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> FORM SB-2 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

THEGLOBE.COM, INC. (Name of small business issuer in its charter)

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

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Proposed Maximum

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| Class of Securities<br>To be Registered | Amount to be<br>Registered (1) | Offering Price Per Security (2) | Aggregate<br>Offering Price |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   |                                |                                 |                             |
| Common stock, par \$.001 (3)            | 100,598,406                    | <b>\$.</b> 92                   | \$ 92,550,534               |
| Common stock, par \$.001 (4)            | 26,798,534                     | \$.92                           | 24,654,651                  |
| Common stock, par \$.001 (5)            | 12,445,644                     | \$.92                           | 11,449,993                  |
|   | 139,842,584                    |                                 | \$128,655,178               |
|   | =========                      |                                 | ========                    |

- (1) This registration statement covers any additional shares of common stock of theglobe.com, inc. that become issuable by reason of (i) any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction without receipt of consideration that results in an increase in the number of shares of our outstanding common stock or (ii) any changes in the exercise price of certain warrants in accordance with the terms thereof.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the average of the bid and asked price for our common stock on the OTC Bulletin Board on April 14, 2004.
- (3) Represents shares of common stock held by the Selling Stockholders.
- (4) Represents shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding warrants and other rights.
- (5) Represents shares of common stock issuable to certain of the Selling Stockholders whom acquired securities in the Company's March 2004 private offering, in the event the Registrant does not satisfy its registration obligations to such Stockholders.

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

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PROSPECTUS

[GRAPHIC OMITTED] [GRAPHIC OMITTED]

Up to 139,842,584 Shares of Common Stock

This offering relates to the resale of an aggregate of up to 139,842,584 shares of the common stock, \$.001 par value (the "Common Stock"), of theglobe.com, inc. by persons who are referred to in this prospectus as "Selling Stockholders". The shares that may be resold pursuant to this prospectus include 100,598,406 shares of Common Stock owned by the Selling Stockholders, 26,798,534 shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants owned by the Selling Stockholders and 12,445,644 shares of Common Stock which may be issued at our election in the event we default in certain of our contractual registration obligations to certain of the Selling Stockholders. Our filing of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part is intended to satisfy our obligations to certain of the Selling Stockholders to register for resale the shares issued to them and the shares issuable upon exercise of the warrants issued to them.

We are not offering or selling any shares of our Common Stock pursuant to this prospectus. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the shares by the Selling Stockholders. We will, however, receive proceeds if Selling Stockholders pay cash to exercise some or all of the warrants owned by the Selling Stockholders. We will bear the expenses of the offering of the shares, except that the Selling Stockholders will pay any applicable underwriting discounts, brokerage fees or commissions and transfer taxes, as well as fees and disbursements of their counsel and advisors.

Our Common Stock is quoted on the over-the-counter or OTC Bulletin Board under the trading symbol "TGLO.OB." On April 14, 2004, the average of the bid and asked price of our Common Stock was \$.92. The Selling Stockholders may sell the shares from time to time in public or private transactions occurring on or off the OTC Bulletin Board, at prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. Sales may be made directly to purchasers or through brokers or to dealers, who are expected to receive customary commissions or discounts.

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You should read both this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement together with additional information described under "Where You Can Find More Information".

All references in this prospectus to "theglobe", "the Registrant", "the Company," "we," "us," or "our" mean theglobe.com, inc. and, as the context requires, its subsidiaries.

YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE "RISK FACTORS" BEGINNING ON PAGE 2 BEFORE MAKING A DECISION TO PURCHASE SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that which is contained in this prospectus. This prospectus may be used only where it is legal to sell these securities. The information in this prospectus may only be accurate on the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of securities.

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#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights key aspects of the information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our securities. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, especially the risks of investing in our securities

discussed under "Risk Factors."

References to "we," "us," "our company" and "theglobe" refer to theglobe.com, inc. together with its subsidiaries.

#### OUR BUSINESS

As of December 31, 2003, we managed two primary lines of business. One line consists of our historical network of three wholly-owned businesses, each of which specializes in the games business by delivering games information and selling games in the United States and abroad. These businesses are: our print publication Computer Games Magazine; our Computer Games Online website (www.cgonline.com), which is the online counterpart to Computer Games Magazine; and our Chips & Bits, Inc. (www.chipsbits.com) games distribution company. Management of the Company continues to actively explore a number of strategic alternatives for our online and offline game properties, including continuing these operations or selling some or all of these properties.

The second line of business, which we recently began, is our VoIP telephony services and includes voiceglo Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary, that offers VoIP-based phone service. The term "VoIP", which means "Voice over the Internet Protocol", refers to a category of hardware and software that enables people to use the Internet to make phone calls.

As of December 31, 2003, our revenue sources were principally from the sale of print advertising in our Computer Games magazine; the sale of video games and related products through Chips & Bits, Inc., our games distribution business; and the sale of our Computer Games magazine through newsstands and subscriptions. Management's intent, going forward, is to devote substantial monetary, management and human resources to our "voiceglo" VoIP business.

Described below are certain significant transactions and events regarding our company which occurred in the last two years.

On June 1, 2002, Chairman Michael S. Egan and Director Edward A. Cespedes became our Chief Executive Officer and President, respectively.

On November 14, 2002, we acquired certain VoIP assets from Brian Fowler (now our Chief Technology Officer) and we are now pursuing opportunities related to this acquisition under the brand name "voiceglo".

On May 28, 2003, we acquired Direct Partner Telecom, Inc. ("DPT"). DPT was a specialized international communications carrier providing VoIP communications services to emerging countries. We acquired all of the physical assets and intellectual property of DPT and originally planned to continue to operate the company as a subsidiary and engage in the provision of VoIP services to other telephony businesses on a wholesale transactional basis. In the first quarter of 2004 we decided to suspend further wholesale telephony business in DPT and to dedicate the DPT physical and intellectual assets to our developing retail VoIP business.

In March 2004, we completed a private offering of 333,816 units for a purchase price of \$85 per unit (the "PIPE Offering"). Each unit consisted of 100 shares of the Company's Common Stock, and warrants to acquire 50 shares of the Common Stock at an exercise price of \$.001 per share. The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock issued in the PIPE Offering was 33,381,647 shares for an aggregate consideration of \$28,374,400, or approximately \$0.57 per share assuming the exercise of the 16,690,824 warrants. The purpose of the PIPE Offering was to raise funds for use primarily in our developing voiceglo business, including the deployment of networks, website development, marketing, and capital infrastructure expenditures and working capital. We were obligated to file the registration statement, of which the prospectus is a part, pursuant to the terms

of PIPE Offering.

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Our executive offices are located at 110 East Broward Blvd., Suite 1400, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301. Our telephone number is (954) 769-5900.

#### THE OFFERING:

| Common stock offered by Selling Stockholders | 100,598,406 shares |
|--|--------------------|
| Common stock issuable upon exercise          |                    |
| of outstanding warrants                      | 26,798,534 shares  |
|  |                    |
| Common stock outstanding:                    |                    |
| Prior to the offering (1)                    | 132,040,349 shares |

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(1) As of April 5, 2004.

After the offering (2)(3)

- (2) Assumes that all outstanding warrants are exercised.
- (3) Assumes that we do not default in certain of our contractual obligations and do not issue up to an additional 12,445,644 shares of our common stock in payment of default fees.

158,838,883 shares

#### RISK FACTORS

This offering and an investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Investors should consider each of the risks and uncertainties described in this section and all of the other information in this prospectus before deciding to invest in our common stock. Our business, financial condition and results of operations could be severely harmed by any of the following risks. The trading price of our common stock could decline if any of these risks and uncertainties develop into actual events. Investors may lose all or part of the money paid to buy our common stock.

RISKS RELATING TO OUR BUSINESS GENERALLY

WE HAVE A HISTORY OF OPERATING LOSSES AND EXPECT TO CONTINUE TO INCUR LOSSES.

Since our inception, we have incurred net losses in each quarter, except the fourth quarter of 2002 where we had net income of approximately \$17,000. We expect that we will continue to incur net losses for the foreseeable future. We had net losses of approximately \$11 million and \$2.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The principal causes of our losses are likely to continue to be:

- o costs resulting from the operation of our businesses;
- o costs relating to entering new business lines;
- o failure to generate sufficient revenue; and
- o general and administrative expenses.

Although we have restructured our businesses, we still expect to continue to incur losses as we develop our VoIP telephony services business and while we explore a number of strategic alternatives for our online and offline games

properties, including continuing to operate the properties, acquisition or development of additional businesses or complementary products, selling some or all of the properties or other changes to our business.

OUR RECENT ACQUISITIONS, AS WELL AS POTENTIAL FUTURE ACQUISITIONS, JOINT VENTURES OR STRATEGIC TRANSACTIONS ENTAIL NUMEROUS RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES. WE MAY ENTER ADDITIONAL LINES OF BUSINESS.

We have entered into a new business line, VoIP telephony services. In November 2002, we acquired certain VoIP assets from an entrepreneur in exchange for 1,750,000 warrants to purchase our common stock. On May 28, 2003, we acquired DPT, an international licensed telecommunications carrier engaged in the purchase and resale of telecommunication services over the Internet. We may also enter into new or different lines of business, as determined by management and our Board of Directors. The acquisitions of VoIP assets and of DPT, as well as any future acquisitions or joint ventures could result, and in some instances have resulted (particularly as it pertains to DPT), in numerous risks and uncertainties, including:

- o potentially dilutive issuances of equity securities, which may be issued at the time of the transaction or in the future if certain performance or other criteria are met or not met, as the case may be. These securities may be freely tradable in the public market or subject to registration rights which could require us to publicly register a large amount of Common Stock, which could have a material adverse effect on our stock price;
- o diversion of management's attention and resources from our existing businesses;
- o significant write-offs if we determine that the business acquisition does not fit or perform up to expectations;
- o the incurrence of debt and contingent liabilities or impairment charges related to goodwill and other intangible assets;
- o difficulties in the assimilation of operations, personnel, technologies, products and information systems of the acquired companies;

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- o the risks of entering a new or different line of business;
- o regulatory and tax risks relating to the new or acquired business;
- the risks of entering geographic and business markets in which we have no or limited prior experience; and
- o  $\,\,\,\,\,\,\,$  the risk that the acquired business will not perform as expected.

WE DEPEND ON THE CONTINUED GROWTH IN THE USE AND COMMERCIAL VIABILITY OF THE INTERNET.

Our VoIP telephony services business and games properties are substantially dependent upon the continued growth in the general use of the Internet. Internet and electronic commerce growth may be inhibited for a number of reasons, including:

- o inadequate network infrastructure;
- o security and authentication concerns;
- o inconsistent quality of service;
- o inadequate availability of cost-effective, high-speed service; and
- o inadequate bandwidth availability.

As web usage grows, the Internet infrastructure may not be able to support the demands placed on it by this growth or its performance and reliability may decline. Websites have experienced interruptions in their service as a result of outages and other delays occurring throughout the Internet network infrastructure. If these outages or delays frequently occur in the future, web usage, as well as usage of our services, could grow more slowly or decline. Also, the Internet's commercial viability may be significantly hampered due to:

- o delays in the development or adoption of new operating and technical standards and performance improvements required to handle increased levels of activity;
- o increased government regulation;
- o potential governmental taxation of such services; and

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o insufficient availability of telecommunications services which could result in slower response times and adversely affect usage of the Internet.

WE MAY FACE INCREASED GOVERNMENT REGULATION, TAXATION AND LEGAL UNCERTAINTIES IN OUR INDUSTRY, WHICH COULD HARM OUR BUSINESS.

There are an increasing number of federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations pertaining to the Internet and telecommunications. In addition, a number of federal, state, local and foreign legislative and regulatory proposals are under consideration. Laws or regulations may be adopted with respect to the Internet relating to, among other things, fees and taxation of VoIP telephony services, liability for information retrieved from or transmitted over the Internet, online content regulation, user privacy and quality of products and services. Changes in tax laws relating to electronic commerce could materially affect our business, prospects and financial condition. Moreover, the applicability to the Internet of existing laws governing issues such as intellectual property ownership and infringement, copyright, trademark, trade secret, obscenity, libel, employment and personal privacy is uncertain and developing. Any new legislation or regulation, or the application or interpretation of existing laws or regulations, may decrease the growth in the use of the Internet or VoIP telephony services, may impose additional burdens on electronic commerce or may alter how we do business. This could decrease the demand for our existing or proposed services, increase our cost of doing business, increase the costs of products sold through the Internet or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, plans, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

Our ability to offer VoIP services outside the U.S. is also subject to the local regulatory environment, which may be complicated and often uncertain. Regulatory treatment of Internet telephony outside the United States varies from country to

country.

WE RELY ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PROPRIETARY RIGHTS.

We regard substantial elements of our websites and underlying technology, as well as certain assets relating to our VoIP business and other opportunities we are investigating, as proprietary and attempt to protect them by relying on intellectual property laws and restrictions on disclosure. We also generally enter into confidentiality agreements with our employees and consultants. In connection with our license agreements with third parties, we generally seek to control access to and distribution of our technology and other proprietary information. Despite these precautions, it may be possible for a third party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our proprietary information without authorization or to develop similar technology independently. Thus, we cannot assure you that the steps taken by us will prevent misappropriation or infringement of our proprietary information, which could have an adverse effect on our business. In addition, our competitors may independently develop similar technology, duplicate our products, or design around our intellectual property rights.

We pursue the registration of our trademarks in the United States and internationally. We are also seeking patent protection for certain VoIP assets which we acquired or which we have developed. However, effective intellectual property protection may not be available in every country in which our services are distributed or made available through the Internet. Policing unauthorized use of our proprietary information is difficult. Legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of proprietary rights in Internet-related businesses are also uncertain and still evolving. We cannot assure you about the future viability or value of any of our proprietary rights.

Litigation may be necessary in the future to enforce our intellectual property rights or to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others. However, we may not have sufficient funds or personnel to adequately litigate or otherwise protect our rights. Furthermore, we cannot assure you that our business activities will not infringe upon the proprietary rights of others, or that other parties will not assert infringement claims against us, including claims related to providing hyperlinks to websites operated by third parties or providing advertising on a keyword basis that links a specific search term entered by a user to the appearance of a particular advertisement. Moreover, from time to time, third parties may assert claims of alleged infringement by us of their intellectual property rights. Any litigation claims or counterclaims could impair our business because they could:

o be time-consuming;

- o result in significant costs;
- o subject us to significant liability for damages;
- o result in invalidation of our proprietary rights;
- o divert management's attention;
- o cause product release delays; or
- o require us to redesign our products or require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements that may not be available on terms

acceptable to us, or at all.

We license from third parties various technologies incorporated into our sites. We cannot assure you that these third-party technology licenses will continue to be available to us on commercially reasonable terms. Additionally, we cannot assure you that the third parties from which we license our technology will be able to defend our proprietary rights successfully against claims of infringement. As a result, our inability to obtain any of these technology licenses could result in delays or reductions in the introduction of new services or could adversely affect the performance of our existing services until equivalent technology can be identified, licensed and integrated.

The regulation of domain names in the United States and in foreign countries may change. Regulatory bodies could establish additional top-level domains, appoint additional domain name registrars or modify the requirements for holding domain names, any or all of which may dilute the strength of our names. We may not acquire or maintain our domain names in all of the countries in which our websites may be accessed, or for any or all of the top-level domain names that may be introduced. The relationship between regulations governing domain names and laws protecting proprietary rights is unclear. Therefore, we may not be able to prevent third parties from acquiring domain names that infringe or otherwise decrease the value of our trademarks and other proprietary rights.

WE MAY BE UNSUCCESSFUL IN ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING BRAND AWARENESS; BRAND IDENTITY IS CRITICAL TO OUR COMPANY.

Our success in the Internet telephony market will depend on our ability to create and maintain brand awareness for our product offerings. This may require a significant amount of capital to allow us to market our products and establish brand recognition and customer loyalty. Many of our competitors in the Internet telephony services market are larger than us and have substantially greater financial resources. Additionally, many of the companies offering VoIP services have already established their brand identity within the marketplace. We can offer no assurances that we will be successful in establishing awareness of our brand allowing us to compete in the VoIP market.

If we fail to promote and maintain our various brands or our games properties' brand values are diluted, our businesses, operating results, financial condition, and our ability to attract buyers for the games properties could be materially adversely affected. The importance of brand recognition will continue to increase because low barriers of entry to the industries in which we operate may result in an increased number of direct competitors. To promote our brands, we may be required to continue to increase our financial commitment to creating and maintaining brand awareness. We may not generate a corresponding increase in revenue to justify these costs.

OUR QUARTERLY OPERATING RESULTS FLUCTUATE.

Due to our significant change in operations, including the entry into a new line of business, our historical quarterly operating results are not necessarily reflective of future results. The factors that will cause our quarterly operating results to fluctuate in the future include:

- o acquisitions of new businesses or sales of our assets;
- o declines in the number of sales or technical employees;
- o the level of traffic on our websites;

- o the overall demand for Internet telephony services, print advertising and electronic commerce;
- o the addition or loss of VoIP customers, advertisers on our games properties and electronic commerce partners on our websites;
- o overall usage and acceptance of the Internet;
- o seasonal trends in advertising and electronic commerce sales and member usage in our games businesses;
- o other costs relating to the maintenance of our operations;
- o the restructuring of our business;
- o failure to generate significant revenues and profit margins from new products and services; and
- o competition from others providing services similar to those of ours.

OUR LIMITED OPERATING HISTORY MAKES FINANCIAL FORECASTING DIFFICULT. OUR INEXPERIENCE IN THE INTERNET TELEPHONY BUSINESS WILL MAKE FINANCIAL FORECASTING EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.

We have a limited operating history for you to use in evaluating our prospects and us. Our prospects should be considered in light of the risks encountered by companies operating in new and rapidly evolving markets like ours. We may not successfully address these risks. For example, we may not be able to:

- o maintain levels of user traffic on our e-commerce websites;
- o attract customers to our VoIP telephony service;
- o maintain or increase sponsorship revenues for our games magazine;
- o adapt to meet changes in our markets and competitive developments;
- o identify, attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel.

OUR MANAGEMENT TEAM IS INEXPERIENCED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF A PUBLIC COMPANY AND IS SMALL FOR AN OPERATING COMPANY.

