

PROGRAMMERS PARADISE INC  
Form 10-Q  
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 000-26408

Programmer's Paradise, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

13-3136104

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

1157 Shrewsbury Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey 07702

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's Telephone Number (732) 389-8950

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and non-accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act)

. Yes  No

There were 4,174,512 outstanding shares of Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, as of May 10, 2006, not including 1,109,988 shares classified as treasury stock.

PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

PROGRAMMER'S PARADISE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

March 31,  
2006  
(Unaudited)

December 31,  
2005

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents

\$

6,960

\$

7,369

Marketable securities

8,021

7,884

Accounts receivable, net

	18,557
	21,185
Inventory - finished goods	
	1,474
	1,956
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	
	628
	688
Deferred income taxes, current	
	1,477
	1,783
Total current assets	
	37,117
	40,865
Equipment and leasehold improvements, net	
	540
	434
	3

Other assets

659

453

Deferred income taxes, net of current

2,917

\$

2,516

Total assets

\$

41,233

\$

44,268

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses

\$

21,710

\$

25,751

Dividend payable	539
	519
Total current liabilities	22,249
	26,270
Commitments and contingencies	
Stockholders' equity	
Common stock, \$.01 par value; authorized, 10,000,000 shares; issued 5,284,500 shares	\$
	53
	\$
	5

Additional paid-in capital	
	30,892
	30,948
Treasury stock, at cost, 1,141,238 shares and 1,289,665 shares, respectively	
	(3,187)
	(3,620)
Accumulated deficit	
	(8,979)
	(9,570)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	
	205
	187
Total stockholders' equity	
	18,984

	17,998
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	
	\$
	41,233
	\$
	44,268

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

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PROGRAMMER'S PARADISE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND  
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)  
Three months ended  
March 31,

2006

2005

Net sales	\$	35,362	\$	30,169	
Cost of sales		31,518			
					26,740
Gross profit					3,844
					3,429
Selling, general and administrative expenses					2,967
					2,985
Income from operations					877



	444
Interest income, net	
	113
	67
Realized foreign currency exchange gain (loss)	
	1
	(11
)	
Income before income tax provision	
	991
	500
Provision for income taxes	
	400
	200
	9

Net income

\$

591

\$

300

Net income per common share - Basic

\$

0.14

\$

0.08

Net income per common share - Diluted

\$

0.13

\$

0.07

Weighted average common shares outstanding-Basic

4,101

3,922

Weighted average common shares outstanding-Diluted

4,454

4,445

Reconciliation to comprehensive income:

Net income

\$

591

\$

300

Other comprehensive income(loss), net of tax:

Unrealized gain on marketable securities

7

-

Foreign currency translation adjustments

11

(10

11

)

Total comprehensive income

\$

609

\$

290

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PROGRAMMER'S PARADISE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  
 (Unaudited)  
 (In thousands, except share amounts)

	Common Shares	Stock Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Defici	Accumulated other comprehensive Income	Total
Balance at January 1, 2006	5,284,500	\$ 53	\$ 30,948	\$ (3,620)	\$ (9,570)	\$ 187	\$ 17,998
Net income					591		591
Translation adjustment						11	11
Unrealized gain on available- for sale securities						7	7
Exercise of stock options			24	433			457
Dividend declared payable			(539)				(539)
Tax benefit from exercises of non-qualified stock options			455				455
Share-based compensation expense			4				4
Balance at March 31, 2006	5,284,500	\$ 53	\$ 30,892	\$ (3,187)	\$ (8,979)	\$ 205	\$ 18,984

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PROGRAMMER'S PARADISE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Unaudited)  
(In thousands)

	Three months Ended <u>March 31,</u>	
Cash flows from operating activities	\$ 591	\$ 300
Net income		
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	69	57
Provision for doubtful accounts	55	27
Deferred income taxes	360	-
Share-based compensation expense	4	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	2,386	(111)
Inventory	482	140
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	60	83
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(4,040)	285
Net change in other assets and liabilities	(23)	-
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(56)	781
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(4,080)	(4,225)
Redemptions of available-for-sale securities	3,950	4,000
Capital expenditures	(172)	(248)
Net cash used in investing activities	(302)	(473)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Dividend paid	(519)	(425)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	457	346
Net cash used in financing activities	(62)	(79)
Effect of foreign exchange rate on cash	11	(10)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(409)	219
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	7,369	4,888
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 6,960	\$ 5,107

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

PROGRAMMER'S PARADISE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2006  
(Unaudited)

1. The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Programmer's Paradise, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for complete financial statements.

