	3,786,458	2,952,907	2,867,113	5,443,860	
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
		December 31, 2003	September 30, 2004	2004 (as adjusted)	
			(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Current assets	\$	356,149	\$ 1,234,289	\$ 9,186,289	
Total assets		566,772	1,461,725	9,413,725	
Current liabilities		1,412,352	403,593	403,593	
Long-term debt and other liabilities		1,635,861			
Stockholders' equity (deficit)		(2,481,441)	1,058,132	9,010,132	
Accumulated Deficit		(4,868,405)	(6,585,594)	(6,585,594)	

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*You should read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with our financial statements, including the notes thereto contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of certain factors, including those set forth under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus.*

**Overview**

We are in the business of developing, selling, marketing and distributing nutritional supplement products. We market our products primarily through direct selling or network marketing, in which independent distributors sell our products. In addition, we sell our products directly to professional and Olympic athletes and professional sports teams.

Our product lines consist of two powdered beverages, 12 individual supplements packaged in our VitaCube®, and four supplements sold separately. Our VitaCube® is an easy to use, compartmentalized box with instructions for which supplements to take and the proper times to take them.

During the third quarter of 2003, we initiated a transition of our sales and marketing efforts from sales to retail outlets and in-house telemarketing to direct selling through independent distributors and we launched our direct sales program in the second quarter of 2004. As of January 1, 2005, we had 981 independent distributors and 967 customers (excluding professional athletes and sports teams) who had purchased our products within the prior seven months.

We maintain an inventory of our products to insure that we can timely fill our customer orders. We can have large increases in inventory levels if we have multiple product reorders in the same period. In addition, our manufacturers typically may take up to 12 weeks to deliver products after we place an order, and they have minimum order requirements, which also adds to higher inventory levels. In connection with our change to direct selling in the third quarter of 2003, we discontinued several specialty supplements and various combinations of supplements sold in our VitaCube®, taking a charge against inventory at September 30, 2003 of \$177,896. We also established at that date a provision for future obsolete inventory of \$31,782. At December 31, 2003, our inventory was at \$317,819, a historically low level compared to inventory of \$527,055 at December 31, 2002, and \$419,309 at December 31, 2001.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2004 we reordered five supplements used in all of our VitaCubes® and we placed our initial manufacturing order of eForce®, resulting in total inventory of \$567,622 at September 30, 2004. Even though our inventory level currently is relatively high based on our sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, we believe our inventory is appropriately classified as a current asset based on the ongoing implementation of our new marketing plan which is designed to increase our distributor base and sales.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2004, we discontinued some sales and marketing tools, taking a charge against our provision for obsolete inventory of \$14,483. This resulted in a decrease in our provision for obsolete inventory at September 30, 2004. We believe our reserve for obsolescence is reasonable because (i) substantially all of our inventory has been recently purchased, (ii) the shelf life of our products averages three years, and (iii) we have no current plans to eliminate any of our products.

Our network marketing program is designed to provide incentive for independent distributors to build, maintain and motivate a sales organization of customers and other independent distributors to enhance earning potential. Our independent distributors are compensated with commissions and bonuses on sales generated through their downline organization. Independent distributors advance in



distributor levels as they develop their sales organization and increase their sales volume, which increases their compensation. In seeking to increase the number of our independent distributors and our sales, we expect to use up to \$1.2 million of the net proceeds of this offering as incentives to attract experienced sales leaders in direct marketing.

We recognize revenue when products are shipped to our customers. Revenue is reduced by product returns at the time we take the product either back into inventory or dispose of it. In addition, we estimate a reserve total for future returns. Cost of our sales consists of expenses directly related to the production and distribution of the products and certain sales materials. Included in the sales and marketing expenses are independent distributor commissions, bonus and incentives along with other general selling expenses. We expect our independent distributor expenses, as a percentage of net revenues, to increase as independent distributors reach the higher levels of incentives in our direct sales program. General and administrative expenses include salaries and benefits, rent and building expenses, legal, accounting, telephone, professional fees, depreciation and amortization.

Our revenue will depend on the number and productivity of our independent distributors, who purchase products and sales materials from us for resale to their customers or for personal use. Because we will distribute substantially all of our products through our independent distributors, our failure to retain our existing distributors and recruit additional distributors could have an adverse effect on our revenue.

Due to the recent start-up of our direct sales program we believe we need to gain more operating experience in order to discern and discuss key indicators of our performance. To date, however, we believe that the number of our distributors is an important indicator to monitor. In addition, we will monitor the sales generated per independent distributor as well as the success of our independent distributors in recruiting new independent distributors. At this time it is too early to determine what indicators will be necessary for us to be profitable.

With respect to industry and market factors that may affect us directly, we believe that industry credibility in both direct selling and nutritional supplements will be critical elements in whether we can increase revenues and become profitable. Any adverse developments in either of these two areas, to us or in our industry, could lead to a lower number of our independent distributors and reduced sales and recruiting efforts by existing distributors, as well as a loss or no increase in the number of sports celebrity endorsers of our products. We do not know what industry growth was for 2004 or will be for 2005 nor do we have enough experience in the direct sales channel to determine whether a slower industry growth rate, which occurred for several years leading up to 2003, will adversely affect us.

Our operating plan for 2005 is focused on increasing the number of independent distributors, growing revenues, and generating gross profits. Due to the recent commencement of our direct selling program through independent distributors, we cannot predict our revenue, gross profit, net income or loss or use of cash and cash equivalents; however, we expect net losses will continue for at least the 12 months following this offering.

Our independent auditors have noted in their report on our financial statements as of December 31, 2003 and for the year then ended, that there is substantial doubt regarding our ability to continue as a going concern. To date this qualification has not affected our ability to secure funding for our operations; however, going forward, in the event this qualification is not removed, we may experience more difficulty in raising adequate funds to operate our Company.

The Company has previously filed its Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2003 and its Forms 10-QSB for the interim periods during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the Company reclassified \$211,746 from general and administrative expenses to cost of goods sold accounts. The Company's previously reported gross profit has been restated to reflect this reclassification. Net income as reported for each preceding period was not affected.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to bad debts, inventories, sales returns and customer warranties. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe the following critical accounting policies affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements.

*Revenue Recognition.* In accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin 101 "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements", revenue is recognized at the point of shipment, at which time title is passed. Net sales include sales of products, sales of marketing tools to independent distributors and freight and handling charges. With the exception of approved professional sports teams, we receive the net sales price from all of our orders in the form of cash or credit card payment prior to shipment. Professional sports teams with approved credit have been extended payment terms of net 30 days.

*Allowances for Product Returns.* Allowances for product returns are recorded at the time product is shipped. These accruals are based upon the historical return rate since the inception of our network marketing program in the third quarter of 2003, and the specific historical return patterns by product. Our return rate since the third quarter of 2003 has varied from 1.7% to 3.3% of our monthly net sales.

We offer a 60-day, 100% money back unconditional guarantee to all customers and independent distributors who have never before purchased products from us. As of September 30, 2004, orders from buyers subject to our 60-day money back guarantee were approximately \$65,000. All other product may be returned to us by any customer or independent distributor if it is unopened and undamaged for a 100% sales price refund, less a 10% restocking fee, provided the product is returned within 12 months of purchase and is being sold by us at the time of return. We are not able to estimate the amount of revenue we have recognized that is held by these buyers of product and which is returnable, because it is not possible to determine the amount of product would be unopened and undamaged. Returned product damaged during shipment is replaced wholly at our cost, which historically has been negligible.

Historically, our changes in estimates of allowances for product returns have been minimal, ranging from \$200 as of September 30, 2004 to \$1,200 as of December 30, 2003. Our original estimate of allowances for product returns was \$2,857 as of September 30, 2003. We monitor our estimates on an ongoing basis and may revise allowances to reflect our experience. We have no relevant historical data on product returns before September 2003, as we did not market in the direct sales channel until August 1, 2003. To date, product expiration dates have not played any role in product returns, and we do not expect they will in the future because it is unlikely that we will ship product with an expiration date earlier than the latest product return date.

*Inventory Valuation.* Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market on a first in first out basis. A reserve for inventory obsolescence is maintained and is based upon assumptions about current and future product demand, inventory whose shelf life has expired and market conditions. A change in any of these variables may require additional reserves to be taken. We reserved \$17,299 for obsolete inventory as of September 30, 2004 and \$31,782 as of December 31, 2003. Prior to September 30, 2003, we did not provide for a reserve for obsolete inventory due to lack of historical information on which to base a reserve. We have not changed our estimated reserves in subsequent periods.

*Allowances for Doubtful Accounts.* We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of the ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required, which would increase our expenses during the periods in which any such allowances were made. The amount recorded as an allowance for doubtful accounts in each period is based upon an assessment of the likelihood that we will be paid on our outstanding receivables, based on customer-specific as well as general considerations. To the extent that our estimates prove to be too high, and we ultimately collect a receivable previously determined to be impaired, we may record a reversal of the provision in the period of such determination.

## Results of Operations

**For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2003 (unaudited).**

*The discussion below first presents the results of the 2004 nine-month period followed by the 2003 nine-month period.*

*Net sales.* Net sales were \$561,454 compared to \$1,018,329, a decrease of 45%. The decrease in sales was the result of refocusing of our sales and marketing efforts from in-house sales to direct selling through independent distributors. Independent distributors purchase our products for resale to customers and for their own personal consumption.

The percentage that each product category represented of our net sales for the period indicated is as follows:

Product Category	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2004	2003
	% of Sales	% of Sales
eForce® sports drink	9%	2%
VitaPro® nutrition shake	18%	37%
Vitamins and minerals	66%	56%
Other educational materials, apparel	7%	5%

*Gross profit.* Gross profit decreased to \$386,801 from \$442,820, a decrease of 13%. Gross profit as a percentage of revenue (gross margin) increased to 69% compared to 43%, a result of obtaining higher profit margin sales through independent distributors and the elimination of sales to low margin retail outlets. Also during the nine months ended September 30, 2003, we took a charge against inventory of \$177,896 for items that we determined would not sell well through the independent distributor marketing plan that contributed to the lower gross margin for 2003. The overall decrease in gross profit reflected the decrease in net revenue.

*Sales and marketing expenses.* Sales and marketing expenses decreased to \$823,923 from \$987,200, a decrease of 17%. Sales and marketing activities decreased due to our transition to sales through our independent distributors. Costs previously incurred with maintaining an in-house sales staff have been eliminated. The independent distributors now incur most of the costs of print and radio advertising. Therefore, we expect that the primary expense items will be the direct compensation to our independent distributors in the form of commissions, promotions and sales events and the continued commitments to our sports celebrity endorsers.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses were \$923,383 compared to \$814,770 or an increase of 13%. In 2004 we incurred higher consulting and compensation expenses. Executive compensation increased as a result of an employment agreement with our Chief

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Executive Officer effective April 1, 2004. Prior to that time our Chief Executive Officer drew a nominal salary.

*Research and development expenses.* Research and development expenses were relatively minor, increasing to \$5,511 from \$0. We completed the introduction of our reformulated eForce® sports energy drink during the quarter ended September 30, 2004. We plan to develop and introduce two to four new products in 2005 and expect these expenses will show a modest increase. As of the date of this prospectus, we are developing an appetite suppressant caramel chew and a protein based liquid meal. We anticipate marketing efforts for the caramel chew will begin in March 2005 and marketing efforts for the liquid meal will begin in the third quarter of 2005, and that estimated aggregate amounts to complete development and testing of these products are approximately \$25,000.

### **For the year ended December 31, 2003, compared to the year ended December 31, 2002.**

*The discussion below first presents the results of the 2003 year followed by the results of the 2002 year.*

*Net sales.* Net sales were \$1,213,062 compared to \$983,557, an increase of 23%. The increase was the result of our continuing to mature and create a brand awareness and demand for our products.

The percentage that each product category represented of our net sales for the period indicated is as follows:

<b>Product Category</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>% of Sales</b>	<b>% of Sales</b>
eForce® sports drink	1%	2%
VitaPro® nutrition shake	34%	29%
Vitamins and minerals	59%	65%
Other educational materials, apparel	6%	4%

*Gross profit.* Gross profit decreased to \$587,086 from \$692,425 or a decrease of 15%. Gross profit as a percentage of revenue (gross margin) decreased to 48% from 71%. The decrease in gross profits was the result of a charge against inventory of \$177,896 for items that we determined would not sell well through the independent distributor marketing plan. We discontinued the following products: specialty items Balanced Mood, Ginko Clear, Muscle MR3 and 17 different supplement combinations sold as part of our VitaCube®. We also established a provision for future obsolete inventory of \$31,782. The decrease in gross margin was a result of our selling products below cost at a closeout sale for the discontinued items. Also contributing to the decrease in gross margin were sales made during the first half of 2003 of our protein shake, VitaPro® to retail outlets, which carried a lower profit margin.

*Sales and marketing expenses.* Sales and marketing expenses decreased to \$1,273,361 from \$1,353,335, or 6%, as a result of transitioning into our direct selling through independent distributors, the conversion of our inside sales force into independent distributors and the termination of all print and radio advertising.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses increased to \$1,091,279 from \$617,457 or an increase of 77%. The increase was a result of \$106,866 of legal, accounting and other associated expenses in 2003 due to an abandoned public offering, \$50,975 of costs incurred in the reverse acquisition of Instanet and \$131,848 of costs due to becoming a public entity that were non-recurring.

*Research and development expenses.* We incurred no research and development expenses in 2003 compared to \$88,456 for 2002. Our initial product line was completed in 2002.

**For the year ended December 31, 2002, compared to the year ended December 31, 2001.**

*The discussion below first presents the 2002 year followed by the 2001 year.*

*Net sales.* Net sales were \$983,557 compared to \$203,448 or an increase of 383%. The increase was due primarily to our initiating sales to the general public on January 1, 2002, where prior to that we were still in the development stage and sales were only to professional and Olympic athletes.

The percentage that each product category represented of our net sales for the period indicated is as follows:

Product Category	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2002	2001
	% of Sales	% of Sales
eForce® sports drink	2%	2%
VitaPro® nutrition shake	29%	15%
Vitamins and minerals	65%	79%
Other educational materials, apparel	4%	4%

*Gross profit.* Gross profit increased to \$692,425 from \$79,581, an increase of 770%. Gross profit as a percentage of revenue (gross margin) increased to 71% from 39% due to sales to the general public at non-discounted prices compared to special discount pricing given to professional and Olympic athletes. Our gross margin fluctuates depending upon the mix of products sold.

*Sales and marketing expenses.* Sales and marketing expenses increased to \$1,178,619 from \$405,503, a 190% increase. The increase was due primarily to the introduction of our products to the general public in the form of print and radio advertising, educational literature and assembling an in-house sales and customer service force to support sales, all of which was discontinued in 2003.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses increased to \$792,168 from \$531,261 or an increase of 49%. The increase was a result of establishing the operational components necessary to support the launch of products to the general public.

*Research and development expenses.* Research and development expenses decreased by 6%, to \$88,456 from \$94,421. Development of our product line was completed during the first half of 2002 attributing to the decrease.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

To date, our operating funds have been provided primarily by loans from our Chief Executive Officer, one of our directors and by various stockholders (\$3,624,209), and from sales of our common stock (\$3,537,905), through September 30, 2004, and to a lesser degree, cash flow provided by sales of our products.

On January 31, 2004, we closed a private offering of our common stock issuing, 207,999 shares for gross proceeds of \$1,039,980. On April 15, 2004, we closed a second offering of our common stock issuing 1,665,290 shares for gross proceeds of \$2,497,925. In conjunction with the second offering, both our Chief Executive Officer and one of our directors converted outstanding loans plus accrued interest into 1,391,087 shares of our common stock at March 31, 2004, further reducing our debt. In April 2004, we repaid all of our then existing debt of \$220,000. As of September 30, 2004, we had no outstanding short-term or long-term debt.

We used \$1,788,031 of cash for operations in the nine months ended September 30, 2004, and we used \$610,666 of cash in the nine months ended September 30, 2003. The use of cash in our operations results from incurring and accruing expenses to suppliers necessary to generate business and service our

customers at a time when revenues did not keep pace with expenses. As of September 30, 2004, we had \$602,714 in cash and cash equivalents available to fund future operations. Working capital increased from a deficit of \$1,056,203 at December 31, 2003, to positive working capital of \$830,696 at September 30, 2004. This increase in working capital was the result of the completion of a private placement of our common stock and debt conversion described in "Notes to Financial Statements Note 2 Stockholders' Equity." From the initial purchase of our technology system in 2001 through September 30, 2004, we had spent \$157,582 on technology system upgrades.

We are not certain of our near term revenue and cash needs. We do, however, expect that we may incur additional short term debt pending the completion of this offering, depending on the timing of this offering. We have engaged in preliminary discussions with possible short term lenders, but cannot provide any assurances that such funding would be available on acceptable terms to us, if at all. We would expect that any such short term debt, if obtained, would be paid with proceeds from this offering. In order for us to conserve cash, certain of our officers have agreed to defer up to \$70,000 of salary and related payroll tax pending completion of the offering. These deferrals will be paid with proceeds from this offering.

Beyond our short term needs, we believe that our cash resources, including the net proceeds of this offering, will be sufficient to fund our operations for the next 12 to 18 months, depending primarily on our sales levels. We expect to use up to \$4.6 million of the net proceeds of this offering in seeking to expand our product sales. If our business operations do not result in increased product sales, our business viability, financial position, results of operations and cash flows would likely be adversely affected. Further, if we are not successful in achieving profitability, additional capital will be required to conduct ongoing operations. We cannot predict the terms upon which we could raise such capital or if any capital would be available at all.

*Contractual Obligations.* We lease office space from the father of our Chief Executive Officer with the lease expiring at December 31, 2005. We also have various operating leases for automobiles, computer and telephone equipment. At September 30, 2004, our commitments under these obligations were as follows:

Contractual Obligations	Less than 1 year	2 - 3 years	4 - 5 years
Office lease	\$ 18,000	\$ 37,800	\$
Operating leases	45,194	66,774	9,581
Total	\$ 63,194	\$ 104,574	\$ 9,581

*Customer Concentrations.* We had no single customer that accounted for any substantial portion of our revenues.

*Off-Balance Sheet Items.* We had no off-balance sheet items as of September 30, 2004.

## OUR COMPANY

### Overview

We develop, sell, market and distribute nutritional supplement products primarily through a direct sales or network marketing system in which independent distributors sell our products, as well as purchase them for their own personal use. We also sell our products directly to professional and Olympic athletes and to professional sports teams.

We formulated our products in 2000 and 2001 for sale to professional and Olympic athletes. We launched our sales and marketing programs to the general public in early 2002 through our internal sales force targeting specialty retail stores, health clubs and personal trainers. During 2003, we refocused our marketing and sales strategy on direct selling through independent distributors. We believe, based upon our sales experience in 2001 and 2002, our products can be more effectively sold through the face-to-face sales method afforded by direct selling.

A key part of our marketing strategy, in conjunction with our direct sales program, is the endorsement of our products by sports celebrities. Some of our celebrity endorsers include:

Mike Shanahan (football): Head Coach, Denver Broncos five Super Bowl teams;

Randy Johnson (baseball): Pitcher, New York Yankees four-time Cy Young Award Winner and 2001 World Series Co-MVP;

Mike Alstott (football): Fullback, Tampa Bay Buccaneers four-time Pro Bowl selection;

John Lynch (football): Safety, Denver Broncos five-time Pro Bowl selection;

Gary Gait (lacrosse): Forward, Colorado Mammoth six-time National Lacrosse League MVP; and

Megan Addy (track and field): world-ranked 400 meter hurdler.

While these endorsers use and endorse our products, no endorsement by any of them as to the merits of the securities offered by this prospectus should be inferred.

In addition, we supply our products to the following professional sports teams:

National Football League ("NFL"): Denver Broncos, Buffalo Bills, Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, New England Patriots, Seattle Seahawks;

Major League Baseball ("MLB"): Arizona Diamondbacks, Boston Red Sox, Cincinnati Reds, Chicago White Sox, Milwaukee Brewers and Oakland Athletics;

National Basketball Association ("NBA"): Denver Nuggets, Los Angeles Clippers, Memphis Grizzlies, Washington Wizards; and

National Hockey League ("NHL"): Columbus Blue Jackets and Florida Panthers.

While these professional sports teams use our products, no endorsement by any of them as to the merits of the securities offered by this prospectus should be inferred.

We were formed in 2001, under the name "Instanet, Inc." to provide Internet fund transfers. Instanet, which had no operating revenues, was a development stage company. Instanet's business model was not successful and it was searching for an operating business. V3S, a Colorado

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corporation formed in October 2000, contacted Instanet in May 2003. The parties completed a stock-for-stock exchange on June 20, 2003, in which Instanet acquired V3S. The acquisition was conducted on an "arms-length" basis. In the exchange, the then existing stockholders of V3S exchanged their stock in V3S for 2,714,403 shares of common stock of Instanet, then representing a 90% ownership interest in Instanet. V3S then became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Instanet and V3S's management became



management of Instanet. Instanet changed its name to VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. V3S at the time of the acquisition had \$810,743 of current and long-term assets and \$3,000,080 of current and long-term liabilities. V3S's assets included cash and cash equivalents, inventory, product formulations, an office information technology system and office equipment and furniture. The acquisition of V3S by Instanet is considered a reverse acquisition and accounted for under the purchase method of accounting. Under reverse acquisition accounting, V3S is considered the acquirer for accounting and financial reporting purposes.

The description of our business describes the business conducted by V3S. Instanet discontinued its business prior to the stock-for-stock exchange.