Our senior management team is few in number, and other than our Chairman, President and Chief Financial Officer, have not had any previous experience managing a public company. Only our Chairman has had experience managing a large operating company. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that:

- o our key employees will be able to work together effectively as a team;
- o we will be able to retain the remaining members of our management team:
- o we will be able to hire, train and manage our employee base;
- o our systems, procedures or controls will be adequate to support our operations; and
- o our management will be able to achieve the rapid execution necessary

to fully exploit the market opportunity for our products and services.

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WE DEPEND ON HIGHLY QUALIFIED TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL.

Our future success also depends on our continuing ability to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified technical expertise and managerial personnel necessary to operate our businesses. We may need to give retention bonuses and stock incentives to certain employees to keep them, which can be costly to us. We may be unable to attract, assimilate or retain highly qualified technical and managerial personnel in the future. Wages for managerial and technical employees are increasing and are expected to continue to increase in the future. We have from time to time in the past experienced, and could continue to experience in the future if we need to hire any additional personnel, difficulty in hiring and retaining highly skilled employees with appropriate qualifications. In addition, we may have difficulty attracting qualified employees due to our restructuring in 2000 and 2001, financial position and scaling down of operations. Also, we may have difficulty attracting qualified employees to work in the geographically remote location in Vermont of Chips & Bits, Inc. and Strategy Plus, Inc. If we were unable to attract and retain the technical and managerial personnel necessary to support and grow our businesses, our businesses would likely be materially and adversely affected.

OUR OFFICERS, INCLUDING OUR CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRESIDENT HAVE OTHER INTERESTS AND TIME COMMITMENTS; WE HAVE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH SOME OF OUR DIRECTORS; ALL OF OUR DIRECTORS ARE EMPLOYEES OR STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY OR AFFILIATES OF OUR LARGEST STOCKHOLDER.

Because our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Michael Egan, is an officer or director of other companies, we have to compete for his time. Mr. Egan became our Chief Executive Officer effective June 1, 2002. Mr. Egan is also the controlling investor of Dancing Bear Investments, Inc., an entity controlled by Mr. Egan, which is our largest stockholder. Mr. Egan has not committed to devote any specific percentage of his business time with us. Accordingly, we compete with Dancing Bear Investments, Inc. and Mr. Egan's other related entities for his time.

Our President and Director, Mr. Edward A. Cespedes, is also an officer or director of other companies. Accordingly, we must compete for his time. Mr. Cespedes is an officer or director of various privately held entities and is also affiliated with Dancing Bear Investments.

Our Vice President of Finance and Director, Ms. Robin Lebowitz is also affiliated with Dancing Bear Investments. She is also an officer or director of other companies or entities controlled by Mr. Egan and Mr. Cespedes.

Due to the relationships with his related entities, Mr. Egan will have an inherent conflict of interest in making any decision related to transactions between the related entities and us. We intend to review related party transactions in the future on a case-by-case basis.

WE RELY ON THIRD PARTY OUTSOURCED HOSTING FACILITIES OVER WHICH WE HAVE LIMITED CONTROL.

Our principal servers are located in Florida and New York at third party outsourced hosting facilities. Our operations depend on the ability to protect our systems against damage from unexpected events, including fire, power loss,

water damage, telecommunications failures and vandalism. Any disruption in our Internet access could have a material adverse effect on us. In addition, computer viruses, electronic break-ins or other similar disruptive problems could also materially adversely affect our businesses. Our reputation, theglobe.com brand and the brands of our VoIP services business and game properties could be materially and adversely affected by any problems experienced by our sites or our supporting VoIP network. We may not have insurance to adequately compensate us for any losses that may occur due to any failures or interruptions in our systems. We do not presently have any secondary off-site systems or a formal disaster recovery plan.

HACKERS MAY ATTEMPT TO PENETRATE OUR SECURITY SYSTEM; ONLINE SECURITY BREACHES COULD HARM OUR BUSINESS.

Consumer and supplier confidence in our businesses depends on maintaining relevant security features. Substantial or ongoing security breaches on our systems or other Internet-based systems could significantly harm our business. We incur substantial expenses protecting against and remedying security breaches. Security breaches also could damage our reputation and expose us to a risk of loss or litigation. Experienced programmers or "hackers" have successfully penetrated our systems and we expect that these attempts will continue to occur from time to time. Because a hacker who is able to penetrate our network security could misappropriate proprietary information or cause interruptions in our products and services, we may have to expend significant capital and resources to protect against or to alleviate problems caused by these hackers. Additionally, we may not have a timely remedy against a hacker who is able to penetrate our network security. Such security breaches could materially adversely affect our company. In addition, the transmission of computer viruses resulting from hackers or otherwise could expose us to significant liability. Our insurance may not be adequate to reimburse us for losses caused by security breaches. We also face risks associated with security breaches affecting third parties with whom we have relationships.

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WE MAY BE EXPOSED TO LIABILITY FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVED FROM OR TRANSMITTED OVER THE INTERNET.

Users may access content on our websites or the websites of our distribution partners or other third parties through website links or other means, and they may download content and subsequently transmit this content to others over the Internet. This could result in claims against us based on a variety of theories, including defamation, obscenity, negligence, copyright infringement, trademark infringement or the wrongful actions of third parties. Other theories may be brought based on the nature, publication and distribution of our content or based on errors or false or misleading information provided on our websites. Claims have been brought against online services in the past and we have received inquiries from third parties regarding these matters. The claims could be material in the future.

WE MAY BE EXPOSED TO LIABILITY FOR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES SOLD OVER THE INTERNET, INCLUDING PRODUCTS AND SERVICES SOLD BY OTHERS.

We enter into agreements with commerce partners and sponsors under whom we are entitled to receive a share of any revenue from the purchase of goods and services through direct links from our sites. We sell products directly to consumers which may expose us to additional legal risks, regulations by local, state, federal and foreign authorities and potential liabilities to consumers of these products and services, even if we do not ourselves provide these products

or services. We cannot assure you that any indemnification that may be provided to us in some of these agreements with these parties will be adequate. Even if these claims do not result in our liability, we could incur significant costs in investigating and defending against these claims. The imposition of potential liability for information carried on or disseminated through our systems could require us to implement measures to reduce our exposure to liability. Those measures may require the expenditure of substantial resources and limit the attractiveness of our services. Additionally, our insurance policies may not cover all potential liabilities to which we are exposed.

WE ARE INVOLVED IN SECURITIES CLASS ACTION LITIGATION.

We are a party to the securities class action litigation described in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements - "Commitments and Contingencies". The defense of the litigation may increase our expenses and will occupy management's attention and resources, and an adverse outcome in this litigation could materially adversely affect us.

WE MAY HAVE TO TAKE ACTIONS TO AVOID REGISTRATION UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT.

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), a company meeting the definition of an "investment company" is subject to various stringent legal requirements on its operations. A company can become subject to the 1940 Act if, among other reasons, it owns investment securities with a value exceeding 40 percent of the value of its total assets (excluding government securities and cash items) on an unconsolidated basis, unless a particular exemption of safe harbor applies. Although we are not currently subject to the 1940 Act, at some point in the future the percentage of our assets which consist of investment securities may exceed 40 percent of the value of its total assets on an unconsolidated basis. Rule 3a-2 of the 1940 Act provides a temporary exemption from registration under the 1940 Act, for up to one year, for companies that have a bona fide intent to engage, as soon as reasonably possible, in business other than investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities ("transient investment companies"). If, due to future sales of our assets or changes in the value of our existing assets, we become subject to the 1940 Act, we intend to take all actions that would allow reliance on the one-year exemption for "transient investment companies", including a resolution by the Board of Directors that we have bona fide intent to engage, as soon as reasonably possible, in business other than investing, reinvesting, owning, holding or trading in securities. After the one-year period, we would be required to comply with the 1940 Act unless our operations and assets result in us no longer meeting the definition of Investment Company.

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RISKS RELATING TO OUR VOICE OVER THE INTERNET BUSINESS

THE VOIP MARKET IS SUBJECT TO RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AND WE WILL NEED TO DEPEND ON NEW PRODUCT INTRODUCTIONS AND INNOVATIONS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND GROW OUR BUSINESS.

VoIP is an emerging market that is characterized by rapid changes in customer requirements, frequent introductions of new and enhanced products, and continuing and rapid technological advances. To enter and compete successfully in this emerging market, we must continually design, develop, manufacture, and sell new and enhanced VoIP products and services that provide increasingly higher levels of performance and reliability at lower costs. These new and enhanced products must take advantage of technological advancements and changes,

and respond to new customer requirements. Our success in designing, developing and selling such products and services will depend on a variety of factors, including:

- o the identification of market demand for new products;
- o access to sufficient capital to complete our development efforts;
- o product and feature selection;
- o timely implementation of product design and development;
- o product performance;
- o cost-effectiveness of products under development;
- o securing effective manufacturing processes; and
- o success of promotional efforts.

Additionally, we may also be required to collaborate with third parties to develop our products and may not be able to do so on a timely and cost-effective basis, if at all. If we are unable, due to resource constraints or technological or other reasons, to develop and introduce new or enhanced products in a timely manner or if such new or enhanced products do not achieve sufficient market acceptance, our operating results will suffer and our business will not grow.

OUR ABILITY AND PLANS TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AT ATTRACTIVE RATES ARISE IN LARGE PART FROM THE FACT VOIP SERVICES ARE NOT CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO THE SAME REGULATION AS TRADITIONAL TELEPHONY.

Because their services are not currently regulated to the same extent as traditional telephony, VoIP providers can currently avoid paying charges that traditional telephone companies must pay. Many traditional telephone operators are lobbying the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the states to regulate VoIP on the same or similar basis as traditional telephone services. The FCC and several states are examining this issue.

If the FCC or any state determines to regulate VoIP, they may impose surcharges, taxes or additional regulations upon providers of Internet telephony. These surcharges could include access charges payable to local exchange carriers to carry and terminate traffic, contributions to the universal service fund or other charges. Regulations requiring compliance with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, or provision of enhanced 911 services could also place a significant financial burden on us. The imposition of any such additional fees, charges, taxes, licenses and regulations on VoIP services could materially increase our costs and may reduce or eliminate the competitive pricing advantage we seek to enjoy.

THE INTERNET TELEPHONY BUSINESS IS HIGHLY COMPETITIVE AND ALSO COMPETES WITH TRADITIONAL AND CELLULAR TELEPHONY PROVIDERS.

The long distance telephony market and the Internet telephony market are highly competitive. There are several large and numerous small competitors, and we expect to face continuing competition based on price and service offerings from existing competitors and new market entrants in the future. The principal competitive factors in our market include price, quality of service, breadth of geographic presence, customer service, reliability, network size and capacity, and the availability of enhanced communications services. Our competitors include major and emerging telecommunications carriers in the U.S. and abroad. Financial difficulties in the past several years of many telecommunications providers are rapidly altering the number, identity and competitiveness of the

marketplace. Many of the competitors for our current and planned VoIP service offerings have substantially greater financial, technical and marketing resources, larger customer bases, longer operating histories, greater name recognition and more established relationships in the industry than we have. As a result, certain of these competitors may be able to adopt more aggressive pricing policies which could hinder our ability to market our voice services.

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During the past several years, a number of companies have introduced services that make Internet telephony or voice services over the Internet available to businesses and consumers. All major telecommunications companies, including entities like AT&T, Sprint and MCI, as well as ITXC, iBasis, Net2Phone and deltathree.com either presently or potentially route traffic to destinations worldwide and compete or can compete directly with us. Other Internet telephony service providers focus on a retail customer base and compete with us. These companies may offer the kinds of voice services we currently offer or intend to offer in the future. In addition, companies currently in related markets have begun to provide voice over the Internet services or adapt their products to enable voice over the Internet services. These related companies may potentially migrate into the Internet telephony market as direct competitors. A number of cable operators have also begun to offer VoIP telephony services via cable modems which provide access to the Internet. These companies, which tend to be large entities with substantial resources, generally have large budgets available for research and development, and therefore may further enhance the quality and acceptance of the transmission of voice over the Internet. We also compete with cellular telephony providers.

WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT THE VOLUME OF USAGE AND OUR CAPACITY NEEDS FOR OUR VOIP BUSINESS; DISADVANTAGEOUS CONTRACTS WOULD REDUCE OUR OPERATING MARGINS.

We have entered into a number of, and may have to enter into additional, long-term agreements (generally from one to five years) for leased communications transmission capacity with various carriers. Many of these agreements have minimum use requirements pursuant to which we are able to negotiate lower overall per minute usage rates assuming the utilization of all of such minutes. To the extent that we have overestimated (or in the future overestimate) our call volume, we are obligated to pay for more transmission capacity than we actually use, resulting in costs without corresponding revenue. Given the recent introduction of our voiceglo VoIP service offerings, our minimum commitments under existing carrier agreements presently greatly exceed our actual usage. Conversely, in the future, if we underestimate our capacity needs, we may be required to obtain additional transmission capacity through more expensive means or such capacity may not be available. As a result, our margins could be reduced and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

PRICING PRESSURES AND INCREASING USE OF VOIP TECHNOLOGY MAY LESSEN OUR COMPETITIVE PRICING ADVANTAGE.

One of the main competitive advantages of our current and planned VoIP service offerings is the ability to provide discounted local and long distance telephony services by taking advantage of cost savings achieved by carrying voice traffic employing VoIP technology, as compared to carrying calls over traditional networks. In recent years, the price of telephone service has fallen. The price of telephone service may continue to fall for various reasons, including the adoption of VoIP technology by other communications carriers. Many carriers have adopted pricing plans such that the rates that they charge are not always substantially higher than the rates that VoIP providers charge for similar

service. In addition, other providers of long distance services are offering unlimited or nearly unlimited use of some of their services for increasingly lower monthly rates.

IF WE DO NOT DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS FOR VOIP PRODUCTS, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY MARKET ANY OF OUR VOIP PRODUCTS.

We have entered into the VoIP market and our success is partly dependent on our ability to forge marketing, engineering and carrier partnerships. VoIP communication systems are extremely complex and no single company possesses all the technology components needed to build a complete end to end solution. We will likely need to enter into partnerships to augment our development programs and to assist us in marketing complete solutions to our targeted customers. We may not be able to develop such partnerships in the course of our operations and product development. Even if we do establish the necessary partnerships, we may not be able to adequately capitalize on these partnerships to aid in the success of our business.

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THE FAILURE OF VOIP NETWORKS TO MEET THE RELIABILITY AND QUALITY STANDARDS REQUIRED FOR VOICE COMMUNICATIONS COULD RENDER OUR PRODUCTS OBSOLETE.

Circuit-switched telephony networks feature very high reliability, with a guaranteed quality of service. In addition, such networks have imperceptible delay and consistently satisfactory audio quality. Emerging VoIP networks will not be a viable alternative to traditional circuit switched telephony unless they can provide reliability and quality consistent with these standards.

ONLINE CREDIT CARD FRAUD CAN HARM OUR BUSINESS.

The sale of our products and services over the Internet exposes us to credit card fraud risks. Many of our products and services, including our voiceglo VoIP services, can be ordered or established (in the case of new voiceglo accounts) over the Internet using a major credit card for payment. We are exposed to the risk that some of these credit card accounts are stolen or otherwise fraudulently obtained. In general, we are not able to recover fraudulent credit card charges from such accounts. In addition to the loss of revenue from such fraudulent credit card use, we also remain liable to third parties whose products or services are engaged by us (such as termination fees due telecommunications providers) in connection with the services which we provide. We attempt to manage these fraud risks through our internal controls and our monitoring and blocking systems. If those efforts are not successful, fraud could cause our revenue to decline significantly and our business, financial condition and results of operations to be materially and adversely affected.

RISKS RELATING TO OUR HISTORICAL BUSINESS

THE MARKET SITUATION CONTINUES TO BE A CHALLENGE FOR CHIPS & BITS DUE TO ADVANCES IN CONSOLE AND ONLINE GAMES, WHICH HAVE LOWER MARGINS AND TRADITIONALLY LESS SALES LOYALTY TO CHIPS & BITS.

Our subsidiary, Chips & Bits, Inc. depends on major releases in the Personal Computer (PC) market for the majority of sales and profits. The game industry's focus on X-Box, Playstation and GameCube has dramatically reduced the number of major PC releases, which resulted in significant declines in revenues and gross margins for Chips & Bits. Gross margins for Chips & Bits were 24% and 23% for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Because of the large installed base of personal computers, these revenue and gross margin percentages may fluctuate with changes in the PC game market. However, we are unable to

predict when, if ever, there will be a turnaround in the PC game market.

In addition, many companies involved in the games market may be acquired by, receive investments from, or enter into commercial relationships with larger, well-established and well-financed companies. As a result of this highly fragmented and competitive market, consolidations and strategic ventures may continue in the future.

WE HAVE HISTORICALLY RELIED SUBSTANTIALLY ON ONLINE AND PRINT ADVERTISING REVENUES. THE ONLINE AND PRINT ADVERTISING MARKETS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DECLINED.

We historically derived a substantial portion of our revenues from the sale of advertisements on our website and in our magazine Computer Games Magazine. Our business model and revenues were highly dependent on the amount of traffic on our websites, our ability to properly monetize website traffic and on the print circulation of our Computer Games magazine. Print and online advertising have dramatically decreased since the middle of 2000, and may continue to decline, which could continue to have a material effect on us. Many advertisers have been experiencing financial difficulties which could materially impact our revenues and our ability to collect our receivables. For these reasons, we cannot assure you that our current advertisers will continue to purchase advertisements from our games properties.

WE MAY BE MATERIALLY ADVERSELY AFFECTED IF ELECTRONIC COMMERCE DOES NOT BECOME A VIABLE SOURCE OF SIGNIFICANT REVENUES OR PROFITS.

In February 2000, we acquired Chips & Bits, Inc., a direct marketer of video games and related products over the Internet. However, we have limited experience in the sale of products online as compared to many of our competitors and the development of relationships with manufacturers and suppliers of these products. In addition, the closing of our community site and our small business web-hosting site adversely affected our electronic commerce due to the loss of traffic referred by those sites to the Chips & Bits website. We also face many uncertainties, which may affect our ability to generate electronic commerce revenues and profits, including:

o our ability to obtain new customers at a reasonable cost, retain existing customers and encourage repeat purchases;

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- o the likelihood that both online and retail purchasing trends may rapidly change;
- o the level of product returns;
- o merchandise shipping costs and delivery times;
- o our ability to manage inventory levels;
- o our ability to secure and maintain relationships with vendors; and
- o the possibility that our vendors may sell their products through other sites.