The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, including those related to product returns, bad debts, inventories, investments, intangible assets, income taxes, contingencies and litigation. The Company bases its 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. In the opinion of the Company's management, all adjustments that are of a normal recurring nature, considered necessary for fair presentation, have been included. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The unaudited condensed consolidated statements of income for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities Exchange Commission for the year ended December 31, 2005.

2. Assets and liabilities of the Company's Canadian subsidiary have been translated at current exchange rates, and related revenues and expenses have been translated at average rates of exchange in effect during the period. The revenue from our Canadian operations in the first three months of 2006 increased by \$1.9 million to \$5.9 million as compared to the first three months of 2005.
3. Cumulative translation adjustments and unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities have been classified within other comprehensive income, which is a separate component of stockholders' equity in accordance with FASB Statement No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income".
4. The Company records revenues from sales transactions when title to products sold passes to the customer. The Company's shipping terms dictate that the passage of title occurs upon receipt of products by the customer. The majority of the Company's revenues relates to physical products and is recognized on a gross basis with the selling price to the customer recorded as net sales with the acquisition cost of the product to the Company recorded as cost of sales. At the time of sale, the Company also records an estimate for sales returns based on historical experience. Certain software maintenance products, third party services and extended warranties sold by the Company (for which the Company is

not the primary obligor) are recognized on a net basis in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 101 and No. 104, "Revenue Recognition" and Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) 99-19, "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent". Accordingly, such revenues are recognized in net sales either at the time of sale or over the contract period, based on the nature of the contract, at the net amount retained by the Company, with no cost of goods sold.

In accordance with EITF 00-10, "Accounting for Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs", the Company records freight billed to its customers as net sales and the related freight costs as a cost of sales. Vendor rebates and price protection are recorded when earned as a reduction to cost of sales or merchandise inventory, as applicable. Cooperative reimbursements from vendors, which are earned and available, are recorded in the period the related advertising expenditure is incurred. Cooperative reimbursements are recorded as net sales in accordance with EITF 02-16, "Accounting for Consideration Received from a Vendor by a Customer (Including a Reseller of the Vendor's Products)".

5. Investments in available-for-sale securities at March 31, 2006 were (in thousands):

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market value</u>	<u>Unrealized Gain (loss)</u>
U.S. Government Securities	\$ 6,926	\$ 6,927	\$ 1
Corporate Bonds & Other	<u>\$ 1,097</u>	<u>\$ 1,094</u>	<u>\$ (3)</u>
Total Marketable Securities	<u>\$ 8,023</u>	<u>\$ 8,021</u>	<u>\$ (2)</u>

The cost and market value of the Company's investments at March 31, 2006 by contractual maturity were (in thousands):

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Value</u>
Due in one year or less	\$8,023	\$8,021

6. Basic EPS is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is computed considering the potentially dilutive effect of outstanding stock options. A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted per share computations follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three months ended March 31,	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Numerator:		
Net Income	\$591	\$300
Denominator:		
Weighted average shares (Basic)	4,101	3,922
Dilutive effect of outstanding options	353	523
Weighted average shares including assumed conversions (Diluted)	4,454	4,445
Basic net income per share	\$0.14	\$0.08
Diluted net income per share	\$0.13	\$0.07





Changes during 2006 in options outstanding for the combined plans were as follows:

	<u>Number of Options</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u>	<u>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life</u>
Outstanding at January 1, 2006	892,890	\$ 6.46	-
Granted in 2006	-	-	-
Canceled in 2006	-	-	-
Exercised in 2006	(148,427)	3.08	-
Outstanding at March 31, 2006	744,463	7.14	7.3
Exercisable at March 31, 2006	739,473	7.17	7.3

