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

Washington, DC 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008**

**OR**

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

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

**Commission File Number: 1-13906**

# BALLANTYNE OF OMAHA, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**47-0587703**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**4350 McKinley Street, Omaha, Nebraska**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**68112**  
Zip Code

**(402) 453-4444**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding twelve 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 large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer   
(Do not check if a smaller  
reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

Yes  No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date:

**Class**  
Common Stock, \$.01, par value

**Outstanding as of November 6, 2008**  
14,051,065 shares

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**Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statement**

**Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc. and Subsidiaries**

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007

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|  | September 30,<br>2008<br>(Unaudited) | December 31,<br>2007 |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>  |                                      |                      |
| Current assets:  |                                      |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 6,440,726                         | \$ 4,220,355         |
| Restricted cash  | 1,195,240                            | 1,191,747            |
| Short-term investments   |                                      | 13,000,000           |
| Accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$528,212 in 2008 and \$534,526 in 2007)                          | 6,975,669                            | 7,841,348            |
| Inventories, net   | 11,646,888                           | 9,883,555            |
| Recoverable income taxes   | 1,466,502                            | 1,365,530            |
| Deferred income taxes  | 2,169,013                            | 1,695,926            |
| Consignment inventory  | 432,316                              | 2,767,899            |
| Other current assets   | 682,253                              | 322,102              |
| Total current assets   | 31,008,607                           | 42,288,462           |
| Investment in securities   | 10,919,895                           |                      |
| Investment in Digital Link II joint venture  | 3,327,966                            | 3,727,485            |
| Property, plant and equipment, net   | 3,574,905                            | 3,633,124            |
| Deferred income taxes  | 356,556                              |                      |
| Goodwill   | 2,317,171                            | 2,420,993            |
| Intangible assets, net   | 1,619,951                            | 2,047,185            |
| Other assets   | 18,757                               | 23,099               |
| Total assets   | \$ 53,143,808                        | \$ 54,140,348        |
| <b>Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>   |                                      |                      |
| Current liabilities:   |                                      |                      |
| Accounts payable   | \$ 5,984,597                         | \$ 6,134,703         |
| Warranty reserves  | 469,585                              | 381,710              |
| Accrued group health insurance claims  | 254,807                              | 201,687              |
| Accrued bonuses  | 189,545                              | 54,178               |
| Other accrued expenses   | 2,473,901                            | 2,151,413            |
| Customer deposits  | 1,083,327                            | 974,910              |
| Total current liabilities  | 10,455,762                           | 9,898,601            |
| Deferred income taxes  |                                      | 98,532               |
| Other accrued expenses, net of current portion   | 1,192,517                            | 1,101,517            |
| Total liabilities  | 11,648,279                           | 11,098,650           |
| Stockholders equity:   |                                      |                      |
| Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share; Authorized 1,000,000 shares, none outstanding                                      |                                      |                      |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; Authorized 25,000,000 shares; issued 16,148,868 shares in 2008 and 15,956,243 in 2007 | 161,488                              | 159,562              |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 34,953,588                           | 34,637,868           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss):   |                                      |                      |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment  | (377,972)                            | (59,427)             |
| Pension liability adjustment   | 75,833                               | 75,833               |
| Unrealized loss on investments in securities   | (830,105)                            |                      |
| Retained earnings  | 22,828,151                           | 23,543,316           |
|  | 56,810,983                           | 58,357,152           |
| Less 2,097,805 common shares in treasury, at cost  | (15,315,454)                         | (15,315,454)         |
| Total stockholders equity  | 41,495,529                           | 43,041,698           |
| Total liabilities and stockholders equity  | \$ 53,143,808                        | \$ 54,140,348        |

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.





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**Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc. and Subsidiaries**

**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

**Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007**

**(Unaudited)**

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|   | Three Months Ended September 30, |               | Nine Months Ended September 30, |               |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
|   | 2008                             | 2007          | 2008                            | 2007          |
| Net revenues                              | \$ 12,309,109                    | \$ 12,615,705 | \$ 40,149,385                   | \$ 38,206,449 |
| Cost of revenues                          | 10,162,989                       | 10,526,839    | 33,643,529                      | 30,913,586    |
| Gross profit                              | 2,146,120                        | 2,088,866     | 6,505,856                       | 7,292,863     |
| Selling and administrative expenses:      |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Selling                                   | 835,294                          | 787,270       | 2,365,814                       | 2,279,622     |
| Administrative                            | 1,989,584                        | 1,312,779     | 5,649,852                       | 4,339,829     |
| Goodwill impairment                       |                                  |               |                                 | 639,466       |
| Total selling and administrative expenses | 2,824,878                        | 2,100,049     | 8,015,666                       | 7,258,917     |
| Gain on the transfer of assets            |                                  |               |                                 | 234,557       |
| Gain on the sale of assets                |                                  |               | 258,170                         |               |
| Gain (loss) on disposal of fixed assets   | 24,783                           |               | 23,498                          | (11,004)      |
| Income (loss) from operations             | (653,975)                        | (11,183)      | (1,228,142)                     | 257,499       |
| Interest income                           | 127,855                          | 211,305       | 403,391                         | 636,548       |
| Interest expense                          | (8,805)                          | (11,531)      | (26,503)                        | (30,685)      |
| Equity in loss of joint venture           | (164,329)                        | (79,754)      | (462,229)                       | (153,134)     |
| Other income (expense), net               | 74,474                           | (39,075)      | 121,148                         | (111,827)     |
| Income (loss) before income taxes         | (624,780)                        | 69,762        | (1,192,335)                     | 598,401       |
| Income tax benefit (expense)              | 284,132                          | 58,876        | 477,170                         | (94,190)      |
| Net income (loss)                         | \$ (340,648)                     | \$ 128,638    | \$ (715,165)                    | \$ 504,211    |
| Basic earnings (loss) per share           | \$ (0.02)                        | \$ 0.01       | \$ (0.05)                       | \$ 0.04       |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share         | \$ (0.02)                        | \$ 0.01       | \$ (0.05)                       | \$ 0.04       |
| Weighted average shares outstanding:      |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Basic                                     | 13,933,152                       | 13,836,537    | 13,894,300                      | 13,805,506    |
| Diluted                                   | 13,933,152                       | 14,110,477    | 13,894,300                      | 14,096,263    |

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc. and Subsidiaries**

**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**



**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007**

**(Unaudited)**

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|  | 2008         | 2007         |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities:  |              |              |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ (715,165) | \$ 504,211   |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |              |              |
| Provision for doubtful accounts  | 19,887       | 31,583       |
| Provision for obsolete inventory   | 549,847      | 520,773      |
| Depreciation of consignment inventory  | 857,160      | 707,833      |
| Depreciation of property, plant, and equipment   | 694,933      | 807,068      |
| Amortization of intangibles  | 327,151      | 70,834       |
| Equity in loss of joint venture  | 462,229      | 153,134      |
| Goodwill impairment  |              | 639,466      |
| Gain (loss) on disposal of fixed assets  | (23,498)     | 11,004       |
| Gain on sale of assets   | (258,170)    |              |
| Deferred income taxes  | (894,225)    | (833,449)    |
| Share-based compensation expense   | 171,396      | 69,562       |
| Excess tax benefits from stock options exercised   | (92,362)     | (173,888)    |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:   |              |              |
| Accounts receivable  | 968,348      | 302,434      |
| Inventories  | (2,389,310)  | (6,016,116)  |
| Consignment inventory  | 1,478,423    | (2,902,527)  |
| Other current assets   | (270,734)    | 962,609      |
| Accounts payable   | (321,506)    | 991,970      |
| Warranty reserves  | 95,048       | (136,915)    |
| Accrued group health insurance claims  | 53,120       | (48,099)     |
| Accrued bonus  | 135,367      | 146,184      |
| Other accrued expenses   | 320,184      | 50,399       |
| Customer deposits  | 119,440      | 476,788      |
| Current income taxes   | (5,502)      | (13,730)     |
| Other assets   | (8,328)      | 7,300        |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities  | 1,273,733    | (3,671,572)  |
| Cash flows from investing activities:  |              |              |
| Increase in acquisition costs  | (46,969)     | (183,364)    |
| Investment in joint venture  | (62,711)     | (276,755)    |
| Proceeds from sale of assets   | 271,360      |              |
| Decrease (increase) in restricted cash   | (3,493)      | 360,658      |
| Capital expenditures   | (632,772)    | (421,407)    |
| Proceeds from sales of investment securities   | 1,250,000    | 4,500,000    |
| Net cash provided by investing activities  | 775,415      | 3,979,132    |
| Cash flows from financing activities:  |              |              |
| Payments on long-term debt   |              | (14,608)     |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options  | 90,113       | 65,415       |
| Excess tax benefits from stock options exercised   | 92,362       | 173,888      |
| Net cash provided by financing activities  | 182,475      | 224,695      |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents                                       | (11,252)     |              |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents  | 2,220,371    | 532,255      |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year   | 4,220,355    | 2,622,654    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year   | \$ 6,440,726 | \$ 3,154,909 |

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc. and Subsidiaries**

**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**

**Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007**

**(Unaudited)**

**1. Nature of Operations**

Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Ballantyne or the Company ), and its wholly-owned subsidiaries Strong Westrex, Inc., Strong Technical Services, Inc., and Strong Digital Systems, Inc., design, develop, manufacture, service and distribute theatre and lighting systems. The Company s products are distributed to movie exhibition companies, sports arenas, auditoriums, amusement parks and special venues.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### *Basis of Presentation*

The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein are presented in accordance with the requirements of Form 10-Q and consequently do not include all of the disclosures normally required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for annual reporting purposes or those made in the Company's annual Form 10-K filing. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Form 10-K for fiscal 2007.

In the opinion of management, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company reflect all adjustments of a normal recurring nature necessary to present a fair statement of the financial position and the results of operations and cash flows for the respective interim periods. The results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of trends or results expected for a full year. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles 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 condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results and changes in facts and circumstances may alter such estimates and affect results of operations and financial position in future periods. Certain amounts in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto have been reclassified to conform to the 2008 presentation.