If use of the Internet for electronic commerce does not continue to grow, our business and financial condition would be materially and adversely affected.

INTENSE COMPETITION FOR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE REVENUES HAS RESULTED IN DOWNWARD

PRESSURE ON GROSS MARGINS.

Due to the ability of consumers to easily compare prices of similar products or services on competing websites and consumers' potential preference for competing website's user interface, gross margins for electronic commerce transactions, which are narrower than for advertising businesses, may further narrow in the future and, accordingly, our revenues and profits from electronic commerce arrangements may be materially and adversely affected.

OUR ELECTRONIC COMMERCE BUSINESS MAY RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT LIABILITY CLAIMS AGAINST US.

Consumers may sue us if any of the products that we sell are defective, fail to perform properly or injure the user. Consumers are also increasingly seeking to impose liability on game manufacturers and distributors based upon the content of the games and the alleged affect of such content on behavior. Some of our agreements with manufacturers contain provisions intended to limit our exposure to liability claims. However, these limitations may not prevent all potential claims. Liability claims could require us to spend significant time and money in litigation or to pay significant damages. As a result, any claims, whether or not successful, could seriously damage our reputation and our business.

RISKS RELATING TO OUR COMMON STOCK AND THIS OFFERING

THE VOLUME OF SHARES BEING REGISTERED PURSUANT TO THIS PROSPECTUS FOR FUTURE SALE IN THE OPEN MARKET COULD DRIVE DOWN THE PRICE OF OUR STOCK OR KEEP OUR STOCK PRICE FROM IMPROVING, EVEN IF OUR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE IMPROVES.

This prospectus covers approximately 140 million shares of our Common Stock, all of which will become eligible for potential resale in the open market. As of April 5, 2004, we had issued and outstanding approximately 132 million shares, of which approximately 25 million shares are freely tradeable over the public markets. There is limited trading volume in our shares and we are now traded only in the over-the-counter market. Sales of significant amounts of Common Stock in the public market in the future, the perception that sales will occur or the registration of additional shares pursuant to existing contractual obligations could materially and adversely drive down the price of our stock. In addition, such factors could adversely affect the ability of the market price of the Common Stock to increase even if our business prospects were to improve. Substantially all of our stockholders holding restricted securities, including shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants to purchase our Common Stock, are entitled to registration rights under various conditions. Most of these holders have elected to register their securities for resale as part of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Also, we may issue additional shares of our common stock or other equity instruments which may be convertible into common stock at some future date, which could further adversely affect our stock price.

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In addition, as of April 5, 2004, there were outstanding options to purchase approximately 10,050,000 shares of our Common Stock, which become eligible for sale in the public market from time to time depending on vesting and the expiration of lock-up agreements. The issuance of these securities is registered under the Securities Act and consequently, subject to certain volume restrictions as to options owned by executive officers, will be freely tradable.

OUR CHAIRMAN MAY CONTROL US.

Michael S. Egan, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, approximately 59 million shares of our Common Stock as of April 5, 2004, which in the aggregate represents approximately 43% of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock (treating as outstanding for this purpose the shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the options owned by Mr. Egan or his affiliates). Accordingly, Mr. Egan would likely be able to exercise significant influence over, if not control, any stockholder vote.

WE ARE CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED TO REGISTER CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SECURITIES AND MAY FACE SUBSTANTIAL PENALTIES IF WE FAIL TO DO SO.

In connection with the March 2004 PIPE Offering, we issued an aggregate of 33,381,647 shares of Common Stock, together with Warrants to acquire and additional 16,690,824 shares (the "Securities"). Pursuant to the terms of the PIPE Offering, we are contractually obligated to file a registration statement relating to the resale of the Securities on or about April 22, 2004 and to cause such registration  $\,$  statement to become effective on or about July 6, 2004 (or 30) days earlier if such registration statement is not reviewed by the Securities and Exchange Commission). In the event we are late in any of our registration obligations, we could be liable for payment of a late fee of 5% of the amount raised in the PIPE Offering per month, not to exceed 25% in the aggregate. Any such late fee may be payable in either cash or additional shares of Common Stock (valued for such purpose at \$0.57 per share), or any combination of the two, at our option. Any shares so issued would be included in the foregoing registration statement. Any such issuance of shares of our common stock may be substantially dilutive of existing stockholders (other than the investors in the PIPE Offering to whom such shares would be issued).

DELISTING OF OUR COMMON STOCK MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR INVESTORS TO SELL SHARES. THIS MAY POTENTIALLY LEAD TO FUTURE MARKET DECLINES.

The shares of our Common Stock were delisted from the NASDAO national market in April 2001 and are now traded in the over-the-counter market on what is commonly referred to as the electronic bulletin board or "OTCBB". As a result, an investor may find it more difficult to dispose of or obtain accurate quotations as to the market value of the securities. The trading volume of our shares has dramatically declined since the delisting. In addition, we are now subject to a Rule promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission that, if we fail to meet criteria set forth in such Rule, various practice requirements are imposed on broker-dealers who sell securities governed by the Rule to persons other than established customers and accredited investors. For these types of transactions, the broker-dealer must make a special suitability determination for the purchaser and have received the purchaser's written consent to the transactions prior to sale. Consequently, the Rule may have a materially adverse effect on the ability of broker-dealers to sell the securities, which may materially affect the ability of stockholders to sell the securities in the secondary market.

The delisting has made trading our shares more difficult for investors, potentially leading to further declines in share price and making it less likely our stock price will increase. It has also made it more difficult for us to raise additional capital. We may also incur additional costs under state blue-sky laws if we sell equity due to our delisting.

ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS AFFECTING US COULD PREVENT OR DELAY A CHANGE OF CONTROL.

Provisions of our charter, by-laws and stockholder rights plan and provisions of applicable Delaware law may:

o have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of our company;

- discourage bids of our Common Stock at a premium over the market price; or
- o adversely affect the market price of, and the voting and other rights of the holders of, our Common Stock.

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Certain Delaware laws could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change in control of our company. One of these laws prohibits us from engaging in a business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years from the date the person became an interested stockholder, unless various conditions are met. In addition, provisions of our charter and by-laws, and the significant amount of Common Stock held by our current and former executive officers, directors and affiliates, could together have the effect of discouraging potential takeover attempts or making it more difficult for stockholders to change management. In addition, the employment contracts of our Chairman, CEO and Vice President of Finance provide for substantial lump sum payments ranging from 2 (for the Vice President) to 10 times (for each of the Chairman and CEO) of their respective average combined salaries and bonuses (together with the continuation of various benefits for extended periods) in the event of their termination without cause or a termination by the executive for "good reason", which is conclusively presumed in the event of a "change-in-control" (as such terms are defined in such agreements).

#### OUR STOCK PRICE IS VOLATILE.

The trading price of our Common Stock has been volatile and may continue to be volatile in response to various factors, including:

- o entrance into new lines of business, including acquisitions of businesses;
- o quarterly variations in our operating results;
- o competitive announcements;
- o sales of any of our remaining games properties;
- o the operating and stock price performance of other companies that investors may deem comparable to us; and
- o news relating to trends in our markets.

The stock market has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations, and the market prices of technology companies, particularly Internet-related companies, have been highly volatile. Our stock is also more volatile due to the limited trading volume.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws that relate to future events or our future financial performance. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology, such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "project," "predict," "intend," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain such terms. In addition,

these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding:

- o implementing our business strategy;
- o marketing and commercialization of our existing products and those products under development;
- o plans for future products and services and for enhancements of existing products and services;
- o potential governmental regulation and taxation;
- o our intellectual property;
- o our estimates of future revenue and profitability;
- o our estimates or expectations of continued losses;

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- o our expectations regarding future expenses, including research and development, sales and marketing, and general and administrative expenses;
- o difficulty or inability to raise additional financing, if needed, on terms acceptable to us;
- o our estimates regarding our capital requirements and our needs for additional financing;
- o attracting and retaining customers and employees;
- o rapid technological changes in our industry and relevant markets;
- o sources of revenue and anticipated revenue;
- o plans for future acquisitions; and
- o competition in our market.

These statements are only predictions. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. We are not required to and do not intend to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus or to conform these statements to actual results. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the forward-looking events discussed in this prospectus might not occur. Actual results, levels of activity, performance, achievements and events may vary significantly from those implied by the forward-looking statements. A description of risks that could cause our results to vary appears under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus.

In this prospectus, we refer to information regarding our potential markets and other industry data. We believe that we have obtained this information from reliable sources that customarily are relied upon by companies in our industry, but we have not independently verified any of this information.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We will not receive any proceeds upon the sale of shares of Common Stock by the Selling Stockholders. The Company will only receive proceeds in the event the Selling Stockholders exercise their warrants. We intend to use the proceeds from the exercise of warrants for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

#### DETERMINATION OF OFFERING PRICE

The shares of Common Stock will be sold at prevailing market prices at the time of the sale or at negotiated prices by the Selling Stockholders.

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#### SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth certain information known to us with respect to the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock as of April 5, 2004 by the Selling Stockholders who may sell their Common Stock pursuant to this prospectus. This information is based upon information provided by each respective Selling Stockholder and Schedules 13D and other public accounts filed with the Commission.

The shares offered by this prospectus may be offered for sale from time to time by the Selling Stockholders. Because the Selling Stockholders may offer all, some or none of the shares pursuant to this prospectus, and because there are currently no agreements, arrangements or understandings with respect to the sale of any shares, no estimate can be given as to the number of shares that will be held by the Selling Stockholders after the completion of this offering, accordingly, it is assumed that all the shares offered pursuant to this prospectus are sold. No selling stockholder has, or within the past three years has had, any position, office or other material relationship with us or any of our predecessors or affiliates, except as noted.

The number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Selling Stockholders includes the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Selling Stockholders as of the date of this prospectus and shares of Common Stock underlying warrants held by the Selling Stockholders that are exercisable within sixty days (60) days of the date of this prospectus. Except as otherwise indicated, to our knowledge, the Selling Stockholders have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares beneficially owned by them, or with respect to the shares underlying warrants, will have sole voting and investment power at the time such shares are sold. The percentages shown in the table below are based upon 132,040,349 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of April 5, 2004. The numbers shown in the column "Shares Being Offered" include additional shares of Common Stock that may be issued to many of the Selling Stockholders upon exercise of any warrant held by them.

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Number of Shares Beneficially Owned Before Underlying this Offering

Number of Shares Warrants(1)

Shares Being Offered

Selling Stockholder

| Telstra Super Pty Ltd  | 360,000            | 120,000          | 360,000          |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Wellington Management Portfolios (Dublin) -                                    | ,                  | , , , , , ,      |                  |
| Global Smaller Companies Equity Portfolio.                                     | 202,500            | 67,500           | 202,500          |
| New Zealand Funds Management Limited   | 300,000            | 100,000          | 300,000          |
| SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Small                                     | 3007000            | 100,000          | 300,000          |
| Cap Fund   | 1,350,000          | 450,000          | 1,350,000        |
| Seligman Portfolios, Inc., Seligman Global                                     | 1,000,000          | 100,000          | 1,330,000        |
| Smaller Companies Portfolio  | 33,750             | 11,250           | 33,750           |
| Australian Retirement Fund   | 420,000            | 140,000          | 420,000          |
| Emergency Services Superannuation Board  | 285,000            | 95,000           | 285,000          |
| Retail Employees Superannuation Trust  | 495,000            | 165,000          | 495,000          |
| SEI Institutional Investments Trust, Small                                     | 130,000            | 100,000          | 133,000          |
| Mid Cap Equity Fund  | 255,000            | 85,000           | 255,000          |
| Talvest Global Small Cap Fund  | 345,000            | 115,000          | 345,000          |
| BC Telecom Pension Plan for Management and                                     | 343,000            | 113,000          | 343,000          |
| Exempt Employees   | 75,000             | 25,000           | 75,000           |
| J B Were Global Small Companies Pooled Fund                                    | 1,425,000          | 475,000          | 1,425,000        |
| SEI Institutional Managed Trust, Small Cap                                     | 1,423,000          | 473,000          | 1,423,000        |
| Growth Fund  | 1 575 000          | 525 000          | 1,575,000        |
| Seligman Global Fund Series, Inc., Seligman                                    | 1,575,000          | 525,000          | 1,373,000        |
| Global Smaller Companies Fund  | 900,000            | 300,000          | 900,000          |
| TELUS Corporation Foreign Equity Active Pool                                   |                    | ·                | •                |
|  | 165,000            | 55,000           | 165,000          |
| British Columbia Investment Management   | C4E 000            | 215,000          | C4E 000          |
| Corporation  | 645,000            | 385,000          | 645,000          |
| The Dow Chemical Employees' Retirement Plan The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | 1,155,000          |                  | 1,155,000        |
| Laborers' District Council and Contractors'                                    | 1,425,000          | 475,000          | 1,425,000        |
| of Ohio Pension Fund   | 275 000            | 125 000          | 275 000          |
| Wellington Trust Company, National   | 375 <b>,</b> 000   | 125,000          | 375 <b>,</b> 000 |
| Association Multiple Collective Investment                                     |                    |                  |                  |
| Funds Trust, Emerging Companies Portfolio.                                     | 1,800,000          | 600,000          | 1,800,000        |
| Government of Singapore Investment Company                                     | 1,000,000          | 000,000          | 1,000,000        |
| Pte, Ltd   | 4,950,000          | 1,650,000        | 4,950,000        |
| New York State Nurses Association Pension                                      | 780,000            | 260,000          | 780,000          |
| Plan   | 780,000            | 200,000          | 780,000          |
| Oregon Investment Council  | 2,550,000          | 850 <b>,</b> 000 | 2,550,000        |
| Wellington Trust Company, National   | 2,330,000          | 030,000          | 2,330,000        |
| Association Multiple Common Trust Funds  |                    |                  |                  |
| Trust, Emerging Companies Portfolio  | 1,950,000          | 650,000          | 1,950,000        |
| Howard Hughes Medical Institute  | 1,275,000          | 425,000          | 1,275,000        |
| Ohio Carpenters' Pension Fund  | 405,000            | 135,000          | 405,000          |
| The Retirement Program Plan for Employees of                                   | 403,000            | 133,000          | 403,000          |
|  | 1,050,000          | 350,000          | 1,050,000        |
| Union Carbide Corporation  The Maritime Life Discovery Fund                    |                    |                  |                  |
|  | 585 <b>,</b> 000   | 195,000          | 585 <b>,</b> 000 |
| Proximity Partners, LP   | 611,775<br>611,775 | 203,925          | 611,775          |
| Proximity Fund LP  | ·                  | 203,925          | 611,775          |
| Gamma Opportunity Capital Partners LP  | 882,450            | 588,300          | 882,450          |
| Enable Growth Partners   | 611,700            | 203,900          | 611,700          |
| Capital Ventures International   | 3,058,800          | 1,019,600        | 3,058,800        |
| SF Capital Partners, Ltd   | 3,211,800          | 1,070,600        | 3,211,800        |
| Longview Fund, LP.   | 1,764,750          | 588,250          | 1,764,750        |
| Longview Equity Fund, LP   | 2,084,550          | 694,850          | 2,084,550        |
| Longview International Equity Fund, LP   | 694,800            | 231,600          | 694,800          |
| Alpha Capital AG   | 1,764,750          | 588 <b>,</b> 250 | 1,764,750        |

Number of Shares Number of Beneficially Beneficially Shares Shares
Owned Before Underlying Being Offered Selling Stockholder this Offering Warrants(1) Manuel Senderos F..... 1,588,235 529,412 1,588,235 114,750 114,750 332,250 344,250 Gruber & McBaine International..... 344,250 Jon D. Gruber & Linda W. Gruber..... 344,250 344,250 996,750 Lagunitas Partners LP..... 996,750 150,000 J. Patterson McBaine..... 150,000 50,000 150,000 520,500 1,008,900 520,500 173,500 Seneca Capital LP..... 336,300 1,008,900 Seneca Capital International Ltd..... 50,000 Sergio Rosengaus Leizgold..... 150,000 150,000 538,236 1,614,707 Carinthia Pte, Ltd..... 1,614,707 1,614,707 538,236 529,411 176,470 432,950 117,650 106,618(17) 14,706 337,956 337,956 11,914 11,914 109,489 109,489 540,641 540,641 2,400,000 400,000 529,411 Mauricio Garduno..... Paul Tomasi.... 352**,**950 Garrett Pettingell (3)..... 44,118 337,956 11,914 44,118 Idlewyld, LLC..... 11,914 David Dohrmann..... 109,489 540,641 William C. Begien.... Baruch & Shoshana Halpern, ..... 2,400,000 2,400,000 Huizenga Investments Limited Partnership (4) 600,000 Berard Holdings Limited Partnership..... 600,000 100,000 Actarus Fund II, LLP (4)..... 1,380,000 230,000 1,380,000 364,957 Stephan Paternot (4)..... 364**,**957 364**,**957 40,000 240,000 Michael E. Maroone..... 240,000 Henry C. Duques (4)..... 60,000 10,000 60,000 Robert W. and Sarah M. Tuthill, BDE..... 96,425 14,000 84,000 10,000 Robert Emmett McTique..... 60,000 60,000 James A. Jordan, IRA..... 40,000 240,000 240,000 20,000 120,000 136,000 Janet Jordan..... 20,000 120,000 120,000 Marjorie W. Egan..... Susan B. Segaul (5)..... 10,000 60,000 60,000 Michael G. Moore..... 40,000 240,000 245,000 20,000 120,000 Celeste V. Allen (6)..... 120,000 Rosalie V. Arthur (7)..... 70,002 10,000 60,000 Robert F. and Mary M. Dwors, JTROS..... 72,000 12,000 72,000 60,000 Weezor I Limited Partnership..... 10,000 60,000 60,000 10,000 Ron Castell..... 60,000 60,000 10,000 60,000 James J. and Nancy W. Blosser, JTROS..... Ted and Carol Drum, JTROS..... 60,000 10,000 60,000 William J. Gross..... 60,400 10,000 60,000 Thomas G. Egan III (8)..... 240,000 40,000 240,000 20,000 120,000 John T. Mooney (9)..... 145,000 60,000 10,000 Grant J. and Eliza Egan Smith, JTROS (9).. 60,000 Kenneth and Jessica Beir, TBE (10)..... 168,125 20,000 120,000 Laurent F. Sidon (11)..... 381,000 40,000 240,000 120,000 Thomas First..... 20,000 120,000 Revocable Living Trust of George E. Pittinos 240,000 40,000 240,000 Jan Vitrofsky (12)..... 24,000 4,000 24,000 40,000 10,000 20,000 240,000 240,000 Kenneth and Marguerite Larsen, JTROS..... 60,000 Charles P. and Linda H. Irwin, JTROS..... 60,000 120,000 Macdonald and Juliet H. Clark, JTROS..... 120,000 4,000 4,000 24,000 24,000 Daniel Walsh..... 148,084 24,000 Michael J. Kennelty (13)..... 10,000 60,000 60,000 Robert Giannini..... 120,000 170,000 20,000 Stephen N. Lipton..... 72,000 60,000 John M. Pennekamp..... 12,000 72,000 Michael and Joan Sher, TROS (14)..... 10,000 60,000