7. On February 22, 2006 our Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$.13 per share on our common stock payable April 21, 2006 to shareholders of record on April 3, 2006. Our Board intends to periodically review the amount and frequency of future payments, if any, in light of the Company's operations and need for capital. The dividend is reflected as a reduction of Additional Paid in Capital.
8. The Company had two major vendors that accounted for 16.7% and 35.6% of total purchases, respectively, during the quarter ended March 31, 2006. The Company had the same two major vendors that accounted for 25.1% and 28.5% of total purchases, respectively, during the quarter ended March 31, 2005. The Company had one major customer that accounted for 10% of total net sales during the quarter ended March 31, 2006, and 2.4% of total net accounts receivable as of March 31, 2006. The Company had one major customer that accounted for 12.3% of total net sales during the quarter ended March 31, 2005.
9. For the quarter ended March 31, 2006, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$400,000, which consists of a provision of \$387,000 for U.S. federal income taxes as well as a \$68,000 provision for state and local taxes and \$40,000 for Canadian taxes partly offset by a deferred tax benefit of \$95,000. For the quarter ended March 31, 2005, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$200,000, which consisted of a provision of \$210,000 for U.S. federal income taxes as well as a \$20,000 provision for U.S. state taxes partly offset by a benefit of \$30,000 for Canadian taxes.  
As of March 31, 2006, the Company had a U.S. deferred tax asset of approximately \$4.4 million reflecting, in part, a benefit of \$2.4 million in U.S. federal and state tax loss carry forwards, which will expire in varying amounts between 2006 and 2025. The full realization of the tax benefit associated with the carry forwards depends predominantly upon the Company's ability to generate taxable income during the carry forward period.
10. The company has shareholder-approved stock incentive plans for employees and directors. Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company accounted for these plans under the recognition and measurement provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion ("APB") No.25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and related interpretations, as permitted by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS" or "Statement") No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted SFAS No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment," using the modified prospective transition

method. Under the modified prospective transition method, recognized compensation cost for the three months ended March 31, 2006 includes 1) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted prior to, but not yet vested as of, December 31, 2005, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of Statement 123; and 2) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted on or after December 31, 2005, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with Statement 123(R). In accordance with the modified prospective method, we have not restated prior period results.

For the three months ended March 31, 2006, we recognized share-based compensation cost of approximately \$4,000 which was included in general and administrative expenses. The Company did not capitalize any share-based compensation cost.

There were no options granted for the three month period ended March 31, 2005, and therefore no effect if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 to stock-based employee compensation for the three months ended March 31, 2005.

11. SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," requires that public companies report profits and losses and certain other information on their "reportable operating segments" in their annual and interim financial statements. The internal organization used by our Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) to assess performance and allocate resources determines the basis for our reportable operating segments. Our CODM is our Chief Executive Officer.

As from January 1, 2006 we have organized our company into two reportable operating segments -- the "Programmer's Paradise" segment, which sells technical software, hardware and services directly to end-users (such as individual programmers, corporations, government agencies, and educational institutions) and the "Lifeboat" segment, which distributes technical software to corporate resellers, VARs, consultants and systems integrators.

As permitted by SFAS No. 131, we have utilized the aggregation criteria in combining our operations in Canada with the domestic segments because they provide the same products and services to similar clients and are considered together when the CODM decides how to allocate resources.

Segment income is based on segment revenue less the respective segments cost of revenues as well as segment direct costs (including such items as payroll costs and payroll related costs, such as profit sharing, incentive awards and insurance) and excluding general and administrative expenses not attributed to a business unit. The Company only identifies accounts receivable and inventory by segment as shown below as "Selected Assets"; it does not allocate its other assets, including capital expenditures by segment. The following segment reporting information of the Company is provided (in thousands):

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	Three months ended March 31,	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Programmer's Paradise	\$ 12,305	\$ 14,037
Lifeboat	23,057	16,132
	35,362	30,169
<b>Gross Profit:</b>		
Programmer's Paradise	\$ 1,848	\$ 1,960
Lifeboat	1,996	1,469
	3,844	3,429
<b>Direct Costs:</b>		
Programmer's Paradise	\$ 915	\$ 1,080
Lifeboat	480	471
	1,395	1,551
<b>Segment Income:</b>		
Programmer's Paradise	933	880
Lifeboat	1,516	998
<b>Segment Income</b>	2,449	1,878
General and administrative	1,572	1,434
Interest income	113	67
Foreign currency translation gain (loss)	1	(11)
Income before taxes	\$ 991	\$ 500
<b>Selected Assets By Segment</b>		
Programmer's Paradise	6,739	7,563
Lifeboat	13,292	7,916
<b>Segment Selected Assets</b>	20,031	15,479

Consolidated total other assets include corporate assets of \$21,202 and \$17,931 at March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

12. Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year financial statement in order to conform to current year presentation.