### *Revenue Recognition*

Ballantyne manufactures and sells motion picture projectors which are highly complex and have many components that make up a complete system, which is referred to as an integrated system. Each customer selects options for certain components in determining the integrated system they chose to purchase. To recognize revenue, the Company follows the requirements of Staff Accounting Bulletin 104, *Revenue Recognition*, which consists of determining that:

- Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists
- Delivery has occurred or services have been rendered
- The seller's price to the buyer is fixed or determinable
- Collectibility is reasonably assured

Once the customer has determined the features for their integrated system, the Company manufactures the system to their preference and then ships the system when it is complete. Revenue is generally recognized upon shipment of the product to the third party. In those limited situations where the shipping terms are FOB destination point, the Company recognizes revenue when the product is delivered.



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**(Unaudited)**

***Consignment Inventory***

Digital and film projection equipment is provided to potential customers for consignment and demonstration purposes under customer use agreements. Additionally, during 2007, the Company entered into operating lease agreements with third party customers for the use of certain projection equipment of which a majority of the projection equipment was sold during the first quarter of 2008. The Company recognized revenue in accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin 104, *Revenue Recognition*, upon delivery of title to customer. No other income was generated under these operating lease agreements. The Company considered the guidance contained within ARB 43, EITF 01-08 and SFAS No. 13 to determine the proper accounting treatment for the agreements referenced above.

Consignment inventory is reviewed for impairment by comparing the inventory to estimated future usage and sales. Digital and film projection equipment on consignment amounted to approximately \$0.4 million and \$2.8 million at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

***Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements***

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159 *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. SFAS No. 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in earnings. SFAS No. 159 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. Although the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 159 effective with the beginning of the Company's 2008 fiscal year, it did not elect the fair value option for any financial instruments or other items held by the Company. Therefore, the adoption of SFAS No. 159 did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. SFAS No. 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. In February 2008, FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157* which delayed the effective date of FASB 157 for certain non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years. In October 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 157-3, *Determining Fair Value of a Financial Asset in a Market that is not Active*. FSP No. FAS 157-3 clarifies the application of FASB Statement No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, in a market that is not active and provides an example to illustrate key considerations in determining the fair value of a financial asset when the market for that financial asset is not active. FSB No. FAS 157-3 is effective for the Company beginning in the third quarter of 2008. The partial adoption of SFAS No. 157 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations. See further discussion in Note 9.

***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations* ( SFAS No. 141(R) ). SFAS No. 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer in a business combination recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree and the goodwill acquired. SFAS No. 141(R) also establishes disclosures requirements to enable the evaluation of the nature and financial effects of the business combination. The provisions of SFAS No. 141(R) will be effective for the Company's business combinations occurring on or after January 1, 2009. Management is currently assessing the effect of this pronouncement on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* ( SFAS No. 162 ). SFAS No. 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ( GAAP ). SFAS No. 162 will be effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's related amendments to remove the GAAP hierarchy from auditing standards. The Company does not believe the adoption will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.



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**(Unaudited)**

In September 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4, Disclosures about Credit Derivatives and Certain Guarantees which amends FASB Statement No. 133 and FASB Interpretation FIN 45. FSP No. FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 requires sellers of credit derivatives, including credit derivatives embedded in hybrid instruments, to disclose additional information about exposure to potential loss from credit-risk-related events. The new disclosures require both sellers of credit derivatives and guarantors to disclose the current status of payment/performance risk. The disclosures are effective for annual and interim reporting periods ending after November 15, 2008. The Company does not believe the adoption will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

**3. Investment in Digital Link II Joint Venture**

On March 6, 2007, the Company entered into an agreement with RealD to form an operating entity, Digital Link II, LLC (the LLC). Under the agreement, the LLC was formed with the Company and RealD as the only two members with membership interests of 44.4% and 55.6%, respectively. The LLC was formed for purposes of commercializing certain 3D technology and to fund the deployment of digital projector systems and servers to exhibitors. As of September 30, 2008, total current and non-current assets of the joint venture amounted to approximately \$1.1 million and \$10.0 million, respectively. Total liabilities and equity at September 30, 2008 amounted to \$3.3 million and \$7.8 million, respectively. The joint venture, which operates on a fiscal year end of March 31, 2008, reported a net loss for the six months ended September 30, 2008 of approximately \$0.6 million which primarily resulted from depreciation expense related to projection equipment on consignment to third party customers.

The Company accounts for its investment by the equity method. Under this method, the Company records its proportionate share of Digital Link II's net income or loss based on the most recently available financial statements. The Company's portion of losses of the LLC amounted to approximately \$0.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

4. Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share

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The Company computes and presents earnings (loss) per share in accordance with SFAS No. 128, *Earnings Per Share*. Basic earnings (loss) per share has been computed on the basis of the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding. Diluted earnings (loss) per share has been computed on the basis of the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding after giving effect to potential common shares from dilutive stock options. The following table provides a reconciliation between basic and diluted income (loss) per share:

|   | Three Months Ended September 30, |            | Nine Months Ended September 30, |            |
|---|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
|   | 2008                             | 2007       | 2008                            | 2007       |
| Basic earnings (loss) per share:                        |                                  |            |                                 |            |
| Income (loss) applicable to common stock                | \$ (340,648)                     | \$ 128,638 | \$ (715,165)                    | \$ 504,211 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding              | 13,933,152                       | 13,836,537 | 13,894,300                      | 13,805,506 |
| Basic earnings (loss) per share                         | \$ (0.02)                        | \$ 0.01    | \$ (0.05)                       | \$ 0.04    |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share:                      |                                  |            |                                 |            |
| Income (loss) applicable to common stock                | \$ (340,648)                     | \$ 128,638 | \$ (715,165)                    | \$ 504,211 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding              | 13,933,152                       | 13,836,537 | 13,894,300                      | 13,805,506 |
| Assuming conversion of options outstanding              |                                  | 273,940    |                                 | 290,757    |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding, as adjusted | 13,933,152                       | 14,110,477 | 13,894,300                      | 14,096,263 |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share                       | \$ (0.02)                        | \$ 0.01    | \$ (0.05)                       | \$ 0.04    |

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For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, options and restricted stock outstanding were not included in the computation of diluted earnings (loss) per share as the Company reported a loss from continuing operations available to common stockholders. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, options to purchase 101,063 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$9.71 per share were outstanding, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share as the options' exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common shares. Options outstanding as of September 30, 2008 expire December 2008 and May 2012.

**5. Business Acquisitions**

On October 12, 2007, the Company, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, Strong Digital Systems, Inc., acquired 100% of the outstanding shares of Marcel Desrochers, Inc. (MDI), a manufacturer and supplier of film and digital cinema screens, for cash consideration. As a result of the acquisition, MDI is forming a core business established to supply cinema screens to the digital and film cinema marketplace. The total purchase price of MDI at the date of acquisition was \$2.5 million including cash acquired. The purchase price excluded an additional \$0.9 million of restricted funds that were placed in escrow to secure certain indemnification and other obligation contingencies. Funds for the purchase were provided by internally generated cash flows. Direct transaction costs related to the acquisition amounted to \$0.4 million.

Goodwill recorded in connection with this acquisition represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired and are expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

**6. Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net, shown in the Company's consolidated balance sheets includes the unrealized loss on investments in securities, pension liability adjustments and the accumulated foreign currency translation adjustment. The following table shows the difference between the Company's reported net earnings (loss) and its comprehensive income (loss):

| \$ in thousands                    | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |            | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |            |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|                                    | 2008                                | 2007       | 2008                               | 2007       |
| Comprehensive income (loss):       |                                     |            |                                    |            |
| Net income (loss)                  | \$ (340,648)                        | \$ 128,638 | \$ (715,165)                       | \$ 504,211 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): |                                     |            |                                    |            |

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|  |    |           |    |         |    |             |    |         |
|--|----|-----------|----|---------|----|-------------|----|---------|
| Unrealized gain (loss) on investment in securities |    | 116,240   |    |         |    | (830,105)   |    |         |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment            |    | (189,855) |    |         |    | (318,545)   |    |         |
| Total comprehensive income (loss)                  | \$ | (414,263) | \$ | 128,638 | \$ | (1,863,815) | \$ | 504,211 |

7. Sale of Product Line

During 2008, the Company sold its Coater and Marinade product line in exchange for \$275,000 in cash. In connection with the sale, the Company recorded a pre-tax net gain of approximately \$258,000 (estimated \$159,000 after-tax) which is net of related costs to sell. The product line was sold to a former Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

The Company recorded the sale of the Coater and Marinade product line in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. Based on the guidance, the Coater and Marinade product line is not considered a separate accounting component of the Company as the cash flows of the product line could not be clearly distinguished from the rest of the Company. Therefore, the Company has not presented the operations of the Coater and Marinade product line as discontinued operations.



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**8. Investments**

The Company has certain investments in auction-rate securities which are classified as available-for-sale securities. Interest rates on these auction-rate securities are reset through an auction process that resets the applicable interest at pre-determined intervals every seven days. The investment securities are held within closed-end funds that continue to be AAA rated and fully collateralized at a minimum 200% net asset to fund ratio. The Company accounts for its investments in accordance with SFAS No. 115, Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities .

During 2008, the market for the Company's investments in auction-rate securities began experiencing a liquidity issue when the securities came up for auction due to an imbalance of buyers and sellers for the securities. The Company cannot predict how long the current imbalance in the auction market will continue. As a result, for a period of time, the Company may be unable to liquidate the auction rate securities held until a successful auction occurs or the securities are redeemed by the issuer of the investments. Based on the continued unsuccessful auctions of these investments, the investment securities have been reclassified to noncurrent assets within the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2008. As of September 30, 2008, the Company has liquidated, at par, \$1,250,000 of its auction rate securities of which \$50,000 were sold through the normal auction process and \$1,200,000 were redeemed by the fund itself.

Due to the inability to trade all of the Company's investments in auction-rate securities in the current market, the Company continues to earn interest on its investments at the maximum contractual default rate. The weighted average maximum contractual default rate being earned as of September 30, 2008 was 8.48%.