| Jack Paltani       | 120,000 | 20,000 | 120,000 |
|--------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Albert R. Paonessa | 60,000  | 10,000 | 60,000  |
| John A. Schneider  | 240,000 | 40,000 | 240,000 |
| Thomas W. Scott    | 240,000 | 40,000 | 240,000 |

| Selling Stockholder   | Number of Shares Beneficially Owned Before this Offering | Number of<br>Shares<br>Underlying<br>Warrants(1) | Shares<br>Being Offered |
|---|--|--|-------------------------|
| Gregory A. McLaughlin as trustee of the   |  |  |                         |
| Tripp, Scott, Conklin & Smith, PA Profit  |  |  |                         |
| Sharing Plan fbo Norman D. Tripp<br>Tripperoo Family Limited Partnership Class      | 480,000  | 80,000   | 480,000                 |
| AA Florida Limited Partnership<br>Tripp Scott P.A. Amended and Restated Profit      | 480,000  | 80,000   | 480,000                 |
| Sharing Plan fbo Dennis Dustin Smith  | 180,000  | 30,000   | 180,000                 |
| Smith Trust   | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Tripp Scott Conklin & Smith PSP fbo Garry W.  |  |  |                         |
| Johnson   | 65 <b>,</b> 000  | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Philip P. and Susan A. Smith, JTROS   | 240,000  | 40,000   | 240,000                 |
| The Nantucket Irrevocable Trust (15)  | 2,400,000  | 400,000  | 2,400,000               |
| David A. Mitchell   | 276,000  | 46,000   | 276,000                 |
| Frank Fowler  | 96,000   | 16,000   | 96,000                  |
| Charles A. Hinnant  | 120,000  | 20,000   | 120,000                 |
| R.F. Decosimo   | 70,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Eloise D. Robbins   | 230,000  | 30,000   | 180,000                 |
| Barbara N. and Walter D. Moore, Jr., JTWROS   | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| J. Melville Armstrong   | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Joseph F. Decosimo  | 510,000  | 80,000   | 480,000                 |
| Rita F. Kerr  | 84,000   | 14,000   | 84,000                  |
| W.A. Bryan Patten   | 1,325,000  | 200,000  | 1,200,000               |
| Michael F. McGauley   | 250,000  | 20,000   | 120,000                 |
| Judith F. Stone   | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Brenda G. McKenzie  | 240,000  | 40,000   | 240,000                 |
| Creel Medical Service, Inc. Profit Sharing  |  |  |                         |
| Trust   | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Joy W. Jones  | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Lawrence Partners, LP   | 70,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Lesslie W. Lee, IRA   | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Brent S. Mills  | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Stan Martynski Rollover IRA   | 65 <b>,</b> 000  | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Brent L. Norris, M.D  | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Thomas R. Northcott, IRA  | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Patten & Patten, Inc. Profit Sharing Plan. Patten & Patten, Inc. Profit Sharing fbo | 120,000  | 20,000   | 120,000                 |
| Frank M. Robbins, III   | 180,000  | 30,000   | 180,000                 |
| Jack Stocker  | 70,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| R. Alan Winger  | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| James L. Wolford  | 240,000  | 40,000   | 240,000                 |
| Lawrence I. Young, M.D. IRA Rollover  | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |

| 711 East Company                             | 360,000 | 60,000 | 360,000 |
|--|---------|--------|---------|
| Suntrust Bank, Chattanooga Trustee for       |         |        |         |
| Miller & Martin Profit Sharing Plan - James  |         |        |         |
| M. Haley IV                                  | 60,000  | 10,000 | 60,000  |
| Suntrust Bank, Chattanooga Trustee for       |         |        |         |
| Miller & Martin Profit Sharing Plan - Lowry  |         |        |         |
| F. Kline, DIA                                | 60,000  | 10,000 | 60,000  |
| Suntrust Bank, Chattanooga Trustee for       |         |        |         |
| Miller & Martin Projet Sharing Plan - Howard |         |        |         |
| Levine                                       | 60,000  | 10,000 | 60,000  |
| A-OK Supply Co. Employee Profit Sharing Plan | 60,000  | 10,000 | 60,000  |
| Charlie H. Armstrong & Barbara Mayer         |         |        |         |
| Armstrong, JTWROS                            | 70,000  | 10,000 | 60,000  |
| Jean R. Bowden                               | 60,000  | 10,000 | 60,000  |
| James L. Caldwell, Jr                        | 60,000  | 10,000 | 60,000  |
| Malcolm B. Daniell and Zella C. Daniell      |         |        |         |
| JTWROS                                       | 120,000 | 20,000 | 120,000 |

| Selling Stockholder                        | Number of Shares Beneficially Owned Before this Offering | Number of<br>Shares<br>Underlying<br>Warrants(1) | Shares<br>Being Offered |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|
|  |  |  |                         |
| Eliot Family Limited Partnership           | 120,000  | 20,000   | 120,000                 |
| George I. Haigler                          | 48,000   | 8,000  | 48,000                  |
| Julia Elizabeth Haigler-Baker              | 12,000   | 2,000  | 12,000                  |
| Margaret Susan Haigler                     | 12,000   | 2,000  | 12,000                  |
| Ruth A. Liu                                | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| T.E. Mynatt, Jr                            | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Kathleen Cartter Patten                    | 157,500  | 20,000   | 120,000                 |
| William Allen Bryan Patten                 | 160,000  | 20,000   | 120,000                 |
| Fred Robinson                              | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Sarah Caldwell Patten                      | 157,500  | 20,000   | 120,000                 |
| Michael A. Stoker                          | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| W.A. Bryan Patten and Z. Cartter Patten,   |  |  |                         |
| III Trustees U/WZ. Cartter Patten, Jr Sons |  |  |                         |
| Trust                                      | 340,000  | 40,000   | 240,000                 |
| Wayne E. Tipps                             | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Charles R. Adcock                          | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Douglas W. Curtis, IRA                     | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Fletcher Bright                            | 240,000  | 40,000   | 240,000                 |
| Robert W. Jones                            | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| J. Nelson and Deanne W. Irvine, JTWROS     | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Joel B. Clements, MD Rollover IRA          | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| C. Robert Clark Rollover IRA               | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Donald A. Bodley Rollover IRA              | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Richard E. Cormier Rollover IRA            | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Linda T. Collins Rollover IRA              | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| John W. Moore, IRA                         | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| John A. Kosik, IRA                         | 84,000   | 14,000   | 84,000                  |
| John A. Hewgley, IRA                       | 60,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |
| Paul E. Henson, Jr. M.D. Rollover IRA      | 70,000   | 10,000   | 60,000                  |

| A.R. Fortune, II Rollover IRA        | 60,000           | 10,000           | 60,000           |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Charles P. Driver Rollover IRA       | 60,000           | 10,000           | 60,000           |
| Henry Crumbliss Rollover IRA         | 60,000           | 10,000           | 60,000           |
| Robert T. Spalding Rollover IRA      | 60,000           | 10,000           | 60,000           |
| Robert L. Raitz, M.D. Rollover IRA   | 60,000           | 10,000           | 60,000           |
| Earl T. McGhee Rollover IRA          | 60,000           | 10,000           | 60,000           |
| Bonnie G. McBride Rollover IRA       | 60,000           | 10,000           | 60,000           |
| Steve A. McKenzie                    | 240,000          | 40,000           | 240,000          |
| Frank J.B. Varallo                   | 240,000          | 40,000           | 240,000          |
|                                      | •                | •                | •                |
| Kevin Lancey                         | 80,000(16)       | 55,000           | 80,000           |
| Jeffrey S. Roschman                  | 1,760,000(16)    | 1,210,000        | 1,760,000        |
| Robert J. Roschman                   | 1,760,000(16)    | 1,210,000        | 1,760,000        |
| James L. Magruder (18)               | 660,000(16)      | 275 <b>,</b> 000 | 525 <b>,</b> 000 |
| Todd Krizelman (19)                  | 709 <b>,</b> 976 | 272 <b>,</b> 521 | 272,521          |
| Brian Fowler (20)                    | 1,815,000        | 1,750,000        | 1,750,000        |
| Michael S. Egan (21)                 | 58,943,274(22)   | 204,082          | 48,979,991       |
| S. Jacqueline Egan (23)              | 3,745,419(24)    | 204,082          | 3,731,419        |
| E&C Capital Partners LLLP (25)       | 32,469,012       | 0                | 32,469,012       |
| Dancing Bear Investments, Inc. (26)  | 8,303,148        | 0                | 2,779,560        |
| The Michael S. Egan Grantor Retained |                  |                  |                  |
| Annuity Trust F/B/O Sarah Egan       | 2,007,000        | 0                | 2,000,000        |
| Mooney (27)                          |                  |                  |                  |
| The Michael S. Egan Grantor Retained |                  |                  |                  |
| Annuity Trust F/B/O Eliza Shenners   | 2,007,000        | 0                | 2,000,000        |
| Egan (27)                            |                  |                  |                  |
| The Michael S. Egan Grantor Retained |                  |                  |                  |
| Annuity Trust F/B/O Catherine Lewis  | 2,014,000        | 0                | 2,000,000        |
| Egan (27)                            | , ,              |                  | , ,              |
| 3 . ,                                |                  |                  |                  |

| Selling Stockholder  | Number of Shares Beneficially Owned Before this Offering | Number of<br>Shares<br>Underlying<br>Warrants(1) | Shares<br>Being Offered |   |
|--|--|--|-------------------------|---|
| The Michael S. Egan Grantor Retained Annuity Trust F/B/O Teague Michael Thomas Egan (27) | 2,014,000  | 0  | 2,000,000               |   |
| The Michael S. Egan Grantor Retained Annuity Trust F/B/O Riles Martin Michael Egan (27)  | 2,014,000  | 0  | 2,000,000               |   |
| TOTAL  | 138,182,214**  | 26,798,534**                                     | 127,396,940**           | 1 |

less than 1%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Does not count more than once shares which are beneficially owned by more than one person.

<sup>(1)</sup> Pursuant to Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, as used in this table, "beneficial ownership" means the sole or shared power to vote, or to direct the disposition of, a security and a person is deemed to have

"beneficial ownership" of any security that the person has the right to acquire within 60 days of April 5, 2004. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes all of the underlying shares of common stock in the column labeled "Number of Shares Underlying Warrants".

- (2) Assumes the sale by the Selling Stockholders of all shares registered hereby.
- (3) Mr. Pettingell is our Chief Financial Officer.
- (4) A former director (or a company controlled by such a former director) of ours who resigned or whose term ended in June 2001.
- (5) Mother of Robin Lebowitz, one of our executive officers.
- (6) President of Certified Vacations, a company controlled by our Chairman, Michael Egan.
- (7) One of our former board members who resigned in November 2001.
- (8) Brother of our Chairman, Michael Egan.
- (9) Son-in-law or daughter of our Chairman, Michael Egan.
- (10) Brother-in-law of our Chairman, Michael Egan.
- (11) Son-in-law of our Chairman, Michael Egan. A company controlled by Laurent Sidon also provides services to us. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions".
- (12) Serves as the President of Thomas Street Logistics LLC, a company controlled by our Chairman, Michael Egan. Thomas Street Logistics provides services to the Company. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions".
- (13) One of our full-time employees.
- (14) Parents-in-law of our President, Edward Cespedes.
- (15) Trust for the benefit of the children of our Chairman, Michael Egan.
- (16) Includes shares underlying certain earn-out warrants, which have not yet been earned as follows: (i) Lancey, 45,000 warrants; (ii) J. Roschman, 990,000 warrants; (iii) R. Roschman, 990,000 warrants; and (iv) Magruder, 225,000 warrants.
- (17) His beneficial ownership includes 50,000 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable, and 12,500 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2004.
- (18) Mr. Magruder is the Director of Carrier Relations of our subsidiary, Direct Partner Telecom.
- (19) One of our former directors who did not seek reelection in June 2002.
- (20) Mr. Fowler is our Chief Technology Officer.
- (21) Mr. Egan is our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.
- (22) Includes the shares that Mr. Egan is deemed to beneficially own as the controlling investor of Dancing Bear Investments, Inc. and E&C Capital

Partners, LLLP and as the Trustee of each of the Michael S. Egan Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts for the benefit of his children. Also includes (i) 3,838,269 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable and 971 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2004; (ii) 3,541,337 shares of our common stock held by Mr. Egan's wife, as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership; and (iii) 204,082 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of warrants at \$1.22 per share owned by Mr. Egan and his wife.

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- (23) Ms. Egan is the spouse of Mr. Egan, our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.
- (24) Includes 204,082 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of warrants owned jointly by Mr. and Mrs. Egan.
- (25) E&C Capital Partners, LLLP is a privately held investment vehicle controlled by our Chairman, Michael S. Egan. Our President, Edward A. Cespedes, has a minority, non-controlling interest in E&C Capital Partners, LLLP.
- (26) Dancing Bear Investments, Inc., is controlled by our Chairman, Michael Egan.
- (27) Each of these Trusts is for the benefit of one of the children of our Chairman, Michael Egan.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Selling Stockholders, or by their pledgees, transferees or other successors in interest, may sell the shares of Common Stock from time to time in public or private transactions occurring on or off the OTC Bulletin Board, at prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. Sales may be made directly to purchasers or through brokers or to dealers, who are expected to receive customary commissions or discounts. To this end, the Selling Stockholders may offer their shares for sale in one or more of the following transactions listed and described below:

- o In the over-the-counter market, including the OTC Bulletin Board;
- Through the facilities of any national securities exchange or U.S. automated inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association on which any of the shares of Common Stock are then listed, admitted to unlisted trading privileges or included for quotation in privately negotiated transactions;
- o In transactions other than on such exchanges or in the over-the-counter market;
- o In connection with short sales of our common stock;
- o In ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- o In block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block

as principal to facilitate the transaction;

- o In purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- o In privately negotiated transactions;
- o Broker-dealers may agree with the selling stockholders to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- o In a combination of any such methods of sale; and
- o Any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The selling stockholders may also sell shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus.

If the Selling Stockholders sell their shares directly, or indirectly through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents acting on their behalf, in connection with such sales, the broker-dealers or agents may receive compensation in the form of commissions, concessions, allowances or discounts from the Selling Stockholders and/or the purchasers of the shares for whom they may act as agent or to whom they sell the shares as principal or both. Such commissions, concessions, allowances or discounts might be in excess of customary amounts. To comply with the securities laws of certain jurisdictions, the securities offered in this prospectus will be offered or sold in those jurisdictions only through registered or licensed broker/dealers. In addition, in certain jurisdictions the securities offered in this prospectus may not be offered or sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in those jurisdictions, or unless an exemption from registration or qualification is available and is complied with. We are not aware of any definitive selling arrangement at the date of this prospectus between any Selling Stockholder and any broker-dealer or agent. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of the shares by the Selling Stockholders, but may receive certain funds upon the exercise of warrants as described under "Use of Proceeds."

In connection with the distribution of their shares, certain of the Selling Stockholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers. In connection with such transactions, broker-dealers may engage in short sales of the shares in the course of hedging the positions they assume with the Selling Stockholders.

The Selling Stockholders may also sell the shares short and redeliver the shares of Common Stock to close out the short positions.

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The Selling Stockholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers, which require the delivery of the shares to the broker-dealer.

The Selling Stockholders may also loan or pledge their shares to a broker-dealer. The broker-dealer may then sell the loaned shares or, upon a default, may sell the pledged shares.

The selling stockholders also may transfer the shares of common stock in other circumstances, in which case the transferees, pledges or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus and may sell the shares of common stock from time to time under this prospectus after we have filed an amendment to this prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or

other applicable provision of the Securities Act amending the list of selling stockholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as selling stockholders under this prospectus.

The Selling Stockholders and any dealer acting in connection with the offering or any broker executing a sell order on behalf of a selling stockholder may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In that case, any profit on the sale of shares by a selling stockholder and any commissions or discounts received by any such broker or dealer may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. Any such broker or dealer may be required to deliver a copy of this prospectus to any person who purchases any of the shares from or through such broker or dealer. These shares may later be distributed, sold, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. In addition to any other applicable laws or regulations, Selling Stockholders must comply with regulations relating to distributions by Selling Stockholders, including Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On and after August 3, 2001 and as of the date of this filing, six putative stockholder class action lawsuits were filed against the Company, certain of its current and former officers and directors, and several investment banks that were the underwriters of the Company's November 23, 1998 initial public offering and its May 19, 1999 secondary offering. The lawsuits were filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The complaints against the Company have been consolidated into a single action and a Consolidated Amended Complaint, which is now the operative complaint, was filed on April 19, 2002.

The lawsuit purports to be a class action filed on behalf of purchasers of the stock of the Company during the period from November 12, 1998 through December 6, 2000. Plaintiffs allege that the underwriter defendants agreed to allocate stock in the Company's initial public offering to certain investors in exchange for excessive and undisclosed commissions and agreements by those investors to make additional purchases of stock in the aftermarket at pre-determined prices. Plaintiffs allege that the Prospectus for the Company's initial public offering was false and misleading and in violation of the securities laws because it did not disclose these arrangements. The action seeks damages in an unspecified amount.