### **Industry Overview**

#### **The Nutrition Industry**

According to the latest industry overview, *Nutrition Business Journal* (May/June 2004), despite the changing regulatory atmosphere surrounding supplements, the fundamentals of growth for the nutrition industry—aging baby boomers' health concerns, the obesity epidemic and rising health care costs—were strong enough to propel nutritional industry growth overall to 8.2% and total U.S. consumer sales to \$62.9 billion in 2003, the first increase in sales growth in several years. The supplements segment contributed \$19.8 billion to nutrition industry sales and increased 5.7% in 2003 over the prior year, the highest annual growth rate since 1999. Vitamin sales grew 7.6% over 2002 or the highest growth rate since 1997. Topping the growth list were minerals and specialty supplements, both of which advanced sales by 15% in 2003. Rounding out the supplement categories is sports nutrition that gained 8% in sales in 2003 over 2002.

We believe that the size of the supplement market is due to public awareness of the positive effects of nutritional dietary supplements. Helping to increase awareness are reports and industry marketing that provides a correlation between the consumption of nutritional dietary supplements and better health. Both the United States government and universities have increased sponsorship of research relating to nutritional dietary supplements. For example, in fiscal year 2002, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) continued to lead all Federal agencies with a total of \$917 million spent on research and training. This total represents the combined individual contributions of the 18 NIH institutes and three centers that supported biomedical nutrition research and training. In addition, as part of the NIH, Congress has established the Office of Alternative Medicine, which focuses on alternative medical treatments, and the Office of Dietary Supplements, which conducts and coordinates research regarding the role of dietary supplements in maintaining health and preventing disease. New developments in 2004 have been the FDA's ban on ephedra and the steroid scandals in Major League Baseball and Track and Field. While these scandals may be perceived as having a negative effect on the nutritional supplement business, we have never produced or sold any products with the ingredients under public scrutiny.

#### **The Direct Selling Industry**

Firms that use direct sales as their distribution method have grown in numbers, sales and profits, both domestically and abroad. Results of the 2004 Direct Selling Association's Annual Growth and Outlook Survey indicate a 10.7% increase in direct sales over the previous two years to a record high of \$29.55 billion. This represents the 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of growth for the industry. The survey, which measures the size and activity of the U.S. direct selling industry, is conducted annually and includes responses from a cross-section of direct selling companies. Other major results of the survey indicate wellness products, such as weight loss products and nutritional supplements, account for approximately 15.3% of direct sales. The Direct Selling Association's published figures for 1999-2003 indicate that annual U.S. retail sales for the five years ended December 31, 2003, have grown from \$24.5 billion to

nearly \$30 billion along with the independent distributor base growing from 10.3 million to nearly 13.3 million during the same time period.

We believe the prospects for continued growth in direct sales are good and should benefit us, and we perceive several reasons as to why such growth has occurred:

The growth of direct sales has given it public visibility. We believe that governmental regulation of the direct selling industry has facilitated the public's market acceptance of legitimate direct selling companies.

The current economic climate of business closures, lay-offs, downsizing, outsourcing, and merging has resulted in motivated, educated workers seeking direct sales. These workers generally have professional and social networks, which offer personalized credibility to the direct selling industry.

With improved technology and the expanding use of the Internet, direct selling firms can become more efficient. For example, none of our independent distributors are required to carry inventory or personally conduct public presentations, and our computer systems keep track of and communicate with independent distributors and their organizations. We believe these efficiencies make direct selling easier to administer than in the past.

## **Our Products**

Currently we offer 18 different nutritional products. None of our products contain substances that have been the subject of publicized health concerns by the medical community such as ephedra, creatine, androstene, androstenedione, aspartame, steroids or human growth hormones. Our products include:

### ***eForce® Sports Drink***

eForce® is a sports drink that has been reformulated to support sustained energy without the levels of sugar and caffeine of most colas, and with one-tenth the amount of carbohydrates and two additional hydrating electrolytes not found in Gatorade®, a competing sports drink. eForce® has been reformulated to provide support for sustained energy before activity by incorporating the ingredients D-Ribose, 5 ginsengs and a complete B-Vitamin Complex (B1, B2, B6 and B12). eForce® also contains antioxidants such as Vitamins A, C and E and pomegranate extract in its formulation designed to benefit the body after activity.

### ***VitaPro® Nutrition Shake***

VitaPro® is a balanced shake that has a blend of proteins, carbohydrates and sugars and is available in chocolate or vanilla flavors. Its blend of proteins is designed to support metabolism and provide energy.

VitaPro® is formulated with 27 vitamins, minerals and antioxidants delivered in a shake form to help provide nourishment. VitaPro® combines various protein sources, vitamins, and minerals with ingredients such as Aminogen® an ingredient that contributes amino acids to the body and Fibersol-2®, a fiber that aids in digestion.

### ***Vitamins and Minerals***

Our vitamins, minerals, and specialty formulations are sold in various VitaCubes®, and consist of tablets, capsules and soft gel formulations. The VitaCube® is a compartmentalized container in which each supplement is separated into its own compartment, with a label above to designate the location of supplement. This label also provides the supplement name, a photograph, its benefits, the main

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ingredients and dosages, and the time to take it. VitaCubes® are divided into three primary and gender-specific packages:

VitaCube® Basic, designed for individuals who are new to nutritional supplement programs or who are recreational athletes;

VitaCube® Essential, designed for the individuals who have taken supplements previously and who seek a continued, serious exercise routine; and

VitaCube® Elite, designed for the individual who wants to maximize his or her exercise regimen and sports performance.

*Supplements found in our VitaCube® and their product description:*

Name of Supplement	Product Description/Intended Benefits
M32+® (Multi System Formula)	32 vitamins and minerals multivitamins
Cal/Mag+	Calcium and Magnesium support bones and muscles
Absorbit	Digestive Enzymes & Aminogen® aid digestion of nutrients
CP Complex®	Vitamin C and Potassium aid metabolic function
AO Elite®	L-Arginine and L-Ornithine aid circulation and muscle repair
ZMA Pro	Zinc and Magnesium Aspartate support muscle function and muscle recovery from exercise
WNB	Women's Natural Balance support for women's health
GC Elite®	L-Glutamine and L-Carnitine amino acids facilitate muscle recovery and fat metabolism
Ultra EFA	Essential Fatty Acids with Vitamin E support cardiovascular health (essential fatty acids) and cellular functions (Vitamin E)
AlphaNac®*	Alpha Lipoic Acid & N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine antioxidants help neutralize effects of muscle stress associated with exercise
JSH® (Joint Support Health)*	Glucosamine and Chondroitin support joint flexibility and mobility
Q-Zyme®*	CoEnzyme Q10 support energy metabolism in the heart

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Also sold separately from our VitaCube®

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*Products sold individually:*

<b>Name of Supplement</b>	<b>Product Description/Intended Benefits</b>
Complex SPP®	Saw Palmetto support prostate health in men over 30
Visual Eyes®	Lutein and Vitamin A support eye health
Enduro Max	B Vitamins and 5 Types of Ginsengs support endurance and stamina
Pure Heat®	Cayenne, Boswellia, & Turmeric support soft tissue health

### *Quality in Our Products*

In seeking quality in our products, we require that before a product is brought to market, all:

supplements are supported with publicly available scientific research and references;

our manufacturers carry applicable manufacturing licenses;

ingredients are combined so that their effectiveness is not impaired;

ingredients are in dosage levels that fall within tolerable upper intake levels established for healthy people by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies;

products do not contain adulterated ingredients such as ephedra, creatine, androstenedione, aspartame, steroids or human growth hormones;

formulations have a two year shelf life;

products are 100% free of lead and the typical allergens of wheat, corn and yeast; and

tablets, capsules and soft gels are designed to readily dissolve in the body to facilitate absorption.

### **Product Development and Advisory Boards**

In February of 2001, we retained the services of William E. Wheeler, PhD., ACSM, to act as our Director of Science and Technology. Dr. Wheeler has over 25 years of experience in the nutritional industry with over 260 senior author scientific publications as well as three Presidential Awards for Excellence in Research. Dr. Wheeler also served as staff nutritionist to the President of the United States (1976-1981) and served as staff nutritionist to the 1996 U.S. Olympic Decathlon Team. We employed Dr. Wheeler from February 2001 until April 2002. During this time, Dr. Wheeler headed a team of manufacturers and third party experts to research, formulate and test our products, the proprietary rights to which are solely ours. Currently, we have entered into a consulting agreement providing us with Dr. Wheeler's services on a limited basis, including advising us on product formulations and updates on nutritional science, for \$2,000 per month plus reasonable expenses. The agreement expires in March 2007, and may be terminated by either party upon 30 days written notice.

Over the past two years, we have assembled a Scientific Review and Medical Advisory Board and a Professional Athletic Advisory Board. Our Scientific Review and Medical Advisory Board is composed of Dr. Wheeler (chairman), Herbert Jacobs, M.D., FACS, FACOG, and Paul Dragul, M.D. These health and medical professionals emphasize nutrition and nutritional supplement in their practices. They advise us on potential products, ingredients and formulations, and they review our existing products for potential enhancements to improve effectiveness and marketability.

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Due to the number of professional athletes using our products, we created a Professional Athletic Advisory Board made up of strength coaches and trainers from various professional sports. Members of

our Professional Athletic Advisory Board are Steve Hess, Professional Strength and Conditional Coach for the Denver Nuggets, National Basketball Association, Dave Page, Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Arizona Diamondbacks, Major League Baseball, and Mark Casterline, Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Columbus Blue Jackets, National Hockey League. This board provides feedback on the use and perceived benefits of our products.

***New Product Identification.*** From time to time we expand our product line through the development of new products. New product ideas are derived from a number of sources, including trade publications, scientific and health journals, consultants, distributors, and other third parties. Prior to introducing new products, we investigate product formulations as they relate to regulatory compliance and other issues. We expect to formulate from two to four new products within the next 12 to 18 months after this offering.

### **Celebrity Endorsements**

As part of our marketing efforts, we compensate several sports celebrities for endorsing our products. We believe these endorsements lead health and fitness conscious consumers to use our products.

Our endorsers have agreed to provide written testimonials to advertise our products including the use of their name, likeness, and pictures for print, radio, electronic media, and video announcements. Additionally some endorsers have agreed to make personal appearances, participate in website chats, and wear apparel containing our logo.

The terms of our endorsement contracts vary. These contracts are generally for a period of one to three years and the endorsers are provided with our products for personal use on a reduced or no cost basis. In addition to receiving our products, these endorsers may receive cash compensation, stock options, stock grants, a percentage of net revenues, or other consideration. Some of our endorsement contracts also provide that the endorser will not endorse any competing products.

### **Our Independent Distributors and Customers**

***Overview.*** We distribute products through a direct selling program with independent distributors. Our distributors purchase products for their own consumption and for sale to their customers. Generally distributors do not maintain an inventory of products, but rather introduce new customers who purchase directly from us.

Independent distributors are encouraged to recruit and sign up new independent distributors and customers for us, the result of which is the creation of new "levels" within their sales organizations. These new enrollees are referred to as the "downline" of their enrolling distributor. Downline independent distributors are also encouraged to recruit new independent distributors, thereby creating additional levels in their organizations, but still connected to the original enrolling distributor. Enrollments occur based on personal introduction regardless of geographic location. We have no sales territories. Our independent distributors are compensated with commissions and bonuses on sales generated through their downline.

We believe direct selling is an effective way to distribute our products because:

distributors can educate consumers about our products in person;

direct sales allows for actual product sampling by potential consumers;

compared to other distribution methods our distributors can provide customers high levels of service and attention;

direct selling has benefited from advancements in technology, including low-cost telephone services and the Internet; and

products can be introduced to the market through person-to-person selling, resulting in lower up front capital outlays for us than conventional methods.

Our marketing team utilizes multimedia CDs and video e-mail to enhance the selling and recruiting capabilities of our independent distributors. These materials are sold to the independent distributors so that the ongoing advertising costs borne by us are not substantial. In addition, we utilize print, telecommunications and the Internet to recruit and train independent distributors. We have created a compensation plan that we believe motivates independent distributors to sell our products, build their sales organizations, and participate in Company-sponsored contests.

**Structure of our Direct Selling Program.** To become one of our independent distributors, a person must be enrolled through an existing independent distributor and must purchase a starter kit or business builder pack, except in states where a purchase of a starter kit is optional due to state regulations, in which case the distributor is given a starter kit at no charge. The starter kit consists of forms, policy and procedures and selling aids, and costs \$40. The business builder packs contain the starter kit, a selection of our products, and other materials, and range in price from \$199 to \$399.

**Compensation Plan.** Independent distributors can earn compensation in four different ways:

selling products directly to customers (earning a "retail rebate" for the spread between their price and their customer's price as established by us);

generating commissions based on their personal sales volume and the sales volume of their downline organization. We do not pay compensation for an existing distributor enrolling a new distributor;

qualifying for bonuses based on sales performance by distributors and their downline organization; and

participating in Company contests and promotions.

**Independent Distributor Training, Support and Motivation.** We believe that training, support and motivation are key elements in our independent distributors achieving success. Training from our corporate management includes live training events, conference calls and video e-mail. We have conference call capabilities which are available any time and can be accessed from any U.S. location for use by our independent distributors. In addition, every independent distributor is provided with an online "back office" or website. This provides the distributors the ability to send e-mails directly to his or her downline database along with tools for placing and reviewing orders and managing his or her downline.

For motivation, we recognize our independent distributors with pins and awards based upon sales achievements. In addition, from time to time, we use memorabilia signed by our celebrity endorsers as a further incentive. In August 2004, we had our first leadership retreat at a resort in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and we plan on utilizing trips and vacations as a primary component of our motivation strategy.

**Additional Methods of Distribution.** We also sell directly to professional and Olympic athletes using our in-house staff. Many of these athletes purchase our products at a discounted price, although some endorse our products in return for receiving them at no charge. We believe the endorsements of these high-profile athletes provides credibility to our products.

We are not dependent on one customer or a group of customers.

### **Management Information, Internet and Telecommunication Systems**

The ability to efficiently manage distribution, compensation, inventory control, and communication functions through the use of sophisticated and dependable information processing systems is critical to our success.

We continue to upgrade systems and introduce new technologies to facilitate our continued growth and support independent distributor activities. These systems include: (1) an internal network server that manages user accounts, print and file sharing, firewall management, and wide area network connectivity; (2) a Microsoft SQL database server to manage sensitive transactional data, and corporate accounting and sales information; (3) a centralized host computer located in Utah supporting our customized order processing, fulfillment and independent distributor management software; (4) a standardized Nortel Meridian telecommunication switch and system; (5) a hosted independent distributor website system designed specifically for network marketing and direct sales companies; and (6) procedures to perform daily and weekly backups with both onsite and offsite storage of backups.

Importantly, our technology systems provide key financial and operating data for management, timely and accurate product ordering, commission payment processing, inventory management and detailed independent distributor records. Additionally, these systems deliver real-time business management, reporting and communications tools to assist in retaining and developing our sales leaders and independent distributors. We intend to continue to invest in our technology systems in order to strengthen our operating platform.

### **Product Returns**

We revised our return policy in 2004 to provide an initial purchase guarantee to all first-time customers and first-time independent distributors who are not satisfied with our products for any reason. These customers and distributors may return to us any products purchased within 60 days of their initial order for a full refund. After 60 days and on all subsequent orders, customers and independent distributors may return unused, unopened and undamaged product that is currently being sold by us for a refund of 100% of the sales price less a 10% restocking fee, provided it is returned to us within 12 months of the purchase date. Returned product damaged during shipment is replaced. Historically, product returns as a percentage of our net sales have ranged from 1.7% to 3.3% of our monthly net sales.

### **Our Competition**

We compete with many companies engaged in selling nutritional supplements. We also compete with direct selling companies who sell products similar to ours. Most of our competitors have significantly more financial and human resources than we do, and have operating histories longer than ours. We seek to differentiate our products and marketing from our competitors based on our product quality, the use of sports celebrity endorsers, our attractive compensation plan for our independent distributors and through our simple selling program.

The retail market for nutritional supplements is characterized by a few dominant national companies, including General Nutrition Centers, Vitamin World, Vitamin Shoppe, and Great Earth Vitamin Stores. Others have a presence within local markets, such as Vitamin Cottage in Denver, Colorado. Three companies dominate the Internet - Vitamins.com (owned by Puritan's Pride), GNC.com and VitaminShoppe.com, the latter two having retail sales locations as well.

Major competitors in the sports nutrition and weight-loss markets consist of companies such as EAS, Inc., Weider Nutrition International, Inc. and Twinlab Corporation, which dominate the market with such products as Myoplex (EAS), Body Shaper (Weider) and Ripped Fuel (Twinlab).



Competitors for our sports energy drink include Gatorade®, Powerade®, Accelerade® and All Sport®. Indirect competition includes soft drinks and orange juice and related products such as Sunny Delight®, CapriSun® and other fruit drinks.

We compete with a number of large direct selling firms selling nutritional, diet, health, personal care and environmental products, and numerous small competitors. The principal direct selling competitors are Amway Corporation, Nature's Bounty, Inc., Sunrider Corporation, New Vision USA, Inc., Herbalife International of America, Inc., USANA, Inc., and Melaleuca, Inc.

### **Our Manufacturers**

We use four principal manufacturers for the components of our products, and multiple vendors for packaging and labeling. We have contracts with our two main manufacturers. Our relationship with any of our manufacturers may be terminated at will or upon short notice. We have established relationships with other manufacturers that we believe can satisfy our needs if our relationship with any principal manufacturer terminates.

### **Product Delivery**

All of our products are shipped by our manufacturers directly to us for storage at our facilities in Denver, Colorado. Products sold to our independent distributors and their customers are shipped directly by us to the distributors or customers. We collect sales tax on products based upon the address of the consumer to whom products are sent regardless of how the order is placed. Sales to our professional and Olympic athletes, our sports teams and from our non-distributor customers are shipped directly to them from our facilities.

### **Regulatory Matters**

**General.** Our operations are affected by extensive laws, governmental regulations, administrative determinations, court decisions and enforcement policies. These requirements exist at the federal, state and local levels in the United States, including laws and regulations pertaining to:

the formulation, manufacturing, packaging, labeling, holding, storage, distribution, advertising, and sale of our products;

product claims and advertising, including direct claims and advertising by us, as well as claims and advertising by independent distributors, for which we may be held responsible;

our direct selling program; and

taxation of independent distributors (which in some instances could impose an obligation on us to collect the taxes and maintain appropriate records).

The formulation, manufacturing, packaging, labeling, holding, storage, distribution, advertising, and sale of our products are subject to regulation by one or more federal agencies, including the FDA, the FTC, the Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC"), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA"), the Department of Agriculture ("USDA") and the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). These activities are also regulated by various agencies of the states and localities in which our products are sold. Pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ("FDCA"), the FDA regulates the processing, formulation, safety, manufacture, packaging, labeling, holding, sale, and distribution of foods and nutritional supplements (including vitamins, minerals, amino acids, herbs, and botanicals). The FTC has jurisdiction to regulate the advertising of these products. The CPSC is charged with protecting the public from risks of serious injury or death associated with the use of consumer products. Nutritional supplements are among the over 15,000 types of consumer products under CPSC's jurisdiction. When consumers complain to the CPSC about alleged harm stemming from

ingestion of a nutritional supplement, CPSC may contact the entity concerned, inform it of the nature of the complaint, and invite a response. CPSC has conducted several recalls of iron-containing dietary supplements that do not comply with the child-resistant packaging requirement. The OSHA is charged with protecting workplace safety. Nutritional supplement companies must maintain a safe workplace and may from time to time be subject to queries from OSHA if manufacturing methods or procedures raise a question of worker safety. The USDA has jurisdiction over animal food and animal feed, including regulatory control over the harvesting of animal-based source materials, including animal-derived proteins, and animal-derived gelatin capsules, used in the making of dietary supplements. The EPA regulates dietary supplement compliance with standards established under the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the Pollution Prevention Act as they affect the use, maintenance, and disposal of substances used in and facilities used for the manufacture of nutritional supplements.

The FDCA has been amended several times with respect to nutritional supplements, in particular by the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 ("DSHEA"), which established a new framework governing the composition, safety, labeling and marketing of nutritional supplements. Nutritional supplements are defined as vitamins, minerals, herbs, other botanicals, amino acids and other dietary substances for human use to supplement the diet, as well as concentrates, metabolites, constituents, extracts or combinations of such dietary ingredients. Generally, under DSHEA, dietary ingredients that were on the market prior to October 15, 1994, may be used in nutritional supplements without notifying the FDA. New dietary ingredients, consisting of dietary ingredients that were not marketed in the United States before October 15, 1994, are subject to a FDA premarket new dietary ingredient notification requirement unless the ingredient has been present in the food supply as an article used for food without being chemically altered. A new dietary ingredient notification must provide the FDA with evidence of a history of use or other evidence of safety establishing that use of the dietary ingredient will reasonably be expected to be safe. A new dietary ingredient notification must be submitted to the FDA at least 75 days before the initial marketing of the new dietary ingredient. There is no certainty that the FDA will accept any particular evidence of safety for any new dietary ingredient. The FDA's refusal to accept such evidence could prevent the marketing of such dietary ingredients.

The FDA issued a consumer warning in 1996, followed by proposed regulations in 1997, covering nutritional supplements that contain ephedra or its active substance, ephedrine alkaloids. We have never produced or sold products containing ephedra. In February 2004, the FDA issued a final regulation declaring nutritional supplements containing ephedra under the FDCA because they present an unreasonable risk of illness or injury under the conditions of use recommended or suggested in labeling, or if no conditions of use are suggested or recommended in labeling, under ordinary conditions of use. The rule took effect on April 12, 2004, and bans the sale of nutritional supplement products containing ephedra. Similarly, the FDA issued a consumer advisory in 2002 with respect to nutritional supplements that contain the ingredient Kava, and the FDA is currently investigating adverse effects associated with ingestion of this ingredient. We have never produced or sold any products containing Kava.