Based on the valuations performed (Note 9), the Company determined there was an impairment in the fair value of its investments of approximately \$0.8 million. When events or circumstances exist that require the Company to record an impairment on its investments, the Company determines whether the impairment should be classified as temporary or other-than-temporary. A temporary impairment charge results in an unrealized loss being recorded in the other comprehensive income (loss) component of stockholders' equity. Such an unrealized loss does not affect net income (loss) for the applicable accounting period. An other-than-temporary impairment charge is recorded as a realized loss in the consolidated statement of operations and reduces net income (loss) for the applicable accounting period. The differentiating factors between temporary and other-than temporary impairment are primarily the length of the time and the extent to which the market value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer and the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value. Based on this assessment as of September 30, 2008, the Company determined the impairment in the fair value of its investments is temporary.

9. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS No. 157 ) which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements with respect to financial assets and liabilities. Under SFAS 157, fair value is the price to sell an asset or transfer a liability between market participants as of the measurement date. Fair value measurements assume the asset or liability is exchanged in an orderly manner; the exchange is in the principal market for that asset or liability (or in the most advantageous market when no principal market exists); and the market participants are independent, knowledgeable, able and willing to transact an exchange. Pursuant to the provisions of FSP No. 157-2, the Company has decided to defer adoption of SFAS No. 157 for one year for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis.

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SFAS 157 establishes a hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon observable independent market inputs and unobservable market assumptions. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data used to develop the estimates of fair value. The following represents the three categories of inputs used in determining the fair value of financial assets and liabilities:

Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are used in the measurement of assets and liabilities. Unobservable inputs require management to make certain projections and assumptions about the information that would be used by market participants in pricing the asset or liability.

Because of the inability to trade the Company's auction-rate securities, a readily determinable fair value using market observables (Level 1 input) does not exist. Therefore, in accordance with SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurement, the Company obtained Gifford Fong Associates, a third party valuation expert, to assist with the determination of the estimated fair value of its auction-rate securities (Level 3 input). The valuation expert used a cash flow model to determine the fair value of these securities. The significant inputs and assumptions used in preparing this model are summarized as follows:

- Interest rate indices – LIBOR curve and commercial paper rates obtained.
- Rating transition matrix – the rating transition matrix gives transition probabilities for the underlying collateral migrating from one rating level to another in one year, particularly the transition probability to default status. The rating transition matrix is constructed from rating migration and default data published by various rating agencies.
- Default and recovery rates – the default rate is estimated using a credit spread (discount margin) over the risk free rate curve obtained.
- Illiquidity risk – in a distressed market, investors may not be able to find willing buyers, hence reduced liquidity.
- Estimate for the timing of full redemption of the securities – the full redemption is estimated to take place in two years on the historical observation that economic cycles usually turn around in two years.

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- Estimated weighted average coupon the yield, considered to be the weighted average cost of capital (WACC), is related to the financial strength and outlook of each fund.

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2008 are summarized in the following table by the type of inputs applicable to the fair value measurements under the provisions of SFAS No. 157:

| Description                   | 9/30/08       | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using                            |   |  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--|---|--|
|                               |               | Quoted Prices in<br>Active Markets<br>for Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) |
| Available-for-sale securities | \$ 10,919,895 | \$   | \$  | \$ 10,919,895                                      |
| Total                         | \$ 10,919,895 | \$   | \$  | \$ 10,919,895                                      |

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A reconciliation of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis with the use of significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) from January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008 follows:

|   | <b>Fair Value Measurements Using<br/>Significant Unobservable Inputs<br/>(Level 3)</b> |               |
|---|--|---------------|
|   | <b>Investments in<br/>Auction-Rate<br/>Securities</b>                                  | <b>Total</b>  |
| Beginning balance                             | \$ 13,000,000  | \$ 13,000,000 |
| Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized)   |  |               |
| Included in other comprehensive income (loss) | (830,105)  | (830,105)     |
| Purchases, issuances and settlements          | (1,250,000)  | (1,250,000)   |
| Transfers in and/or out of Level 3            |  |               |
| Ending balance                                | \$ 10,919,895  | \$ 10,919,895 |

The amount of total gains or losses for the period included in earnings (loss) (or changes in net assets) attributable to the change in unrealized gains or losses relating to assets still held at the reporting date

**10. Inventories**

Inventories consist of the following:

|                              | <b>September 30,<br/>2008</b> | <b>December 31,<br/>2007</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Raw materials and components | \$ 5,965,124                  | \$ 4,911,345                 |
| Work in process              | 1,245,504                     | 772,055                      |
| Finished goods               | 4,436,260                     | 4,200,155                    |
|                              | \$ 11,646,888                 | \$ 9,883,555                 |

The inventory balances are net of reserves of approximately \$2,500,000 and \$1,901,000 as of September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively.

**11. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment include the following:

|                                   | September 30,<br>2008 | December 31,<br>2007 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Land                              | \$ 313,500            | \$ 313,500           |
| Buildings and improvements        | 3,962,989             | 3,962,989            |
| Machinery and equipment           | 7,270,444             | 7,199,257            |
| Office furniture and fixtures     | 1,928,320             | 1,662,578            |
|                                   | 13,475,253            | 13,138,324           |
| Less accumulated depreciation     | (9,900,348)           | (9,505,200)          |
| Net property, plant and equipment | \$ 3,574,905          | \$ 3,633,124         |

Depreciation expense amounted to approximately \$243,000 and \$695,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, respectively, as compared to approximately \$270,000 and \$807,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007.

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**12. Income Taxes**





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Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. The Company uses an estimate of its annual effective rate based on the facts and circumstances at the time while the actual effective rate is calculated at year-end. The Company has recorded a receivable for the amount of the income tax refund due to the Company primarily as a result of estimated payments made by the Company during 2007 in excess of the amounts actually owed. In addition, the Company has recorded a receivable for the carry back of certain net operating losses to previous year's taxable income resulting in additional tax refunds due.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carry forwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

The Company has adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes by prescribing a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The interpretation also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods and disclosure. The adoption of this interpretation did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position.

The Company's uncertain tax positions are related to tax years that remain subject to examination by the relevant taxable authorities. The Company has examinations not yet initiated for Federal purposes for fiscal years 2005 through 2007. In most cases, the Company has examinations open for State or local jurisdictions based on the particular jurisdictions statute of limitations. The Company does not currently have any examinations in process.

An estimate for the underpayment of income taxes, including interest and penalties are classified as a component of tax expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. During 2008, the Company made interest and penalty payments to various states related to back taxes paid in 2007. Additionally, during the third quarter the overall estimate was reduced for underpayments, including penalty and interest, the Company is no longer obligated to pay due to the expirations of the statute of limitations, which had an impact to the quarterly effective tax rate of 11.9%. The effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 was approximately 45.5% and 40.0%, respectively. The estimate relating largely to state tax matters approximated \$0.1 million as of September 30, 2008 and \$0.2 million as of December 31, 2007.

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The Company generally grants a warranty to its customers for a one-year period following the sale of all new equipment and on selected repaired equipment for a one-year period following the repair. The warranty period is extended under certain circumstances and for certain products. The Company accrues for these costs at the time of sale or repair or when events dictate that additional accruals are necessary. The following table summarizes warranty activity for the periods indicated below:

|   | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |            | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |            |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|   | 2008                                | 2007       | 2008                               | 2007       |
| Warranty accrual at beginning of period | \$ 347,571                          | \$ 516,201 | \$ 381,710                         | \$ 617,052 |
| Charged to expense                      | 196,990                             | 44,115     | 298,542                            | 137,058    |
| Amounts written off, net of recoveries  | (74,976)                            | (80,179)   | (210,667)                          | (273,973)  |
| Warranty accrual at end of period       | \$ 469,585                          | \$ 480,137 | \$ 469,585                         | \$ 480,137 |

**14. Debt**

The Company is party to a revolving credit facility (the Original Credit Facility) with First National Bank of Omaha expiring August 30, 2009. The credit facility provides for borrowings up to the lesser of \$4.0 million or amounts determined by an asset-based lending formula, as defined. Borrowings available under the credit facility amounted to \$4.0 million at September 30, 2008. The Company pays interest on outstanding amounts equal to the Prime Rate plus 0.25% (5.25% at September 30, 2008) and pay a fee of 0.125% on the unused portion.

Effective September 26, 2008, the Company entered into a Ninth Amendment to its Original Credit Facility to extend the maturity date of its interim extension of credit (the Interim Credit Facility) to August 30, 2009 and to reduce the available borrowings to \$9.4 million. The Interim Credit Facility is evidenced by a Promissory Note with an interest rate set at a floating rate set to after-tax interest income received on certain investment securities. The credit facilities contain certain restrictions primarily related to restrictions on acquisitions and dividends. All of the Company's personal property and certain stock in our subsidiaries secure the credit facilities. No amounts are currently outstanding under either of the credit facilities.

**15. Note Receivable**

During July 2006, the Company entered into a note receivable arrangement with Digital Link LLC (Digital Link) pertaining to the sale and installation of digital projectors. The sale amounted to \$780,000 of which 25% was due upon installation and was collected. The remaining amounts are due over a 5-year period at an 8% interest rate. At September 30, 2008, \$358,820 is due from Digital Link. Only the payments received since inception in 2006 on the note receivable totaling \$421,180 have been recorded as revenue with the remaining amounts to be recognized as revenue in future periods when payment is received from Digital Link as described in the note receivable arrangement or when collections from the Digital Link can be reasonably assured. Additionally, until collections from Digital Link can be reasonably assured, no receivable will be recorded on this transaction. The costs incurred with the sale of projectors to Digital Link were expensed during 2006 with no future associated costs to be incurred.

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Supplemental disclosures to the consolidated statements of cash flows are as follows:

|   | <b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b> |              |
|---|--|--------------|
|   | <b>2008</b>                            | <b>2007</b>  |
| <b>Cash paid during the period for:</b> |  |              |
| Interest                                | \$ 5,471                               | \$ 21,154    |
| Income taxes                            | \$ 652,175                             | \$ 941,370   |
| <b>Non-cash investing activities:</b>   |  |              |
| Non-cash investment in joint venture    | \$                                     | \$ 2,543,771 |

**17. Stock Compensation**

The Company accounts for awards of share-based compensation in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment*, ( SFAS No. 123(R) ) which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made to employees and directors based on estimated fair values. Share-based compensation expense was \$96,374 and \$15,495 for the three months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 and \$171,396 and \$69,562 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

*Stock Options*

The Company currently maintains a 2005 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan ( 2005 Outside Directors Plan ) which has been approved by the Company's stockholders. During the current period, the Board of Directors made the decision to discontinue granting further stock options under this Plan. The Company also maintains a 1995 Employee Stock Option Plan and a 1995 Directors Stock Plan which both expired in 2005, however, there are outstanding stock options remaining under these two expired plans.