The action is being coordinated with approximately 300 other nearly identical actions filed against other companies. On July 15, 2002, the Company moved to dismiss all claims against it and the Individual Defendants. On October 9, 2002, the Court dismissed the Individual Defendants from the case without prejudice based on stipulations of dismissal filed by the plaintiffs and the Individual Defendants. On February 19, 2003, the Court denied the motion to dismiss the complaint against the Company. The Company has approved a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") and related agreements which set forth the terms of a settlement between the Company, the plaintiff class and the vast majority of the other approximately 300 issuer defendants. Among other provisions, the settlement contemplated by the MOU provides for a release of the Company and the individual defendants for the conduct alleged in the action to be wrongful. The Company would agree to undertake certain responsibilities, including agreeing to assign away, not assert, or release certain potential claims the Company may have against its underwriters. It is anticipated that any potential financial obligation of the Company to plaintiffs pursuant to the terms of the MOU and related agreements will be covered by existing insurance. Therefore, the Company does not expect that the settlement will involve any payment by the Company. The MOU and related agreements are subject to a number of contingencies, including the negotiation of a settlement agreement and its approval by the Court. We cannot opine as to whether or when a settlement will occur or be finalized and,

consequently, are unable at this time to determine whether the outcome of the litigation will have a material impact on our results of operations or financial condition in any future period.

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On July 3, 2003, an action was commenced against one of the Company's subsidiaries, Direct Partner Telecom, Inc. ("DPT"). Global Communications Consulting Corp. v. Michelle Nelson, Jason White, VLAN, Inc., Geoffrey Amend, James Magruder, Direct Partner Telecom, Inc., et al. was filed in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County, and removed to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey on September 16, 2003. Plaintiff is the former employer of Michelle Nelson, a consultant of DPT. Plaintiff alleges that while Nelson was its employee, she provided plaintiff's confidential and proprietary trade secret information, to among others, DPT and certain employees, and diverted corporate opportunities from plaintiff to DPT and the other named defendants. Plaintiff asserts claims against Nelson including breach of fiduciary duty, breach of the duty of loyalty and tortious interference with contract. Plaintiff also asserts claims against Nelson and DPT, among others, for contractual interference, tortious interference with prospective economic advantage and misappropriation of proprietary information and trade secrets. Plaintiff seeks injunctive relief and damages in an unspecified amount, including punitive damages.

The Answer to the Complaint, with counterclaims, was served on October 20, 2003, denying plaintiff's allegations of improper and unlawful conduct in their entirety. The parties have recently reached an amicable resolution of this matter, including a mutual release of all claims, and a Stipulation of Dismissal was filed with the Court in April 2004.

The Company is currently a party to certain other legal proceedings, claims, disputes and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, including those noted above. The Company currently believes that the ultimate outcome of these other proceedings, individually and in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse affect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, because of the nature and inherent uncertainties of litigation, should the outcome of these actions be unfavorable, the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.

#### MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth the names, ages and current positions with the Company held by our Directors and Executive Officers. There is no immediate family relationship between or among any of the Directors or Executive Officers, and the Company is not aware of any arrangement or understanding between any Director or Executive Officer and any other person pursuant to which he was elected to his current position.

| NAME               | AGE | POSITION OR OFFICE WITH THE COMPANY  |  |  |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Michael Egan       | 64  | Chairman and Chief Executive officer |  |  |
| Edward A. Cespedes | 38  | President and Director               |  |  |
| Garrett Pettingell | 45  | Chief Financial Officer              |  |  |

Robin Lebowitz 39 Vice President of Finance and Director

Michael S. Egan. Michael Egan has served as theglobe.com's Chairman since 1997 and as its Chief Executive Officer since June 1, 2002. Since 1996, Mr. Egan has been the controlling investor of Dancing Bear Investments, a privately held investment company. Mr. Egan is also Chairman of Certified Vacations, a privately held wholesale travel company which was founded in 1980. Certified Vacations specializes in designing, marketing and delivering vacation packages. Mr. Egan is a member of the Board of Directors of Boca Resorts, Inc. (NYSE: RST) (formerly Florida Panthers Holdings, Inc.) and a member of the Board of Directors of the Horatio Alger Association. Mr. Egan spent over 30 years in the rental car business. He began with Alamo Rent-A-Car in 1973, became an owner in 1979, and became Chairman and majority owner from January 1986 until November 1996 when he sold the company to AutoNation. In 2000, AutoNation spun off the rental division, ANC Rental (Other OTC: ANCXZ.PK), and Mr. Egan served as Chairman until October 2003. Prior to acquiring Alamo, he held various administration positions at Yale University and taught at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Mr. Egan is a graduate of Cornell University where he received his Bachelor's degree in Hotel Administration.

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Edward A. Cespedes. Edward Cespedes has served as a director of theglobe.com since 1997 and as President of the globe.com since June 1, 2002. Mr. Cespedes is also the Chairman of EKC Ventures, LLC, a privately held investment company. Mr. Cespedes served as the Vice Chairman of Prime Ventures, LLC, from May 2000 to February 2002. From August 2000 to August 2001, Mr. Cespedes served as the President of the Dr. Koop Lifecare Corporation and was a member of the Company's Board of Directors from January 2001 to December 2001. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Cespedes was a Managing Director of Dancing Bear Investments. Concurrent with his position at Dancing Bear Investments, from 1998 to 2000, Mr. Cespedes also served as Vice President for corporate development for theglobe.com where he had primary responsibility for all mergers, acquisitions, and capital markets activities. In 1996, prior to joining Dancing Bear Investments, Mr. Cespedes was the Director of Corporate Finance for Alamo Rent-A-Car. From 1988 to 1996, Mr. Cespedes worked in the Investment Banking Division of J.P. Morgan and Company, where he most recently focused on mergers and acquisitions. In his capacity as a venture capitalist, Mr. Cespedes has served as a member of the board of directors of various portfolio companies. Mr. Cespedes is the founder of the Columbia University Hamilton Associates, a foundation for university academic endowments. In 1988 Mr. Cespedes received a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Columbia University.

Garrett Pettingell. Garrett Pettingell was appointed Chief Financial Officer of theglobe.com on February 23, 2004. From January 2000 to September 2002, Mr. Pettingell was CFO of TeleComputing, Inc. a Norwegian application services provider (ASP) and Apptix, Inc., a Norwegian ASP which was spun off from TeleComputing. Before joining TeleComputing, Mr. Pettingell worked for Bank Austria as Head of Corporate Banking in their Moscow, Russia subsidiary from January 1997 to January 1999 and for Sequoia International Hotels as Director of Finance from February 1999 to January 2000. Mr. Pettingell has his MBA in Finance from The Wharton School, as well as a Master of International Studies from the Lauder Institute of the University of Pennsylvania. During 2003, Mr. Pettingell attended Nova Southeastern University, where he obtained a Master of Accounting.

Robin S. Lebowitz. Robin Lebowitz has served as a director of theglobe.com since December 2001, as Secretary of theglobe.com since June 1, 2002, and as Vice President of Finance of theglobe.com since February 23, 2004. Ms. Lebowitz also served as Treasurer of theglobe.com from June 1, 2002 until February 23, 2004 and as Chief Financial Officer of theglobe.com from July 1, 2002 until February 23, 2004. Ms. Lebowitz has worked in various capacities for the Company's Chairman, Michael Egan, for ten years. She is the Controller/Managing Director of Dancing Bear Investments, Mr. Egan's privately held investment management and holding company. Previously, Ms. Lebowitz served on the Board of Directors of theglobe.com from August 1997 to October 1998. At Alamo Rent-A-Car, she served as Financial Assistant to the Chairman (Mr. Egan). Prior to joining Alamo, Ms. Lebowitz was the Corporate Tax Manager at Blockbuster Entertainment Group where she worked from 1991 to 1994. From 1986 to 1989, Ms. Lebowitz worked in the audit and tax departments of Arthur Andersen & Co. Ms. Lebowitz received a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Miami and is a Certified Public Accountant.

#### INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Michael Egan, theglobe.com's Chairman and CEO, was Chairman of ANC Rental Corporation from late 2000 until October 2003 and was Chief Executive Officer of ANC Rental Corporation from late 2000 until April 4, 2002. In November 2001, ANC Rental Corporation filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 or Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (Case No. 01-11200).

Edward Cespedes, a director and the President of theglobe, was also a director of Dr. Koop Lifecare Corporation from January 2001 to December 2001. In December 2001, Dr. Koop Lifecare Corporation filed petitions seeking relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth information concerning compensation for services in all capacities awarded to, earned by or paid by us to our those persons serving as the chief executive officer at any time during the last year and our two other most highly compensated executive officers (collectively, the "Named Executive Officers"):

|   |              |                     |                      | Long-Term<br>Compensation(1)                         |  |
|---|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|
|   | ;            | Annual Compensation |                      |  |  |
| Name and<br>Principal Position                | Year         | Salary<br>(\$)      | Bonus<br>(\$)        | Number of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Options (#) |  |
| Michael S. Egan,<br>Chairman, Chief Executive | 2003<br>2002 | 125,000             | 50 <b>,</b> 000<br>- | 1,000,000<br>2,507,500                               |  |
| Officer (2)                                   | 2001         | _                   | _                    | 7,500  |  |

| Edward A. Cespedes,         | 2003 | 225,000 | 50,000 | 550,000   |
|-----------------------------|------|---------|--------|-----------|
| President (3)               | 2002 | 100,000 | 25,000 | 1,757,500 |
| Robin S. Lebowitz,          | 2003 | 137,500 | -      | 100,000   |
| Chief Financial Officer (4) | 2002 | 58,350  | 10,000 | 507,500   |

- Included in long-term compensation for 2003 are 1,650,000 options granted during the year at \$0.56 per share to the Named Executive Officers. Details of these grants may be found in the table of Options Grants in 2003 on page 27. Included in long-term compensation for 2002 are 7,500 options granted to each of Messrs. Egan and Cespedes and Ms. Lebowitz in June 2002 at an exercise price of \$0.04 per share in accordance with the Company's Director Compensation Plan; 2,500,000, 1,750,000, and 500,000 options granted in June 2002 at an exercise price of \$0.02 per share related to bonuses earned in 2002 for Messrs. Egan and Cespedes and Ms. Lebowitz, respectively. Included in long-term compensation for 2001 are 7,500 options granted to Mr. Egan in June 2001 at an exercise price of \$0.23 in accordance with the Company's Director Compensation Plan.
- Mr. Egan became an executive officer in July 1998. We began paying Mr. (2) Egan a base salary in July of 2003. We did not pay Mr. Egan a base salary in 2002 or 2001.
- Mr. Cespedes became President in June 2002. Prior to this, Mr. Cespedes served as a consultant to the Company and was paid \$41,668 for these services.
- Ms. Lebowitz became an officer of the Company in June of 2002 and Chief Financial Officer in July of 2002. In February of 2004, Ms. Lebowitz became Vice President of Finance.

Mr. Garrett Pettingell became Chief Financial Officer of the Company in February of 2004. His current base salary is \$160,000 per year. He also received options to acquire 200,000 shares at an exercise price of \$1.06 per share. 50,000 of these options vested immediately and the balance vest ratably on a quarterly basis over 3 years.

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#### AGGREGATED OPTION EXERCISES IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR AND 2003 YEAR-END OPTION VALUES

The following table sets forth for each of the Named Executive Officers (a) the number of options exercised during 2003, (b) the total number of unexercised options for common stock (exercisable and unexercisable) held at December 31, 2003, and (c) the value of those options that were in-the-money on December 31, 2003 based on the difference between the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2003 and the exercise price of the options on that date.

> Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Stock Options at Fiscal Year-End (#)

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| Name               | Shares<br>Acquired on<br>Exercise # | Value<br>Realized | Exercisable | Un-<br>Exercisable | Exer |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|------|
|                    |                                     |                   |             |                    |      |
| Michael S. Egan    | _                                   | _                 | 3,837,298   | 7,702              | 4,05 |
| Edward A. Cespedes | _                                   | -                 | 2,456,362   | 8,638              | 2,72 |
| Robin S. Lebowitz  | _                                   | _                 | 616,897     | 17,183             | 75   |

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(1) Value represents closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2003 less the exercise price of the stock option, multiplied by the number of shares exercisable or unexercisable, as applicable.

### OPTION GRANTS IN 2003

| Name   | Number of<br>Securitie<br>Underlyin<br>Options Gran | s<br>g | Percent of<br>Total<br>Options<br>Granted to<br>Employees<br>in 2003 | Exercise<br>or Base<br>Price<br>(\$/Share) |
|--|---|--------|--|--|
| Michael S. Egan Edward A. Cespedes Robin S. Lebowitz | 1,000,000   | (1)    | 25.86%   | \$0.56                                     |
|  | 550,000   | (1)    | 14.22%   | \$0.56                                     |
|  | 100,000   | (1)    | 2.59%  | \$0.56                                     |

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(1) These options were granted on May 21, 2003, vested immediately and have a life of ten years from date of grant.

### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND PRESIDENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT. On August 1, 2003, we entered into separate employment agreements with our Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), Michael S. Egan, and our President, Edward A. Cespedes. The two employment agreements are substantially similar and each provides for the following:

- o employment as one of our executives;
- o an annual base salary of \$250,000 with eligibility to receive annual increases as determined in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors;
- o an annual cash bonus, which will be awarded upon the achievement of specified pre-tax operating income (not be less than \$50,000 per year);
- o participation in all welfare, benefit and incentive plans (including equity based compensation plans) offered to senior management;

- a term of employment which commenced on August 1, 2003 and continues through the first anniversary thereof. The term automatically extends for one day each day unless either the Company or executive provides written notice to the other not to further extend. The agreement provides that, in the event of termination by us without "cause" or by the executive for "good reason" (which includes a "Change of Control"), the executive will be entitled to receive from
  - (A) his base salary through the date of termination and an amount equal to the product of (x) the higher of (i) the executive's average annual incentive paid or payable under the Company's annual incentive plan for the last three full fiscal years, including any portion which has been earned but deferred and (ii) the annual incentive paid or payable under the Company's annual incentive plan for the most recently completed fiscal year, including any portion thereof which has been earned but deferred (and annualized if the fiscal year consists of less than twelve full months or, if during which, the executive was employed for less than twelve full months) and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the current fiscal year through the date of termination, and the denominator of which is 365;
  - (B) any accrued vacation pay; and
  - (C) a lump-sum cash payment equal to ten (10) times the sum of executive's base salary and highest annual incentive;
  - for the continued benefit of executive, his spouse and his dependents for a period of ten (10) years following the date of termination, the medical, hospitalization, dental, and life insurance programs in which executive, his spouse and his dependents were participating immediately prior to the date of termination at the level in effect and upon substantially the same terms and conditions as existed immediately prior to the date of termination;
  - reimbursement for any reasonable and necessary monies advanced or expenses incurred in connection with the executive's employment; and
  - executive will be vested, as of the date of termination, in all rights under any equity award agreements (e.g., stock options that would otherwise vest after the date of termination) and in the case of stock options, stock appreciation rights or similar awards, thereafter shall be permitted to exercise any and all such rights until the earlier of (i) the third anniversary of the date of termination and (ii) the end of the term of such awards (regardless of any termination of employment restrictions therein contained) and any restricted stock held by executive will become immediately vested as of the date of termination.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT. We also entered into an employment agreement with our then Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"), Robin Segaul Lebowitz, on August 1, 2003. Her employment agreement provides for the following:

o employment as one of our executives;

- o an annual base salary of \$150,000 with eligibility to receive annual increases as determined in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors;
- o a discretionary annual cash bonus, which will be awarded at our Board's discretion;
- o participation in all welfare, benefit and incentive plans (including equity based compensation plans) offered to senior management;
- term of employment which commenced on August 1, 2003 and continues through the first anniversary thereof. The term automatically extends for one day each day unless either the Company or executive provides written notice to the other not to further extend. The agreement provides that, in the event of termination by us without "cause" or by the executive for "good reason" (which includes a "Change of Control"), the executive will be entitled to receive from us:

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- (A) her base salary through the date of termination and an amount equal to the product of (x) the higher of (i) the executive's average annual incentive paid or payable under the Company's annual incentive plan for the last three full fiscal years, including any portion which has been earned but deferred and (ii) the annual incentive paid or payable under the Company's annual incentive plan for the most recently completed fiscal year, including any portion thereof which has been earned but deferred (and annualized if the fiscal year consists of less than twelve full months or, if during which, the executive was employed for less than twelve full months) and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the current fiscal year through the date of termination, and the denominator of which is 365;
- (B) any accrued vacation pay; and
- (C) a lump-sum cash payment equal to two (2) times the sum of executive's base salary and highest annual incentive;
- for the continued benefit of executive, her spouse and her dependents for a period of two (2) years following the date of termination, the medical, hospitalization, dental, and life insurance programs in which executive, her spouse and her dependents were participating immediately prior to the date of termination at the level in effect and upon substantially the same terms and conditions as existed immediately prior to the date of termination;
- reimbursement for any reasonable and necessary monies advanced or expenses incurred in connection with the executive's employment; and
- executive will be vested, as of the date of termination, in all rights under any equity award agreements (e.g., stock options that would otherwise vest after the date of termination) and in the case of stock options, stock appreciation rights or similar awards, thereafter shall be

permitted to exercise any and all such rights until the earlier of (i) the third anniversary of the date of termination and (ii) the end of the term of such awards (regardless of any termination of employment restrictions therein contained) and any restricted stock held by executive will become immediately vested as of the date of termination.

Effective February 23, 2004, Ms. Lebowitz's employment agreement was amended. Ms. Lebowitz's new title is Vice President, Finance and her annual base salary is \$130,000.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

ARRANGEMENTS WITH ENTITIES CONTROLLED BY VARIOUS DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS. On November 14, 2002, E & C Capital Partners, LLLP ("E&C Partners"), a privately held investment holding company owned by Michael S. Egan, our Chairman and CEO and a major stockholder, and Edward A. Cespedes, our President and a Director, entered into a non-binding letter of intent with the globe.com to provide \$500,000 of new financing via the purchase of shares of a new Series F Preferred Stock of theglobe.com. On March 28, 2003, the parties signed a Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement and other related documentation pertaining to the investment and closed on the investment. Pursuant to the Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, E & C Capital Partners received 333,333 shares of Series F Preferred Stock convertible into shares of the Company's Common Stock at a price of \$0.03 per share. The conversion price was subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events, including downward adjustment on a weighted-average basis in the event the Company issued securities at a purchase price below \$0.03 per share. If fully converted, and without regard to the anti-dilutive adjustment mechanisms applicable to the Series F Preferred Stock, an aggregate of approximately 16,666,650 million shares of Common Stock would be issueable. The Series F Preferred Stock had a liquidation preference of \$1.50 per share (and was thereafter entitled to participate with the Common Stock on an "as converted" basis), and was entitled to a dividend at the rate of 8% per annum if and to the extent declared by the board and was also entitled to participate in any dividend declared on the Company's common stock. The Series F Preferred Stock also was entitled to vote on an "as converted" basis with the holders of Common Stock. In addition, as part of the \$500,000 investment, E & C Partners received warrants to purchase approximately 3.3 million shares of theglobe.com Common Stock at an exercise price of \$0.125 per share. The warrant was exercisable at any time on or before March 28, 2013. E & C Partners also received certain demand registration rights in connection with its investment.