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

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including those set forth under the heading "Certain Factors Affecting Operating Results" and elsewhere in this report. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the year ended December 31, 2005.

### Overview

As from January 1, 2006 we have organized our company into two reportable operating segments -- the "Programmer's Paradise" segment, which sells technical software, hardware and services directly to end-users (such as individual programmers, corporations, government agencies, and educational institutions) and the "Lifeboat" segment, which distributes technical software to corporate resellers, VARs, consultants and systems integrators.

The Company's sales and results of operations have fluctuated and are expected to continue to fluctuate on a quarterly basis as a result of a number of factors, including: the condition of the software industry in general; shifts in demand for software products; industry shipments of new software products or upgrades; the timing of new merchandise and catalog offerings; fluctuations in response rates; fluctuations in postage, paper, shipping and printing costs and in merchandise returns; adverse weather conditions that affect response, distribution or shipping; shifts in the timing of holidays; and changes in the Company's product offerings. The Company's operating expenditures are based on sales forecasts. If revenues do not meet expectations in any given quarter, operating results may be materially adversely affected.

### Results of Operations

The following table sets forth for the periods indicated certain financial information derived from the Company's consolidated statements of income expressed as a percentage of net sales. This comparison of financial results is not necessarily indicative of future results:

	Three months ended <u>March 31,</u>	
	2006	2005
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	89.1	88.6
Gross profit	10.9	11.4
Selling, general and administrative expenses	8.4	9.9
Income from operations	2.5	1.5
Interest income, net	0.3	0.2
Realized foreign currency exchange gain(loss)	-	-
Income before income taxes	2.8	1.7
Provision for income taxes	1.1	0.7
Net income	1.7%	1.0%

### Net Sales

Net sales for the quarter ending March 31, 2006 were \$35.4 million compared with \$30.2 million in the first quarter of 2005, a 17% increase. Total sales for our Programmer's Paradise division were \$12.3 million compared to \$14.0 million in the first quarter of 2005, representing a 12% decrease. Total sales for our Lifeboat division were \$23.1 million compared to \$16.1 million in the first quarter of 2005, representing a 43% increase.

Sales from our Lifeboat division showed strong growth. The 43% increase in net sales was mainly a result of our continued focus on expanding the virtual infrastructure-centric business strategy as well as strengthening our account penetration.

Sales from our Programmer's Paradise division decreased. The 12% decrease in net sales was mainly a result of our renewed focus on gross profit margins as well as a focus on net profitability. Programmer's Paradise concentrated on its core business of marketing and selling software, tools and components to the software development community while shifting away from widely available computing products, which are typically low margin products.

### Gross Profit

Gross Profit for the quarter ending March 31, 2006 was \$3.8 million compared with \$3.4 million in the first quarter of 2005, a 12% increase. Total gross profit for our Programmer's Paradise division was \$1.8 million compared to \$2.0 million in the first quarter of 2005, representing a 6% decrease. Total gross profit for our Lifeboat division was \$2.0 million compared to \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2005, representing a 36% increase.

Gross profit margin, as a percentage of net sales, for the quarter ending March 31, 2006 was 10.9% compared to 11.4% in the first quarter of 2005. Gross profit margin for our Programmer's Paradise division was 15.0% compared to 14.0% in the first quarter of 2005. Gross profit margin for our Lifeboat division was 8.7% compared to 9.1% in the first quarter of 2005.

The increase in gross profit dollars and the decrease in gross profit margin as a percentage of net sales are primarily caused by the aggressive sales growth within our Lifeboat division. Gross profit margin for our Lifeboat division was 8.7% compared to 15.0% for our Programmer's Paradise division in the first quarter of 2006. The slight decrease in gross margin of our Lifeboat division to 8.7% from 9.1% in the first quarter of 2005 mainly reflects the competitive

nature of our business. Our Lifeboat division has won many large bids based on our aggressive pricing and we plan to continue to do so. The increase in gross margin of our Programmer's Paradise division was primarily due to a higher level of vendor incentives due to attainment of rebate programs and our renewed focus on the Programmer's Paradise's division's core business of marketing and selling software, tools and components to the software development community while shifting away from widely available computing products, which are typically low margin products.