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All past and future grants under the Company's stock option plans were granted at prices based on the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The outstanding options generally vest over periods ranging from zero to three years from the grant date and expire between 5 and 10 years after the grant date. No stock options were granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The following table summarizes the Company's activities with respect to its stock options for the nine months ended September 30, 2008:

|  | Number of<br>Options | Weighted<br>Average<br>Exercise Price<br>Per Share | Weighted<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Term | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic Value |
|--|----------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Options outstanding at December 31, 2007 | 443,750              | \$ 2.33  | 3.41  | \$ 1,594,983                 |
| Granted                                  |                      |  |   |                              |
| Exercised                                | (123,625)            | \$ 0.73  |   |                              |
| Forfeited                                |                      |  |   |                              |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2008        | 320,125              | \$ 2.95  | 2.59  | \$ 215,650                   |
| Exercisable at September 30, 2008        | 320,125              | \$ 2.95  | 2.59  | \$ 215,650                   |

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The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the total that would have been received by the option holders if all in-the-money options had been exercised on September 30, 2008.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2008:

| Range of option exercise price | Number of options | Options Outstanding at September 30, 2008   |  | Number of options | Options Exercisable at September 30, 2008   |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|-------------------|---|--|
|                                |                   | Weighted average remaining contractual life | Weighted average exercise price per option |                   | Weighted average remaining contractual life | Weighted average exercise price per option |
| \$0.62 to 0.63                 | 160,000           | 3.58  | \$ 0.62                                    | 160,000           | 3.58  | \$ 0.62                                    |
| \$4.25 to 4.75                 | 118,125           | 2.07  | 4.55                                       | 118,125           | 2.07  | 4.55                                       |
| \$7.30                         | 42,000            | 0.26  | 7.30                                       | 42,000            | 0.26  | 7.30                                       |
| \$0.62 to 7.30                 | 320,125           | 2.59  | \$ 2.95                                    | 320,125           | 2.59  | \$ 2.95                                    |

*Restricted Stock Plan*

During 2005, the Company adopted and the stockholders approved, the 2005 Restricted Stock Plan. Under terms of the plan, the compensation committee of the Board of Directors selects which employees of the Company are to receive restricted stock awards and the terms of such awards. The total number of shares reserved for issuance under the plan is 250,000 shares. The plan expires in September 2010. During May 2008, the Company granted 54,000 shares to certain employees. A portion of the shares vest at January 2009 with the remaining shares being earned if the Company achieves certain earning thresholds, as defined within the restricted stock agreements. Once the shares are earned, vesting would occur on January 1, 2010. At September 30, 2008, 196,000 shares remain available for issuance under the Plan.

On May 21, 2008, the Company adopted and the stockholders approved the Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc. Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Plan (Non-Employee Plan) to replace the 2005 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan. The total number of shares reserved for issuance under the plan is 120,000 shares. During May 2008, the Company granted 15,000 restricted shares under the Non-Employee Plan. The shares vest the day after the Company's 2009 Annual Meeting. At September 30, 2008, 105,000 shares remain available for issuance under the Plan.

In connection with restricted stock granted to certain employees and non-employee directors, the Company is accruing compensation expense based on the estimated number of shares expected to be issued utilizing the most current information available to the Company at the date of the

financial statements.

*Employee Stock Purchase Plan*

**The Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan, approved by the stockholders, provides for the purchase of shares of Ballantyne common stock by eligible employees at a per share purchase price equal to 85% of the fair market value of a share of Ballantyne common stock at either the beginning or end of the offering period, as defined, whichever is lower. Purchases are made through payroll deductions of up to 10% of each participating employee's salary. The maximum number of shares that can be purchased by participants in any offering period is 2,000 shares. Additionally, the Plan has set certain limits, as defined, in regard to the number of shares that may be purchased by all eligible employees during an offering period. At September 30, 2008, 123,746 shares of common stock remained available for issuance under the Plan. The Plan expires in October 2010.**



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Components of the net period benefit cost for the Company's post retirement health care plan includes:

|                                    | Three Months Ended<br>September 30, |           | Nine Months Ended<br>September 30, |           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                    | 2008                                | 2007      | 2008                               | 2007      |
| Net periodic benefit cost:         |                                     |           |                                    |           |
| Service cost                       | \$                                  | \$ 2,979  | \$                                 | \$ 8,937  |
| Interest cost                      | 4,974                               | 5,416     | 14,922                             | 16,254    |
| Amortization of prior-service cost |                                     | 5,598     |                                    | 16,793    |
| Total net periodic benefit cost    | \$ 4,974                            | \$ 13,993 | \$ 14,922                          | \$ 41,984 |

The Company expects to pay \$20,874 of benefits under its postretirement benefit plan in 2008. As of September 30, 2008, benefits of \$5,445 have been paid.

**19. Guarantee**

On July 28, 2008, the Company provided a guarantee to a note entered into by its joint venture, Digital Link II, LLC to finance digital projection equipment deployed in the normal course of business. The loan provides for borrowings of approximately \$1.3 million and bears interest equal to 7% per annum. The Company's guarantee of the note is limited to its 44.4% ownership percentage, which amounts to approximately \$0.6 million. RealD, who holds a membership interest of 55.6% in the joint venture, has provided a guarantee for the remainder of the note outstanding, which amounts to approximately \$0.7 million. The Company has recorded a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken by issuing the guarantee of approximately \$0.04 million. The guarantees will expire by the end of 2011. Under the terms of the guarantees, the Company and RealD would be required to fulfill the guarantees should the joint venture be in default of its loan or contract terms.

**20. Concentrations**

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The Company's top ten customers accounted for approximately 46% of 2008 consolidated net revenues and were primarily from the theatre segment. Trade accounts receivable from these customers represented approximately 38% of net consolidated receivables at September 30, 2008. Sales to Regal Cinemas, Inc. represented over 10% of consolidated sales. Additionally, receivables from Regal Cinemas, Inc. represented over 10% of net consolidated receivables at September 30, 2008. While the Company believes its relationships with such customers are stable, most arrangements are made by purchase order and are terminable at will by either party. A significant decrease or interruption in business from its significant customers could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. It could also be adversely affected by such factors as changes in foreign currency rates and weak economic and political conditions in each of the countries in which it sells its products.

Financial instruments that potentially expose the Company to a concentration of credit risk primarily consist of accounts receivables. The Company sells product to a large number of customers in many different geographic regions. To minimize credit concentration risk, the Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition.

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**21. Litigation**

Ballantyne is currently a defendant in an asbestos case entitled *Larry C. Stehman and Leila Stehman v. Asbestos Corporation, Limited and Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc. individually and as successor in interest to Strong International, Strong Electric Corporation and Century Projector Corporation, et al*, filed December 8, 2006 in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Francisco. The Company believes that it has strong defenses and intends to defend the suit vigorously. It is not possible at this time to predict the outcome of this case, or the amount of damages, if any, that a jury may award. The plaintiffs have made no monetary demand upon Ballantyne. It is possible that an adverse resolution of this case could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position.

**22. Business Segment Information**

The presentation of segment information reflects the manner in which management organizes segments for making operating decisions and assessing performance.

As of September 30, 2008, the Company's operations were conducted principally through two business segments: Theatre and Lighting. Theatre operations include the design, manufacture, assembly, sale and service of motion picture projectors, motion picture screens, xenon lamphouses and power supplies, sound systems, film handling equipment and the sale and service of xenon lamps, lenses and digital projection equipment and accessories. The lighting segment operations include the design, manufacture, assembly and sale of follow spotlights, stationary searchlights and computer operated lighting systems for the motion picture production, television, live entertainment, theme parks and architectural industries. The Company allocates resources to business segments and evaluates the performance of these segments based upon reported segment gross profit. However, certain key operations of a particular segment are tracked on the basis of operating profit. All intersegment sales are eliminated in consolidation.

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|   | Three Months Ended September 30, |               | Nine Months Ended September 30, |               |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
|   | 2008                             | 2007          | 2008                            | 2007          |
| Net revenue                             |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Theatre                                 |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Products                                | \$ 10,263,557                    | \$ 10,521,596 | \$ 34,086,965                   | \$ 31,885,555 |
| Services                                | 833,215                          | 854,223       | 2,353,829                       | 2,711,926     |
| Total theatre                           | 11,096,772                       | 11,375,819    | 36,440,794                      | 34,597,481    |
| Lighting                                | 1,199,479                        | 1,064,562     | 3,510,431                       | 3,082,435     |
| Other                                   | 12,858                           | 175,324       | 198,160                         | 526,533       |
| Total revenue                           | \$ 12,309,109                    | \$ 12,615,705 | \$ 40,149,385                   | \$ 38,206,449 |
| Gross profit                            |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Theatre                                 |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Products                                | \$ 1,630,499                     | \$ 1,564,677  | \$ 6,172,034                    | \$ 5,969,057  |
| Services                                | 214,596                          | 79,303        | (650,195)                       | 301,230       |
| Total theatre                           | 1,845,095                        | 1,643,980     | 5,521,839                       | 6,270,287     |
| Lighting                                | 294,265                          | 367,878       | 896,437                         | 791,602       |
| Other                                   | 6,760                            | 77,008        | 87,580                          | 230,974       |
| Total gross profit                      | 2,146,120                        | 2,088,866     | 6,505,856                       | 7,292,863     |
| Selling and administrative expenses:    |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Selling                                 | (835,294)                        | (787,270)     | (2,365,814)                     | (2,279,622)   |
| Administrative                          | (1,989,584)                      | (1,312,779)   | (5,649,852)                     | (4,339,829)   |
| Goodwill impairment                     |                                  |               |                                 | (639,466)     |
| Gain on transfer of assets              |                                  |               |                                 | 234,557       |
| Gain on sale of assets                  |                                  |               | 258,170                         |               |
| Gain (loss) on disposal of fixed assets | 24,783                           |               | 23,498                          | (11,004)      |
| Operating income (loss)                 | (653,975)                        | (11,183)      | (1,228,142)                     | 257,499       |
| Net interest income                     | 119,050                          | 199,774       | 376,888                         | 605,863       |
| Equity in loss of joint venture         | (164,329)                        | (79,754)      | (462,229)                       | (153,134)     |
| Other income (expense), net             | 74,474                           | (39,075)      | 121,148                         | (111,827)     |
| Income (loss) before income taxes       | \$ (624,780)                     | \$ 69,762     | \$ (1,192,335)                  | \$ 598,401    |
| Expenditures on capital equipment       |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Theatre                                 |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Products                                | \$ 67,585                        | \$ 116,640    | \$ 384,221                      | \$ 240,978    |
| Services                                | 66,373                           | 87,826        | 227,470                         | 160,931       |
| Total theatre                           | 133,958                          | 204,466       | 611,691                         | 401,909       |
| Lighting                                | 6,699                            | 10,163        | 21,081                          | 19,498        |
| Total                                   | \$ 140,657                       | \$ 214,629    | \$ 632,772                      | \$ 421,407    |
| Depreciation and amortization           |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Theatre                                 |                                  |               |                                 |               |
| Products                                | \$ 517,430                       | \$ 385,262    | \$ 1,628,268                    | \$ 1,379,736  |
| Services                                | 73,979                           | 52,977        | 194,457                         | 148,078       |