DSHEA permits statements of nutritional support to be included in labeling for nutritional supplements without FDA premarket approval. These statements must be submitted to the FDA within 30 days of marketing and must bear a label disclosure that "This statement has not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease." These statements may describe a benefit related to a nutrient deficiency disease, the role of a nutrient or nutritional ingredient intended to affect the structure or function in humans, the documented mechanism by which a nutrient or dietary ingredient acts to maintain such structure or function, the general well-being from consumption of a nutrient or dietary ingredient, but may not expressly or implicitly represent that a nutritional supplement will diagnose, cure, mitigate, treat or

prevent a disease. An entity that uses a statement of nutritional support in labeling must possess scientific evidence substantiating that the statement is truthful and not misleading. If the FDA determines that a particular statement of nutritional support is an unacceptable drug claim or an unauthorized version of a disease claim for a food product, or if the FDA determines that a particular claim is not adequately supported by existing scientific data or is false or misleading, we would be prevented from using the claim.

In addition, DSHEA provides that so-called "third-party literature," e.g., a reprint of a peer-reviewed scientific publication linking a particular nutritional ingredient with health benefits, may be used in connection with the sale of a nutritional supplement to consumers without the literature being subject to regulation as labeling. Such literature must not be false or misleading; the literature may not promote a particular manufacturer or brand of nutritional supplement; the literature must present a balanced view of the available scientific information on the nutritional supplement; if displayed in an establishment, the literature must be physically separate from the nutritional supplement; and the literature may not have appended to it any information by sticker or any other method. If the literature fails to satisfy each of these requirements, we may be prevented from disseminating it with our products, and any dissemination could subject our products to regulatory action as an illegal drug. Moreover, any written or verbal representation by us that would associate a nutrient in a product that we sell with an effect on a disease will be deemed evidence of an intent to sell the product as an unapproved new drug, a violation of the FDCA.

We expect that the FDA will adopt in the future the final regulations, originally proposed in March 2003, regarding cGMPs in manufacturing, packing, holding and distributing dietary ingredients and nutritional supplements. These regulations will require nutritional supplements to be prepared, packaged, and held in compliance with strict rules, and will require quality control provisions that may mandate redundant testing of product ingredients at each separate stage of manufacture. We or our third-party suppliers or vendors could incur substantial additional expenses in order to comply with any new rules. If the FDA issues the final cGMPs for dietary supplements in 2005, as we expect, we will have up to a year to ensure compliance. We expect to see an increase in our manufacturing costs as a result of the necessary increase in testing of raw ingredients and finished products and compliance with higher quality standards, although we are not certain of the amount of these costs.

The proposed regulations would establish standards to ensure that nutritional supplements and dietary ingredients are not adulterated with contaminants or impurities, and are labeled to reflect accurately the ingredients in the products. It also includes proposed requirements for designing and constructing physical plants, establishing quality control procedures, and testing manufactured dietary ingredients and nutritional supplements, as well as proposed requirements for maintaining records and for handling consumer complaints related to cGMPs. We are evaluating this proposal with respect to our manufactures. However, the proposed regulation can be expected to result in additional costs and possibly the need to seek alternate suppliers.

The FDA has broad authority to enforce the provisions of the FDCA applicable to nutritional supplements, including powers to issue a public warning letter to an entity, to publicize information about illegal products, to request a recall of illegal products from the market, and to request the Department of Justice to initiate a seizure action, an injunction action, or a criminal prosecution in the United States courts. The regulation of nutritional supplements may increase or become more restrictive in the future.

In 2004, legislation was introduced in both houses of Congress that imposed substantial new regulatory requirements for dietary supplements. These bills did not pass and are no longer pending, but we believe the 2004 proposed legislation evidences a continuing effort to further regulate dietary supplements.

On April 12, 2004, the FDA adopted a new test for determining when a nutritional supplement is adulterated. Under this test, the FDA may declare a nutritional supplement adulterated (i.e., to present an unreasonable risk of illness or injury) if it finds any benefit provided by the supplement outweighed by a risk of illness or injury. The new risk/benefit test is ill-defined and can be interpreted to permit FDA to hold a wide range of nutritional supplements adulterated. It is possible that FDA might hold more nutritional supplements adulterated in the future, reducing the nutritional ingredients available for use in our products.

The FTC exercises jurisdiction over the advertising of nutritional supplements. In recent years, the FTC has instituted numerous enforcement actions against nutritional supplement companies for deceptive advertising based on those companies' alleged failure to possess competent and reliable scientific evidence in support of claims made in advertising.

The FTC may monitor our advertising and could request all evidence in support of our advertising claims, which evidence is required to be kept by us in advance of advertising. Discerning what constitutes "competent and reliable scientific evidence" involves, to a degree, a subjective assessment of the relative level, degree, quality, and quantity of scientific evidence and its acceptance in the scientific community as proof of the advertising statement. It is therefore possible that we may think evidence we have as sufficient but the FTC may deem the evidence inadequate. We believe we are in material compliance with applicable federal, state and local rules.

**Direct selling program.** Our direct selling program is subject to a number of federal and state regulations administered by the FTC and various state agencies. These regulations include anti-pyramid laws, securities laws, and laws and regulations governing business opportunities, franchises, lotteries and deceptive trade practices.

The anti-pyramid laws generally are directed at ensuring that product sales ultimately are made to the retail consumers, that advancement within an organization is based on sales of the organization's products rather than the recruitment of new distributors, and that distributors are not saddled with large quantities of non-returnable inventory. We remain subject to the risk that, in one or more markets, our marketing system could be found not to be in compliance with applicable anti-pyramid laws. Failure by us to comply with these regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business in a particular market or in general.

We also are subject to the risk of private party challenges to the legality of our direct selling program. For example, in *Webster v. Omnitrition International, Inc.*, 79 F.3d 776 (9th Cir. 1996), the multi-level marketing program of Omnitrition International, Inc. ("Omnitrition") was successfully challenged in a class action by Omnitrition distributors who alleged that Omnitrition was operating an illegal "pyramid scheme" in violation of federal and state laws. We believe that our direct selling program satisfies the standards set forth in the Omnitrition case and other applicable statutes and case law defining a legal marketing system, in part based upon what we believe are differences between our marketing system and that described in the Omnitrition case.

We monitor and respond to regulatory and legal developments, including those that may affect our direct selling program. However, the regulatory requirements concerning direct selling programs do not include bright line rules and are inherently fact-based. An adverse judicial determination with respect to our direct selling program could have a material adverse effect on our business. An adverse determination could: (1) require us to make modifications to our direct selling program, (2) result in negative publicity, (3) have a negative impact on independent distributor morale, (4) result in reduced revenues, (5) result in fewer celebrity endorsers of our products, and (6) potentially lead to the failure of the Company. In addition, adverse rulings by courts in any proceedings challenging the legality of multi-level marketing systems, even in those not involving us directly, could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

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Regulatory enforcement by the FTC against direct sales programs that it believes are pyramids or that are engaging, or have engaged in, significant deceptive consumer practices have resulted in complete failure of entities prior to an adverse ruling by a court in a contested hearing or trial. The FTC's practice is to conduct an investigation into a company's practices and activities as well as the practices and activities of its independent distributors. If the FTC believes that it has developed sufficient evidence, it will apply to a court for an *ex parte* temporary restraining order, an asset freeze, and the appointment of a receiver to run the company. The FTC has been successful in receiving such extraordinary relief from the courts. Once the temporary restraining order is issued, the independent distributors commonly abandon the selling company and move to other opportunities quickly. This can result in the failure of a direct selling company before a contested judicial proceeding occurs.

Federal and state securities laws may also apply to network marketing programs. If a network marketing company's compensation plan is not properly designed or implemented, the plan itself can fall within the definition of an "investment contract," which is a form of a security. Promoting such a program without registration is a violation of the securities laws and regulations. A violation could be prosecuted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, state securities commissions, or a civil cause of action could be instituted by private parties, and may result in significant damage to, or the closure of, a direct selling company.

The FTC and many states have "Business Opportunity" laws and regulations. Business opportunities that have a required investment threshold that exceeds a specified amount are subject to registration and disclosure obligations. Some states also require the promoter of the program to secure a surety bond before offering the business opportunity in the state and impose a "cooling off" period before the promoter can sell the business opportunity to a prospect. If a state or the FTC determines that our program is subject to regulation under the business opportunity laws or regulations, we will be required to register and adhere to the applicable obligations imposed by the respective states to which the determination applies. This could impede the enrollment of new distributors and slow the sales of our products.

The application of the Federal Franchise Rule and state franchise laws have similar application as the business opportunity laws. If found to be a franchise, we would be required to prepare and submit a Uniform Franchise Offering Circular or similar disclosure document to independent distributors before they could enroll in the program. Additional compliance obligations would also be imposed. This could have a material adverse impact on the enrollment of new distributors and the sales of our products.

The United States Postal Services ("USPS") has determined that some network marketing programs constitute illegal postal lotteries. If a participant in the program must give consideration to participate, and the selling entity remunerates the participants based on the element of chance, the program constitutes a postal lottery. A determination that we are operating a postal lottery would have a material adverse consequence on us as the USPS would discontinue all mail service and could pursue criminal prosecution.

### **Research and Development**

We incurred \$5,511 on research and development for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and we expect to spend a modest amount over the remainder of 2004. We spent no funds in 2003 on research and development. We spent \$88,456 on research and development in 2002 in completing the development of most of our current line of products. We expect to use a portion of the proceeds of this offering on research and development for two to four new products we expect to bring to market in 2005. As of the date of this prospectus, we are developing an appetite suppressant caramel chew and a protein based liquid meal. Neither product will require FDA or other regulatory approval. We anticipate marketing efforts for the caramel chew will begin in March 2005 and marketing efforts for

the liquid meal will begin in the third quarter of 2005, and that estimated aggregate amounts to complete development and testing of these products are approximately \$25,000.

### **Patents, Trademarks and Proprietary Rights**

We have obtained registration on trademarks for nine of our supplements: "Alpha Nac," "AO Elite," "Complex SPP," "CP Complex," "GC Elite," "JSH," "M32+," "Pure Heat," "Q-Zyme," and "Visual Eyes." We have also obtained trademarks for our energy drink "eForce" and our protein shake product "VitaPro," as well as for three products we have discontinued. We have abandoned or not pursued efforts to register marks identifying other items in our product line for various reasons including the inability of some names to qualify for registration. We also received federal trademark registration for six names or expressions that we use or intend to use to distinguish ourselves from others: "Cube Up," "Get Cubed," "Simple, Innovative, Complete Nutrition," "The Power of Nutrition," "VitaCube" and "V3S." All trademark registrations are protected for a period of 10 years and then are renewable thereafter if still in use. We are currently pursuing a trademark for "PROformance" to be used in association with our direct sales marketing program.

In January 2004, we abandoned efforts to obtain a patent for the VitaCube® delivery system. We felt that to continue this effort was not warranted in light of the costs involved and the limited protection we might have been able to achieve. We are not currently pursuing any patents and do not expect to do so for the foreseeable future.

### **Employees**

We had 12 full-time employees as of January 12, 2005. We consider our employee relations to be good.

### **Facilities**

We lease an office, located at 480 South Holly Street, Denver, Colorado, from the father of Sanford D. Greenberg, our Chief Executive Officer, for \$3,090 per month, with the lease expiring in December 31, 2005, with a one-year extension right with rent of \$3,180 per month. Our annual office rent for 2004 was approximately \$36,000.

On June 1, 2003, we contracted on a month-to-month basis with Stonepath Logistics, Inc. ("Stonepath") to manage and store our products. Stonepath stores our products in a controlled-environment warehouse in Denver, Colorado, and accepts bulk shipments on our behalf. We pay for these services on a per transaction basis, and our costs have been less than \$1,000 per month.

### **Insurance**

We maintain commercial general liability, including product liability coverage, and property insurance. Our policy provides for a general liability limit of \$1 million per occurrence, and \$2 million annual aggregate umbrella coverage. We also have a casualty insurance policy with a limit of \$1.5 million on our main facility, including inventory, and \$500,000 on our products not located at our main facility.

### **Legal Proceedings**

We are not a party to any material threatened or pending legal proceedings.

## MANAGEMENT

## Directors and Executive Officers

The following sets forth certain information regarding each of our directors and executive officers:

Name	Age	Position	Committee
Sanford D. Greenberg	46	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	
Timothy Transtrum	41	Chief Operating Officer	
Mary Pat O'Halloran	47	Chief Financial Officer	
David Litt	39	Vice President Sales and Marketing	
Doug Ridley	48	Director	Compensation
John B. McCandless	56	Director	Audit/Compensation
Anthony DiGiandomenico	38	Director	Audit/Compensation

Directors hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders following their election unless they earlier resign or are removed as provided in the bylaws. Our board of directors has determined that our directors, other than Mr. Greenberg, are "independent directors" under the American Stock Exchange listing standards. Our officers serve at the discretion of our board of directors.

The following is a summary of our directors and executive officers' business experience:

**Sanford D. Greenberg, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.** Mr. Greenberg is our founder and has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since our inception in October 2000. Prior to that, he was the Executive Vice President for GSG Securities, Inc., a NASD member firm, from 1998 to October 2000. From 1989 to 1998, he was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Chatfield Dean & Co., Inc., a former NASD member firm.

**Timothy Transtrum, Chief Operating Officer.** Mr. Transtrum joined us on February 2, 2004, as Chief Operating Officer. Prior to that, he was President and Chief Operating Office for NutriHealth USA, a division of the global nutrition company Natural Health Holdings LTD, from May 2002 to February 2004. From February 1999 to May 2000, he served as Vice President of Operations and International Development for Oasis Wellness Network, a network marketing company. From February 1998 to February 2004, Mr. Transtrum also was President of TF Transtrum Associates, an operations and retention consulting firm. From 1991 to 1998, he worked for Melaleuca Inc., a network marketing company, during which time he became Director of International Operations.

**Mary Pat O'Halloran, Chief Financial Officer.** Ms. O'Halloran has served as our Chief Financial Officer since January 1, 2002. Ms. O'Halloran served as a consultant to us from October 2001 until January 1, 2002. From July 1998 to October 2001, Ms. O'Halloran was the Information Systems Manager for Experimental and Applied Sciences, Inc., a nutritional supplement company. From September 1997 to July 1998, Ms. O'Halloran performed financial consulting through her consulting company Mpatt System and from November 1989 to September 1997 she was the Chief Financial Officer for Page Digital, Inc., a software company that develops and markets an enterprise software package for the catalog industry.

**David Litt, Vice President of Sales and Marketing.** Mr. Litt joined us as our Vice President of Sales and Marketing on October 1, 2004. Mr. Litt was an independent consultant for us from February 2004 until October 1, 2004, through his consulting business that he conducted from January 2003 until October 2004. From October 1998 to January 2003, Mr. Litt was the Chief Sales and Marketing Officer for Oasis Wellness Network, a network marketing company and from June 1996 to October 1998 he was the Vice President of Marketing for Mercantile Stores, Inc., a retail department store.

**Doug Ridley, Director.** Mr. Ridley was appointed as a director on January 1, 2004, and serves on our Compensation Committee. Mr. Ridley was an independent consultant to us from April 2003 until December 31, 2003. Mr. Ridley is currently President of Simply Because, a gift products network marketing company and since 1997, has been President of Chad Management Co., LLC, a nutritional products network marketing company.

**John B. McCandless, Director.** Mr. McCandless was appointed as a director on February 19, 2004, and serves on our Audit and Compensation Committees. Mr. McCandless is currently the Vice President of Technical Services at Weider Nutrition International, Inc. Mr. McCandless provided operations and product consulting services to nutrition and direct selling companies as a consultant from November 2002 to October 2003, and from October 1995 to November 2002, he served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for USANA Health Sciences, a health science company.

**Anthony DiGiandomenico, Director.** Mr. DiGiandomenico was appointed as a director on May 25, 2004, and he serves on our Audit and Compensation Committees. Mr. DiGiandomenico co-founded MDB Capital Group LLC, a NASD member broker-dealer, in 1997 and serves as a managing director of the firm. From 1990 to 1995, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Digian Company, a real estate development company. He currently serves on the board of Orion Acquisition Corp. II, a corporation which files reports pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, which was formed in 1995 to acquire an operating business by purchase, merger or otherwise.

There are no family relationships between or among our executive officers and directors.

Mr. McCandless works for a competitor of ours in the nutritional supplement market, Weider Nutrition International, Inc. We believe that his services as a board member are valuable to us. In the event a conflict arises between Mr. McCandless and us in connection with his board duties, he will recuse himself from board deliberations and decisions relating to the conflict.

#### **Director Compensation**

Our directors who are also employees do not receive any additional compensation for their services as directors. During the year ended December 31, 2003, non-employee directors received no fees. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, non-employee directors did not receive fees for service as directors but were reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses in attending meetings. We do not expect to pay director fees to our non-employee directors during 2005; however, directors will be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses in attending meetings.

In connection with their appointment to the board of directors, Doug Ridley, John B. McCandless and Anthony DiGiandomenico were each granted stock options to purchase 10,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share. Each option was exercisable for 2,500 shares on the date the option was granted. The options held by Mr. Ridley and Mr. McCandless vested with respect to an additional 2,500 shares on December 1, 2004 and will vest with respect to the remaining 5,000 shares on December 1, 2005. The options held by Mr. DiGiandomenico vest with respect to an additional 2,500 shares on May 20, 2005 and with respect to the remaining 5,000 shares on May 20, 2006.

#### **Board Committees**

Our board of directors has appointed an Audit Committee and a Compensation Committee. The composition of the Audit Committee will comply with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.



### **Audit Committee**

Mr. McCandless and Mr. DiGiandomenico serve on the Audit Committee. Our Audit Committee's main function is to oversee our accounting and financial reporting processes, internal systems of control, independent auditor relationships and the audits of our financial statements. The Audit Committee's responsibilities include:

selecting, hiring, and compensating our independent auditors;

evaluating the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent auditors;

overseeing and monitoring the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to financial statements or accounting matters;

approving the audit and non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditor;

reviewing with the independent auditor the design, implementation, adequacy and effectiveness of our internal controls and our critical accounting policies; and

preparing the report that the Securities and Exchange Commission requires in our annual proxy statement.

The board of directors has adopted an Audit Committee Charter.

### **Compensation Committee**

Messrs. Ridley, McCandless and DiGiandomenico serve on the Compensation Committee. Our Compensation Committee's main functions are assisting our board of directors in discharging its responsibilities relating to the compensation of outside directors, the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, as well as administering our 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee's responsibilities include the following:

reviewing and recommending to our board of directors the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, and the outside directors;

conducting a performance review of our Chief Executive Officer;

reviewing our compensation policies;

administering and overseeing our 2003 Equity Incentive Plan; and

if required, preparing the report of the Compensation Committee for inclusion in our annual proxy statement.

The board of directors has adopted a Compensation Committee Charter.

The Compensation Committee's policy is to offer our executive officers competitive compensation packages that will permit us to attract and retain highly qualified individuals and to motivate and reward these individuals in an appropriate fashion aligned with the long-term interests of our Company and our stockholders.

### **Compensation Committee and Insider Participation**

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Our Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing the compensation to be paid to our executive officers. None of our executive officers serve as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more of its executive officers serving as a member of our board of directors or Compensation Committee.

**Executive Compensation**

The following table sets forth information with respect to compensation earned by Sanford D. Greenberg, our Chief Executive Officer, in 2003 and 2004. No other executive officer received cash compensation from us of \$100,000 or more in 2003 or 2004.

**Summary Compensation Table**

Name and Principal Position	Years	Annual Compensation			Long Term Compensation	
		Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Other Annual Compensation (\$)	Securities Underlying Securities Options (#)	All Other Compensation (\$)
Sanford D. Greenberg,	2004	114,905	-0-	17,631(1)	800,000	-0-
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	2003	4,445	-0-	4,127(1)	-0-	-0-

(1) Includes auto allowance.

Sanford D. Greenberg entered into an employment agreement with us, effective as of April 1, 2004. Mr. Greenberg's employment agreement provides for his employment as our Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Greenberg will receive a salary of \$150,000 per year and may receive bonuses in such amounts as determined by our Compensation Committee. Mr. Greenberg will also be eligible to participate in bonuses on the same basis as other executives under any executive bonus plan adopted by us. Either party may terminate the agreement upon 30 days prior written notice. Additionally, Mr. Greenberg may be terminated for "just cause" as defined in the employment agreement upon one business day's prior written notice. If Mr. Greenberg is terminated by us without just cause, he is entitled to two years salary payable over 24 months. Mr. Greenberg's employment agreement also includes a non-competition provision for a period of two years after his termination of employment or, if later, one year after final payment of any pay-out provision upon termination.

Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Greenberg also received stock options to purchase 800,000 shares of our common stock at \$3.00 per share. The options vest over four years provided that Mr. Greenberg is still employed by us and are exercisable for five years after vesting. If Mr. Greenberg is terminated without just cause, all his unvested options vest and are exercisable for a period of five years from the date of termination. If Mr. Greenberg is terminated for just cause, all unexercised options terminate as of his date of termination. Mr. Greenberg has agreed to forfeit options to purchase 50,000 shares upon completion of this offering and in connection with the issuance of Class A and Class B public warrants to certain stockholders in consideration of their entering into lockup agreements.