On a forward-looking basis, gross profit margin in future periods may be less than that achieved in 2005. We have several initiatives to increase gross margin percentages, including increased management control over pricing, a focus on high margin products and/or markets and selling services. However, we do not expect these initiatives to have an immediate positive impact on our gross margin percentages. The objective of these initiatives is to slow the decline in our gross margin percentage. We foresee possible pressure on gross profit margins as a result of various factors, including the continued participation by vendors in inventory price protection and rebate programs, product mix, including software maintenance and third party services, pricing strategies, market conditions and other factors, any of which could result in a reduction of gross profit margins below those realized in the first quarter of 2006.

#### Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Total selling, general, and administrative ("SG&A") expenses for the first quarter of 2006 were stable at \$3.0 million compared to \$3.0 million in the first quarter of 2005. As a percentage of net sales, SG&A expenses for the first quarter of 2006 were 8.4% compared to 9.9% in the first quarter of 2005.

The Company expects that its SG&A expenses, as a percentage of net sales, may vary by quarter depending on changes in sales volume, as well as the levels of continuing investments in key growth initiatives. We have several initiatives in place to increase control of our SG&A expenses. Our SG&A expenses have increased over 20% on a yearly basis for the last two fiscal years. The objective of these initiatives is to slow this continued increase in SG&A expenses. There can be no assurances that these initiatives will actually result in a slower increase in SG&A expenses in 2006 as compared to 2005.

#### Foreign Currency Transactions Gain (Loss)

The realized foreign exchange gain for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 was \$1,000 compared to a loss of \$11,000 for the same period in 2005. Foreign exchange gains and losses primarily result from our trade activity with our Canadian subsidiary. Although the Company does maintain bank accounts in Canadian currencies to reduce currency exchange fluctuations, the Company is, nevertheless, subject to risks associated with such fluctuations.

#### Income Taxes

For the quarter ended March 31, 2006, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$400,000, which consists of a provision of \$387,000 for U.S. federal income taxes as well as a \$68,000 provision for state and local taxes and \$40,000 for Canadian taxes offset by a deferred tax benefit of \$95,000. For the quarter ended March 31, 2005, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$200,000, which consisted of a provision of \$210,000 for U.S. federal income taxes as well as a \$20,000 provision for U.S. state taxes offset by a benefit of \$30,000 for Canadian taxes.

As of March 31, 2006, the Company had a U.S. deferred tax asset of approximately \$4.4 million reflecting, in part, a benefit of \$2.4 million in U.S. federal and state tax loss carry forwards, which will expire in varying amounts between 2006 and 2025. The full realization of the tax benefit associated with the carry forwards depends predominantly upon the Company's ability to generate taxable income during the carry forward period.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

During the first three months of 2006 our cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$0.4 million to \$7.0 million at March 31, 2006, from \$7.4 million at December 31, 2005. During the first quarter of 2006, net cash used by operating activities amounted to \$0.1 million; net cash used in investing activities amounted to \$0.3 million and net cash used in financing activities amounted to \$0.1 million.

Net cash used by operating activities in the first three months of 2006 was \$0.1 million and primarily resulted from our net income excluding non-cash charges which totaled \$1.1 million and a \$2.4 million decrease in accounts receivable and a \$0.5 million decrease in inventory. This was offset by a \$4.0 million decrease in accounts payable, which was mainly related to our normal cycle of payments.

Net cash used in investing activities in the first three months of 2006 amounted to \$0.3 million. In light of the current low interest rates on our short-term savings accounts we decided to invest an additional net \$0.1 million in U.S. government securities. These securities are highly rated and highly liquid. These securities are classified as available-for-sale securities in accordance with SFAS 115 "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities", and as a result unrealized gains and losses are reported as part of other comprehensive income (loss). The other \$0.2 million consisted of capital expenditures.

Net cash used for financing activities in the first three months of 2006 was \$0.1 million which consisted of the \$0.5 million payment of our declared dividends, which was partly offset by the proceeds from the exercise of options.

The Company's current and anticipated use of its cash and cash equivalents is, and will continue to be, to fund working capital, operational expenditures, the stock buyback program and dividends if declared by the board of directors. Our business plan furthermore contemplates to continue to use our cash to pay vendors promptly in order to obtain more favorable conditions.

We believe that the funds held in cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to fund our working capital and cash requirements for at least the next 12 months. We currently do not have any credit facility and, in the foreseeable future, we do not plan to enter into an agreement providing for a line of credit.

Contractual Obligations as of March 31, 2006 were summarized as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)

Total	Payment due by Period	
	Less than 1 year	1-3 years