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|               |            |            |              |              |
|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total theatre | 591,409    | 438,239    | 1,822,725    | 1,527,814    |
| Lighting      | 22,234     | 22,081     | 56,519       | 57,921       |
| Total         | \$ 613,643 | \$ 460,320 | \$ 1,879,244 | \$ 1,585,735 |

Table of Contents**Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc. and Subsidiaries****Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements****Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007****(Unaudited)****Summary by Business Segments (continued)**

|   | Three Months Ended September 30, |      | Nine Months Ended September 30, |             |
|---|----------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|-------------|
|   | 2008                             | 2007 | 2008                            | 2007        |
| Gain (loss) on disposal of fixed assets |                                  |      |                                 |             |
| Theatre                                 |                                  |      |                                 |             |
| Products                                | \$ 24,783                        | \$   | \$ 23,498                       | \$ (11,004) |
| Services                                |                                  |      |                                 |             |
| Total theatre                           | 24,783                           |      | 23,498                          | (11,004)    |
| Lighting                                |                                  |      |                                 |             |
| Total                                   | \$ 24,783                        | \$   | \$ 23,498                       | \$ (11,004) |

|                            | Three Months Ended September 30, |      | Nine Months Ended September 30, |            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------|---------------------------------|------------|
|                            | 2008                             | 2007 | 2008                            | 2007       |
| Gain on transfer of assets |                                  |      |                                 |            |
| Theatre                    |                                  |      |                                 |            |
| Products                   | \$                               | \$   | \$                              | \$ 234,557 |
| Services                   |                                  |      |                                 |            |
| Total theatre              |                                  |      |                                 | 234,557    |
| Lighting                   |                                  |      |                                 |            |
| Total                      | \$                               | \$   | \$                              | \$ 234,557 |

|                           | September 30, | December 31,  |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                           | 2008          | 2007          |
| Identifiable assets       |               |               |
| Theatre                   |               |               |
| Products                  | \$ 47,118,897 | \$ 47,442,283 |
| Services                  | 2,006,054     | 2,195,660     |
| Total theatre             | 49,124,951    | 49,637,943    |
| Lighting                  | 3,737,528     | 3,970,457     |
| Other                     | 281,329       | 531,948       |
| Total identifiable assets | \$ 53,143,808 | \$ 54,140,348 |

Table of Contents**Ballantyne of Omaha, Inc. and Subsidiaries****Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements****Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008 and 2007****(Unaudited)****Summary by Business Segments (continued)****Summary by Geographical Area**

|                     | <b>Three Months Ended September 30,</b> |                     | <b>Nine Months Ended September 30,</b> |               |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|--|---------------|
|                     | <b>2008</b>                             | <b>2007</b>         | <b>2008</b>                            | <b>2007</b>   |
| Net revenue         |   |                     |  |               |
| United States       | \$ 9,054,223                            | \$ 8,604,208        | \$ 27,939,782                          | \$ 28,852,669 |
| Canada              | 621,574                                 | 328,402             | 1,406,244                              | 574,706       |
| Asia                | 1,587,142                               | 1,964,677           | 5,500,556                              | 4,856,952     |
| Latin America       | 229,306                                 | 1,317,107           | 3,051,039                              | 2,634,584     |
| Europe              | 379,366                                 | 401,311             | 1,397,186                              | 1,085,261     |
| Other               | 437,498                                 |                     | 854,578                                | 202,277       |
| Total               | \$ 12,309,109                           | \$ 12,615,705       | \$ 40,149,385                          | \$ 38,206,449 |
|                     |   |                     |  |               |
|                     | <b>September 30,</b>                    | <b>December 31,</b> |  |               |
|                     | <b>2008</b>                             | <b>2007</b>         |  |               |
| Identifiable assets |   |                     |  |               |
| United States       | \$ 44,452,866                           | \$ 45,359,184       |  |               |
| Canada              | 5,748,806                               | 5,762,761           |  |               |
| Asia                | 2,942,136                               | 3,018,403           |  |               |
| Total               | \$ 53,143,808                           | \$ 54,140,348       |  |               |

Net revenues by business segment are to unaffiliated customers. Identifiable assets by geographical area are based on location of facilities. Net sales by geographical area are based on destination of sales.

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this report. Management's discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that involve risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to: quarterly fluctuations in results; customer demand for our products; the development of new technology for alternate means of motion picture presentation; domestic and international economic conditions; the achievement of lower costs and expenses; the continued availability of financing in the amounts and on the terms required to support our future business; credit concerns in the theatre exhibition industry; and other risks detailed from time to time in our other Securities and Exchange Commission filings. Actual results may differ materially from management's expectations. The risks included here are not exhaustive. Other sections of this report may include additional factors which could adversely affect our business and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors, nor can it assess the impact of all such risk factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results.

Investors should also be aware that while we do communicate with securities analysts from time to time, it is against our policy to disclose to them any material non-public information or other confidential information. Accordingly, investors should not assume that we agree with any statement or report issued by any analyst irrespective of the content of the statement or report. Furthermore, we have a policy against issuing or confirming financial forecast or projections issued by others. Therefore, to the extent that reports issued by securities analysts contain any projections, forecasts or opinions, such reports are not the responsibility of Ballantyne.

**General**

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is based upon the consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Management 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. Senior management has discussed the development, selection and disclosure of these estimates with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

**Overview**

We are a manufacturer, distributor and service provider for the theatre exhibition industry on a worldwide basis. We also design, develop, manufacture and distribute lighting systems to the worldwide entertainment lighting industry through our Strong Entertainment lighting segment.



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We are a Delaware Corporation and maintain our corporate office and primary manufacturing facilities in Omaha, Nebraska. We were founded in 1932 and went public in 1995. Our shares are traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol BTN.

We have two primary reportable core operating segments: theatre and lighting. Approximately 91% of our revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were from theatre products and 9% were lighting products.

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**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

In preparing the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, management must make a variety of decisions which impact the reported amounts and the related disclosures. These decisions include the selection of the appropriate accounting principles to be applied and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. In making these decisions, management applies its judgment based on its understanding and analysis of the relevant circumstances and the Company's historical experience.

Our accounting policies and estimates that are most critical to the presentation of the Company's results of operations and financial condition, and which require the greatest use of judgments and estimates by management, are designated as our critical accounting policies. See further discussion of the Company's critical accounting policies under Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Company's year ended December 31, 2007. We periodically re-evaluate and adjust our critical accounting policies as circumstances change. There were no significant changes in the Company's critical accounting policies during the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations* (SFAS No. 141(R)). SFAS No. 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how an acquirer in a business combination recognizes and measures the assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree. SFAS No. 141(R) also establishes disclosures requirements to enable the evaluation of the nature and financial effects of the business combination. The provisions of SFAS No. 141(R) are effective for the Company's business combinations occurring on or after January 1, 2009. Management is currently assessing the effect of this pronouncement on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* (SFAS No. 162). SFAS No. 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP). SFAS No. 162 will be effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's related amendments to remove the GAAP hierarchy from auditing standards. We do not believe the adoption will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In September 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4, *Disclosures about Credit Derivatives and Certain Guarantees* which amends FASB Statement No. 133 and FASB Interpretation FIN 45. FSP No. FAS 133-1 and FIN 45-4 requires sellers of credit derivatives, including credit derivatives embedded in hybrid instruments, to disclose additional information about exposure to potential loss from credit-risk-related events. The new disclosures require both sellers of credit derivatives and guarantors to disclose the current status of payment/performance risk. The disclosures are effective for annual and interim reporting periods ending after November 15, 2008. We do not believe the adoption will have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Results of Operations****Three months ended September 30, 2008 compared to the three months ended September 30, 2007****Revenues**

Net revenues during the three months ended September 30, 2008 decreased to \$12.3 million from \$12.6 million in 2007.

|                               | <b>Three Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |                      |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|
|                               | <b>2008</b>                                 | <b>2007</b>          |
| Theatre                       |   |                      |
| Products                      | \$ 10,263,557                               | \$ 10,521,596        |
| Services                      | 833,215                                     | 854,223              |
| <b>Total theatre revenues</b> | <b>11,096,772</b>                           | <b>11,375,819</b>    |
| Lighting                      | 1,199,479                                   | 1,064,562            |
| Other                         | 12,858                                      | 175,324              |
| <b>Total net revenues</b>     | <b>\$ 12,309,109</b>                        | <b>\$ 12,615,705</b> |

*Theatre Segment*

Sales of theatre products and services decreased to \$11.1 million in 2008 from \$11.4 million in 2007 due to sales of film projection equipment declining to \$3.8 million in 2008 from \$5.6 million a year-ago. The decline pertains to the industry transition to digital cinema projection equipment coupled with a slowdown in new theatre construction in the United States. Included in film equipment revenues were sales of used equipment which amounted to \$0.8 million in 2008 compared to \$0.5 million a year-ago. These used units were obtained from theatre chains which have converted their film auditoriums to digital and had no further use for the film projectors. We see a short-term opportunity to buy and resell these units as they become available and which are in a suitable condition for us to be able to refurbish them in a profitable manner. The decline in film projection equipment was offset somewhat by sales of digital projection equipment increasing to \$1.6 million from \$1.1 million in 2007 as the theatre exhibition industry begins to transition from traditional film projectors to digital-based systems. The results also reflect sales of cinema projector screens of \$1.5 million during the quarter from our subsidiary in Canada, Marcel Desrochers, Inc. (MDI), which was not purchased until the fourth quarter of 2007.