Timothy Transtrum entered into an employment agreement with us, effective as of February 2, 2004. Mr. Transtrum's employment agreement provides for his employment as our Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Transtrum will receive a salary of \$110,000 per year and may receive bonuses in such amount as determined by the Compensation Committee. Mr. Transtrum will also be eligible to participate in bonuses on the same basis as other executives under any executive bonus plan adopted by us. Either party may terminate the agreement upon 14 days prior written notice. Additionally, Mr. Transtrum may be terminated for "just cause" as defined in the employment agreement upon one business day's prior written notice. If Mr. Transtrum is terminated by us without just cause, he is entitled to a minimum six months salary payable over six equal monthly installments, and 50% of his unvested stock options would vest immediately. In the event we experience a change in control, Mr. Transtrum, at his option, may terminate his employment and require us to pay him two months of

his then existing salary for each full year of employment with us, up to a maximum of six months salary.

Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Transtrum also received stock options to purchase 50,000 shares of our common stock at \$5.00 per share. The options vest over four years provided that Mr. Transtrum is still employed by us and are exercisable for five years. If Mr. Transtrum is terminated for just cause, all unexercised options terminate as of his date of termination.

David Litt entered into an employment agreement with us, effective as of October 1, 2004. Mr. Litt's employment agreement provides for his employment as our Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Mr. Litt will receive a base salary of \$150,000 per year plus a bonus of up to a maximum of \$150,000 per year based on the performance of the Company. He will be eligible for bonuses based on certain performance criteria as set forth in his employment agreement and may receive additional bonuses in such amount as determined by our board. Either party may terminate the agreement upon 15 days prior written notice. Additionally, Mr. Litt may be terminated for "just cause," as defined in the employment agreement, upon one business day's prior written notice. If Mr. Litt is terminated by us without just cause he is entitled to two months' base salary, any performance salary earned and any accrued but unpaid bonus. Mr. Litt will not be entitled to any severance benefits if, within six months of his termination of employment, he is employed by or becomes an advisor to one of our competitors.

Pursuant to his employment agreement, Mr. Litt also received stock options to purchase 80,000 shares of our common stock at \$5.00 per share, 30,000 of which are contingent based on meeting certain performance criteria as set forth in his employment agreement. The 50,000 non-contingent options vest over four years, with the first 10,000 shares vesting on October 1, 2004. Once the performance criteria are met, the contingent options will vest on the same schedule as the non-contingent options. The non-contingent options and the contingent options, if earned, are exercisable for five years provided that Mr. Litt is still employed by us. If Mr. Litt is terminated without just cause, he is entitled to any earned but not issued stock options based on the performance criteria and all vested options, all of which will terminate in accordance with the provisions of our equity incentive plan. All unvested stock options will terminate as of his date of termination.

### Stock Options

In 2004, we issued to Mr. Greenberg options to purchase 800,000 shares of our common stock. There were no stock options exercised in 2004 by Mr. Greenberg. The following table sets forth information with respect to the December 31, 2004 option values held by Mr. Greenberg:

Name	Shares acquired on exercise(#)	Value realized (\$)	Number of unexercised options at December 31, 2004		Value of unexercised in-the money options at December 31, 2004(1)	
			Exercisable	Unexercisable	Exercisable	Unexercisable
Sanford D. Greenberg	-0-	-0-	16,000	800,000	\$ 56,800	\$ 2,840,000

(1) The value of each option is based on \$3.55, the last reported sales price of the common stock as reported by the OTC Bulletin Board Market on December 31, 2004, less the exercise price payable for such shares.

### 2003 Equity Incentive Plan

During October 2002, our stockholders approved our 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2002 Plan"), a stock option plan that included incentive and non-qualified stock options and restricted stock. The aggregate number of shares of common stock that could be granted by us pursuant to the Plan could not exceed a maximum of 300,000 shares of common stock.

The 2002 Plan provided that with respect to incentive stock options (ISOs) the option price per share must be at least the fair market value (as determined by the compensation committee, or in lieu thereof, the board of directors) of the common stock on the date the stock option was granted or based on daily quotes from an exchange or quotation system designated by the compensation committee as the primary market for the shares. Under the 2002 Plan, if for any reason, a change in control occurred, all shares subject to the 2002 Plan immediately became vested and exercisable.

In June 2003, in connection with the reverse acquisition of Instanet, a new stock option plan (the "2003 Equity Incentive Plan") was adopted by us, with the same terms and conditions as the prior plan, except for an increase in the number of shares to be granted under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan to 800,000 shares of our common stock. Options under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan were substituted for options granted under the 2002 Plan. This modification in substance is treated as though we exchanged newly issued options with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share for the options that had been issued under the 2002 Plan, with our Company incurring additional compensation cost for any incremental increase in value received by the option recipients under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. For vested options, the compensation cost is the excess of the value of the modified options over the original options, and such cost was recognized in 2003. Under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, non-vested options are measured similarly, though the excess value, if any, is amortized over the remaining vesting period. As a result of this modification, additional compensation cost was recognized for the year ended December 31, 2003, as reflected below in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus. See also Note 3 for a summary of options granted in the fiscal years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

The 2003 Equity Incentive Plan is intended to attract persons of training, experience, and ability to continue as employees, directors, and consultants of our Company, and to furnish additional incentive to such persons to become stockholders of our Company.

Our board of directors, or a committee consisting of at least two or more non-employee directors, administers the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. The administrator has the discretion to interpret the provisions of the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. The administrator will also determine the persons who will receive awards under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, and the number of shares, vesting period, and other terms and conditions of the awards. Our board of directors may amend or discontinue the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan at any time, and the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan will expire July 1, 2013.

Options granted under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan may be either incentive stock options, as defined under the Internal Revenue Code, or nonqualified options. The expiration date, maximum number of shares purchasable, vesting provisions, and any other provisions of options granted under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan will be established at the time of grant. The 2003 Equity Incentive Plan administrator will set the term of each option, but no options may be granted for terms of greater than ten years. Options will vest and become exercisable in whole or in one or more installments at such time as may be determined by the plan administrator. With respect to incentive stock options granted, the exercise price may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant, and shall not be less than 110% of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant in the event an optionee owns 10% or more of our common stock. With respect to nonqualified options, the exercise price may be less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. If the optionee terminates his or her relationship with our Company for any reason, including death or disability, the optionee (or the optionee's estate) may exercise any vested options for a three-month period following his or her termination.

We may grant shares of restricted stock under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan to eligible persons upon the payment of consideration, if any, as determined by the plan administrator. The administrator may establish a performance goal that must be achieved as a condition to the retention of the restricted stock. The performance goal may be based on the attainment of performance measurement criteria, which may differ as to various eligible persons. The plan administrator will set the performance criteria

and will communicate the criteria in writing to the award recipient prior to the commencement of the period to which the performance relates. During the restricted period, and subject to restrictions on transfer of the shares, the award recipient shall have all voting, dividend, liquidation, and other rights with respect to the common stock. In the event the eligible person ceases to be an employee, director, or consultant during a restriction period, or in the event performance goals attributable to a restricted stock award are not achieved, the shares subject to the award that have not been earned are subject to forfeiture.

If any change is made in the common stock subject to the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, or subject to any award granted under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan (through stock dividends, stock splits, combination of shares, or otherwise), the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan provides that appropriate adjustments will be made as to the aggregate number and exercise prices with respect to each outstanding award. In the event of a merger, consolidation, or other reorganization of our Company, all restrictions relating to restricted stock awards will lapse, and all outstanding stock options will vest. Unless the agreement governing the change in control provides otherwise, upon consummation of the change in control, the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan will terminate and all outstanding options will terminate if not exercised prior to the consummation of the change in control.

Effective November 17, 2004, the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan was amended to increase the number of shares available to issue under its terms to 1,000,000 shares of our common stock.

### **Indemnification**

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws require us to indemnify, to the fullest extent authorized by Nevada law, any of our officers and directors who is or is threatened to be made a party to any civil, criminal, administrative, investigative, or other action or proceeding instituted or threatened by reason of such person's relationship with us.

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws also provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by Nevada law, our directors and officers shall not be liable to us or to any of our stockholders for damages caused by a breach of fiduciary duty by such director or officer.

Nevada law authorizes the indemnification of directors and officers against liability incurred by reason of being a director or officer and against expenses (including attorneys' fees) judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement and reasonably incurred in connection with any action seeking to establish such liability, in the case of third-party claims, if

the officer or director acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of our Company and, with respect to any criminal action, had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful;

in the case of actions by or on behalf of the Company, if the officer or director acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to our best interests; or

such officer or director is not adjudged personally liable pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 78.138 (which provides that a director or officer will not be personally liable unless it is proven that such director's or officer's act or failure to act constituted a breach of his or her fiduciary duties, and such breach involved intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of the law), unless a court otherwise determines.

There is no pending litigation or proceeding involving any of our officers, directors, employees or other agents as to which indemnification is being sought. We are not aware of any threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification by any such person. In addition, we may in the future enter into indemnification agreements with our directors and officers. These provisions and agreements may have the practical effect in certain cases of eliminating the ability of stockholders to collect monetary damages from directors and officers. We believe that these contractual agreements and the provisions in our articles of incorporation and bylaws are necessary to attract and retain qualified persons as directors and officers.

**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

We lease our current corporate office space from Arnold Greenberg, the father of our Chief Executive Officer, Sanford D. Greenberg. We paid \$46,800, \$42,000 and \$36,000 in rent for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively. Our current lease at \$3,090 per month expires at the end of December 2005, with a one-year extension right with rent of \$3,180 per month.

On June 30, 2002, prior to the Instanet merger with V3S, V3S agreed to repurchase 2,131,952 shares of its common stock from Warren Cohen, a founder and former director; in exchange he returned an additional 116,925 shares and received a long-term subordinated note for \$1,335,861, which included additional monies loaned to V3S and accrued interest. V3S did not have a market for its common stock at the time of this transaction. The note provided for interest at 8% per year with principal and interest payable from 25% of adjusted quarterly net income. Accrued interest on the note as of December 31, 2003, was \$160,450. On March 31, 2004, this note and all accrued interest were converted into 1,015,304 shares of our common stock at a conversion price of \$1.50 per share, the price for which shares of common stock were being sold in a private offering of our securities. This price was determined pursuant to arms-length negotiations between third party investors and us, and the conversion of the above debt owed to Mr. Cohen was a condition to completing the private offering. On March 31, 2004, the trading price for our common stock was \$2.55 per share; however, our common stock was thinly traded.

Sanford D. Greenberg converted \$133,127 and \$166,873 that he advanced us plus accrued interest into long-term subordinated loans on June 30, 2002 and September 30, 2002, respectively. These notes provided for interest at 8% per year with principal and interest payable from 5% of our adjusted quarterly net income. Accrued interest on the notes as of December 31, 2003, was \$34,040. Also on June 30, 2002, Mr. Greenberg contributed \$788,780 of advances as additional paid in capital. On December 31, 2002, Mr. Greenberg converted \$200,000 that he advanced us into a bridge loan with interest at 10% per year, principal and interest due December 31, 2003. As part of the terms of the bridge loan, Mr. Greenberg was granted an option to purchase 16,000 shares of our common stock at \$5.00 per share. As of December 31, 2003, Mr. Greenberg had advanced an additional \$110,040 which was due on demand accruing interest at 10% per year. As of December 31, 2003, accrued interest on the advance was \$6,776. On March 31, 2004, Mr. Greenberg converted \$500,000 of principal and \$63,674 of accrued interest on the long term subordinated loan and the bridge loan into 375,783 shares of our common stock at a conversion price of \$1.50 per share, the price for which shares of common stock were being sold in a private offering of our securities. This price was determined pursuant to arms-length negotiations between third party investors and us, and the conversion of the above debt owed to Mr. Greenberg was a condition to completing the private offering. On March 31, 2004, the trading price for our common stock was \$2.55 per share; however, our common stock was thinly traded.

Mr. DiGiandomenico, a Director, is a managing member of MDB Capital LLC, the placement agent in a private offering of our common stock to accredited investors which we completed in April 2004. As compensation, MDB Capital LLC received a warrant to purchase 224,398 shares of common stock exercisable at \$1.50 per share until April 15, 2009. In addition, employees and owners of MDB received warrants with the same terms with respect to 210,026 shares of our common stock, including a warrant for 99,095 shares issued to Mr. DiGiandomenico. The conversion price of the warrants was based on the offering price of our common stock in the then just completed private offering. At the time the trading price for our common stock was \$2.55 per share; however, our common stock was thinly traded.

Mr. Ridley, a Director, served as a consultant to us in 2003, assisting us in establishing our network marketing program, for approximately 10 hours per week. He received total fees of \$36,000.

Mr. Litt, our Vice President of Sales and Marketing, served as a consultant to us in 2004, regarding sales and marketing activities including the launch of our network marketing program. Mr. Litt consulted for 16 to 24 hours per week and received total fees of \$75,000, prior to his employment on October 1, 2004.

**PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS AND SHAREHOLDINGS OF MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth information concerning ownership of our common stock as of the date of this prospectus by our executive officers and directors, and persons known by us to own more than 5% of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock.

Name and Address	Number of Shares(1)	Percent of Class(2)
Sanford D. Greenberg(11) Chief Executive Officer and Director	2,735,406(3)	40.5%
Timothy Transtrum(11) Chief Operating Officer	12,500(4)	*
Mary Pat O'Halloran(11) Chief Financial Officer	24,750(5)	*
David Litt(11) Vice President of Sales and Marketing	10,000(6)	*
Doug Ridley(11) Director	5,000(7)	*
John B. McCandless(11) Director	5,000(7)	*
Anthony DiGiandomenico Director 401 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1020 Santa Monica, CA 90401	168,395(8)	2.5%
All officers and directors as a group (7 persons)	2,961,051	45.3%
Christopher Marlett 401 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1020 Santa Monica, CA 90401	458,958(9)	6.7%
Warren Cohen 595 South Broadway, Suite 200 Denver, CO 80209	1,338,800(10)	20.5%

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Less than 1%

(1)

All entries exclude beneficial ownership of shares issuable pursuant to options that have not vested or that are not otherwise exercisable as of the date of this prospectus, and which will not become vested or exercisable within 60 days of such date.

(2)

Percentages are rounded to nearest one-tenth of one percent. Percentages are based on 6,534,043 shares of common stock outstanding. Options that are presently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of the date of this prospectus, are deemed to be beneficially owned by the person holding the options for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of that person, but are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of any other person.

(3)

Includes shares either held directly or as custodian for a minor child and includes 216,000 shares issuable pursuant to options which are presently exercisable or which become exercisable within 60 days of the date of this prospectus, and 2,519,406 shares held of record.





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- (4) Includes 12,500 shares issuable pursuant to options which are presently exercisable or which become exercisable within 60 days of the date of this prospectus.
- (5) Includes 14,750 shares issuable pursuant to options which are presently exercisable or which become exercisable within 60 days of the date of this prospectus, 10,000 shares held of record.
- (6) Includes 10,000 shares issuable pursuant to options which are presently exercisable or which become exercisable within 60 days of the date of this prospectus.
- (7) Includes 5,000 shares issuable pursuant to options which are presently exercisable or which become exercisable within 60 days of the date of this prospectus.
- (8) Includes 99,095 shares issuable pursuant to public warrants and 2,500 shares pursuant to options which are presently exercisable or which become exercisable within 60 days of the date of this prospectus and 66,800 shares held of record.
- (9) Includes shares either held directly or through entities that are controlled by Christopher A. Marlett. Includes 271,958 shares issuable pursuant to public warrants which are presently exercisable or which become exercisable within 60 days of the date of this prospectus, and 187,000 shares held of record.
- (10) Includes 1,338,800 shares held of record.
- (11) Address: 480 South Holly Street, Denver, Colorado 80246

## DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

The following is a summary of all material characteristics of the units, our capital stock as set forth in our articles of incorporation and bylaws, the Class A and Class B public warrants offered by this prospectus (including the 250,000 Class A and 250,000 Class B public warrants issued to certain shareholders in connection with this offering), our warrants issued to MDB Capital Group LLC and its affiliates and our outstanding options to purchase our common stock as of the date of this prospectus. However, the summary does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our articles of incorporation and bylaws, the public warrants themselves and the warrants issued to MDB Capital Group, all of which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and to the provisions of Nevada corporate law.

### Units

In the offering described in this prospectus, we are offering for sale units of our securities. Each unit consists of two shares of common stock and one Class A public warrant to purchase one additional share of common stock and one Class B public warrant to purchase one additional share of common stock. The Class A and Class B public warrants will trade only as a part of a unit for 45 days following this offering unless the representative of the underwriters determines that separate trading of the public warrants should occur earlier. Among the factors the representative will consider in determining whether earlier separation of the units should occur are market conditions and the market price and trading volume of the units and our common stock at that time.

### Common Stock

We are authorized to issue 50,000,000 shares of common stock of which 6,534,043 shares were issued and outstanding as of the date of this prospectus. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted upon by stockholders, and do not have the right to cumulate their votes in the election of directors. Holders of our common stock are entitled to dividends as and when declared by our board of directors from assets or funds legally available under Nevada law, and to pro rata distribution of the assets of our Company upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of our Company after payment of liabilities and the liquidation preferences of any outstanding preferred stock. The common stock has no preemptive rights, other subscription rights, or redemption or sinking fund provisions.

A 1-for-5 reverse split of our common stock was effected on December 8, 2004. Our majority shareholders have also authorized our board of directors in its discretion to effect an additional reverse split of the common stock on up to a 1-for-2 basis. We have not determined whether to effect such a stock split.

### Preferred Stock

We are authorized to issue up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock with such designations, rights, and preferences as may be determined from time to time by our board of directors. Accordingly, our board of directors is empowered, without stockholder approval, to issue preferred stock with dividend, liquidation, conversion, voting, or other rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of the our common stock. The issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of restricting dividends on the common stock, diluting the voting power of the common stock, impairing the liquidation rights of the common stock, or delaying or preventing a change in control of our Company, all without further action by our stockholders. There are no shares of preferred stock outstanding and we have no present plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

## **Class A and Class B Public Warrants**

### *General*

Set forth below is the description of the Class A and Class B public warrants. Each Class A public warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of our common stock at an exercise price per share of \$ . Each Class B public warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of our common stock at an exercise price per share of \$ .

The exercise price per share of each Class A and Class B public warrant is subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events as provided in the public warrant certificate and summarized below. Once separated from the units, our public warrants may be exercised at any time after this offering until the fifth anniversary of the effective date of this offering, which is the expiration date, unless redeemed. Those of our public warrants which have not previously been exercised will expire on the expiration date. A public warrant holder will not be deemed to be a holder of the underlying common stock for any purpose until the public warrant has been properly exercised. For more detailed information, please see the warrant agreement which has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement in which this prospectus is a part.

### *Separate Transferability*

Our common stock and the Class A and Class B public warrants sold in this offering will initially be represented by certificates representing units, and we will not replace these certificates with certificates representing the component securities of the units for a period of 45 days following this offering unless the representative of the underwriters determines that separate trading of the public warrants should occur earlier. During such 45-day period, or such shorter period as the representative of the underwriters determines, the public warrants will not trade separately. We will announce in advance the commencement of trading in the public warrants by a press release. We will continue to list the units on the American Stock Exchange for up to 45 days following this offering but may cease to maintain the listing of the units at any time thereafter.

### *Redemption*

At any time after the first anniversary of the date of this offering, we may redeem some or all of the public warrants at a price of \$0.01 per public warrant (subject to adjustment), upon 30 days' notice so long the last reported sales price of the common stock has been at least \$ for the Class A public warrants and \$ for the Class B public warrants for 20 consecutive trading days ending on the third day prior to the day on which notice is given. We will send the written notice of redemption by first class mail to public warrant holders at their last known addresses appearing on the registration records maintained by the transfer agent for our public warrants. No other form of notice by publication or otherwise will be required. If we call any public warrants for redemption, they will be exercisable until the close of business on the business day next preceding the specified redemption date.

### *Exercise*

A public warrant holder may exercise our Class A and Class B public warrants only if an appropriate registration statement is then in effect with the SEC and if the shares of common stock underlying these public warrants are qualified for sale under the securities laws of the state in which the holder resides. We are required to use our best efforts to maintain a current prospectus relating to such shares of our common stock at all times when the market price of our common stock exceeds the exercise price of the public warrants until the expiration date of the public warrants, although there can be no assurance that we will be able to do so.

Our Class A and Class B public warrants may be exercised by delivering to our transfer agent the applicable public warrant certificate on or prior to the expiration date or the redemption date, as applicable, with the form on the reverse side of the certificate executed as indicated, accompanied by payment of the full exercise price for the whole number of public warrants being exercised. Public warrants may only be exercised to purchase whole shares. Public warrant holders will receive cash equal to the current market value of any fractional interest, which will be the value of one whole interest multiplied by the fraction thereof, in the place of fractional public warrants that remain after exercise if they would then hold public warrants to purchase less than one whole share. Fractional shares will not be issued upon exercise of our public warrants.

During the term of the Class A and Class B public warrants, the holders thereof are given the opportunity to profit from a rise in the market of our common stock, with a resulting dilution in the interest of all other stockholders. So long as the public warrants are outstanding, the terms on which we could obtain additional capital may be adversely affected. The holders of the public warrants might be expected to exercise them at a time when we would, in all likelihood, be able to obtain any needed capital by a new offering of securities on terms more favorable than those provided by the public warrants.