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On May 22, 2003, E&C Partners and certain trusts, of which Mr. Egan is the trustee, entered into a Note Purchase Agreement with the Company pursuant to which they acquired convertible promissory notes (the "Convertible Notes") in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,750,000. The Convertible Notes were convertible at anytime into shares of the Company's common stock at a blended rate of \$.09 per share (the Convertible Note held by E&C were convertible at approximately \$.079 per share and the Convertible Notes held by the Trusts were convertible at \$.10 per share), which if fully converted, would result in the issuance of approximately 19,445,000 shares. The Convertible Notes had a one year maturity date, which could be extended at the option of the holder of the Note for periods aggregating two years, and was secured by a pledge of substantially all of the assets of the Company. In addition, E&C Partners was issued a warrant to acquire 3,888,889 shares of theglobe.com common stock at an exercise price of \$.15 per share. The warrant was exercisable at any time on or

before May 22, 2013. E&C Partners and the trusts are entitled to certain demand and piggy-back registration rights in connection with their investment.

On February 2, 2004, Michael S. Egan (our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer) and his wife, S. Jacqueline Egan, entered into a Note Purchase Agreement with the Company pursuant to which they acquired convertible promissory notes (the "Bridge Notes") in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000. The Bridge Notes were convertible at anytime into shares of the Company's common stock at an initial rate of \$.98 per share. The conversion rate was initially adjustable based on an amount equal to the rate at which the Company sold its common stock in any subsequent qualified private offering (defined as an offering which raises a minimum of \$7.5 million) (or at a 20% discount to such amount, depending upon the timing of completion, and amount of, such private offering). This conversion was subsequently adjusted to \$.57 per share, which was the effective per share rate of the subsequent qualified private offering (and which is referenced elsewhere in this prospectus as the "PIPE Offering"). The Bridge Notes were due on demand from the holder, and were secured by a pledge of substantially all of the assets of the Company. The security interest was shared with the holders of the Company's Secured Convertible Notes in the principal amount of \$1,750,000. The Bridge Notes paid interest at the rate of ten (10) percent per annum. In addition, the Egans were issued a warrant to acquire 204,082 shares of theglobe.com common stock at an initial exercise price of \$1.22 per share. This warrant is exercisable at any time on or before February 2, 2009. The Egans are entitled to certain demand and piggy-back registration rights in connection with this investment.

On March 11, 2004, theglobe.com, inc. completed the PIPE Offering. In connection with the PIPE Offering, Mr. Egan, our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and principal stockholder, together with certain of his affiliates and other parties, converted the \$2,000,000 Bridge Note, the \$1,750,000 of Secured Convertible Notes and all of the Company's outstanding shares of Series F Preferred Stock, and exercised (on a cashless exercise basis) all of the warrants issued in connection with the foregoing Secured Convertible Notes and Series F Preferred Stock, together with certain warrants issued to Dancing Bear Investments (an affiliate of Mr. Egan). As a result of such conversions and exercises, the Company issued an aggregate of approximately 48.75 million shares of Common Stock to such parties.

Interest expense on the \$1,750,000 Convertible Notes totaled approximately \$108,200, excluding the amortization of the discount on the Notes, during the year ended December 31, 2003. The interest remained unpaid at December 31, 2003, and was included in accrued expenses in our consolidated balance sheet.

Two of our directors, Mr. Egan and Ms. Lebowitz, also serve as officers and directors of Dancing Bear Investments, Inc. ("Dancing Bear"). Dancing Bear is a stockholder of the Company and an entity controlled by Mr. Egan, our Chairman.

Several entities controlled by our Chairman have provided services to the Company and two of its subsidiaries, including: the lease of office and warehouse space; and the outsourcing of customer service and warehouse functions for the Company's VoIP operations. During 2003, approximately \$148,000 of expense was recorded related to the lease of the office space and \$126,000 of expense was recorded for warehouse space and related out-sourcing functions.

We sublease approximately 15,000 square feet of office space for our executive offices from Certified Vacations, a company which is controlled by our Chairman and CEO Michael Egan. The sublease commenced on September 1, 2003 and expires on July 31, 2007. The initial base rent is \$18.91 per square foot on an annual basis (\$283,650 annually in the aggregate) and will increase on each anniversary of the sublease by \$1.50 per square foot. In addition, since August 2003 we have outsourced our Customer Service function from Certified Vacations under renewable short term agreements at incremental cost, for which we paid an

aggregate of \$109,000 in the year ended December 31, 2003.

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Beginning in August, 2003, our subsidiary, voicelgo Holding, Inc., began outsourcing warehouse space and related services from Thomas Street Logistics LLC, which is controlled by our Chairman and CEO, Michael Egan, and our President, Edward Cespedes. Our agreement with Thomas Street Logistics includes secure warehouse space, equipment rental, insurance, utilities, office space, inventory management, shipping services, personnel and provisioning of our equipment for \$25,000 per month and a nominal shipping and handling fee per item shipped. Effective, April 15, 2004, voiceglo terminated its arrangement with Thomas Street Logistics and will transition these functions to voiceglo personnel and warehouse space.

ARRANGEMENTS WITH RELATIVES. In March 2004, the Company engaged the services of Pay the Rent, a company controlled by the son-in-law of our Chairman and CEO, Michael Egan. Pay the Rent was contracted for the production, audio and video post-production, voice-over, and scoring of a television commercial featuring voiceglo. Payment in full in the amount of \$142,200 was remitted in March of 2004. In 2003, we reimbursed Pay the Rent \$18,013 for marketing and promotion expenses (at cost) for a separate marketing promotion.

### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock as of the record date of April 5, 2004 by (i) each person who owns beneficially more than 5% of our common stock, (ii) each of our directors, (iii) each of our "Named Executive Officers" and (iv) all directors and executive officers as a group. A total of 132,040,349 shares of theglobe.com's common stock were issued and outstanding on April 5, 2004.

The amounts and percentage of common stock beneficially owned are reported on the basis of regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") governing the determination of beneficial ownership of securities. Under the rules of the SEC, a person is deemed to be a "beneficial owner" of a security if that person has or shares "voting power," which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of such security, or "investment power," which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of such security. A person is also deemed to be a beneficial owner of any securities of which that person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership within 60 days. Under these rules, more than one person may be deemed a beneficial owner of the same securities and a person may be deemed to be a beneficial owner of securities as to which such person has no economic interest. Unless otherwise indicated below, the address of each person named in the table below is in care of theglobe.com, inc., P.O. Box 029006, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33302.

|   | Shares Benefici  |         |  |
|---|------------------|---------|--|
| Directors, Named Executive Officers and 5% Stockholders | Number           | Percent |  |
| Dancing Bear Investments, Inc. (1)                      | 8,303,148        | 6.3     |  |
| Michael S. Egan (2)                                     | 58,943,274       | 43.3    |  |
| Edward A. Cespedes (3)                                  | 2,459,240        | 1.8     |  |
| Robin S. Lebowitz (4)                                   | 620 <b>,</b> 961 | *       |  |
| Garrett Pettingell (5)                                  | 106,618          | *       |  |

| E&C Capital Partners LLLP (6)                   | 32,469,012 | 24.6 |
|---|------------|------|
| Wellington Management Company, LLP (7)          | 27,131,250 | 19.2 |
| All directors and executive officers as a group |            |      |
| (4 persons)                                     | 62,130,093 | 44.6 |

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(1) Dancing Bear Investments Inc.'s mailing address is P.O. Box 029006, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33302. Mr. Egan owns Dancing Bear Investments, Inc.

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- (2) Includes the shares that Mr. Egan is deemed to beneficially own as the controlling investor of Dancing Bear Investments, Inc. and E&C Capital Partners, LLLP and as the Trustee of the Michael S. Egan Grantor Retained Annuity Trusts for the benefit of his children. Also includes (i) 3,838,269 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable and 971 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2004; (ii) 3,541,337 shares of our common stock held by Mr. Egan's wife, as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership; and (iii) 204,082 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of warrants at \$1.22 per share owned by Mr. Egan and his wife.
- (3) Includes 2,458,269 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable and 971 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2004.
- (4) Includes 618,929 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable, and 2,032 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2004.
- (5) Includes 50,000 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are currently exercisable, and 12,500 shares of our common stock issueable upon exercise of options that are exercisable within 60 days of April 5, 2004.
- (6) E&C Capital Partners, LLLP is a privately held investment vehicle controlled by our Chairman, Michael S. Egan. Our President, Edward A. Cespedes, has a minority, non-controlling interest in E&C Capital Partners, LLLP. E&C Capital Partners, LLLP's mailing address is P.O. Box 029006, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33302.
- (7) Includes 9,043,750 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants at \$0.001 per share. All of such shares and warrants are owned of record by client accounts and funds for which Wellington Management Company, LLP acts as manager or advisor. Wellington's mailing address is 75 State Street, Boston, MA 02109.

### DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

### GENERALLY

We are currently authorized to issue 203,000,000 shares of capital stock

<sup>\*</sup> less than 1%

### consisting of:

- o 200,000,000 shares of common stock, par value of \$.001 per share ("Common Stock"), 132,040,359 shares of which were issued and outstanding as of April 5, 2004, and
- o 3,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$.001 par value, 425,000 shares of which have been designated as "Series F Preferred Stock", of which no shares are issued and outstanding, 25,000 shares of which have been designated as "Series G Preferred Stock", of which no shares are issued and outstanding, and 250,000 shares of which have been designated Junior Participating Preferred, of which no shares are issued and outstanding, and which was created as part of the Company's stockholder rights plan.

Each holder of Common Stock is entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors. The Common Stock does not have cumulative voting rights, which means that (subject to the rights of the holders of any Preferred Stock), the holders of a majority of the shares voting for election of directors can elect all members of the Board of Directors. Subject to the preferential rights of the holders of shares of Preferred Stock, the holders of Common Stock are entitled to share ratably in such dividends, if any, as may be declared and paid by the Board of Directors out of funds legally available therefor. At this time, we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. Upon liquidation or dissolution of the Company, the holders of Common Stock of the Company will be entitled to share ratably in the assets of the Company legally available for distribution to stockholders after payment of liabilities and subject to the prior rights of any holders of Preferred Stock then outstanding. Holders of Common Stock have no conversion, sinking fund, redemption, preemptive or subscription rights. The rights, preferences, and privileges of holders of Common Stock are subject to the rights of the holders of shares of any series of Preferred Stock which the Company may issue in the future.

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The Board of Directors is authorized, subject to any limitations prescribed by law, from time to time to issue up to an aggregate of 3,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock in one or more classes or series, each of such class or series to have such preferences, voting powers, qualifications and special or relative rights or privileges as shall be determined by the Board of Directors in a resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of such class or series of Preferred Stock. Thus, any class or series may, if so determined by the Board of Directors, have full voting rights with the Common Stock or superior or limited voting rights, to be convertible into Common Stock or another security of the Company, and have such other preferences, relative rights and limitations as the Company's Board of Directors shall determine. As a result, any class or series of Preferred Stock could have rights which could adversely affect the voting power of the Common Stock or which could delay, defer or prevent a change in control of the Company. The shares of any class or series of Preferred Stock need not be identical.

### OUTSTANDING OPTIONS AND WARRANTS

As of April 5, 2004, we had issued and outstanding options and warrants to acquire approximately 10,050,000 and 24,250,000 shares of our Common Stock, respectively. In addition to the warrants describe above the Company also holds in escrow warrants to acquire up to 2,250,000 shares of Common Stock, subject to release over approximately the next two years (some of which may accelerate

under certain events) upon the attainment of certain performance objectives. Many of the outstanding instruments representing the warrants contain anti-dilution provisions pursuant to which the exercise prices and number of shares issueable upon exercise may be adjusted.

#### REGISTRATION RIGHTS

The Company has filed the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, pursuant to registration rights which it granted as part of the March 2004 PIPE Offering. Pursuant to the PIPE Offering, the Company agreed to file a registration statement relating to the resale of the shares of common stock and the shares of common stock underlying the warrants (the "Underlying Shares") issued in such Offering no later than April 22, 2004. The Company further agreed to use all reasonable efforts to cause such registration statement to be declared effective no later than June 6, 2004, if the registration statement is not reviewed by the Commission, or July 6, 2004, if the registration statement is reviewed by the Commission, and to keep such registration statement effective until the earlier of (i) March 15, 2006, (ii) the date by which all of the shares and Underlying Shares have been sold pursuant to such registration statement, and (iii) the date by which the shares and Underlying Shares are eligible to be sold by non-affiliates of the Company under Rule  $144\,(k)$ promulgated under the Securities Act. If the Company fails to meet such initial filing date or effective date, the Company will pay to each investor a late fee in the amount of 5 percent for the initial 30 days thereafter, and if and to the extent still late, an additional late fee of 5 percent for each 30 days thereafter until such filing or effectiveness occurs; provided, however, that the aggregate late fees payable to an investor shall never exceed 25 percent (collectively, "Late Fees"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Wellington Management Company, LLP ("Wellington") was granted the right to waive all or any part of such Late Fees and to grant extensions as to such filing or effectiveness deadlines, with the determination of Wellington to be binding on all investors in the PIPE Offering. Any such Late Fees may, at the Company's option, be paid in either cash or additional shares of Common Stock ("Late Fee Shares"), or any combination of cash and Common Stock. In the event the Company should elect to issue additional shares of Common Stock in payment of any Late Fees, the Late Fee Shares will be valued at \$.57 per share and are included in the registration. This prospectus is intended to satisfy our obligations to the investors in the PIPE Offering.

Holders of substantially all other privately placed securities of the Company also have certain registration rights, including various demand registration rights which may be exercised commencing July 2004. The Company has voluntarily included, on a "piggy-back" basis, in this prospectus shares to be offered by other selling stockholders who were granted registration rights by the Company prior to the PIPE Offering. The Company is not liable for payment of any Late Fees with regard to any of these additional shares.

As part of the PIPE Offering, Messrs. Egan and Cespedes, together with certain other related parties and Halpern Capital, Inc., agreed to a lock-up of their shares of Common Stock and warrants to acquire shares of Common Stock for a period of 90 days commencing with the effective date of this prospectus.

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### LIMITATION ON LIABILITY

Our certificate of incorporation limits or eliminates the liability of our directors or officers to us or our stockholders for monetary damages to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, or DGCL, as

amended. The DGCL provides that a director of our company shall not be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability:

- o for any breach of such person's duty of loyalty;
- o for acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- o for the payment of unlawful dividends and some other actions prohibited by Delaware corporate law; and
- o for any transaction resulting in receipt by such person of an improper personal benefit.

The certificate of incorporation also provides that the directors shall be entitled to the benefits of all limitations on the liability of directors generally that now or hereafter become available under the DGCL.

The certificate of incorporation also contains provisions indemnifying our directors, officers and employees to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

We maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance to provide our directors and officers with insurance coverage for losses arising from claims based on breaches of duty, negligence, error and other wrongful acts.

#### RIGHTS AGREEMENT

Our board of directors adopted a Rights Agreement. Under the Rights Agreement:

- o our board of directors declared a dividend of one preferred stock purchase right (a "Right") for each outstanding share of our common stock; and
- o each Right entitles the registered holder a purchase from us one one-thousandth of a share of a new series of junior participating preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Junior Preferred Stock"), at a price to be determined by our board of directors, per one one-thousandth of a share (the "Purchase Price"), with adjustment.

The description and terms of the Rights are described in a Rights Agreement between us and the designated Rights Agent. The description presented below is intended as a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Rights Agreement, a form of which has been filed as an exhibit to one of previous registration statements. See "Where You Can Find More Information".

The Rights are attached to all certificates representing outstanding shares of our common stock, and no separate Right Certificates were distributed. The Rights will separate from the shares of our common stock as soon as one of the following two events occur:

- a public announcement that, without the prior consent of our board of directors, a person or group (an "Acquiring Person"), including any affiliates or associates of that person or group, acquired beneficial ownership of securities having 15% or more of the voting power of all our outstanding voting securities. Dancing Bear Investments, Michael S. Egan, certain other designated individuals or any entities controlled by these persons are not included in the definition of Acquiring Person; and
- o ten (10) business days, or a later date as our board of directors

may determine, following the commencement of, or announcement of an intention that remains in effect for five (5) business days to make, tender offer or exchange offer that would result in any person or group becoming an Acquiring Person.

We refer to the earlier of these dates as the "Distribution Date." The first date of public announcement that a person or group has become an Acquiring Person is the "Stock Acquisition Date."

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Until the Distribution Date, Rights will be transferred with and only with the shares of our common stock. In addition, until the Distribution Date, or earlier redemption or expiration, of the Rights:

- o new common stock certificates issued upon transfer or new issuance of shares of common stock will contain a notation incorporating the Rights Agreement by reference; and
- o the surrender for transfer of any certificates for shares of common stock outstanding, even without a notation, will also constitute the transfer of the Rights associated with the shares of common stock represented by the certificate.

As soon as practicable following the Distribution Date, separate certificates evidencing the Rights ("Right Certificates") will be mailed to holders of record of the shares of common stock as of the close of business on the Distribution Date, and to each initial record holder of various shares of common stock issued after the Distribution Date. The separate Right Certificates alone will evidence the Rights. The Rights are not exercisable until the Distribution Date and will expire at 5:00 P.M., New York, New York time, on the tenth (10th) anniversary of the date of issuance, unless earlier redeemed by us as described below.

If any person becomes an Acquiring Person, except by a Permitted Offer as defined below, each holder of a Right will have, under the terms of the Rights Agreement, the right (the "Flip-In Right") to receive upon exercise the number of shares of common stock, or, in the discretion of our board of directors, the number of one-thousandths of a share of Junior Preferred Stock, or, in some circumstances, our other securities, having a value immediately before the triggering event equal to two times the Purchase Price. Notwithstanding the description above, following the occurrence of the event described above, all Rights that are, or generally were, beneficially owned by any Acquiring Person or any affiliate or associate of an Acquiring Person will be null and void.