Service revenues remained steady at \$0.8 million in 2008 compared to a year-ago despite a decline in business from traditional film business where service revenue declined to \$0.5 million from \$0.8 million a year-ago. Digital service revenues rose to \$0.3 million during the quarter from less than \$0.1 million a year-ago.

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Sales of replacement parts were also impacted by the industry transition falling to \$1.7 million from \$1.9 million during 2007. We expect these sales to decrease over time but the decline is expected to be slower than the sale of projectors themselves as the equipment will require maintenance up to the point they are replaced by a digital unit.

Sales of film lenses decreased to \$0.1 million from \$0.3 million a year-ago. More than any other film product, used lenses have overtaken the market. Sales of film xenon lamps remained consistent in 2008 and 2007 at \$1.6 million and are relatively unaffected by the used equipment market.

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*Lighting Segment*

Sales of lighting products increased to \$1.2 million in 2008 from \$1.1 million a year-ago due to increased demand for follow spotlights which rose to \$0.7 million from \$0.5 million during 2007. We have allocated additional resources to grow the core spotlight business which is now comprised of items we manufacture and also products that we distribute. Replacement parts remained steady in 2008 at \$0.2 million as compared to 2007. Sky-Tracker sales decreased to \$0.04 million during 2008 from \$0.2 million a year-ago. Sales of all other lighting products, including but not limited to, xenon lamps, britelights and nocturns increased to \$0.3 million from \$0.2 million in 2007.

**Export Revenues**

Sales outside the United States (mainly theatre sales) decreased to \$3.3 million in 2008 from \$4.0 million in 2007 resulting from decreased demand in Latin America and Asia. However, the Canadian subsidiary we purchased in late 2007 led to increased sales in Canada and other countries. Export sales are sensitive to worldwide economic and political conditions that can lead to volatility. Additionally, certain areas of the world are more cost conscious than the U.S. market and there are instances where our products are priced higher than local manufacturers making it more difficult to generate sufficient profit to justify selling into these regions. Additionally, foreign exchange rates and excise taxes sometimes make it difficult to market our products overseas at reasonable selling prices.

**Gross Profit**

Consolidated gross profit remained steady at \$2.1 million in 2008 as compared to a year-ago but as a percent of total revenue increased to 17.4% from 16.6% in 2007 due to the reasons discussed below.

Gross profit in the theatre segment increased to \$1.8 million in 2008 from \$1.6 million in 2007 and as a percentage of theatre sales increased to 16.6% from 14.5% a year-ago. The favorable margin was a result of profits generated by our screen business obtained through the purchase of MDI in the fourth quarter of 2007. The screen business is currently at or near full capacity which is leading to favorable margins. The favorable screen margins were offset by the declining margins in our film businesses due to less manufacturing throughput and higher material costs which are a result of the transition in the industry to digital cinema.

The gross profit in the lighting segment declined to \$0.3 million in 2008 from \$0.4 million a year-ago and as a percent of lighting revenues declined to 24.5% from 34.6% a year-ago. The results reflect the impact of less manufacturing throughput in the plant in Omaha, Nebraska and selling more lower-margin distribution products.

**Selling and Administrative Expenses**

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Selling and administrative expenses increased to \$2.8 million compared to \$2.1 million in 2007 and as a percent of total revenue increased to 22.9% in 2008 from 16.6% in 2007.

Administrative costs increased to \$2.0 million in 2008 as compared to \$1.3 million a year-ago and as a percent of total revenue increased to 16.2% in 2008 from 10.4% in 2007. The results reflect higher professional fees, compliance costs and health insurance benefits.

Selling expenses were comparable to 2007 at \$0.8 million but as a percent of total revenue increased to 6.8% from 6.2% a year-ago.

Table of Contents**Other Financial Items**

We recorded net interest income of \$0.1 million during 2008 compared to \$0.2 million a year-ago as our average cash and investment balances were lower during 2008.

The results also reflect a loss of \$0.2 million pertaining to our 44.4% share of equity in the loss from our joint venture with RealD (Digital Link II, LLC). This loss compares to a loss of \$0.1 million a year-ago. This loss was higher primarily due to more depreciation expense resulting from additional deployments.

We recorded an income tax benefit of approximately \$0.3 million in 2008 compared to an income tax benefit of \$0.1 million in 2007. The effective tax rate (calculated as a ratio of income tax benefit (expense) to pretax income (loss), inclusive of equity method investment earnings (losses)) was approximately 45.5% for 2008, which reflects the impact of a reduction in income tax contingency reserves and an increase in the benefit from the impact of tax-free interest income. The effective tax for 2007 was approximately 84.4% which reflected the benefit from the impact of tax-free interest income.

For the reasons outlined herein, we experienced a net loss of \$0.3 million and basic and diluted loss per share of \$0.02 in 2008, respectively, compared to net income of \$0.1 million and basic and diluted earnings per share of \$0.01 a year-ago, respectively.

**Nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2007****Revenues**

Net revenues during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 increased to \$40.1 million from \$38.2 million in 2007.

|                               | <b>Nine Months Ended<br/>September 30,</b> |                      |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|
|                               | <b>2008</b>                                | <b>2007</b>          |
| Theatre                       |  |                      |
| Products                      | \$ 34,086,965                              | \$ 31,885,555        |
| Services                      | 2,353,829                                  | 2,711,926            |
| <b>Total theatre revenues</b> | <b>36,440,794</b>                          | <b>34,597,481</b>    |
| Lighting                      | 3,510,431                                  | 3,082,435            |
| Other                         | 198,160                                    | 526,533              |
| <b>Total net revenues</b>     | <b>\$ 40,149,385</b>                       | <b>\$ 38,206,449</b> |

*Theatre Segment*

Sales of theatre products and services increased to \$36.4 million in 2008 from \$34.6 million in 2007 reflecting higher sales of digital projection equipment which increased to \$8.7 million from \$2.5 million in 2007 as the theatre exhibition industry begins to transition from traditional film projectors to digital-based systems. The results also reflect sales of cinema screens of \$4.0 million during 2008, resulting from our new screen subsidiary in Canada, which was purchased in the fourth quarter of 2007.

Sales of film projection equipment declined to \$11.4 million in 2008 from \$17.7 million a year-ago due to the industry transition coupled with a slowdown in new theatre construction in the United States. Included in film equipment revenues



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were sales of used equipment which amounted to \$1.6 million compared to \$1.8 million a year-ago. These used units were obtained from theatre chains which have converted their film auditoriums to digital and had no further use for the film projectors. We see a short-term opportunity to buy and resell these units as they become available and which are in a suitable condition for us to be able to refurbish them in a profitable manner.

Service revenues also declined in 2008 to \$2.4 million from \$2.7 million a year-ago as the business is feeling the effects of the decline in the traditional film business without a substantial increase in digital service due to the delay in the full-scale digital rollout.

Sales of replacement parts were also impacted by the industry transition falling to \$5.0 million from \$5.7 million during 2007. We expect these sales to decrease over time but the decline will be much slower than the sale of projectors themselves as the equipment will require maintenance up to the point they are replaced by a digital unit.

Sales of lenses decreased to \$0.3 million from \$1.3 million a year-ago. More than any other film product, used lenses have overtaken the market. Sales of xenon lamps declined slightly to \$4.6 million compared to \$4.7 million a year-ago and are not yet experiencing the effects of the industry transition to digital cinema.

*Lighting Segment*

Sales of lighting products increased to \$3.5 million in 2008 from \$3.1 million a year-ago due to increased demand for follow spotlights which rose to \$2.1 million from \$1.6 million during 2007. We have allocated additional resources to grow the core spotlight business which is now comprised of items we manufacture and also products that we distribute. Replacement parts were flat at \$0.6 million for both 2008 and 2007 periods. Sky-Tracker sales fell to \$0.3 million during 2008 from \$0.5 million a year-ago due to lower demand for these large expensive lights in the first half of the year. Sales of all other lighting products, including but not limited to, xenon lamps, britelights and nocturns amounted to \$0.5 million in 2008 compared to \$0.4 million a year-ago.

**Export Revenues**

Sales outside the United States (mainly theatre sales) rose to \$12.2 million in 2008 from \$9.4 million in 2007 resulting from increased demand in Latin America, Europe and Asia. In addition, the Canadian subsidiary we purchased in late 2007 led to increased sales in Canada and other countries. Export sales are sensitive to worldwide economic and political conditions that can lead to volatility. Additionally, certain areas of the world are more cost conscious than the U.S. market and there are instances where our products are priced higher than local manufacturers making it more difficult to generate sufficient profit to justify selling into these regions. Additionally, foreign exchange rates and excise taxes sometimes make it difficult to market our products overseas at reasonable selling prices.

**Gross Profit**

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Consolidated gross profit decreased to \$6.5 million in 2008 from \$7.3 million a year-ago and as a percent of total revenue declined to 16.2% from 19.1% in 2007 due to the reasons discussed below.