#### *Adjustments of Exercise Price*

The exercise price and redemption price of the Class A and Class B public warrants are subject to adjustment in specified circumstances, including in the event we declare any stock dividend to stockholders or effect any split or reverse split with respect to our common stock after the effective date of this offering. Therefore, if we effect any stock split or reverse split with respect to our common stock, the exercise price in effect immediately prior to such stock split or reverse split will be proportionately reduced or increased, respectively. Any adjustment of the exercise price will also result in an adjustment of the number of shares purchasable upon exercise of a public warrant or, if we elect, an adjustment of the number of public warrants outstanding. The public warrants do not contain provisions protecting against dilution resulting from the sale of additional shares of our common stock for less than the exercise price of the public warrants or the current market price of our common stock.

#### *No Voting and Dividend Rights*

Until exercised, the Class A and Class B public warrants will have no voting, dividend or other stockholder rights.

#### **Warrants Issued to MDB Capital Group LLC and its Affiliates.**

We issued warrants to purchase a total of 434,424 shares of our common stock to MDB Capital Group LLC, and five of its affiliates in connection with a private placement completed in April 2004. The warrants are exercisable until April 15, 2009, at an exercise price of \$1.50 per share. The exercise price will be adjusted in the event of a stock dividend, recapitalization, reclassification, or split of our common stock.

The holders of the warrants were granted the right to demand on one occasion the registration of the warrants and the common stock underlying the warrants. This right expires on April 15, 2009. The holders of the warrants also have the right to include the warrants and shares underlying the warrants on any registration of securities filed by us (other than in connection with a transaction contemplated by Rule 145(a) or pursuant to Form S-8). The warrants and shares underlying the warrants have been included in our registration statement declared effective by the SEC on August 6, 2004.

**Outstanding Options**

The table below sets forth information regarding our outstanding options to purchase common stock as of the date of this prospectus, pursuant to our 2003 Equity Incentive Plan and outside of such option plan.

	<u>Vested Shares</u>	<u>Unvested Shares</u>	<u>Total Shares</u>
2003 Equity Incentive Plan	446,000	264,450	710,450
Options outside the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan	329,200	600,000	929,200

The exercise price of the options outstanding under our 2003 Equity Incentive Plan is \$5.00 per share, and the options are generally exercisable from 2005 through 2009. The exercise price of our outstanding vested options outside of the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan range in price from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per share and the options are exercisable from 2005 through 2009. The unvested options in respect of the 600,000 shares outside of the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan are exercisable from 2005 through 2013 at an exercise price of \$3.00 per share. Upon completion of this offering and the issuance of 250,000 Class A public warrants and 250,000 Class B public warrants to certain of our stockholders, 50,000 of the 600,000 unvested options outside the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan will be forfeited.

**Nevada Anti-Takeover Law and Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw Provisions**

Depending on the number of residents in the state of Nevada who own our shares, we could be subject to the provisions of Section 78.378 *et seq.* of the Nevada Revised Statutes which, unless otherwise provided in a company's articles of incorporation or bylaws, restricts the ability of an acquiring person to obtain controlling interest in the Company in certain situations. Our articles of incorporation and bylaws do not contain any provision which would currently keep the change of control restrictions of Section 78.378 from applying to us.

We are subject to the provisions of Sections 78.411 *et seq.* of the Nevada Revised Statutes. In general, this statute prohibits a publicly held Nevada corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder, unless the business combination or the transaction by which the person became an interested stockholder is approved by the corporation's board of directors and/or stockholders in a prescribed manner, or the person owns at least 85% of the corporation's outstanding voting stock after giving effect to the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder. The term "business combination" includes mergers, asset sales and other transactions resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Subject to certain exceptions, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or within three years did own, 10% or more of the corporation's voting stock. A Nevada corporation may "opt out" from the application of Section 78.411 *et seq.* through a provision in its articles of incorporation or bylaws. We have not "opted out" from the application of this section.

Apart from Nevada law, however, our articles of incorporation and bylaws do not contain any provisions which are sometimes associated with inhibiting a change of control from occurring (i.e., we do not provide for a staggered board, or for "super-majority" votes on major corporate issues).

### SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

As of the date of this prospectus, we had 6,534,043 shares of common stock outstanding held by approximately 170 stockholders of record. We are unable to estimate the number of shares that may be sold in the future by our existing stockholders or the effect, if any, that sales of shares by such stockholders, or the availability of the shares for sale, will have on the market price of the common stock prevailing from time to time. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market would likely adversely affect prevailing market prices.

For purposes of Rule 144, "affiliates," include any person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by or is under common control with, us. In general, under Rule 144, a stockholder including an "affiliate," who has beneficially owned our shares for at least one year is entitled to sell, within any three-month period, a number of "restricted" shares that does not exceed the greater of:

one percent of the then outstanding shares of our common stock (or approximately 65,340 shares); or

the average weekly trading volume in our common stock during the four calendar weeks preceding the filing of the notice reporting the sale.

Sales under Rule 144 are subject to manner of sale limitations, notice requirements and the availability of current public information about us. Rule 144(k) provides that a person who is not deemed our "affiliate" and who has beneficially owned our shares for at least two years is entitled to sell such shares at any time under Rule 144 without regard to the limitations described above.

As of the date of this prospectus, we had options outstanding in respect of 710,450 shares of our common stock under our 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, all at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share. Of this amount, options in respect of 446,000 shares are presently exercisable, and the remaining options are generally exercisable from 2005 through 2009. In addition, we have outstanding options which were issued outside of our 2003 Equity Incentive Plan in respect of 929,200 shares, of which options to purchase 329,200 shares are presently exercisable at prices between \$2.50 and \$5.00 per share and are exercisable from 2005 through 2009. The unvested options to purchase 600,000 shares are exercisable from 2005 through 2013 at an exercise price of \$3.00 per share. Upon completion of this offering and the issuance of 250,000 Class A public warrants and 250,000 Class B public warrants to certain of our stockholders, options to purchase 50,000 of these shares will be forfeited. We also have outstanding warrants to purchase 434,424 shares of our common stock, exercisable until April 15, 2009, at \$1.50 per share. In total, we have options and warrants outstanding with respect to 2,074,074 shares of our common stock with an average exercise price of \$3.44.

There are 1,000,000 shares that have been authorized to be issued pursuant to our 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. We may file a registration statement on Form S-8 covering the shares of common stock issuable under our 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, thus permitting the resale of these shares in the public market without restriction under the Securities Act other than restrictions applicable to affiliates.

We have an existing registration statement in effect for the public offer and sale of 2,099,706 shares of common stock, warrants to purchase 434,424 shares of common stock and the 434,424 shares underlying the warrants. The holders of shares of common stock and warrants to purchase shares of common stock have agreed, as part of this offering, to lockup, or not sell any of the common stock, the warrants or the shares underlying the warrants, for a period which is the earlier of 12 months from the date of the closing of this offering or until the average of the last reported sales price of our common stock equals or exceeds \$            for 20 consecutive trading days. Upon completion of this offering and subject to certain conditions, we expect to issue 250,000 Class A public warrants and 250,000 Class B public warrants to these stockholders in consideration of these lockup agreements. We expect to

register these securities for public offer and resale by the securityholders when the Class A and Class B public warrants offered by this prospectus trade separately.

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the open market, including shares issued upon the exercise of our outstanding options and warrants to purchase our common stock, or the perception that those sales could occur, could adversely affect prevailing market prices and could impair our ability to raise capital in the future through the sale of our equity securities.

**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

Our transfer agent and registrar for our units, common stock and Class A and Class B public warrants is Corporate Stock Transfer, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

**American Stock Exchange**

We have applied to list our common stock, units and Class A and Class B public warrants on the American Stock Exchange under the trading symbols "PRH," "PRH.U," "PRH.WS.A" and "PRH.WS.B," respectively.



**UNDERWRITING**

The Shemano Group, Inc. is acting as the representative of the underwriters. We and the underwriters named below have entered into an underwriting agreement with respect to the units being offered by this prospectus. In connection with this offering and subject to certain conditions, each of the underwriters named below has severally agreed to purchase, and we have agreed to sell, the number of units set forth opposite the name of each underwriter.

Underwriters	Number of Units
The Shemano Group, Inc.	

The underwriting agreement is subject to a number of terms and conditions and provides that the underwriters must buy all of the units if they buy any of them.

The representative has advised us that the underwriters propose to offer the units to the public at the public offering price indicated on the cover page of this prospectus, which includes the indicated underwriting discount, and that they will initially allow concessions not in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per unit, of which not in excess of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per unit may be reallocated to other dealers who are members of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"). After the public offering, concessions to dealer terms may be changed by the underwriters.

The underwriters have advised us that they do not intend to confirm sales of the units to any account over which they exercise discretionary authority in an aggregate amount in excess of 5% of the total securities offered by this prospectus.

We have granted to the underwriters an option which expires 45 days after the effective date of this offering, exercisable as provided in the underwriting agreement, to purchase up to an additional \_\_\_\_\_ units at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, less underwriting discounts and commissions. This option may be exercised only for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any. If the underwriters exercise the over-allotment in full, the total price to the public would be \$11,040,000, the total underwriting discounts and commissions would be \$883,000, and the total proceeds (before payment of expenses of this offering) or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ if the underwriters' over-allotment options is exercised.

The underwriting agreement provides that we will reimburse the representative for its expenses on a non-accountable basis in the amount equal to 3% of the aggregate public offering price of the offered units not including any over-allotment, of which \$50,000 has been paid to date, and the balance of which will be paid on the closing of this offering.

Subject to the approval of the NASD, at the closing of this offering, we will sell to the representative or its designees at an aggregate purchase price of \$100, underwriters' warrants to purchase a number of units equal to 10% of the units sold at an exercise price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (120% of the public offering price per unit). The securities to be delivered upon exercise of the underwriters' warrants are the same as contained in the units. The underwriters' warrants are exercisable for a period of four and one-half years commencing six months from the effective date of this offering. The underwriters' warrants contain provisions that protect their holders against dilution by adjustment of the exercise price and number of units issuable upon exercise on the occurrence of specific events, including stock dividends or other changes in the number of our outstanding shares, on the same terms as the warrants and provisions for cashless exercise. No holder of the underwriters' warrants will possess any rights as a stockholder unless the warrant is exercised. The underwriters' warrants may not be sold, transferred, assigned or hypothecated for a period of six months from the effective date of this offering, except to officers or partners (but not directors) of the underwriters and members of the selling group and/or their officers or partners. During the exercise period, the holders of the

underwriters' warrants will have the opportunity to profit from a rise in the market price of the common stock and the Class A and Class B public warrants. We expect that the underwriters' warrants will be exercised when we would, in all likelihood, be able to obtain any capital needed on terms more favorable than that provided by the underwriters' warrants. Any profit realized by the representative on the sale of the underwriters' warrants or the underlying shares of common stock or Class A or Class B public warrants may be deemed additional underwriting compensation.

Beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 we will pay to the representative, which has a right of first refusal to serve as warrant solicitation agent with respect to the Class A and Class B public warrants, a warrant solicitation fee of 5% of the aggregate exercise price of the Class A and Class B public warrants exercised, during the period commencing one year after the effective date of this offering, pursuant to a warrant solicitation, if at the time of exercise of any such warrant

the market price of our common stock is equal to or greater than the then purchase price of the public warrant,

the exercise of the public warrant is solicited by the representative at such time while the representative is a member of the NASD,

the public warrant is not held in a discretionary account,

disclosure of the compensation arrangement is made in documents provided to the holders of the public warrants, and

the solicitation of the exercise of the public warrants is not in violation of Regulation M (as such regulation or any successor regulation or rule may be in effect as of such time of exercise) adopted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In addition to the warrant solicitation fee, we will pay all costs and expenses relating to any solicitation. The representative is the sole warrant solicitor agent in connection with the solicitation of warrants.

We have agreed that, upon the request of the representative, we will, at our expense, on one occasion during a four-year period commencing one year after the effective date of this registration statement, register securities underlying the underwriters' warrants under the Securities Act. We agreed to maintain the effectiveness of such registration statement during the entire exercise term of the underwriters' warrants. The holders of the underwriters' warrant may request such registration of the underlying securities without exercising the underwriters' warrants. We have also agreed to include the underwriters' warrants, units, shares of common stock and Class A and Class B public warrants underlying the underwriters' warrants in any appropriate registration statement which is filed by us under the Securities Act during the seven years following the effective date of this registration statement. We have agreed to give the representative of the underwriters the right to designate one member to our board of directors for a year after the effective date of this offering. The representative has not yet identified a designee to serve in such capacity if it elects to exercise this right in the future. The director, if designated by the representative, would receive the same compensation as other non-management directors and would be reimbursed for the director's reasonable expenses.

In addition, the Company has agreed to enter into a financial advisory agreement with the representative for a period of 12 months commencing on the date of the closing of this offering for a fee of \$16,000 per month, or an aggregate of \$192,000, to be paid in advance from the proceeds of this offering.

Until the distribution of the units offered by this prospectus is completed, rules of the SEC may limit the ability of the underwriters to bid for and to purchase units or their component securities. As an exception to these rules, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize the price of the units. The Shemano Group, Inc., on behalf of the underwriters and selling group members, if any, and their affiliates, may engage in over-allotment sales, stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering

transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Over-allotment involves syndicate sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a syndicate short position.

Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum.

Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the common stock and Class A and Class B public warrants in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions. The underwriters may also elect to reduce any short position by exercising all or part of the over-allotment option to purchase additional units as described above.

Penalty bids permit the representative to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the units originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions.

Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares than they are required to purchase in this offering. Covered short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than the representative's over-allotment option to purchase additional shares in this offering. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared with the price at which they may purchase shares through the over-allotment option. Naked short sales are sales in excess of the over-allotment option. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the shares in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering.

In general, the purchase of a security to stabilize or to reduce a short position could cause the price of the security to be higher than it might be otherwise. Neither we nor the underwriters can predict the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of the units. In addition, neither we nor the underwriters can represent that the underwriters will engage in these types of transactions or that these types of transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

The underwriting agreement provides for indemnification between us and the underwriters against specified liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, and for contribution by us and the underwriters to payments that may be required to be made with respect to those liabilities. We have been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, indemnification for liabilities under the Securities Act is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Our officers, directors, certain stockholders owning in the aggregate 2,948,406 shares of our common stock (or securities exchangeable or convertible into or exercisable for such number of shares) as of the date of this prospectus, have agreed that for a period of 12 months from the effective date of this offering that they will not sell, contract to sell, grant any option for the sale or otherwise dispose of any of our equity securities, or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our equity securities, other than through intra-family transfers or transfers to trusts for estate planning purposes, without the consent of The Shemano Group, Inc., as the representative of the underwriters, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. In addition, holders of 1,664,943 shares of our outstanding common stock and warrants to purchase 433,380 shares of common stock, and a principal stockholder, who owns 1,338,800 shares of our outstanding common stock, have agreed to a similar lockup except they will be released from the lockup in the event the average of the last reported sales price of our common stock equals or exceeds \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 consecutive trading days prior to the expiration of the 12 month lockup period. The Shemano Group, Inc. may consent to an early release

from the lockup periods if in its opinion the market for the common stock would not be adversely impacted by such sales and in cases of an officer, director or other stockholder's financial emergency. We are unaware of any officer, director or stockholder who intends to ask for consent to dispose of any of our equity securities during the lockup period.

The initial public offering price of the units offered by this prospectus and the exercise price of the public warrants were determined by negotiation between us and the co-managing underwriters. Among the factors considered in determining the initial public offering price of the units and the exercise price of the public warrants were:

- the market price and trading volume of our common stock;
- the market demand for the units;
- our history and our prospects;
- the industry in which we operate;
- the status and development prospects for our proposed products and services;
- our past and present operating results;
- the previous experience of our executive officers; and
- the general condition of the securities markets at the time of this offering.

The estimated offering prices stated on the cover page of this prospectus should not be considered an indication of the actual value of the units. These prices are subject to change as a result of market conditions and other factors, and we cannot assure you that the units, or the common stock and Class A and Class B public warrants contained in the units, can be resold at or above the initial public offering price. There are no plans by The Shemano Group, Inc. or us to use any forms of prospectus other than printed prospectuses.

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the securities offered pursuant to this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Schreck Brignone, Las Vegas, Nevada. Certain other matters relating to this offering have been passed upon for us by Lohf Shaiman Jacobs Hyman & Feiger, Denver, Colorado. This firm owns 113,438 shares of our common stock and has an option to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock fully exercisable until June 2008, at \$5.00 per share. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the representative of the underwriters by Blank Rome LLP, New York, New York.

#### **EXPERTS**

Our balance sheet as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of operations, stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2002, included in this prospectus have been audited by Spicer Jeffries LLP, independent auditors, as stated in their report appearing in this prospectus, and are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

Our balance sheet as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of operations, stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2003, included in this prospectus have been audited by Staley Okada & Partners, independent auditors, as stated in their report appearing in this prospectus, and are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in

accounting and auditing.

**CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON  
ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE**

On August 12, 2003, Ehrhardt Keefe Steiner & Hottman PC, was replaced as our independent accountant effective upon completion of its review of our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002, and Spicer Jeffries LLP ("Spicer"), was appointed as our new independent accountant. The board of directors approved the appointment on August 13, 2003. We did not have any disagreement with Ehrhardt Keefe Steiner & Hottman, PC, on any accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope of procedure. Neither the Company nor anyone on our behalf consulted Spicer on any matter relating to the application of accounting principles to a specified completed or contemplated transaction or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on our financial statements.

On March 19, 2004, Spicer resigned as our principal independent accountants and Staley Okada & Partners was appointed as the principal independent accountants to replace Spicer for the year ended December 31, 2003. Spicer resigned due to its inability to obtain professional liability insurance coverage for public reporting companies. Our Audit Committee recommended the nomination of Staley as our new independent accountants to the board of directors and the appointment was approved on March 24, 2004. We did not have any disagreement with Spicer on any accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope of procedure. Neither us nor anyone on our behalf consulted Staley on any matter relating to the application of accounting principles to a specified completed or contemplated transaction or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on our financial statements.

On October 6, 2004, Staley Okada & Partners resigned as our principal independent accountant and on October 8, 2004, we engaged Gordon, Hughes & Banks, LLP as our principal independent accountant to audit our financial statements. Our Audit Committee recommended and approved the change in accountants.

The report on the financial statements prepared by Staley for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, nor was it qualified or modified as to audit scope or accounting principles. However, the report included a going concern emphasis paragraph. We did not have any disagreements with Staley on any accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure. Neither us nor anyone on our behalf consulted Gordon, Hughes & Banks, LLP on any matter relating to the application of accounting principles to a specified completed or contemplated transaction or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on our financial statements.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

We have filed a registration statement on Form SB-2 with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all the information set forth in the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. For further information with respect to us, and the securities offered by this prospectus, reference is made to the registration statement, including the exhibits to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus concerning the provisions of such documents are not necessarily complete and in each instance we refer you to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in its entirety by such reference.

We file periodic reports, proxy statements, and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Commission maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the Commission. Our filings, including the registration statement and the exhibits filed with the registration statement, are available through the Commission's website at the following address: <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also inspect and copy these materials at the public reference facilities of the SEC at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549, as well as at 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661, and 75 Park Place, Room 1400, New York, New York 10007. Copies of these materials can be obtained at prescribed rates from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 450 Fifth Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the public reference room by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the board of directors  
VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' deficit, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2003, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1, the Company has incurred a net loss of \$2,084,982 for the year ended December 31, 2003 and has incurred net losses since inception. In addition, at December 31, 2003, current liabilities exceed current assets by \$1,056,203. These factors raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability of and classification of recorded assets, or the amounts and classification of liabilities that might be necessary in the event the Company cannot continue in existence.

/s/ STALEY OKADA & PARTNERS

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Vancouver, Canada  
March 22, 2004, except for Note 11, as to which the date is  
December 8, 2004

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the board of directors  
VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. (formerly VitaCube Systems, Inc.)