A "Permitted Offer" is a tender or exchange offer for all outstanding shares of common stock which is at a price and on terms determined, before the purchase of shares under the tender or exchange offer, by a majority of Disinterested Directors, as defined below, to be adequate, taking into account all factors that the Disinterested Directors deem relevant, and otherwise in our best interests and our stockholders' best interest, other than the person or any affiliate or associate on whose behalf the offer is being made, taking into account all factors that the Disinterested Directors may deem relevant.

"Disinterested Directors" are our directors who are not our officers and who are not Acquiring Persons or affiliates or associates of Acquiring Persons, or representatives of any of them.

If, at any time following the Stock Acquisition Date,

- o we are acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction in which the holders of all of the outstanding shares of common stock immediately before the consummation of the transaction are not the holders of all of the surviving corporation's voting power; or
- o more than 50% of our assets or earning power is sold or transferred with or to an Interested Stockholder; or
- of if in the transaction all holders of shares of common stock are not offered the same consideration as any other person; then each holder of a Right, except Rights which previously have been voided as described above, shall afterwards have the right (the "Flip-Over Right") to receive, upon exercise, shares of common stock of the acquiring company having a value equal to two times the Purchase Price. The holders of a Right will continue to have the Flip-Over Right whether or not the holder exercises or surrenders the Flip-In Right.

The Purchase Price payable, and the number of one-thousandths of a share of Junior Preferred Stock or other securities issuable, upon exercise of the Rights may be adjusted from time to time to prevent dilution in the event of any one of the following:

a stock dividend on, or a subdivision, combination or reclassification of, the shares of Junior Preferred Stock; the grant to holders of the shares of Junior Preferred stock of various rights or warrants to subscribe for or purchase shares of Junior Preferred Stock at a price;

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- o or securities convertible into shares of Junior Preferred Stock with a conversion price, less then the then current market price of the shares of Junior Preferred Stock; or
- o the distribution to holders of the shares of Junior Preferred Stock of evidences of indebtedness or assets, excluding regular quarterly cash dividends, or of subscription rights or warrants, other than those referred to above.

The Purchase Price payable, and the number of one-thousandths of a share of Junior Preferred Stock or other securities issuable, upon exercise of the Rights may also be adjusted in the event of a stock split of the shares of common stock, or a stock dividend on the shares of common stock payable in shares of common stock, or subdivisions, consolidations or combinations of the shares of common stock occurring, in any case, before the Distribution Date.

With some exceptions, no adjustment in the Purchase Price will be required until cumulative adjustments require an adjustment of at least 1% in the Purchase Price. No fractional one-thousandths of a share of Junior Preferred Stock will be issued and, instead, an adjustment in cash will be made based on the market price of the shares of Junior Preferred Stock on the last trading day before the date of exercise.

At any time before the earlier to occur of (1) a person becoming an Acquiring Person or (2) the expiration of the Rights, we may redeem the Rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$.001 per Right (the "Redemption Price"), which redemption shall be effective upon the action of our board of directors.

Additionally, we may redeem the then outstanding Rights in whole, but not in part, at the Redemption Price at any one of the following times:

- o after the triggering of the Flip-In Right and before the expiration of any period during which the Flip-In Right may be exercised in connection with a merger or other business combination transaction or series of transactions involving us in which all holders of shares of our common stock are not offered the same consideration but not involving an Interested Stockholder, as defined in the Rights Agreement;
- o following an event giving rise to, and the expiration of the exercise period for, the Flip-In Right if and for as long as no person beneficially owns securities representing 15% or more of the voting power of our voting securities; and
- o when the Acquiring Person reduces his ownership below 5% in transactions not involving us.

The redemption of Rights described above shall be effective only as of the time when the Flip-In Right is not exercisable, and in any event, only after ten (10) business days' prior notice. Upon the effective date of the redemption of the Rights, the right to exercise the Rights will terminate and the only rights of the holders of Rights will be to receive the Redemption Price.

The shares of Junior Preferred Stock purchasable upon exercise of the Rights will be nonredeemable and junior to any other series of preferred stock we may issue, unless otherwise provided in the terms of the stock. Each share of Junior Preferred Stock will have a preferential quarterly dividend in an amount equal to 1,000 times the dividend declared on each share of common stock, but in no event less than \$1.00. In the event of liquidation, the holders of Junior Preferred Stock will receive a minimum preferred liquidation payment equal to the greater of \$1.00 or 1,000 times the payment made per each share of common stock. Each share of Junior Preferred Stock will have 1,000 votes, voting together with the shares of common stock. In the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which shares of common stock are exchanged, each share of Junior Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive 1,000 times the amount and type of consideration received per share of common stock. The rights of the Junior Preferred Stock as to dividends, liquidation and voting, and in the vent of mergers and consolidations are protected by customary anti-dilution provisions. Fractional shares of Junior Preferred Stock will be issuable; however, we may elect to distribute depositary receipts in lieu of fractional shares. In lieu of fractional shares other than fractions that are multiples of one one-thousandth of a share, an adjustment in cash will be made based on the market price of the Junior Preferred Stock on the last trading date before the date of exercise.

Until a Right is exercised, the holder will have no rights as our stockholder, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends. While the distribution of the Rights was not taxable to our stockholders, stockholders may, depending upon the circumstances, recognize taxable income should the Rights become exercisable or upon the occurrence of some subsequent events.

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The Rights have various anti-takeover effects. The Rights will cause substantial dilution to a person or group of persons that attempts to acquire us on terms not approved by our board of directors. The Rights should not interfere with any merger of other business combination approved by our board of directors before

the time that a person or group has acquired beneficial ownership of fifteen percent (15%) or more of our common stock since the Rights may be redeemed by us at the Redemption Price until that time.

"Interested Stockholder" means any Acquiring Person or any of their affiliates or associates, or any other person in which an Acquiring Person or their affiliates or associates have in excess of five percent (5%) of the total combined economic or voting power, or any person acting in concert or on behalf of any Acquiring Person or their affiliates or associates.

DELAWARE LAW AND VARIOUS CHARTER AND BY-LAWS PROVISIONS

DELAWARE LAW. We must comply with the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, Section 203 prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three (3) years after the date of the transaction in which the person becomes an interested stockholder, unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner.

A "business combination" includes a merger, asset sale or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. An "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or, in some cases, within three (3) years prior, did own, fifteen percent (15%) or more of the corporation's voting stock. Under Section 203, a business combination between the Company and an interested stockholder is prohibited unless it satisfies one of the following three (3) conditions:

- o our board of directors must have previously approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- o upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding, for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding, shares owned by (1) persons who are directors and also officers and (2) employee stock plans, in some instances; and
- the business combination is approved by our board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

SPECIAL MEETINGS. Our by-laws provide that special meetings of stockholders for any purpose or purposes can be called only upon the request of our chairman of the board, our president, our board of directors, or the holders of shares entitled to at least a majority of the votes at the meeting.

AMENDMENT OF OUR BY-LAWS. To adopt, repeal, alter or amend the provisions of our by-laws, our by-laws require either the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of all of the issued and outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote on the matter or by our board of directors.

ADVANCE NOTICE PROVISIONS FOR STOCKHOLDER NOMINATIONS AND PROPOSALS. Our by-laws establish advance notice procedures for stockholders to make nominations of candidates for election as directors, or bring other business before an annual meeting of our stockholders. These procedures provide that only persons who are nominated by or at the direction of our board of directors, or by a stockholder who has given timely written notice to our secretary before the meeting at which

directors are to be elected, will be eligible for election as one of our directors. Further, these procedures provide that at an annual meeting, the only business that may be conducted is the business that has been specified in the notice of the meeting given by, or at the direction of, our board of by a stockholder who has given timely written notice to our secretary of such stockholder's intention to bring that business before the meeting.

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Under these procedures, notice of stockholder nominations to be made or business to be conducted at an annual meeting must be received by us not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days before the date of the meeting, or, if less than 70 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to the stockholders, the 10th day following the earlier of (1) the day notice was mailed, or (2) the day public disclosure was made. Under these procedures, notice of a stockholder nomination to be made at a special meeting at which directors are to be elected must be received by us not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the day on which notice of the date of the special meeting was mailed or public disclosure of the date of the special meeting was made, whichever occurs first.

Under our by-laws, a stockholder's notice nominating a person for election as a director must contain specific information about the proposed nominee and the nominating stockholder. If our chairmen determines that a nomination was not made in the manner described in our by-laws, the nomination will be disregarded. Similarly, a stockholder's notice proposing the conduct of business must contain specific information about the business and about the proposing stockholder. If our chairman determines that business was not properly brought before the meeting in the manner described in our by-laws, the business will not be conducted.

By requiring advance notice of nominations by stockholders, our by-laws afford our board an opportunity to consider the qualifications of the proposed nominee and, to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by our board, to inform stockholders about these qualifications. By requiring advance notice of other proposed business, our by-laws also provide an orderly procedure for conducting annual meetings of stockholders and, to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by our board, provides our board with an opportunity to inform stockholders, before meetings, of any business proposed to be conducted at the meetings, together with any recommendations as to our board's position regarding action to be taken with respect to the business, so that stockholders can better decide whether to attend a meeting or to grant a proxy regarding the disposition of any business.

Although our certificate does not give our board any power to approve or disapprove stockholder nominations of the election of directors or proposals for action, the foregoing provisions may have the effect of precluding a contest for the election of directors or the consideration of stockholder proposals if the proper procedures are not followed, and of discouraging or deterring a third party from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect its own slate of directors or to approve its own proposal, without regard to whether consideration of these nominees or proposals might be harmful or beneficial to us and our stockholders.

# TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

#### VALIDITY OF SECURITIES

Proskauer Rose LLP will pass on the validity of the common stock offered under this prospectus for the Company.

#### EXPERTS

Our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2003 are included herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of Rachlin Cohen & Holtz LLP, independent certified public accountants, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

# DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION POSITION ON INDEMNIFICATION FOR SECURITIES ACT LIABILITIES

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL") provides that, to the extent a director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative or in defense of any claim, issue, or matter therein (hereinafter a "Proceeding"), by reason of the fact that person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise (collectively an "Agent" of the corporation) that person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

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The DGCL also provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened Proceeding by reason of the fact that person is or was an Agent of the corporation, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgment, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by that person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if that person acted in good faith and in a manner that person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that person's conduct was unlawful; provided, however, that in an action by or in the right of the corporation, the corporation may not indemnify such person in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which that person is adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless, and only to the extent that, the Court of Chancery or the court in which such proceeding was brought determined that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is reasonably entitled to indemnity.

Article VI of the By-laws requires the Company to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is involved (including, without limitation, as a witness) in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, arbitration, alternative dispute mechanism, investigation, administrative hearing or any other proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Company) brought by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Company, or, while a director or officer of the Company, is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefits plan against expenses (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes under the Employee Retirement

Income Security Act of 1974, penalties and amounts paid in settlement) incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Article VI of the Company's Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate") provides that to the fullest extent that the DGCL, as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, permits the limitation or elimination of the liability of directors, a director of the Company shall not be liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director.

The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with certain of its directors and officers. These agreements provide, in general, that the Company will indemnify such directors and officers for, and hold them harmless from and against, any and all amounts paid in settlement or incurred by, or assessed against, such directors and officers arising out of or in connection with the service of such directors and officers as a director or officer of the Company or its Affiliates (as defined therein) to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware Law.

The Company maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance which provides for payment, on behalf of the directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries, of certain losses of such persons (other than matters uninsurable under law) arising from claims, including claims arising under the Securities Act, for acts or omissions by such persons while acting as directors or officers of the Company and/or its subsidiaries, as the case may be.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that, in the opinion of the Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is therefore unenforceable.

### DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

### OVERVIEW

theglobe.com, inc. (the "Company" or "theglobe") was incorporated on May 1, 1995 (inception) and commenced operations on that date. Originally, theglobe.com was an online community with registered members and users in the United States and abroad. That product gave users the freedom to personalize their online experience by publishing their own content and by interacting with others having similar interests. However, due to the deterioration of the online advertising market, the Company was forced to restructure and ceased the operations of its online community on August 15, 2001. The Company then sold most of its remaining online and offline properties. In October 2001, the Company sold all of the assets used in connection with the Games Domain and Console Domain websites to British Telecommunications plc, and all of the assets used in connection with the Kids Domain website to Kaboose Inc. In February 2002, the Company sold all of the assets used in connection with the Happy Puppy website to Internet Game Distribution, LLC.

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On June 1, 2002, Chairman Michael S. Egan and Director Edward A. Cespedes became Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, respectively. The Company

continues to operate its Computer Games print magazine and the associated website Computer Games Online (www.cgonline.com), as well as the games distribution business of Chips & Bits, Inc. (www.chipsbits.com). The Company continues to actively explore a number of strategic alternatives for its remaining online and offline game properties, including continuing its operations or selling some or all of these properties. We may also enter into additional or different lines of business. Except as described below, we have no current arrangements or understanding by which we may enter into new or additional lines of business.

On November 14, 2002, the Company acquired certain Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") assets and is now aggressively pursuing opportunities related to this acquisition under the brand name, voiceglo. In exchange for the assets, the Company issued warrants to acquire 1,750,000 shares of its Common Stock and an additional 425,000 warrants as part of an earn-out structure upon the attainment of certain performance targets. The earn-out performance targets were not achieved and the 425,000 earn-out warrants expired on December 31, 2003.

In February 2003, the Company committed to fund operating expenses of a development stage Internet venture at the Company's discretion in the form of a loan. As of December 31, 2003, approximately \$0.5 million had been advanced to the venture. We have the option to acquire this development stage venture in exchange for the issuance of a nominal amount of cash and an aggregate of 2,000,000 shares of our common stock.

On May 28, 2003, the Company acquired Direct Partner Telecom, Inc. ("DPT"), a company engaged in VoIP telephony services in exchange for 1,375,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock and the issuance of warrants to acquire 500,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. The transaction included an earn-out arrangement whereby the former stockholders of DPT may earn additional warrants to acquire up to 2,750,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock at an exercise price of \$0.72 per share upon the attainment of certain performance targets by DPT over approximately a three year period following the date of acquisition. The performance targets for the first 500,000 of these earn-out warrants were not achieved and expired on March 31, 2004. DPT was a specialized international communications carrier providing VoIP communications services to emerging countries. DPT is headquartered in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida with switching facilities in New York, New York and Miami, Florida. The DPT network provides "next generation" packet-based telephony and value added data services to carriers and businesses in the United States and Internationally.

The Company acquired all of the physical assets and intellectual property of DPT and originally planned to continue to operate the company as a subsidiary and engage in the provision of VoIP services to other telephony businesses on a wholesale transactional basis. In the first quarter of 2004, the Company decided to suspend DPT's wholesale business and dedicate the DPT physical and intellectual assets to its retail VoIP business, which is conducted under the name "voiceglo". As a result, the Company wrote off the goodwill associated with the purchase of DPT and intends to employ these physical assets in the build out of the VoIP network.

As of December 31, 2003, the Company's revenue sources were principally from the sale of print advertising in its Computer Games magazine; the sale of video games and related products through Chips & Bits, Inc., its games distribution business; and the sale of its Computer Games magazine through newsstands and subscriptions. Management's intent, going forward, is to devote substantial monetary, management and human resources to the Company's "voiceglo" VoIP business.

OUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

As of December 31, 2003, we managed two primary lines of business. One line

consists of our historical network of three wholly-owned businesses, each of which specializes in the games business by delivering games information and selling games in the United States and abroad. These businesses are: our print publication Computer Games Magazine; our Computer Games Online website (www.cgonline.com), which is the online counterpart to Computer Games Magazine; and our Chips & Bits, Inc. (www.chipsbits.com) games distribution company. Management of the Company continues to actively explore a number of strategic alternatives for its remaining online and offline game properties, including continuing its existing operations and using its cash on hand, selling some or all of these properties and/or entering into new or different lines of business.

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The second line of business, VoIP telephony services, includes voiceglo Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of theglobe.com that offers VoIP-based phone service. The term "VoIP" refers to a category of hardware and software that enables people to use the Internet to make phone calls.

"VOICEGLO" AND OUR VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL ("VOIP") BUSINESS. The use of the Internet to provide voice communications services is becoming more prevalent as new providers enter the market and the technology becomes more accepted. According to Insight Research, VoIP-based services will grow from \$13.0 billion in 2002 to nearly \$197.0 billion in 2007. VoIP technology translates voice into data packets, transmits the packets over data networks and reconverts them into voice at their destination. Unlike traditional telephone networks, VoIP does not require dedicated circuits to complete telephone calls. Instead, VoIP networks can be shared by multiple users for voice, data and video simultaneously. These types of data networks are more efficient than dedicated circuit networks because they are not restricted by "one-call, one-line" limitations of traditional telephone networks. Accordingly, improved efficiency creates cost savings that can be passed on to the consumer in the form of lower rates.

Development of our VoIP Business. We entered the VoIP business by acquiring certain software assets from Brian Fowler on November 14, 2002. Today those assets serve as the foundation of the products we offer and market under the brand name, "voiceglo."

On May 28, 2003, the Company acquired DPT, a company engaged in VoIP wholesale telephony services. At the time we acquired DPT, it was a specialized international communications carrier providing wholesale VoIP communications services to emerging countries. In the first quarter of 2004, we decided to suspend DPT's wholesale business and dedicate the DPT physical and intellectual assets to our retail VoIP business, "voiceglo".

During the third quarter of 2003, the Company launched its first suite of consumer and business level VoIP services. These services allow consumers and enterprises to communicate using VoIP technology for dramatically reduced pricing compared to traditional telephony networks. The services also offer traditional telephony features such as voicemail, caller ID, call forwarding, and call waiting for no additional cost to the consumer, as well as incremental services that are not currently supported by the public switched telephone network ("PSTN") like the ability to use numbers remotely and voice to email services.

The Company now offers VoIP services, on a retail basis, to individual consumers and small businesses and currently offers two primary types of services:

o Browser-Based - a full functioning telephone that resides on the computer desktop and also includes a web-based solution. The only

system requirements are a browser and an Internet connection. The Company is seeking a patent to protect its position.

o SIP Based Soft Phone - a traditional phone line replacement service. Requires a voiceglo adapter, a regular phone and an Internet connection. The service works on broadband, dial-up and wi-fi Internet connections and can be used with a USB phone directly over a user's computer if desired.