Gross profit in the theatre segment fell to \$5.5 million in 2008 from \$6.3 million in 2007 and as a percentage of theatre sales declined to 15.2% from 18.1% a year-ago. The margin primarily reflects the transition that is taking place in the theatre industry and a slowdown in new theatre construction in the United States. During 2008, we sold \$8.7 million of digital equipment which we distribute through a distribution agreement with NEC Corporation of America. These sales compare to \$2.5 million a year-ago. The gross margin on these sales is significantly lower than the margin we currently experience on our film projectors. However, the sales price on the digital projectors is higher than what we receive on film projectors which offsets gross margin dollars to a degree. Our margin was also impacted by our service subsidiary. The current service business primarily relates to servicing film projection equipment which is in a mature industry and at the same time, we are growing the infrastructure in anticipation of the upcoming digital cinema rollout. This combination is resulting in the division experiencing negative margins putting pressure on our overall margin. We expect this business to transition to servicing more

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digital projectors in the future when the digital cinema rollout accelerates. At that time, margins are expected to increase. Gross margins also continue to be impacted by higher manufacturing costs pertaining to purchasing in lower quantities, rising raw material costs and less manufacturing throughput in the Omaha plant to cover overhead costs. However, as discussed during the quarter, margins were positively impacted by profits from our new screen manufacturing subsidiary we purchased during the fourth quarter of 2007.

The gross profit in the lighting segment rose to \$0.9 million in 2008 from \$0.8 million a year-ago but as a percent of lighting revenues declined to 25.5% from 25.7% a year-ago. The results reflect the impact of less manufacturing throughput in our plant in Omaha Nebraska and selling more lower-margin distribution items.

**Selling and Administrative Expenses**

Selling and administrative expenses increased to \$8.0 million compared to \$6.6 million (excluding a \$0.6 million goodwill impairment charge) in 2007 and as a percent of total revenue increased to 20.0% in 2008 from 17.3% in 2007.

Administrative costs rose to \$5.6 million in 2008 from \$4.3 million in 2007 and as a percent of total revenue increased to 14.1% in 2008 from 11.4% in 2007. During 2008, we experienced higher costs pertaining to audit and Sarbanes/Oxley compliance services compared to a year-ago. In addition, we experienced an increase in professional fees pertaining to due diligence work performed on a terminated acquisition and for an audit of Digital Link II, LLC, our 44.4% owned joint venture. Other items increasing administrative costs included additional professional fees pertaining to legal and other compliance costs. Administrative expenses also rose \$0.7 million due to the addition of MDI, the Canadian subsidiary we did not purchase until the fourth quarter of 2007.

Selling expenses increased to \$2.4 million in 2008 compared to \$2.3 million in 2007, but as a percent of total revenue declined slightly to 5.9% from 6.0% a year-ago.

**Other Financial Items**

During 2008, we sold our Coater and Marinade product line for approximately \$275,000 resulting in a net gain of approximately \$258,000. The product line was sold to a former Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

During 2007, the Company recorded a \$0.2 million gain on the initial transfer of equipment into our 44.4% owned Joint Venture with RealD, Digital Link II, LLC. No such transaction took place in 2008.

Year-to-date results also reflect a loss of \$0.5 million pertaining to our 44.4% share of equity in the loss from Digital Link II, LLC. This loss compares to \$0.2 million a year-ago and was higher due to more depreciation and interest costs resulting from additional deployments.

We recorded net interest income of \$0.4 million during 2008 compared to \$0.6 million a year-ago as our average cash and investment balances were lower during the current year.

We recorded an income tax benefit of approximately \$0.5 million in 2008 compared to income tax expense of \$0.1 million in 2007. The effective tax rate (calculated as a ratio of income tax benefit (expense) to pre-tax income (loss), inclusive of equity method investment earnings (losses)) was approximately 40.0% for 2008 as compared to approximately 15.7% in 2007. The increase in 2008 is a result of the impact of a reduction in income tax contingency reserves and an increase in the benefit from the impact of tax-free interest income.

For the reasons outlined herein, we experienced a net loss of \$0.7 million and basic and diluted loss per share of \$0.05 in 2008, respectively, compared to net income of \$0.5 million during 2007 and basic and diluted earnings per share of \$0.04 a year-ago, respectively.

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**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

During the past several years, we have met our working capital and capital resource needs from our operating and investing cash flows. We ended the third quarter with total cash and cash equivalents of \$6.4 million. Additionally, we have approximately \$10.9 million of investments in auction-rate securities (net of an \$0.8 million unrealized loss) which are classified as available-for-sale securities. The ARS investments are held within closed-end funds which are AAA rated and fully collateralized at a minimum 200% net asset to fund ratio. These investments are intended to provide liquidity via an auction process that resets the applicable interest rate every seven days allowing investors to either roll over their holdings or gain immediate liquidity by selling such investments at par.

During 2008, the market for our investments in auction-rate securities began experiencing a liquidity issue when the securities came up for auction due to an imbalance of buyers and sellers for the securities. We cannot predict how long the current imbalance in the auction market will continue. As a result, for a period of time, we may be unable to liquidate the auction rate securities held until a successful auction occurs. Based on the continued unsuccessful auctions of these investments, the investment securities have been reclassified to noncurrent assets within the Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2008. As of September 30, 2008, the Company has liquidated, at par, \$1,250,000 of its auction rate securities of which \$50,000 were sold through the normal auction process and \$1,200,000 were redeemed by the fund itself.

Effective January 1, 2008, we adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ( SFAS 157 ) which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements with respect to financial assets and liabilities. Under SFAS 157, fair value is the price to sell an asset or transfer a liability between market participants as of the measurement date. Fair value measurements assume the asset or liability is exchanged in an orderly manner; the exchange is in the principal market for that asset or liability (or in the most advantageous market when no principal market exists); and the market participants are independent, knowledgeable, able and willing to transact an exchange.

SFAS 157 establishes a hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon observable independent market inputs and unobservable market assumptions. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data used to develop the estimates of fair value. The following represents the three categories of inputs used in determining the fair value of financial assets and liabilities:

Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are used in the measurement of assets and liabilities. Unobservable inputs require management to make certain projections and assumptions about the information that would be used by market participants in pricing the asset or liability.

Due to the inability to trade all of our investments in auction-rate securities in the current market, we continue to earn interest on our investments at the maximum contractual default rate. The weighted average maximum contractual default rate being earned as of September 30, 2008 was

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8.48%. Because of the inability to trade these investments, a readily determinable fair value using market observables (Level 1) does not exist. Therefore, in accordance with SFAS 157, Fair Value Measurement, the Company, via the retention of the valuation firm Gifford Fong Associates, used a cash flow model to determine the estimated fair value of our auction-rate securities (Level 3). The assumptions used in preparing this model included, among other items, estimates for interest rates, default and recovery rates, illiquidity risk and an estimate for the timing of full redemption of the securities and are summarized below:

- Interest rate indices LIBOR curve and commercial paper rates obtained.
- Rating transition matrix the rating transition matrix gives transition probabilities for the underlying collateral migrating from one rating level to another in one year, particularly the transition probability to

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default status. The rating transition matrix is constructed from rating migration and default data published by the rating agencies.

- Default and recovery rates – the default rate is estimated using a credit spread (discount margin) over the risk free rate curve obtained.
- Illiquidity risk – in a distressed market, investors may not be able to find willing buyers, hence reduced liquidity.
- Estimate for the timing of full redemption of the securities – the full redemption is estimated to take place in two years on the historical observation that economic cycles usually turn around in two years.
- Estimated weighted average coupon – the yield, considered to be the weighted average cost of capital (WACC), is related to the financial strength and outlook of each fund.

Based on the valuations obtained, an impairment of approximately \$0.8 million was recorded.

In accordance with SFAS No. 115, *Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*, an impairment in the fair value of the investment securities should be classified as temporary or other than temporary. The differentiating factors between a temporary and an other-than temporary impairment are primarily the length of the time and the extent to which the market value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer and the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value. Based on this guidance and the guidance in SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin Topic 5M we determined the impairment should be classified as temporary and will be recorded as an unrealized loss which is excluded from earnings and recorded in the other comprehensive income (loss) component of stockholders' equity for the following reasons:

- As noted previously, the ARS began experiencing failed auctions in mid-February. Therefore, the length of time the failed auctions had been occurring was short.
- The investments are in closed-end funds that are AAA rated and fully collateralized. Further, we are a preferred shareholder in all the funds. The ratings and collateralization is confirmed every seven days at each auction regardless of whether the auction fails or succeeds. Therefore, the financial condition of the issuer is strong and management believes the impairment is more a result of the illiquidity in the market and not the creditworthiness of the issuers.
- The amount of the temporary impairment recorded to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) was only 7.1% of the carrying value. We view this evidence as corroborative that the underlying credit worthiness of the securities was not impaired.
- We believe that as of September 30, 2008, there is sufficient capital to run our business with our cash position and our ability to draw on our credit facilities such that the current lack of liquidity in the auction rate market will not have a material impact on our ability to fund our operations or interfere with our external growth plans. We continue to receive interest at a maximum default rate on the auction-rate securities and believe, due to our ability to fund our operations while a current lack of liquidity exists in the auction-rate market securities and the attributes of the auction-rate securities held, the full value of the auction-rate securities held will be realized upon settlement in the future. Therefore, it is management's intent to hold these securities for a sufficient amount of time to allow for recovery in the market value to occur.

Additionally, all of the Company's ARS investments were purchased, via an intermediary brokerage firm, with a brokerage firm that has reached settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Therefore, management anticipates a large portion of the ARS investments to be redeemed, at par, by the brokerage firm by way of the settlement agreement.

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However, if market conditions would deteriorate further and the anticipated recovery in market values does not occur or the settlement agreement with the SEC is modified we may be required to record additional unrealized losses in other comprehensive income (loss) or impairment charges which could also impact our results of operations or liquidity and capital resources in future periods.



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We are a party to a revolving credit facility (the Original Credit Facility ) with First National Bank of Omaha expiring August 30, 2009. The credit facility provides for borrowings up to the lesser of \$4.0 million or amounts determined by an asset-based lending formula, as defined. Borrowings available under the credit facility amounted to \$4.0 million at September 30, 2008. We pay interest on outstanding amounts equal to the Prime Rate plus 0.25% (5.25% at September 30, 2008) and pay a fee of 0.125% on the unused portion. Effective September 26, 2008, the Company entered into a Ninth Amendment to its Original Credit Facility to extend the maturity date of its interim extension of credit (the Interim Credit Facility ) to August 30, 2009 and to reduce the available borrowings to \$9.4 million. The Interim Credit Facility is evidenced by a Promissory Note with an interest rate set at a floating rate set to after-tax interest income received on certain investment securities. The credit facilities contain certain restrictions primarily related to restrictions on acquisitions and dividends. All of our personal property and certain stock in our subsidiaries secure the credit facilities. No amounts are currently outstanding under either of the credit facilities.