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' deficit, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ SPICER JEFFRIES LLP

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Greenwood Village, Colorado  
February 12, 2003, except for Note 11, as to which the date is  
December 8, 2004

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## VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	2003	2002
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 7,963	\$ 28,673
Accounts receivable, net of allowance \$136	6,672	79,892
Inventory, net of allowance \$31,782	286,037	527,055
Other	55,477	27,550
	<u>356,149</u>	<u>663,170</u>
Total Current Assets	356,149	663,170
Intangible assets, net	43,352	56,038
Property and equipment, net	167,271	246,472
	<u>\$ 566,772</u>	<u>\$ 965,680</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 954,812	\$ 511,020
Due to stockholder	110,040	13,442
Related party bridge loan	200,000	200,000
Bridge loan	147,500	300,000
	<u>1,412,352</u>	<u>1,024,462</u>
Total Current Liabilities	1,412,352	1,024,462
Long term subordinated loans	1,635,861	1,635,861
	<u>1,635,861</u>	<u>1,635,861</u>
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT</b>		
Preferred stock, authorized 5,000,000 shares, \$.001 par value, none issued or outstanding		
Common stock, authorized 50,000,000 shares, \$.001 par, 3,241,006 and 2,662,019 issued and outstanding respectively	3,241	2,662
Additional paid in capital	2,383,723	1,086,118
Deficit	(4,868,405)	(2,783,423)
	<u>(2,481,441)</u>	<u>(1,694,643)</u>
	<u>\$ 566,772</u>	<u>\$ 965,680</u>

## VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	2003	2002
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<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Sales	\$ 1,238,652	\$ 1,010,300
Less: sales discounts	(25,590)	(26,743)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net sales	1,213,062	983,557
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>	<b>(625,976)</b>	<b>(291,132)</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Gross Profit	587,086	692,425
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Selling and marketing expenses	1,273,361	1,353,335
General and administrative expenses	1,091,279	617,457
Research and development expenses		88,456
Depreciation and amortization	82,353	82,106
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total operating expenses	2,446,993	2,141,354
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net loss from operations	(1,859,907)	(1,448,929)
Interest Expense	(225,075)	(156,928)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>\$ (2,084,982)</b>	<b>\$ (1,605,857)</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>PRIMARY AND FULLY DILUTED NET LOSS PER SHARE</b>	<b>\$ (.706)</b>	<b>\$ (.424)</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING</b>	<b>2,952,907</b>	<b>3,786,458</b>
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## VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF  
CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	Common Stock		Additional Paid In Capital	Deficit
	Shares	Amount		
<b>Balances, December 31, 2001 (as restated see Note 1)</b>	4,910,896	\$ 4,911	\$ 595,089	\$ (1,177,566)
Common stock converted to subordinated loan	(2,131,952)	(2,132)	(297,868)	
Cancellation of shares	(116,925)	(117)	117	
Conversion of stockholder advances to capital (Note 6)			788,780	
Net loss				(1,605,857)
<b>Balances, December 31, 2002</b>	2,662,019	2,662	1,086,118	(2,783,423)
Issuance of common stock for services	52,384	52	67,149	
Common stock issued in private placement, net of offering costs of \$44,381	202,000	202	965,417	
Shares issued in connection with reverse acquisition	301,600	302	28,498	
Bridge loans converted to common stock	23,000	23	114,977	
Stock based compensation			71,564	
Beneficial conversion interest			50,000	
Net loss				(2,084,982)
<b>Balances, December 31, 2003</b>	3,241,003	\$ 3,241	\$ 2,383,723	\$ (4,868,405)

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## VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

	2003	2002
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net Loss	\$ (2,084,982)	\$ (1,605,857)
Add: Depreciation and amortization	82,353	82,106
Add: Beneficial conversion interest	50,000	
Stock and stock options issued for services	138,765	
Provision for obsolete inventory	211,745	
Provision for allowance for doubtful accounts	136	
Provision for allowance on product returns	1,660	
Interest forgiven on loans	(7,240)	
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	73,084	(65,999)
Decrease (increase) in inventory	29,273	(107,746)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	(27,927)	23,418
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	284,297	327,628
Increase in accrued interest	175,075	41,085
	<u>(1,073,761)</u>	<u>(1,305,365)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Decrease (increase) in intangible assets	9,534	(33,884)
Purchase of property and equipment		(2,845)
	<u>9,534</u>	<u>(36,729)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Increase advance from stockholder	96,598	861,531
Payments on bridge loans	(172,500)	
Proceeds from bridge loans	125,000	300,000
Proceeds from related party bridge loan		200,000
Issuance of common stock, net of offering costs of \$44,381	965,619	
Acquisition of VitaCube Systems, Inc., net of cash received	28,800	
	<u>1,043,517</u>	<u>1,361,531</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	(20,710)	19,437
<b>CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	28,673	9,236
	<u>\$ 7,963</u>	<u>\$ 28,673</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Stockholder advances converted to subordinated note	\$	\$ 1,635,861
Stockholder advances converted to common stock	\$	\$ 788,780
Bridge loans and interest converted to common stock	\$ 115,000	\$
Interest on stockholder notes added to principal	\$	\$ 159,547

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	2003	2002
Stock and stock options issued for services	\$ 138,765	\$
Interest and debt forgiveness	\$ 12,240	\$

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**VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

**NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Organization and Business*

VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc., formerly Instanet, Inc., a Nevada corporation, ("VSHI" or the "Company") was incorporated in January 2001. On September 8, 2003, the Company changed its name from Instanet, Inc. to VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. Prior to March 2003, the Company was organized to exploit an agency agreement with an outside company for the purpose of providing market extensions, including on the Internet, for an electronic cash transmission system. The Company had no revenue from operations since inception and was considered a development stage company. In March 2003, the Company abandoned its business plan and sought to find an operating company with whom to combine.

On June 20, 2003, VSHI acquired VitaCube Systems, Inc. ("VitaCube"), a Colorado corporation, incorporated in October 2000, in a stock-for-stock exchange. The acquisition was accomplished through the exchange of all of the outstanding shares of VitaCube for 2,714,403 common shares of VSHI, then representing a controlling interest in VSHI. The acquisition of VitaCube by VSHI is considered a reverse acquisition and accounted for under the purchase method of accounting. Under reverse acquisition accounting, VitaCube is considered the acquirer for accounting and financial purposes, acquiring the assets and assuming the liabilities of VSHI. Assets acquired and liabilities assumed are reported at their historical cost, and no adjustments were required to the carrying values since management considers the historical cost to approximate fair value. The accompanying financial statements as of December 31, 2003, include the accounts of VitaCube since inception (October, 2000) and the accounts of VSHI since June 20, 2003. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company authorized a 1-for-5 reverse split of its common stock, that was effected on December 8, 2004. In connection with the reverse acquisition all historical common share amounts of VitaCube have been retroactively restated to reflect the capital structure of VSHI in connection with reverse acquisition mentioned above and then adjusted for the 1-for-5 reverse stock split.

VSHI operates, develops, markets and sells a line of nutrition and sports supplement products, consisting of vitamins, minerals, amino acids and proteins. Its vitamin/mineral complexes are organized into systems of nutrition called VitaCubes that explicitly tell the consumer what supplements to take and when to take them, making these products easy to use. The Company has also developed a high-quality protein beverage called the VitaPro® Nutrition Shake.

During the last 6 months ending December 31, 2003, the Company has changed its focus to network marketing. Network marketing is conducted through VitaCube Network Inc., a wholly owned Colorado corporation, formed on July 9, 2003. The network marketing program consists of independent distributors establishing a network of people buying our products and developing a network of like-minded independent distributors underneath them. Qualified independent distributors then earn commissions based upon their sales and sales of independent distributors underneath them.

*Going Concern*

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which contemplates continuation of the



Company as a going concern. The Company has incurred a net loss of \$2,084,982 for the year ended December 31, 2003 and has accumulated a stockholders' deficit of \$4,868,405.

In view of these matters, realization of a significant portion of the assets in the accompanying balance sheet is dependent on the continued operations of the Company, which in turn is dependent on the success of future profitable operations. The Company has been developing awareness of its product and has recently implemented a marketing plan to sell their products through an independent network of independent distributors. However, the Company is relying on additional capital raised through private placement of its securities to continue operations as it develops its independent distributor and customer base. Within time, management believes that demand for its products will develop to allow the Company to become profitable.

#### ***Cash Equivalents***

All highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

#### ***Accounts Receivable***

The Company uses the allowance method in accounting for bad debts. At December 31, 2003, the Company had recorded a net allowance of \$136 for uncollectible receivables.

#### ***Property and Equipment***

The Company provides for depreciation of property and equipment using the straight-line method of depreciation based on estimated useful lives of between three and ten years.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

The Company ships its products by common carrier and receives its product sales price in the form of cash, credit card or approved credit terms. For each of the two years ended December 31, 2003 the Company offered a 30-day money back guarantee on initial orders to new customers and historically averaged less than 3% in credits for returned or unsold products. Sales discounts include discounts provided to professional athletes, resellers, and other customers to promote and increase sales of the Company's products. Sales revenue and related discounts, volume incentives and estimated returns are recorded when the merchandise is shipped since performance by the Company is considered met when products are in the hands of the common carrier. Amounts received for unshipped merchandise are recorded as customer deposits and are included in accrued liabilities.

#### ***Long-Lived Assets***

The Company reviews its long-lived assets for impairment whenever changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. For purposes of evaluating the recoverability of long-lived assets, the recoverability test is performed using undiscounted net cash flows estimated to be generated by the asset.

**Inventory**

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market on a FIFO (first-in first-out) basis. Provision is made to reduce excess or obsolete inventory to the estimated net realizable value. The Company purchases vitamins, packages them, and resells them in various forms and containers.

Inventory is comprised of the following:

	<b>December 31, 2003</b>	<b>December 31, 2002</b>
Raw materials	\$ 36,854	\$ 389,849
Finished goods	280,965	137,206
Provision for obsolete inventory	(31,782)	0
	<b>\$ 286,037</b>	<b>\$ 527,055</b>

Summary of the Company's inventory allowance for the year ended December 31, 2003 is as follows:

Balance as of January 1, 2003	\$ 0
Addition to Allowance	209,678
Write off for obsolete	(177,896)
	<b>\$ 31,782</b>

**Advertising Costs**

Advertising and marketing costs were \$405,254 and \$601,597 for the year ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively and are expensed as incurred.

**Intangible Assets**

The Company's intangible assets are being amortized over their estimated life of 15 years.

**Income Taxes**

Prior to January 1, 2003, VitaCube had elected to be treated under Subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, in lieu of corporation income taxes, the stockholders were taxed on the Company's taxable income, whether or not distributed. VitaCube terminated its "S" election on January 1, 2003. Any losses prior to that date were allocated to the stockholders and may not be used by the Company after January 1, 2003. For the year ended December 31, 2003, VSHI will be taxed as a C Corporation.

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." Under the asset and liability method of Statement 109, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to difference between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing

assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

***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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Management believes that the estimates utilized in the preparation of the financial statements are prudent and reasonable. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

***Stock-Based Compensation***

The Company has adopted the disclosure-only provisions of SFAS NO. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS No. 123"), and applies Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB No. 25"), and related interpretations in accounting for stock options granted to employees.

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation issued to non-employees and consultants in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123 and the emerging issues task force consensus in issue No. 96-18 ("EITF 96-18"), "Accounting for Equity Instruments that are issued to Other Than Employees for Acquiring or in Conjunction with Selling Goods or Services".

***Net Loss Per Share***

Earnings per share requires presentation of both basic earnings per common share and diluted earnings per common share. Since the Company has a net loss for all periods presented since inception, any common stock equivalents would not be included in the weighted average calculation since their effect would be anti-dilutive.

Weighted average shares include the historical common shares outstanding of VitaCube since inception (after taking into effect the share exchange with VSHI), and VSHI since December 31, 2003.

***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

Substantially all of the Company's assets and liabilities are carried at fair value or contracted amounts that approximate fair value. Estimates of fair value are made at a specific point in time, based on relative market information and information about each financial instrument, specifically, the value of the underlying financial instrument. Assets that are recorded at fair value consist largely of short-term receivables and other assets, which are carried at contracted amounts that approximate fair value. Similarly, the Company's liabilities consist primarily of short term liabilities recorded at contracted amounts that approximate fair value.

***Reclassifications***

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. Reclassification entries of \$2,11,746 have been recorded to reflect the charges or write-offs against the Company's obsolescence reserve for inventory as cost of goods sold and not as general and administrative expenses as previously reported.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In November 2002, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others" ("FIN 45"), which requires that, for guarantees within the scope of FIN 45 issued or amended after December 31, 2002, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee be recognized. FIN 45 does not apply to certain guarantee contracts, such as for a lessee's residual value guarantee embedded in a capital lease. FIN 45 also requires additional disclosures in financial statements for periods ending after December 15, 2002, which we have adopted. However, as of September 30, 2003, the Company believes that, other than product public warranty, it has no material items subject to the new disclosure requirements.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure" ("SFAS No. 148"), which (i) amends SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," to provide alternative methods of transition for an entity that voluntarily changes to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based compensation; (ii) amends the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosure about the effects on reported net income of an entity's accounting policy decisions with respect to stock-based employee compensation; and (iii) amends APB Opinion No. 28, "Interim Financial Reporting," to require disclosure about those effects in interim financial information. Items (ii) and (iii) of the new requirements in SFAS No. 148 are effective for financial statements for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002. We have included the disclosure requirements of item (ii) and (iii) in the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

In May 2003, SFAS 150 "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity", was issued. This Statement establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). Many of those instruments were previously classified as equity. Generally, a financial instrument, whether in the form of shares or otherwise, that is mandatorily redeemable, i.e. that embodies an unconditional obligation requiring the issuer to redeem it by transferring its shares or assets at a specified or determinable date (or dates) or upon an event that is certain to occur, must be classified as a liability (or asset in some circumstances). In some cases, a financial instrument that is conditionally redeemable may also be subject to the same treatment. This Statement does not apply to features that are embedded in a financial instrument that is not a derivative (as defined) in its entirety. For public entities, this Statement is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003. The adoption of SFAS 150 did not effect the Company's financial position or results of operations.

## NOTE 2 STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 50,000,000 shares of common stock at \$.001 par value and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock at \$.001 par value. The holders of the common stock are entitled to receive, when and as declared by the board of directors, dividends payable either in cash, in property or in shares of the common stock of the Company. Dividends have no cumulative rights and dividends will not accumulate if the board of directors does not declare such dividends. Through December 31, 2003, no dividends have been declared or paid by the Company.

In January 2003, VitaCube issued 52,384 shares of common stock at \$5.00 per share to certain individuals and entities as compensation.

In June 2003, the Company converted bridge loans in the amount \$115,000 to 23,000 shares of common stock at \$5.00 per share.

In connection with the Private Placement of securities for the period ended December 31, 2003, the Company sold 202,000 shares of common stock for \$5.00 per share.

In addition, the Company granted options to purchase 24,000 shares of the Company's common stock in connection with obtaining debt financing. These options are not included in the Company's 2003 Stock Incentive Plan. The options are fully vested with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share and are exercisable for up to 5 years (see "Note 9").

## NOTE 3 STOCK OPTIONS

During October 2002, the stockholders of VitaCube approved the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), a stock option plan that includes incentive and non-qualified stock options and restricted stock. The aggregate number of shares of common stock that could be granted by VitaCube pursuant to the Plan was not to exceed a maximum of 1,500,000 shares of VitaCube stock during the period of the Plan, which became effective as of January 1, 2002.

The Plan provided that with respect to incentive stock options ("ISO") the option price per share must be at least the fair market value (as determined by the Compensation Committee or, in lieu thereof, the board of directors) of the common stock on the date the stock option is granted or based on daily quotes from an exchange or quotation system designated by the Compensation Committee as the primary market for the shares. Under the Plan, an ISO is granted to an employee who owned more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of VitaCube or any of its subsidiaries, then the option price must be at least 110% of the fair market value of the stock subject to the option, and the term of the option must not exceed 5 years from the date of grant. Under the Plan, if for any reason, a change in control of VitaCube occurred, all shares subject to the Plan immediately become vested and exercisable.

In June 2003, in connection with the reverse acquisition, the Plan was reconstituted through the Company's adoption of a new stock option plan (the "2003 Equity Incentive Plan"), with the same terms and conditions as the VitaCube Plan, except for an increase in the number of shares to be granted under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, to 800,000 (as adjusted for the 1 for 5 reverse split) shares of common stock of VSHI. This modification in substance is treated as though the Company exchanged newly issued options with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share for the options that had been issued under the VitaCube Plan, with the Company incurring additional compensation cost for the incremental increase in value, if any, received by the option recipients under the 2003 Equity Incentive

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Plan. For vested options, the compensation cost is the excess of the value of the modified options over the original options and is recognized in the current period. Under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, non-vested options are measured similarly, though the excess value, if any, is amortized over the remaining vesting period. As a result of this modification, additional compensation cost was recognized for the year ended December 31, 2003, as reflected below.

On October 15, 2004, the Company amended the 2003 Stock Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares available under the Plan to 1,000,000 shares of common stock.

A summary of the status of the Company's 2003 Equity Incentive Plan for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, together with changes during each of the years then ended, is presented in the following table:

**2003 Stock Incentive Plan**

	Qualified Options	Non-qualified Options	Exercise Total	Exercise Price Range	Weighted Average Price
Balances, January 1, 2002	0	0	0	\$	\$
Granted	129,500	73,550	203,050	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Forfeited	0	0	0	\$	\$
Balances, December 31, 2002	129,500	73,550	203,050	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Balances, December 31, 2002, as modified	129,500	73,550	203,050	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Granted	38,000	357,600	395,600	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Forfeited	36,375	12,000	48,375	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Balances, December 31, 2003	131,125	419,150	550,275	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Number of options exercisable At December 31, 2003	78,125	319,900	398,025	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

The following table sets forth the exercise price range, number of shares, weighted average exercise price and remaining contractual lives at December 31, 2003:

Exercise Prices	Outstanding			Exercisable	
	Number of Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Contractual Life (months)	Number of Shares Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
5.00	430,275	\$ 5.00	56.6	368,025	\$ 5.00
5.00	120,000	\$ 5.00	114	30,000	\$ 5.00
	550,275			398,025	

At December 31, 2003, 449,725 share options were available for future grant under the 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.

Had the Company measured compensation cost based on the fair value of the options at the grant date at December 31, 2003 and 2002 consistent with the method prescribed by SFAS 123, the

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Company's net loss and loss per common share would have been increased to the pro forma amounts indicated below:

	December 31, 2003	December 31, 2002
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Net loss, as reported	\$ (2,084,982)	\$ (1,605,857)
Add: Stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects	138,765	
Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(172,667)	
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Pro forma net loss	\$ (2,118,884)	\$ (1,605,857)
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Earnings per share:</b>		
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share		
As reported	(.706)	(.424)
Pro forma	(.718)	(.424)

The fair value of each option grant was estimated at the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions for 2002 and 2003: risk-free interest rate of 1.74% and a range between 3.18%-3.29%, respectively; no dividend yield; expected life of 5 years; and volatility of 0% and a range between 0.37%-0.38%, respectively.

During the initial phase-in period of applying SFAS 123 for pro forma disclosure purposes, the results may not be representative of the effects on reported net income (loss) for future years because options vest over several years and additional grants generally are made each year.

**NOTE 4 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2003	December 31, 2002
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Furniture & fixtures	\$ 50,963	\$ 50,963
Office equipment	6,815	6,815
Software	175,649	175,649
Leasehold improvements	121,605	121,605
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
	355,032	355,032
Accumulated depreciation	(187,761)	(108,560)
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
	\$ 167,271	\$ 246,472
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>

**NOTE 5 INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

The Company has incurred costs to patent its "VitaCube" delivery system, which it uses to package its vitamins, and trademark its supplements and specific marketing nomenclature. Patents and trademarks are being amortized over a period of 15 years, at approximately \$3,338 per year. The

Company elected to abandon its pursuit of patenting its "VitaCube" delivery system on January 21, 2004.

Patents and trademarks are comprised of the following:

	December 31, 2003	December 31, 2002
Patents and trademarks*	\$ 50,052	\$ 59,586
Accumulated amortization	(6,700)	(3,548)
	<u>\$ 43,352</u>	<u>\$ 56,038</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2003, certain amounts that were previous capitalized were charged to expense that approximated \$9,534.

#### NOTE 6 DUE TO STOCKHOLDERS AND STOCKHOLDER SUBORDINATED LOANS

Two of VitaCube's stockholders advanced monies to VitaCube, totaling \$1,276,552 as of December 31, 2001. Additional advances were made during 2002. Promissory notes for the advances were due on demand and earned interest at 8%. As of December 31, 2001, accrued interest on these advances amounted to \$73,621. During the year ended December 31, 2002, one of the stockholders converted \$788,780 of advances made by him into equity in VitaCube and \$300,000 of subordinated promissory notes. In addition, during 2002, the other stockholder converted all of his advances and accrued interest and returned 116,925 shares of his VitaCube stock for a subordinated promissory note in the amount of \$1,335,861. The notes to both stockholders ("Notes") bear interest at 8% per annum with principal and interest payable from a total of 25% of adjusted quarterly net income (as defined). The notes, if not satisfied in five years, will be due on June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007, respectively. Accrued interest on these notes at the year ended December 31, 2002 and 2003 were \$70,677 and \$194,490, respectively.

In addition, the Company's Chief Executive Officer advanced the Company \$110,040 as of the year ended December 31, 2003. This loan is due upon demand and accrues interest at the rate of 10% per annum. Accrued interest on this loan was \$6,776 as of December 31, 2003.

#### NOTE 7 INCOME TAXES

As of December 31, 2003, the Company had approximately \$1,890,000 in pretax federal and state net operating loss carryforwards, expiring through 2023.

The Company provides for deferred taxes arising from temporary differences in the book and tax carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. Temporary differences arise primarily from differences in reporting stock based compensation.

The deferred tax assets that result from such operating loss carryforwards and temporary differences of approximately \$753,000 at December 31, 2003, have been fully reserved for in the



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accompanying consolidated financial statements as follows. For the year ended December 31, 2003, the valuation allowance established against the deferred tax assets increased by \$753,000.

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2003</b>
Deferred tax liabilities	\$
Deferred tax assets:	
Net operating loss deductions	\$ 701,000
Stock based compensation	52,000
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<b>753,000</b>
Valuation allowance	(753,000)
	\$

Reconciliation of the differences between the statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate is as follows:

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2003</b>
Federal statutory tax (benefit) rate	(34.00)%
State taxes, net of federal tax (benefit) rate	(3.06)%
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b>(37.06)%</b>
Valuation allowance	(37.06)%
<b>Effective income tax rate</b>	

**NOTE 8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company leases office space from a related party. Minimum future rentals at December 31, 2003, under this agreement approximate:

<b>December 31,</b>	
2004	\$ 18,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,000</b>

Rent expense was \$42,000 and \$46,800 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Effective July 1, 2003, the Company renegotiated the lease for its office space from \$6,000.00 to \$3,000.00 per month.

On June 1, 2003, the Company relocated its bulk storage from a related party warehouse to a third party warehouse on a month-to-month basis with charges dependent upon activity and space utilized.

In addition, the Company has various operating leases for vehicles and other equipment that range from 3 to 4 years in length. Future minimum payments under these leases consisted of the following at December 31, 2003:

<b>December 31,</b>	
2004	\$ 45,194
2005	37,289
2006	29,485
2007	9,581
Total	\$ 121,549

Rental expenses on the above operating leases were \$35,374 and \$24,961 for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

**NOTE 9 BRIDGE LOANS AND NOTE PAYABLES**

During the year ended December 31, 2002, VitaCube obtained bridge financing from two unrelated persons totaling \$300,000, bearing interest at 10%, payable one year from the date received. In addition, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and major stockholder advanced \$200,000 of bridge loan financing as of December 31, 2002. During the year ended December 31, 2003, VSHI obtained additional bridge financing from an unrelated entity totaling \$25,000. In connection with the share exchange, the last bridge loan lender agreed to convert his \$25,000 note into 5,000 shares of the Company's common stock (at \$5.00 per share) under the Company's Private Placement. In connection with this transaction, accrued interest of \$1,130 was waived. In addition, a second bridge lender agreed to convert \$75,000 of the principal amount and \$15,000 of accrued interest due him for 18,000 shares of the Company's common stock (at \$5.00 per share) under the Company's Private Placement, waiving \$3,466 of additional accrued interest and modifying the terms and due date of this note of which the Company's president and major stockholder personally guaranteed. Also, another bridge loan lender forgave \$5,000 of the principal amount of his bridge loan and \$2,644 of accrued interest in exchange for a modification of the due date. As of December 31, 2003, the Company prepaid \$172,500 of the outstanding bridge loan financing.

During October 2003, the Company borrowed \$50,000 from an unrelated party, which was evidenced by a promissory note. As part of the consideration for the loan, the Company granted an option to purchase 2,000 shares of its common stock at \$5.00 per share, which option was fully vested and exercisable for 5 years. This option was not part of the Company's Incentive Stock Option Plan. The promissory note provided for interest at 18% per annum and was due 30 days after the loan was funded. The note further provided that, in event the note was not duly paid, the holder of note was entitled to (i) an additional option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$5.00 per share (with this option having the same terms as the option for 2,000 shares) and (ii) convert the note into shares of the Company's common stock at a price of \$2.50 per share. This note was not paid when due so, in December 2003, the holder was granted the second option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$5.00 per share, and in 2004 the note was converted into 20,000 shares of common stock. In connection with this transaction the Company recorded interest of \$50,000 related to the beneficial conversion features embedded in the note.

In December 2003, the Company borrowed an additional \$50,000 from another unrelated party. The terms of this note were the same as the loan made by the Company in October 2003. An option to purchase 2,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$5.00 per share was granted as partial consideration for this loan. When this \$50,000 was not paid in January 2004 the note holder was granted a second option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$5.00 per share, and the note was converted into 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock. Also in January 2004, in connection with this transaction the Company recorded interest of \$50,000 related to the beneficial conversion features embedded in the note.

At December 31, 2003, there was \$2,244 of accrued interest with respect to these two notes, which was extinguished when the notes were converted into common stock.

**NOTE 10 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS TO THE BALANCE SHEET DATE**

During January 2004, additional debt financing was provided to the Company by multiple unrelated parties, in the total principal amount of \$205,000. This financing was evidenced by promissory notes and have the same terms and conditions as the two promissory notes executed in October and December 2003. In connection with the January financing, the Company granted options to purchase a total of 16,200 shares of the Company's common stock at \$2.50 per share. When the January notes were not paid when due, options to purchase an additional 31,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$2.50 per share were granted to the various note holders, and the notes were all converted into a total of 82,000 shares of the Company's common stock. In connection with this transaction the Company recorded interest of \$205,000 related to the beneficial conversion features embedded in the note.

On January 27, 2004, the Company sold 5,996 shares in connection with the Private Placement of securities at \$5.00 per share.

On January 31, 2004, the Company closed the Private Placement of securities, issuing a total of 207,999 shares of the Company's common stock at per share price of \$5.00.

During February 2004, the note holders elected to exercise the conversion terms for all of the outstanding promissory notes issued in November 2003, December 2003 and January 2004. As per the conversion terms 122,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock at \$2.50 per share were issued and 40,000 shares of stock options were granted at \$5.00 per share and 31,000 shares of stock options were granted at \$2.50 per share. All of the stock options are fully vested and are exercisable over 5 years. All parties waived all accrued interest on the promissory notes.

**NOTE 11 EVENT SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE OF THE AUDITORS' REPORT**

On December 8, 2004, the Company effected a 1-for-5 reverse stock split of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, with no change in the number of authorized shares of common stock.

## VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2004	December 31, 2003
	(Unaudited)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 602,714	\$ 7,963
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$152 and \$136, respectively	7,439	6,672
Inventory, net of allowance for obsolescence of \$17,299 and \$31,782, respectively	550,323	286,037
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	73,813	55,477
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Total current assets	1,234,289	356,149
Intangible assets, net (Note 4)	40,850	43,352
Property and equipment, net (Note 3)	119,507	167,271
Deferred offering costs	67,079	
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Total assets	\$ 1,461,725	\$ 566,772
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<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 403,593	\$ 954,812
Due to shareholder (Note 5)		110,040
Related party bridge loan (Note 7)		200,000
Bridge loan (Note 7)		147,500
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Total current liabilities	403,593	1,412,352
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Long term subordinated loans (Note 5)		1,635,861
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<i>COMMITMENTS (Note 6)</i>		
<i>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) (Note 2):</i>		
Preferred stock, authorized 5,000,000 shares, \$.001 par value, none issued or outstanding		
Common stock, authorized 50,000,000 shares, \$.001 par value, 6,534,043 and 3,241,006 issued and outstanding respectively	6,534	3,241
Additional paid in capital	7,637,192	2,383,723
Accumulated (deficit)	(6,585,594)	(4,868,405)
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	<u>September 30, 2004</u>	<u>December 31, 2003</u>
Total shareholders' equity (deficit)	1,058,132	(2,481,441)
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity (deficit)	\$ 1,461,725	\$ 566,772

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

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**VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)**

**Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004 and 2003**

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2003	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003
Net sales	\$ 230,599	\$ 279,275	\$ 561,454	\$ 1,018,329
Cost of goods sold	71,598	303,178	174,653	575,509
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>159,001</b>	<b>(23,903)</b>	<b>386,801</b>	<b>442,820</b>
Operating expenses:				
Selling and marketing expenses	414,278	303,020	823,923	987,200
General and administrative expenses	300,686	288,920	923,383	814,770
Research and development expenses	964		5,511	
Depreciation and amortization	13,022	20,895	54,272	62,554
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>728,950</b>	<b>612,835</b>	<b>1,807,089</b>	<b>1,864,524</b>
Net (loss) from operations	(569,949)	(636,738)	(1,420,288)	(1,421,704)
Other income (expense)				
Interest income	1,829		3,971	
Interest (expense)		(40,315)	(300,872)	(132,244)
<b>Total other income (expense)</b>	<b>1,829</b>	<b>(40,315)</b>	<b>(296,901)</b>	<b>(132,244)</b>
<b>Net (loss)</b>	<b>\$ (568,120)</b>	<b>\$ (677,053)</b>	<b>\$ (1,717,189)</b>	<b>\$ (1,553,948)</b>
Net (loss) per common share				
Basic and diluted net (loss) per share	\$ (.087)	\$ (.216)	\$ (.315)	\$ (.542)
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	6,525,379	3,130,357	5,443,860	2,867,113

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## VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF  
CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) (Unaudited)

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004 and Year Ended December 31, 2003

	Common Stock		Additional paid In capital	Accumulated (deficit)	Total shareholders' equity (deficit)
	Shares	Amount			
<b>Balances, December 31, 2002 (as restated see Note 1)</b>	2,662,019	\$ 2,662	\$ 1,086,118	\$ (2,783,423)	\$ (1,694,643)
Issuance of common stock for services	52,384	52	67,149		67,201
Common stock issued in private placement, net of offering costs of	202,000	202	965,417		965,619
Shares issued in connection with reverse acquisition	301,600	302	28,498		28,800
Bridge loans converted to common stock	23,000	23	114,977		115,000
Stock based compensation			71,564		71,564
Beneficial conversion interest			50,000		50,000
Net (loss)				(2,084,982)	(2,084,982)
<b>Balances, December 31, 2003</b>	3,241,003	\$ 3,241	\$ 2,383,723	\$ (4,868,405)	\$ (2,481,441)
Issuance of common stock for services	108,667	109	162,891		163,000
Common stock issued in private placement	5,996	6	29,974		29,980
Bridge loan converted to common stock	149,991	150	224,836		224,986
Long term subordinated debt converted to common stock	1,241,096	1,241	1,860,402		1,861,643
Note payable converted to common stock	122,000	122	304,878		305,000
Common stock issued in private placement into public entity, net of offering costs of	1,665,290	1,665	2,384,414		2,386,079
Stock based compensation			31,074		31,074
Beneficial conversion interest			255,000		255,000
Net (loss)				(1,717,189)	(1,717,189)
<b>Balances, September 30, 2004 (unaudited)</b>	6,534,043	\$ 6,534	\$ 7,637,192	\$ (6,585,594)	\$ (1,058,132)

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

**VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)**

**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004 and 2003**

	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004</b>	<b>For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net (loss)	\$ (1,717,189)	\$ (1,553,948)
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) to cash (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	54,272	62,554
Beneficial conversion interest	255,000	
Stock issued in exchange for satisfaction of accounts payable	100,000	
Stock and stock options issued for services	94,074	88,376
Change in allowance for inventory obsolescence	(14,483)	212,818
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	16	263
Change in allowance for product returns	(162)	2,857
Interest forgiven on loans		(22,240)
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(783)	66,666
(Increases) in inventory	(249,803)	(58)
(Increases) in prepaids and other current assets	(18,336)	(9,634)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(336,509)	409,436
Increase in accrued interest	45,872	132,244
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(1,788,031)	(610,666)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(4,006)	
Acquisition of patents and trademarks		(6,650)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(4,006)	(6,650)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Deferred offering costs	(67,079)	
Advances from shareholders	12,481	85,392
Re-payments to shareholder	(132,173)	
Re-payments on bridge loans	(47,500)	(147,500)
Proceeds from notes payable	205,000	25,000
Acquisition of VitaCube Systems, Inc net of cash received		28,800
Issuance of common stock, net of offering costs	2,416,059	606,555
Net cash provided by financing activities	2,386,788	598,247
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	<b>594,751</b>	<b>(19,069)</b>
<b>CASH, BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	<b>7,963</b>	<b>28,673</b>
<b>CASH, END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 602,714</b>	<b>\$ 9,604</b>



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**For the Nine**  
**Months Ended**  
**September 30, 2004**

**For the Nine**  
**Months Ended**  
**September 30, 2003**

**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING  
AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:**

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003
Subordinated notes and interest converted to common stock	\$ 1,861,643	\$
Bridge loans and interest converted to common stock	\$ 224,986	\$ 115,000
Fair value of stock and stock options issued for services	\$ 94,074	\$ 88,376
Interest and debt forgiveness	\$ 8,964	\$ 27,240
Notes payable converted to common stock	\$ 305,000	\$
Accounts payable converted to common stock	\$ 100,000	\$

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

VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**1. ORGANIZATION, OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Organization and Business*

VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") and its subsidiaries VitaCube Systems, Inc. and VitaCube Network, Inc. are in the business of selling, marketing and distributing nutritional supplement products. We market our products primarily through direct selling, in which independent distributors sell our products. In addition, we sell our products directly to professional and Olympic athletes and professional sports teams. Our product lines consist of a sports energy drink, a protein shake and a full product line of vitamins and minerals in the form of tablets, softgels or capsules, all of which are manufactured using our proprietary product formulations. We package our supplements in our unique, easy to use and convenient delivery system know as the VitaCube®.

*Basis of Presentation*

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary to present fairly the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2004 and the results of operations and cash flows presented herein from inception (October 30, 2000) through September 30, 2004 have been included in the financial statements. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results of operations that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2004

*Reverse Stock Split*

On October 15, 2004, by written consent to action the shareholders holding 59% of our common stock approved a 1-for-5 reverse stock split of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, with no change in the number of authorized shares of common stock. The reverse split was completed on December 8, 2004. Also approved was an amendment to the 2003 Incentive Stock Plan increasing the number of shares of common stock eligible for awards under the Plan from 4,000,000 pre-split shares (800,000 post-split shares) to 5,000,000 pre-split shares (1,000,000 post-split shares.)

In connection with the 1-for-5 reverse stock split, all historical common shares amounts have been retroactively restated to reflect the stock split mentioned above.

*Going Concern*

The Company has incurred losses since its inception and has an accumulated (deficit) of (\$6,585,594) at September 30, 2004. Operations have been financed primarily through issuance of common stock and loans from the Company's Chief Executive Officer, one of the Company's prior directors and other unrelated third party loans.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which contemplates continuation of the Company as a going concern. The Company has incurred a net (loss) of \$1,717,189 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and has a shareholders' equity of \$1,058,132. All of these factors raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

In view of these matters, realization of a significant portion of the assets in the accompanying balance sheet is dependent on the continued operations of the Company, which in turn is dependent on

the success of future profitable operations. The Company has recently implemented a sales and marketing plan to sell its products to consumers through an independent network of distributors. Management believes that within time, through the development of its distributor and customer base, the demand for its products will develop and allow the Company to become profitable. However, management believes that additional funding will be required to achieve profitability.

***Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements***

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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Management believes that the estimates utilized in the preparation of the financial statements are prudent and reasonable. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

For the purposes of reporting cash flows, the Company considers all cash and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

Substantially all of the Company's assets and liabilities are carried at fair value or contracted amounts that approximate fair value. Estimates of fair value are made at a specific point in time, based on relative market information and information about each financial instrument, specifically, the value of the underlying financial instrument. Assets that are recorded at fair value consist largely of short-term receivables and other assets, which are carried at contracted amounts that approximate fair value. Similarly, the Company's liabilities consist primarily of short term liabilities recorded at contracted amounts that approximate fair value.

***Concentration of Credit Risk***

The Company has no significant off-balance sheet concentrations of credit risk such as foreign exchange contracts, options contracts or other foreign hedging arrangements. The Company maintains the majority of its cash balances with three financial institutions in the form of demand deposits and money market funds. The funds in excess of the federally insured amount of \$100,000 are subject to credit risk, and to date the Company has not incurred a loss relating to this credit risk.

***Accounts Receivable***

The Company uses the allowance method in accounting for bad debts. At September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Company has recorded a net allowance of \$152 and \$136, respectively, for uncollectible receivables.

***Inventory***

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market on a FIFO (first-in first-out) basis. Provision is made to reduce excess or obsolete inventory to the estimated net realizable value. The Company

purchases for resale a sports energy drink, a protein shake and other vitamins and nutritional supplements, which it packages in various forms and containers.

Inventory is comprised of the following:

	<u>September 30, 2004</u>	<u>December 31, 2003</u>
Raw materials	\$ 41,704	\$ 36,854
Finished goods	525,918	280,965
Provision for obsolete inventory	(17,299)	(31,782)
	<u>\$ 550,323</u>	<u>\$ 286,037</u>

Summary of the Company's inventory allowance for the period ended September 30, 2004 is as follows:

Balance as of January 1, 2004	\$ 31,782
Write-off of obsolete inventory	(14,483)
	<u>\$ 17,299</u>
Balance as of September 30, 2004	<u>\$ 17,299</u>

#### ***Property and Equipment***

The Company provides for depreciation of property and equipment using the straight-line method of depreciation based on estimated useful lives of between three and ten years.

#### ***Advertising Costs***

Advertising and marketing costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 were \$283,120 and \$340,409, respectively and are expensed as incurred.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

The Company ships its products by common carrier and receives payment in the form of cash, credit card payment or approved credit terms. In May 2004, the Company revised its product return policy to provide a 60-day money back guarantee on orders placed by first-time customers and distributors. After 60 days and for all subsequent orders placed by customers and distributors, the Company allows resellable products to be returned within 12 months of the purchase date for a 100% sales price refund, subject to a 10% restocking fee. Since August 2003, the Company has experienced monthly returns ranging from 1.7% to 3.3% of net sales. Sales discounts include discounts provided to professional and Olympic athletes and professional sports teams. Sales revenue and related discounts, volume incentives and estimated returns are recorded when the merchandise is shipped since performance by the Company is considered met when products are in the hands of the common carrier. Amounts received for unshipped merchandise are recorded as customer deposits and are included in accrued liabilities.

**Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company has adopted the disclosure-only provisions of SFAS NO. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS No. 123"), and applies Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB No. 25"), and related interpretations in accounting for stock options granted to employees.

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation issued to non-employees and consultants in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123 and the emerging issues task force consensus in issue No. 96-18 ("EITF 96-18"), "Accounting for Equity Instruments that are issued to Other Than Employees for Acquiring or in Conjunction with Selling Goods or Services".

If the Company had accounted for its stock-based compensation to employees in accordance with SFAS 123, the Company's net income (loss) and pro forma net income (loss) per basic and diluted common share for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 would have been reported as follows:

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003</b>
Net (loss), as reported	\$ (1,717,189)	\$ (1,553,948)
Add: Stock-based compensation expense included in reported net income, net of related tax effects	194,074	88,376
Deduct: Total stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(243,364)	(119,050)
Pro forma net (loss), SFAS No. 123	\$ (1,766,479)	\$ (1,584,622)
<b>Earnings per share:</b>		
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per common share		
As reported	(.315)	(.542)
Pro forma	(.324)	(.553)

**Net Loss Per Share**

Earnings per share require presentation of both basic earnings per common share and diluted earnings per common share. Since the Company has a net loss for all periods presented since inception, any common stock equivalents would not be included in the weighted average calculation since their effect would be anti-dilutive.

**Reclassifications**

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, reclassification entries of \$3,011 and \$212,818, respectively, have been recorded to reflect the charges or write-offs against the Company's

obsolescence reserve for inventory as cost of goods sold and not as general and administrative expenses as previously reported.

### ***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

In May 2003, SFAS 150 "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity," was issued. This Statement establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity. It requires that an issuer classify a financial instrument that is within its scope as a liability (or an asset in some circumstances). Many of those instruments were previously classified as equity. Generally, a financial instrument, whether in the form of shares or otherwise, that is mandatorily redeemable, i.e. that embodies an unconditional obligation requiring the issuer to redeem it by transferring its shares or assets at a specified or determinable date (or dates) or upon an event that is certain to occur, must be classified as a liability (or asset in some circumstances). In some cases, a financial instrument that is conditionally redeemable may also be subject to the same treatment. This Statement does not apply to features that are embedded in a financial instrument that is not a derivative (as defined) in its entirety. For public entities, this Statement is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003. The adoption of SFAS 150 did not affect the Company's financial position or results of operations.

## **2. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 50,000,000 shares of common stock at \$.001 par value and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock at \$.001 par value. The holders of the common stock are entitled to receive, when and as declared by the Board of Directors, dividends payable either in cash, in property or in shares of the common stock of the Company. Dividends have no cumulative rights and dividends will not accumulate if the Board of Directors does not declare such dividends. Through September 30, 2004 no dividends have been declared or paid by the Company.

On January 27, 2004, the Company sold 5,996 common shares in connection with a continuing Private Placement of securities at \$5.00 per share that commenced in fiscal year 2003. On January 31, 2004, the Company closed the Private Placement of securities.

During February 2004, note holders of the Company elected to exercise a conversion provision in the notes converting all of the outstanding promissory notes issued in November 2003, December 2003 and January 2004 into 122,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$2.50 per share.

During March 2004, the Company undertook a second private offering of a minimum of \$2,300,000 ("the Offering") of its common stock in accordance with Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or another exemption from registration under applicable securities laws. On April 15, 2004, the Company closed the Offering, raising a total of \$2,497,925 through the sale of 1,665,290 shares of the Company's common stock at \$1.50 per share. The Company incurred associated direct expenses of approximately \$111,846 with the Offering. In addition, the Company issued warrants to the placement agent for the purchase of 434,424 shares of the Company's common stock at an initial exercise price of \$1.50 per share, exercisable for 5 years.

In connection with the Offering, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Sanford Greenberg, converted \$300,000 of long term subordinated loans and \$200,000 of bridge loans plus \$63,674 of

accrued interest into 375,783 shares of the Company's common stock at \$1.50 per share. One of the Company's former directors, Warren Cohen, converted \$1,335,861 of a long term subordinated loan plus \$187,094 of accrued interest into 1,015,304 shares of the Company's common stock at \$1.50 per share. In addition, the Company issued 66,667 shares of the Company's common stock at \$1.50 per share to a creditor for \$100,000 of previously accrued services.

In April 2004, the Company issued 10,000 shares of its common stock at \$1.50 per share as a bonus to its chief financial officer and 2,000 shares of its common stock at \$1.50 per share to its outside video production company for services rendered.

In July 2004, the Company issued a total of 30,000 shares of our common stock, valued at \$1.50 per share to endorsers of the Company for endorsement of our products.

### 3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	<u>September 30, 2004</u>	<u>December 31, 2003</u>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 50,963	\$ 50,963
Office equipment	10,821	6,815
Software	175,649	175,649
Leasehold improvements	121,606	121,605
	<u>359,039</u>	<u>355,032</u>
Accumulated depreciation	(239,532)	(187,761)
	<u>\$ 119,507</u>	<u>\$ 167,271</u>

### 4. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The Company has incurred costs to trademark 14 of its current and former products and 6 specific marketing nomenclatures. In addition, the Company was pursuing the patenting of its "VitaCube" delivery system, which it uses to package its vitamins. On January 21, 2004 the Company elected to abandon its pursuit of this patent. Patents and trademarks are being amortized over a period of 15 years, at approximately \$3,338 per year. During the year ended December 31, 2003, certain amounts that were previously capitalized were charged to expense that approximated \$9,500.