Net cash provided by operating activities amounted to \$1.3 million in 2008 compared to net cash used in operating activities of \$3.7 million in 2007. The improvement from a year-ago primarily came from turning \$1.5 million of our consignment inventory into cash as compared to a year-ago where we purchased \$2.9 million of such inventory. In addition, cash flow a year-ago was used to expand our digital equipment inventory resulting in cash used of \$4.4 million compared to cash used to increase inventory of \$2.4 million in 2008.

Net cash provided by investing activities amounted to \$0.8 million in 2008 compared to \$4.0 million provided in 2007. During 2008 we incurred \$0.6 million of capital expenditures and liquidated at par, \$1.3 million of our auction-rate securities. In addition, we received \$0.3 million of proceeds from the sale of our Coater and Marinade product line during the second quarter. During 2007, investing outflows consisted primarily of \$0.2 million for purchase of a product line within the lighting segment, capital expenditures of \$0.4 million and additional investments of \$0.3 million in our joint venture with RealD (Digital Link II). We also liquidated \$4.5 million of auction-rate securities during 2007.

Net cash provided by financing activities amounted to \$0.2 million in both 2008 and 2007 periods resulting primarily from transactions in our stock plans.

**Transactions with Related and Certain Other Parties**

During 2008, the Company sold its Coater and Marinade product line in exchange for \$275,000 in cash. In connection with the sale, the Company recorded a pre-tax net gain of approximately \$258,000 (estimated \$159,000 after-tax) which is net of related costs to sell. The product line was sold to a former Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

**Financial Instruments and Credit Risk Concentrations**

Our top ten customers accounted for approximately 46% of 2008 consolidated net revenues and were primarily from the theatre segment. Trade accounts receivable from these customers represented approximately 38% of net consolidated receivables at September 30, 2008. Sales to Regal Cinemas, Inc. represented over 10% of consolidated sales. Additionally, receivables from Regal Cinemas, Inc. represented over 10% of net consolidated receivables at September 30, 2008. While we believe our relationships with these customers are stable, most arrangements are made by purchase order and are terminable at will by either party. A significant decrease or interruption in business from our significant customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We could also be adversely

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affected by such factors as changes in foreign currency rates and weak economic and political conditions in each of the countries in which we sell our products. In addition, advancing technologies, such as digital cinema, could disrupt historical customer relationships.

Financial instruments that potentially expose us to a concentration of credit risk principally consist of investments in auction-rate securities and accounts receivable. We sell product to a large number of customers in many different geographic regions. To minimize credit concentration risk, we perform ongoing credit evaluations of our customers' financial condition or use letters of credit.

Table of Contents**Hedging and Trading Activities**

We do not engage in any hedging activities, including currency-hedging activities, in connection with our foreign operations and sales. Historically, the majority of our international sales have been denominated in U.S. dollars. In addition, we do not have any trading activities that include non-exchange traded contracts at fair value.

**Off Balance Sheet Arrangements and Contractual Obligations**

Our off balance sheet arrangements consist principally of leasing various assets under operating leases. The future estimated payments under these arrangements are summarized below along with our other contractual obligations:

| Contractual Obligations      | Total        | Remaining<br>in 2008 | Payments Due by Period |         |         |         |            |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
|                              |              |                      | 2009                   | 2010    | 2011    | 2012    | Thereafter |
| Non-competition agreement    | \$ 100,000   | 25,000               | 25,000                 |         | 50,000  |         |            |
| Postretirement benefits      | 208,481      | 15,429               | 22,320                 | 17,829  | 18,895  | 19,878  | 114,130    |
| Operating leases             | 1,224,722    | 79,215               | 309,797                | 309,797 | 302,233 | 223,680 |            |
| Contractual cash obligations | \$ 1,533,203 | 119,644              | 357,117                | 327,626 | 371,128 | 243,558 | 114,130    |

We have a contractual obligation to pay up to \$150,000 to High End Systems, Inc. Payment is contingent on satisfaction of certain future sales of the product line purchased as part of Technobeam® business. In addition, we have accrued approximately \$0.1 million for the estimated underpayment of income taxes including interest and penalties, we may be obligated to pay.

On July 28, 2008, the Company provided a guarantee to a note entered into by its joint venture, Digital Link II, LLC to finance digital projection equipment deployed in the normal course of business. The loan provides for borrowings of approximately \$1.3 million and bears interest equal to 7% per annum. The Company's guarantee of the note is limited to its 44.4% ownership percentage, which amounts to approximately \$0.6 million. RealD, who holds a membership interest of 55.6% in the joint venture, has provided a guarantee for the remainder of the note outstanding, which amounts to approximately \$0.7 million. The Company has recorded a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken by issuing the guarantee of approximately \$0.04 million. The guarantees will expire by the end of 2011. Under the terms of the guarantees, the Company and RealD would be required to fulfill the guarantees should the joint venture be in default of its loan or contract terms. There were no other contractual obligations other than inventory and property, plant and equipment purchases in the ordinary course of business.

**Seasonality**

Generally, our business exhibits a moderate level of seasonality as sales of theatre products typically increase during the third and fourth quarters. We believe that such increased sales reflect seasonal increases in the construction of new motion picture screens in anticipation of the holiday movie season.

**Legal**

See Note 21 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a full description of all legal matters.

**Inflation**

We believe that the relatively moderate rates of inflation in recent years have not had a significant impact on our net revenues or profitability. Historically, we have been able to offset any inflationary effects by either increasing prices or improving cost efficiencies.

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

We market our products throughout the United States and the world. As a result, we could be adversely affected by such factors as changes in foreign currency rates and weak economic conditions. As a majority of our sales are currently denominated in U.S. dollars, a strengthening of the dollar can and sometimes has made our products less competitive in foreign markets. As stated above, the majority of our foreign sales are denominated in U.S. dollars except for our subsidiaries in Hong Kong and Canada.

We are also exposed to foreign exchange risk through subsidiaries located in Canada and Asia. Based on historical data, a 10% devaluation of the U.S. dollar would have an approximate \$0.2 million impact to the Company.

We have also evaluated our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. If we would borrow up to the maximum amount available under our variable interest rate credit facilities, a one percent increase in the interest rate would increase interest expense by a maximum of \$134,000 per annum. No amounts are currently outstanding under the credit facilities. Interest rate risks from our other interest-related accounts such as our postretirement obligations are not deemed significant.

We have also evaluated our exposure to changes in the market price of our auction-rate securities as a result of the current liquidity in the auction-rate market. A one percent decrease in the average market price of our auction-rate securities would have an effect on comprehensive income (loss) of approximately \$0.1 million.

We have not historically and are not currently using derivative instruments to manage the interest rate and foreign currency risks.

***Item 4. Controls and Procedures***

The Company carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective at ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the reports that the Company files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended) is (1) accumulated and communicated to management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures and (2) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. There have been no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter for the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, such internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

A review of the Company's current litigation is disclosed in Note 21 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

The risks described below update the risk factors in Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

***Current levels of market volatility are unprecedented***

There has been substantial uncertainty and disruption in the capital and credit markets over the past twelve months and in recent weeks have reached unprecedented levels. This uncertainty has caused fluctuation in our stock price and could negatively impact our access to financing if needed. Additionally, these conditions could have an adverse effect on our industry and our business, including our future operating results and the ability to recover our assets at their stated values. Our customers may curtail their growth plans, which could result in a decrease in demand for our products and services. In addition, certain of our customers could experience an inability to pay suppliers, including our Company, in the event they are unable to access the capital markets to fund their business operations. Likewise, our suppliers may be unable to sustain their current level of operations, fulfill their commitments and/or fund future operations and obligations, each of which could adversely affect our operations.

***We may be unsuccessful in capturing sufficient market share of digital cinema equipment sales***

We previously disclosed that based on recent discussions with certain exhibitors who are members of the Digital Cinema Implementation Partners (DCIP), our projection of our expected market share for digital cinema equipment sales with this partnership are below original expectations. Our assessment of the market share was based on information gleaned from planning dialogues with these organizations. The market share assessment was not based on executed purchase orders, and as a result, actual order activity could differ from current expectations. We are currently working to improve our market share with the members of DCIP, and continue to market our products to the remaining exhibitors in North America and certain other areas of the world where we serve as NEC's master reseller. If we are unable to respond to new competitive pressures and gain sufficient market share of the digital cinema equipment sales and continue to take advantage of other digital cinema opportunities, the result could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and operating results.

***Investments in our auction-rate securities are experiencing liquidity issues***

Based on the continued unsuccessful auctions of our auction-rate securities which began experiencing liquidity issues subsequent to year-end, these investments have been reclassified to noncurrent assets within the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2008. Additionally, we have determined the fair value of these investments is below the carrying value and have therefore recorded a temporary impairment on these investment securities which is classified within accumulated other comprehensive income within the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at September 30, 2008. If market conditions would deteriorate further and the anticipated recovery in market values does not occur, we may be required to record additional unrealized losses in other comprehensive income (loss) or impairment charges which could also impact our results of operations or liquidity and capital resources in future periods.

See Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 for further discussion of the Company's risk factors.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

See the Exhibit Index on page 34.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BALLANTYNE OF OMAHA, INC.

By: /s/ JOHN WILMERS  
John Wilmers, President,  
Chief Executive Officer, and Director  
Date: November 10, 2008

By: /s/ KEVIN HERRMANN  
Kevin Herrmann, Secretary/Treasurer and  
Chief Financial Officer  
Date: November 10, 2008



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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

- 4.2.9 Eighth Amendment to the Revolving Credit Agreement dated August 29, 2008 between the Company and First National Bank of Omaha, Inc. •
- 4.2.10 Ninth Amendment to the Revolving Credit dated September 26, 2008 between the Company and First National Bank of Omaha, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Form 8-K as filed on October 2, 2008).
- 4.2.11 Secured Business Promissory Note dated September 26, 2008 between the Company and First National Bank of Omaha, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Form 8-K as filed on October 2, 2008).
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer. •
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer. •
- 32.1 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer. •
- 32.2 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer. •

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• - Filed herewith.