Intangible assets are:

	<u>September 30, 2004</u>	<u>December 31, 2003</u>
Patents	\$ 50,052	\$ 50,052
Accumulated amortization	(9,202)	(6,700)
	<u>\$ 40,850</u>	<u>\$ 43,352</u>

### 5. DUE TO SHAREHOLDERS AND SHAREHOLDER SUBORDINATED LOANS

The Company's Chief Executive Officer and one of the Company's shareholders and former directors advanced monies to the Company totaling \$1,635,861 as of December 31, 2003, which

amounts were represented by subordinated promissory notes. The notes to both shareholders bore interest at 8% per annum with principal and interest payable contingent on a quarterly percentage of net income (as defined). The notes, if not re-paid in five years, were due on June 30, 2007 and September 30, 2007, respectively. Accrued interest on these notes at the year ended December 31, 2003 and through March 31, 2004 was \$194,490 and \$225,782, respectively. On March 31, 2004 both note holders converted the principal and accrued interest, totaling \$1,861,643, into 1,391,087 shares of the Company's common stock at \$1.50 per share (Note 2)

In addition, the Company's Chief Executive Officer advanced the Company \$122,521 which was due upon demand with interest at the rate of 10% per annum. On March 31, 2004 the Company re-paid the loan and accrued interest of \$9,652.

## **6. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company leases office space from a related party. Rent expense was \$42,000 and \$27,000 for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the nine months ended September 30, 2004, respectively. On July 1, 2004, the Company obtained an extension on its office space lease through December 31, 2004 adding an additional \$18,000 of commitments for the year ending December 31, 2004.

In addition, the Company has various operating leases for vehicles, telephone and computer equipment that range from 3 to 4 years in length. Rental expenses for these operating leases were \$35,374 and \$22,023 for the year ended December 31, 2003 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, respectively.

## **7. BRIDGE LOANS AND NOTE PAYABLES**

As of December 31, 2003 the Company had an outstanding loan balance of \$147,500 from bridge financing obtained from an unrelated party. In April 2004, the Company re-paid all outstanding bridge loan financing.

In addition, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and major shareholder advanced \$200,000 of bridge loan financing as of December 31, 2003, and on March 31, 2004, converted the principal of \$200,000 and accrued interest of \$24,986 into 149,991 shares of the Company's common stock at \$1.50 per share.

During October 2003 the Company borrowed \$50,000 from an unrelated party, evidenced by a promissory note. As part of the consideration for the loan, the Company granted an option to purchase 2,000 shares of its common stock at \$5.00 per share, which option was fully vested and exercisable for 5 years. This option was not part of the Company's Incentive Stock Option Plan. The promissory note provided for interest at 18% per annum and was due 30 days after the loan was funded. The note further provided that, in event the note was not paid when due, the holder of note was entitled to (i) an additional option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$5.00 per share (with this option having the same terms as the option for 2,000 shares) and (ii) conversion of the note into shares of the Company's common stock at a price of \$2.50 per share. This note was not paid when due, and in December 2003 the holder was granted the second option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$5.00 per share. In connection with this transaction, the Company recorded interest of \$50,000 in November 2003 related to the beneficial conversion features embedded in the note.



In December 2003 the Company borrowed an additional \$50,000 from another unrelated party. The terms of this note were the same as the loan made to the Company in October 2003. An option to purchase 2,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$5.00 per share was granted as partial consideration for this loan. This note was not paid when due, and in January 2004 the note holder was granted a second option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$5.00 per share. Also in January 2004 in connection with this transaction, the Company recorded interest of \$50,000 related to the beneficial conversion features embedded in the note.

During January 2004 the Company borrowed an additional \$205,000 from multiple unrelated parties. As part of the consideration for these loans, the Company granted options to purchase 16,200 shares of its common stock at \$2.50 per share, which options were fully vested and exercisable for 5 years. These options are not part of the Company's Incentive Stock Option Plan. The promissory notes provided for interest at 18% per annum and were due 30 days after the loans were funded. The notes further provided that, in event the notes were not duly paid, the holders of notes were entitled to (i) additional options to purchase 31,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$2.50 per share (with this option having the same terms as the options for 16,200 shares) and (ii) conversion of the notes into shares of the Company's common stock at a price of \$2.50 per share. The notes was not paid when due, and in February 2004 the holders were granted the second options to purchase 31,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$2.50 per share. In February 2004 in connection with this transaction, the Company recorded interest of \$205,000 related to the beneficial conversion features embedded in the notes.

In February 2004 all of the note holders exercised the conversion provision of the notes and converted the principal amount totaling \$305,000 into 122,000 shares of the Company's common stock at \$2.50 per share. There was \$8,964 of accrued interest with respect to the notes, which was extinguished when the notes were converted into common stock.

## **8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On August 30, 2004 the Company announced that it had entered into a non-binding letter of intent with an underwriter to raise from \$8 to \$10 million in an offering of the Company's securities. In the proposed offering the Company intends to sell units consisting of shares of common stock and warrants to purchase common stock. The proposed offering is conditioned upon market conditions and other requirements from the letter of intent.

On December 8, 2004, the Company effected a 1-for-5 reverse stock split of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, with no change in the number of authorized shares of common stock.





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No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in this prospectus. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representations. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained in this prospectus is current only as of its date.

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**PART II**

**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 24. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Our bylaws require us to indemnify, to the fullest extent authorized by Nevada law, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal, by reason of the fact that he is or was our director or officer, or is or was serving at our request as a director or officer of any foreign or domestic profit or nonprofit corporation or of any partnership, joint venture, trust, profit or nonprofit unincorporated association, limited liability company, or other enterprise or employee benefit plan.

Except with respect to stockholder derivative actions, the bylaw provisions generally state that the director or officer will be indemnified against reasonable expenses, amounts paid in settlement and judgments, fines, penalties and/or other amounts reasonably incurred with respect to any threatened, pending or completed proceeding, provided that (i) such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, our best interests, and (ii) with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, such person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

The foregoing standards also apply with respect to the indemnification of expenses incurred in a stockholder derivative suit. However, a director or officer may only be indemnified for settlement amounts or judgments incurred in a derivative suit to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine.

Our articles of incorporation provide that we shall indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by Nevada law, any person who is or was our director or officer against any claim, liability or expense arising against or incurred by such person made party to a proceeding because he is or was our director or officer or because he is or was serving another entity or employee benefit plan as our director or officer. We also have the authority to the maximum extent permitted by law to purchase and maintain insurance providing such indemnification.

Nevada Revised Statute § 78.7502(1) provides that we may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, except an action by or in our right, by reason of the fact that he is or was our director or officer, or is or was serving at our request as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the action, suit or proceeding. We may indemnify the officer or director for the above mentioned actions (1) if the officer or director is not liable pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 78.138 ("Directors and officers: Exercise of powers; performance of duties; presumptions and considerations; liability to corporation and stockholders."), or (2) if the officer or director acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to our best interests. Indemnification is also available with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, where the officer or director had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Nevada Revised Statute § 78.7502(2) provides that we may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of us to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was our director or officer, or is or was serving at the request of us as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including amounts paid in settlement and attorneys' fees actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of the action or suit. We may indemnify the officer or director for the above mentioned

actions (1) if he is not liable pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 78.138, or (2) if the officer or director acted in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to our the best interests.

Nevada Revised Statute § 78.7502(3) provides that to the extent that our director or officer has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections 1 and 2, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, we must indemnify him against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense.

Our articles of incorporation contain a provision to limit the personal liability of our directors for violations of their fiduciary duties. This provision eliminates each director's liability to us or our stockholders, for monetary damages except (i) for acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law, and (ii) under Section 78.300 of the Nevada Revised Statutes providing for liability of directors for unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions. The effect of this provision is to eliminate the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for actions involving a breach of their fiduciary duty including any such actions involving gross negligence. It should be noted, however, that Section 78.300 has since been repealed by the Nevada legislature. As a result, to the extent our articles of incorporation would be deemed inconsistent with the Nevada Revised Statutes, such statutes should control.

In April 2004, Mr. DiGiandomenico, a director, was issued a warrant in respect of 99,095 shares of our common stock in connection with his role as managing member of MDB Capital in a private offering we completed in April. The warrant provides that, in connection with any registration statement we may file under the Securities Act of 1933 relating to the warrant and shares issuable thereunder, we will indemnify Mr. DiGiandomenico against all loss, claim, damage, expense or liability to any claim he may be subject to under the Securities Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise, arising from such registration statement. If the indemnification or reimbursement provided for under the warrant is finally judicially determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to Mr. DiGiandomenico (other than as a consequence of a final judicial determination of willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence of Mr. DiGiandomenico), the warrant provides, in lieu of indemnifying him, that we will contribute to the amount paid or payable by him in relative proportions of fault.

**Item 25. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

The following table sets forth the various expenses payable in connection with the sale and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions. All of such expenses will be paid by the Registrant. All amounts shown are estimates, except the SEC registration fee:

SEC registration fee	\$ 4,321
Printing and mailing expenses	125,000
Fees and expenses of counsel	175,000
Accounting and related expenses	65,000
Blue Sky Expenses	5,000
Transfer Agent and Registration Fees and Expenses	5,000
Miscellaneous	20,679
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Total	\$ 400,000
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**Item 26. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.**

Set forth below is information concerning sales of unregistered securities by Instanet, Inc., VitaCube Systems, Inc. and VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. over the past three years. Unless otherwise noted, the securities issuances described below were made in reliance on the exemptions from registration provided in Sections 4(2) and 4(6) of the Securities Act of 1933 and/or Regulation D promulgated thereunder based on the limited number of purchasers, and on the recipients' sophistication in financial matters, access to material information, and on representations received from the recipients, including those establishing their status as "accredited investors" and their intent to acquire the securities for investment and not with a view toward distribution. Unless otherwise noted, no advertising or general solicitation was used and no underwriter, broker or finder was involved in the offerings and the certificates representing common stock issued have restrictive legends noting prohibitions on transfer absent registration under applicable securities laws or an exemption therefrom.

*Instanet, Inc.* Instanet, Inc. was organized in January 2001, and at that time, sold 90,000 shares to one of its founders, officers and directors for \$10,000 (\$0.11 per share) and 180,000 shares to its other founder for \$20,000 (\$.011 per share). In February 2001, it issued 20,000 stock options to an executive officer, and 5,000 stock options to an employee, under its then existing 2001 Stock Option Plan, exercisable at \$1.25 per share. The stock options were issued to persons who were familiar with the business of Instanet.

On June 20, 2003, Instanet, Inc. acquired VitaCube Systems, Inc. ("V3S"), a Colorado corporation formed in October 2000, in a stock-for-stock exchange. The acquisition was accomplished through the exchange of all the outstanding shares of V3S for 2,714,403 common shares of Instanet, then representing a controlling interest in Instanet. The seven stockholders of V3S to whom the Instanet shares were issued had access to full information concerning Instanet and represented that they acquired the shares for their own account and not for the purpose of distribution. On September 8, 2003, Instanet changed its name to VitaCube Systems Holdings, Inc. (the "Company").

*VitaCube Systems, Inc.* The V3S shares acquired by Instanet in the June 20, 2003, stock-for-stock exchange were originally issued by V3S to its founders (Messrs. Sanford D. Greenberg and Warren Cohen) in late 2000. In addition, there were five small stock issuances totaling 52,384 shares to certain individuals and entities for services. The persons to whom the shares were issued were employees or outside counsel to V3S, had access to full information concerning V3S and represented that they acquired the shares for their own account and not for the purpose of distribution.

In addition, from the period of January 1, 2002, through June 20, 2003, V3S issued options in respect of 404,650 shares, at \$5.00 per share, to 43 persons, including 20 celebrity endorsers/scientific advisors, five consultants, 12 employees, its outside law firm and five persons affiliated with its proposed underwriter of a potential public offering which was not undertaken. The persons to whom the shares were issued had access to full information concerning V3S and represented that they acquired the securities for their own account and not for the purpose of distribution. The options which had not previously been forfeited were cancelled and reissued by Instanet as part of the June 20, 2003, stock exchange with V3S.

On June 30, 2002, V3S agreed to repurchase 2,131,952 shares of its common stock from Warren Cohen, a director, in exchange for a long-term subordinated note for \$1,335,861. The note provided for interest at 8% per year with principal and interest payable from 20% of adjusted quarterly net income. In March 2004, this note and all accrued interest was converted into 1,015,304 shares of common stock of the Company at a conversion price of \$1.50 per share.

Sanford D. Greenberg, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, donated to V3S 116,925 shares of its common stock and converted \$133,127 and \$166,873 that he advanced to V3S, plus accrued interest, into long-term subordinated loans on June 30, 2002 and September 30, 2002,

respectively. These notes provided for interest at 8% per year with principal and interest payable from 5% of adjusted quarterly net income. On December 31, 2002, Mr. Greenberg converted \$200,000 that he advanced V3S into a bridge loan with interest at 10% per year, principal and interest due December 31, 2003. As part of the terms of the bridge loan, Mr. Greenberg was granted an option to purchase 16,000 shares of Company common stock at \$5.00 per share. As of December 31, 2003, Mr. Greenberg had advanced an additional \$110,040 which was due on demand accruing interest at 10% per year. In March 2004, Mr. Greenberg converted \$500,000 of principal and \$63,674 of accrued interest on the long term subordinated loan and the bridge loan into 375,783 shares of Company common stock at a conversion price of \$1.50 per share.

In late 2002 and early 2003, V3S also issued \$525,000 of short-term promissory notes to four "accredited investors", including the \$200,000 bridge loan of Mr. Greenberg discussed above. Each purchaser of a promissory note also received an option to purchase V3S common stock at \$5.00 per share. The persons to whom the shares were issued had access to full information concerning V3S and represented that he or she acquired the securities for his or her own account and not for the purpose of distribution.

*The Company.* In June 2003, the Company commenced a private placement of its common stock which was completed as of January 31, 2004. In this private placement the Company issued 207,996 shares of its common stock to 47 "accredited investors" as defined in Regulation D. The purchase price was \$5.00 per share. The Company raised a net total of \$994,599 after commissions and other associated expenses with the private placement. As part of the private placement, one of the bridge loan lenders discussed above who made his loan in early 2003 agreed to convert his \$25,000 note into 5,000 shares of common stock at \$5.00 per share and waived interest in the note. In addition, a second bridge lender agreed to convert \$75,000 of the principal amount and \$15,000 of accrued interest due him for 18,000 shares of common stock at \$5.00 per share, waiving \$3,466 of additional accrued interest and modifying the terms and due date of his note. Also, another bridge note loan lender forgave \$5,000 of the principal amount of his bridge loan and \$2,644 of accrued interest in exchange for a modification of the loan's due date.

GunnAllen Financial, Inc. ("GunnAllen") acted as the non-exclusive selling agent in connection with sales of the shares in the private placement. The Company granted GunnAllen an option to purchase 40,000 shares of Company common stock at \$5.00 per share, which option was fully vested and exercisable for five years.

During October 2003, the Company borrowed \$50,000 from an unrelated party, which was evidenced by a promissory note. As part of the consideration for the loan, the Company granted an option to purchase 2,000 shares of its common stock at \$5.00 per share, which option was fully vested and exercisable for five years. The promissory note provided for interest at 18% per annum and was due 30 days after the loan was funded. The note further provided that, in event the note was not duly paid, the holder of note was entitled to (i) an additional option to purchase 20,000 shares of Company common stock at \$5.00 per share (with this option having the same terms as the option for 2,000 shares) and (ii) convert the note into shares of Company common stock at a price of \$2.50 per share. This note was not paid when due so, in December 2003, the holder was granted the second option to purchase 20,000 shares of Company common stock at \$5.00 per share, and in February 2004, the note was converted into 20,000 shares of common stock.

In December 2003, the Company borrowed an additional \$50,000 from another unrelated party. The terms of this note were the same as the loan made by the Company in October 2003. An option to purchase 2,000 shares of common stock at \$5.00 per share was granted as partial consideration for this loan. When this \$50,000 was not paid in January 2004 the note holder was granted a second option to purchase 20,000 shares of Company common stock at \$5.00 per share, and in February 2004 the note was converted into 20,000 shares of common stock.



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During January 2004, additional debt financing was provided to the Company by eight unrelated parties, in the total principal amount of \$205,000. This financing was evidenced by promissory notes which had the same terms and conditions as the two above discussed promissory notes executed in October and December 2003. In connection with this financing, the Company granted options to purchase a total of 16,200 shares of Company common stock at \$2.50 per share. When the January notes were not paid when due, options to purchase an additional 31,000 shares of Company common stock at \$2.50 per share were granted to the various note holders, and in February 2004 the notes were all converted into a total of 82,000 shares of Company common stock.

On April 15, 2004, the Company completed the second and final closing of a best efforts, \$2.3 million minimum, private placement of Company common stock. This private placement commenced in March of 2004 and the first closing occurred on March 31, 2004. A total of 1,665,290 shares of Company common stock were sold in the private placement for the aggregate purchase price of \$2,497,925. MDB Capital Group LLC ("MDB") acted as finder in the private placement. As compensation to MDB, the Company issued warrants to MDB and its affiliates to acquire 434,424 shares of Company common stock at \$1.50 per share, exercisable through April 30, 2009. In addition, as part of the private placement, Sanford D. Greenberg, Chief Executive Officer, and Warren Cohen, a director, converted debt owed by the Company to each of them into 375,783 shares and 1,015,304 shares, respectively, of Company common stock as discussed above. In addition, the Company issued 66,667 shares of our common stock, valued at \$1.50 per share, to a creditor for \$100,000 of previously accrued services.

In April 2004, the Company issued 10,000 shares of its common stock, valued at \$1.50 per share, as a bonus to its chief financial officer. In April 2004, the Company also issued 2,000 shares of its common stock valued at \$1.50 per share to its outside video production firm in exchange for services rendered. Both of these persons had access to full information concerning the Company and were "accredited investors" as defined in Regulation D.

In July 2004, the Company issued a total of 30,000 shares of its common stock, valued at \$1.50 per share, to two of the Company's professional athlete endorsers for endorsement of the Company's products. Both of these persons had access to full information concerning the Company and were "accredited investors" as defined in Regulation D.

In November 2004, the Company agreed with approximately 48 holders of its common stock that, in the event the Company completes the public offering contemplated by this registration statement it will issue to such persons an aggregate of 250,000 Class A public warrants and 250,000 Class B public warrants in consideration of such holders' agreements not to sell 1,630,943 shares of common stock, 433,380 warrants to purchase common stock and 433,380 shares of common stock underlying the warrants for 12 months from the closing of the offering or the last reported sales price of our common stock equals or exceeds 200% of the unit offering price in the offering for 20 consecutive trading days.

In addition, since June 20, 2003, the Company has issued options to purchase its common stock as set forth below. The persons to whom the shares were issued had access to full information concerning the Company and represented that they acquired the shares for their own account and not for the purpose of distribution.

Optionee(s)	No. of Persons	Number of Shares	Exercise Price Per Share
Chief Executive Officer	1	800,000	\$ 3.00
Consultants	12	151,000	5.00
Board Members	3	30,000	5.00
Celebrity Endorsers /Scientific Advisors	6	44,600	5.00
Employees	6	159,500	5.00

**Item 27. Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

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24.1 Power of Attorney (see signature page)

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- (3) Filed with Form SB-2 on or about February 27, 2001, as Exhibit 3.02 and incorporated herein by reference.
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- (5) Filed with Form 8-K on or about April 2, 2004, as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (6) Filed with Form 8-K on or about April 2, 2004, as Exhibit 10.2 and incorporated herein by reference.
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- (11) Filed with Form SB-2 on or about December 7, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (12) Filed with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form SB-2 on or about January 18, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.

### **Item 28. Undertakings.**

The Registrant will:

- (1) File, during any period in which it offers or sells securities, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement to:
  - (i) Include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
  - (ii) Reflect in the prospectus any facts or events which, individually or together, represent a fundamental change in information in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20%

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offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) Include any additional or changed material information on the plan of distribution.

(2) For determining liability under the Securities Act, treat each post-effective amendment as a new registration statement of the securities offered, and the offering of the securities at that time to be the initial bona fide offering.

(3) File a post-effective amendment to remove from registration any of the securities that remain unsold at the end of the offering.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the undersigned pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the undersigned has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the undersigned of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the undersigned in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the undersigned will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned will:

(1) For determining any liability under the Securities Act, treat the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the undersigned under Rule 424(b)(1), or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act as part of this registration statement as of the time the Securities and Exchange Commission declared it effective.

(2) For determining any liability under the Securities Act, treat each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus as a new registration statement for the securities offered in the registration statement, and that offering of the securities at that time as the initial bona fide offering of those securities.

**SIGNATURES**

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements of filing on Form SB-2 and has authorized Amendment No. 2 to this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, in the City of Denver, Colorado on February 7, 2005.

VITACUBE SYSTEMS HOLDINGS, INC.

By:           /s/ SANFORD D. GREENBERG          

Name: Sanford D. Greenberg,  
Title: *Chief Executive Officer*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the persons whose signatures appears below constitutes and appoints Sanford D. Greenberg, as true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution, for his and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file the same, therewith with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and to make any and all state securities law or blue sky filings, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in about the premises, as full and to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying the confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or any substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Amendment No. 2 to this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates stated:

Signature	Title	Date
<u>          /s/ SANFORD D. GREENBERG          </u> Sanford D. Greenberg	<i>Chief Executive Officer and Chairman (Principal Executive Officer)</i>	February 7, 2005
<u>          /s/ MARY PAT O'HALLORAN          </u> Mary Pat O'Halloran	<i>Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)</i>	February 7, 2005
<u>          /s/ DOUGLAS RIDLEY          </u> Douglas Ridley	<i>Director</i>	February 7, 2005
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