The browser-based product is marketed under the name "GloPhone":

- o Users acquire the GloPhone by downloading a simple "plug-in" to their browsers. The download is a simple process and once it's completed, the user's browser is enabled for voice communications;
- O Users choose their GloPhone service from a variety of packages offered as part of the download process and are enabled with a working United States telephone number;
- o GloPhone users speak free to other GloPhone users;

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- o The GloPhone is used by either utilizing the computer's microphone and speakers or using an external device, such as a USB phone; and
- GloPhone users can use their service when traveling through the "GloPhone express" web-based application.

The home and business replacement products are marketed as different "packages" under the voiceglo brand:

- o The home and business replacement products are meant to "replace" existing traditional phone service with voiceglo's service;
- o User's can purchase a voiceglo adapter that allows use of traditional telephone handsets with the voiceglo service;
- o All voiceglo packages include features such as caller ID, call waiting, etc.; and
- o voiceglo users speak free to other voiceglo users.

Sales and Marketing. The Company is currently developing its product sales and distribution strategy. The Company may market its services over a wide range of distribution channels that may include: television infomercials, print media advertising and Internet advertising and structured customer referral programs. The Company is currently selling some of its services through both direct and indirect sales channels (value-added resellers).

Development of our Network and Carrier Relationships; Equipment Suppliers. In order to offer our services we have invested substantial time, capital and other resources on the development of the voiceglo network. The voiceglo network is comprised of switching hardware and software, servers, billing and inventory systems, and telecommunication carrier services. We own and operate VoIP switch equipment in Miami and New York, and interconnect these switches utilizing a leased transport network through numerous carrier agreements with third party providers. Through these carrier relationships we are able to carry the traffic of our customers over the Internet and interact with the PSTN. In general, we

enter into from one to five year agreements with these carriers pursuant to which, in exchange for allocating and dedicating availability on their networks, we undertake to provide minimum usage of these networks. The greater the minimum usage, the lower our per minute charge for such usage, assuming full utilization of such minutes. Given the recent introduction of our voiceglo service offerings, our minimum commitments under these carrier agreements presently greatly exceed our actual usage. These Carrier relationships also provide voiceglo with a leased network for telephone numbers, or "footprint", in more than 100 area codes in approximately 34 states. The network also provides for both domestic and international call termination. Although other sources of supply are available, to assure a reliable source of supply for our voiceglo offering, we have entered into contracts with two principal suppliers for telephony handsets and adapters related to our VoIP services. Handsets or adapters allow our customers to more easily use their computers as telephones. Pursuant to our agreement with the handset supplier we have committed to purchase, subject to satisfaction of certain performance criteria relating to the handsets, a substantial number of handsets by the end of 2004. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation - Liquidity and Capital Resources".

Research and Development. Internet telephony is a technical service offering. As a technology, basic VoIP service, although complex, is well-understood and has been adapted by many companies that are selling basic services to consumers and businesses worldwide. voiceglo, however, believes that in order to be competitive and differentiate itself among its peers, it must continuously upgrade its service offering. To that end, the Company is engaged in a program of continuous development of its products. Since the initial launch of its VoIP service, the Company has introduced a number of new features which have increased the functionality of the products. Several major upgrades to the Company's offerings are anticipated in 2004.

### OUR COMPUTER GAMES BUSINESS

Computer Games Magazine. Computer Games Magazine is a consumer print magazine for gamers.

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- As a leading consumer print publication for games, Computer Games magazine boasts: a reputation for being a reliable, trusted, and engaging games magazine; more editorial, tips and hints than most other similar magazines; a knowledgeable editorial staff providing increased editorial integrity and content; and, broad-based editorial coverage, appealing to a wide audience of gamers.
- One of the most popular features of Computer Games is a CD ROM containing game demos, which comes bundled monthly with the magazine in all newsstand editions and a portion of copies mailed to subscribers.

Computer Games Online. Computer Games Online (www.cdmag.com) is the online counterpart to Computer Games magazine. Computer Games Online is a source of free computer games news and information for the sophisticated gamer, featuring news, reviews and previews, along with a powerful Web-wide search engine.

- Features of Computer Games Online include: game industry news; truthful, concise reviews; first looks, tips and hints; multiple content links; thousands of archived files; and, easy access to game buying.

Chips & Bits. Chips & Bits (www.chipsbits.com) is a games distribution business

that attracts customers in the United States and abroad. Chips & Bits covers all the major game platforms available, including Macintosh, Window-based PCs, Sony PlayStation, Sony PlayStation2, Microsoft's Xbox, Nintendo 64, Nintendo's GameCube, Nintendo's Game Boy, and Sega Dreamcast, among others.

Advertising. We continue to attract major advertisers to our Computer Games print magazine, which is a widely respected consumer print magazine for gamers. In 2003, no single advertiser accounted for more than 10% of total revenues. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2003, over 40 clients advertised in our Computer Games magazine. Following a series of cost reduction measures and restructuring, we currently have an internal advertising sales staff of two (2) professionals, both of whom are dedicated to selling advertising space in our Computer Games print magazine. Although these professionals focus on developing long-term strategic relationships with clients as they sell advertisements in our Computer Games print magazine, most of our actual advertising contracts are for periods of one to three months. All compensation to our sales personnel is commission based.

In 2003 we hired an entertainment editor based in Los Angeles to develop an entertainment publication that will be delivered within Computer Games magazine starting in Spring, 2004. The new magazine, NowPlaying, will cover movies, DVD, television, music, games, comics and anime, and is designed to fulfill the wider pop culture interests of our current readers and to attract a more diverse group of advertisers; autos, television, telecommunications and film to name a few. Additional sales staff needs are anticipated to be minimal.

#### COMPETITION

TELEPHONY BUSINESS. The telecommunications industry has experienced a great deal of instability during the past several years. During the 1990s, forecasts of very high levels of future demand brought a significant number of new entrants and new capital investments into the industry. New global carriers were joined by many of the largest traditional carriers and built large global or regional networks to compete with the global wholesalers. However, in the last three years many of the new global carriers and many industry participants have either gone through bankruptcy or no longer exist. The networks were built primarily to meet the expected explosion in bandwidth demand from data, with specific emphasis upon Internet applications. Those forecasts have not materialized, telecommunications capacity now far exceeds actual demand, and the resulting marketplace is characterized by fierce price competition as traditional and next generation carriers compete to secure market share. Resulting lower prices have eroded margins and have kept many carriers from attaining positive cash flow from operations.

During the past several years, a number of companies have introduced services that make Internet telephony or voice services over the Internet available to businesses and consumers. All major telecommunications companies, including entities like AT&T, Sprint and MCI, as well as iBasis, Net2Phone and deltathree.com, compete or can compete directly with us.

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Our competitors can be divided into domestic competitors and international competitors. The international market is highly localized. In markets where telecommunications have been fully deregulated, the competition continues to increase. In newly deregulated markets even new entrants to the VoIP space can rapidly capture significant market share. Competitors in these markets include both government-owned and incumbent phone companies, as well as emerging competitive carriers. The principle competitive factors in this marketplace

include: price, quality of service, distribution, customer service, reliability, network capacity, and brand recognition. The long distance market in the US, against whom the Company competes, is highly competitive. There are numerous competitors in the pure play VoIP space and we expect to face continuing competition from these existing, as well as new, competitors. The principle competitive factors in the marketplace include those identified above, as well as enhanced communications services. Our competitors include such VoIP services companies such as Net2Phone, Skype, Vonage, Go2Call and DeltaThree.

Many of our competitors have substantially greater financial, technical and marketing resources, larger customer bases, longer operating histories, greater brand recognition and more established relationships in the industry than we have. As a result, certain of these competitors may be able to adopt more aggressive pricing policies which may hinder our ability to market our voice services. We believe that our key competitive advantages are a function of our continuing research and development, including our two method patents pending:

- o Linking a telephone number to an IP address, allowing anyone, anywhere in the world to dial a traditional telephone number to originate a call to the distinct IP address of a voiceglo customer; and
- o Browser to telephone interface, which turns any browser into a voice enabled communications device and includes many features commonly available from traditional telephone service providers.

There can be no assurance that we will be successful in our efforts to patent this technology.

COMPUTER GAMES BUSINESS. Competition among games print magazines is high. We compete for advertising and circulation revenues principally with publishers of other technology and games magazines with similar editorial content as our magazine. The technology magazine industry has traditionally been dominated by a small number of large publishers. We believe that we compete with other technology and games publications based on the nature and quality of our magazines' editorial content and the attractive demographics of our readers. In recent years, demand for online and PC based games has decreased as non PC based game consoles, including those from Sony (PlayStation II), Microsoft (X-Box) and Nintendo (Game Boy and GameCube), have made major product advancements.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PROPRIETARY RIGHTS

We regard substantial elements of our Websites and underlying technology as proprietary. In addition, we have developed in our VoIP business certain technologies which we believe are proprietary and are seeking to develop additional propriety technology. We attempt to protect these assets by relying on intellectual property laws. We also generally enter into confidentiality agreements with our employees and consultants and in connection with our license agreements with third parties. We also seek to control access to and distribution of our technology, documentation and other proprietary information. Despite these precautions, it may be possible for a third party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our proprietary information without authorization or to develop similar technology independently. We pursue the registration of our trademarks in the United States and internationally and we are currently pursuing patent protection for certain of our VoIP technology, including certain technology related to our linkage of a telephone number to an IP address and our browser to telephone interface.

Effective trademark, service mark, copyright, patent and trade secret protection may not be available in every country in which our services are made available through the Internet. Policing unauthorized use of our proprietary information is difficult. Existing or future trademarks or service marks applied for or

registered by other parties and which are similar to ours may prevent us from expanding the use of our trademarks and service marks into other areas. Enforcing our patent rights could result in costly litigation. Our patent applications could be rejected or any patents granted could be invalidated in litigation. Should this happen, we would lose a significant competitive advantage. Additionally, our competitors or others could be awarded patents on technologies and business processes that could require us to significantly alter our technology, change our business processes or pay substantial license and royalty fees. (See "Risk Factors-We rely on intellectual property and proprietary rights.")

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### GOVERNMENT REGULATION AND LEGAL UNCERTAINTIES

IN GENERAL. We are subject to laws and regulations that are applicable to various Internet activities. There are an increasing number of federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ telecommunications, including internet telephony (VoIP). In addition, a number of federal, state, local and foreign legislative and regulatory proposals are under consideration. Laws or regulations may be adopted with respect to the Internet relating to, among other things, fees and taxation of VoIP telephony services, liability for information retrieved from or transmitted over the Internet, online content regulation, user privacy and quality of products and services. Changes in tax laws relating to electronic commerce could materially affect our business, prospects and financial condition. Moreover, the applicability to the Internet of existing laws governing issues such as intellectual property ownership and infringement, copyright, trademark, trade secret, obscenity, libel, employment and personal privacy is uncertain and developing. Any new legislation or regulation, or the application or interpretation of existing laws or regulations, may decrease the growth in the use of the Internet or VoIP telephony services, may impose additional burdens on electronic commerce or may alter how we do business.

New laws and regulations may increase our costs of compliance and doing business, decrease the growth in Internet use, decrease the demand for our services or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business.

INTERNET TELEPHONY (VOIP) REGULATION. The use of the Internet and private IP networks to provide voice communications services over the Internet is a relatively recent market development. Although the provision of such services is currently permitted by United States federal law and largely unregulated within the United States, several foreign governments have adopted laws and/or regulations that could restrict or prohibit the provision of voice communications services over the Internet or private IP networks.

In the United States, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has so far declined to conclude that IP telephony services constitute telecommunications services (rather than information services). The FCC held a forum on VoIP issues on December 1, 2003, which included regulatory classification issues. On March 10, 2004, the FCC released guidelines and questions upon which it is seeking public comment to determine what regulation, if any, will govern companies that provided VoIP services. Specifically, the FCC has expressed an intention to further examine the question of whether certain forms of phone-to-phone VoIP services are information services or telecommunications services. The two are treated differently in several respects, with certain information services being regulated to a lesser degree. The FCC has noted that certain forms of phone-to-phone VoIP services bear many of the same characteristics as more traditional voice telecommunications services and lack the characteristics that

would render them information services. The FCC has indicated that the mechanisms for contributing to the Universal Service Fund, issues as to applicability of access charges and other matters will be considered in that context. The FCC had previously opened a proceeding in response to a petition by AT&T which seeks a declaration to preclude local exchange carriers from imposing access charges on certain AT&T phone—to—phone IP services asserted to be provided over the Internet. The FCC has recently ruled that so called "pure" VoIP services which flow entirely over the Internet and never interconnect with the public switched telephone network, such as a computer to computer call, are not telecommunications services subject to regulation. The ruling specifically does not address whether traditional phone regulations might apply to VoIP services (like those offered by voiceglo) to end users that interconnect with the traditional telephone system.

If the FCC or any state determines to regulate VoIP, they may impose surcharges, taxes, licensing or additional regulations upon providers of Internet telephony. These surcharges could include access charges payable to local exchange carriers to carry and terminate traffic, contributions to the universal service fund or other charges. Regulations requiring compliance with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act, or provision of enhanced 911 services could also place a significant financial burden on us. The imposition of any such additional fees, charges, taxes, licenses and regulations on VoIP services could materially increase our costs and may reduce or eliminate the competitive pricing advantage we seek to enjoy. We cannot predict what regulations, if any the FCC will impose.

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Although Internet telephony and VoIP services are presently largely unregulated by the state governments, such state governments and their regulatory authorities may assert jurisdiction over the provision of intrastate IP communications services where they believe that their telecommunications regulations are broad enough to cover regulation of IP services. A number of state regulators have recently taken the position that VoIP providers are telecommunications providers and must register as such within their states. VoIP operators have resisted such registration on the position that VoIP is not, and should not be, subject to such regulations because VoIP is an information service, not a telecommunication service. In a recent federal court decision, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission was enjoined in their attempt to enforce traditional phone regulations against Vonage, a VoIP provider. However, other states are not bound by that decision and may reject the VoIP operator's position and may seek to subject us to regulation and require us to pay associated charges and taxes. Various state regulatory authorities have initiated proceedings to examine the regulatory status of Internet telephony services, and in several cases rulings have been obtained to the effect that the use of the Internet to provide certain intrastate services does not exempt an entity from paying intrastate access charges in the jurisdictions in question. As state governments, courts, and regulatory authorities continue to examine the regulatory status of Internet telephony services, they could render decisions or adopt regulations affecting providers of Internet telephony services or requiring such providers to pay intrastate access charges or to make contributions to universal service funding. Should the FCC determine to regulate IP services, states may decide to follow the FCC's lead and impose additional obligations as well.

The regulatory treatment of IP communications outside the United States varies significantly from country to country. Some countries currently impose little or no regulation on Internet telephony services, as in the United States. Other countries, including those in which the governments prohibit or limit

competition for traditional voice telephony services, generally do not permit Internet telephony services or strictly limit the terms under which those services may be provided. Still other countries regulate Internet telephony services like traditional voice telephony services, requiring Internet telephony companies to make various telecommunications service contributions and pay other taxes.

More aggressive regulation of Internet telephony providers and VoIP services may adversely affect our VoIP business operations, and ultimately our financial condition, operating results and future prospects.

CERTAIN OTHER REGULATION AFFECTING THE INTERNET. In the United States, Congress has recently adopted legislation that regulates certain aspects of the Internet, including online content, user privacy and taxation. In addition, Congress and other federal entities are considering other legislative and regulatory proposals that would further regulate the Internet. Congress has, for example, considered legislation on a wide range of issues including Internet spamming, database privacy, gambling, pornography and child protection, Internet fraud, privacy and digital signatures. Various states have adopted and are considering Internet-related legislation. Increased U.S. regulation of the Internet may slow its growth, particularly if other governments follow suit, which may negatively impact the cost of doing business over the Internet and materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and future prospects. Legislation has also been proposed that would clarify the regulatory status of VoIP service. The Company has no way of knowing whether legislation will pass or what form it might take. Domain names have been the subject of significant trademark litigation in the United States and internationally. The current system for registering, allocating and managing domain names has been the subject of litigation and may be altered in the future. The regulation of domain names in the United States and in foreign countries may change. Regulatory bodies are anticipated to establish additional top-level domains and may appoint additional domain name registrars or modify the requirements for holding domain names, any or all of which may dilute the strength of our names. We may not acquire or maintain our domain names in all of the countries in which our websites may be accessed, or for any or all of the top-level domain names that may be introduced.

Internationally, the European Union has also enacted several directives relating to the Internet. The European Union has, for example, adopted a directive that imposes restrictions on the collection and use of personal data. Under the directive, citizens of the European Union are guaranteed rights to access their data, rights to know where the data originated, rights to have inaccurate data rectified, rights to recourse in the event of unlawful processing and rights to withhold permission to use their data for direct marketing. The directive could, among other things, affect U.S. companies that collect or transmit information over the Internet from individuals in European Union member states, and will impose restrictions that are more stringent than current Internet privacy standards in the U.S. In particular, companies with offices located in European Union countries will not be allowed to send personal information to countries that do not maintain adequate standards of privacy.

### EMPLOYEES

As of December 31, 2003, we had approximately 42 active full-time employees. Our future success depends, in part, on our ability to continue to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified technical and management personnel. Competition for these persons is intense. From time to time, we also employ independent contractors to support our network operations, research and development, marketing, sales and support and administrative organizations. Our employees are not represented by any collective bargaining unit and we have never experienced a work stoppage. We believe that our relations with our employees are good.

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#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OR PLAN OF OPERATION

#### OVERVIEW

During 2000 and 2001, the Company restructured its business operations and sold off or closed most of its businesses. As of December 31, 2003, we managed two primary lines of business. One line consists of our historical network of three wholly owned businesses, each of which specializes in the games business by delivering games information and selling games in the United States and abroad. These businesses are: our print publication Computer Games Magazine; our Computer Games Online website (www.cgonline.com), which is the online counterpart to Computer Games Magazine; and our Chips & Bits, Inc. (www.chipsbits.com) games distribution company.

The second line of business, voice over Internet protocol ("VoIP") telephony services, includes voiceglo Holdings, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of theglobe.com that offers VoIP web-based, home and business phone service. The term "VoIP" refers to a category of hardware and software that enables people to use the Internet to make phone calls.

At the current time, our revenues are derived principally from the sale of print advertisements under short-term contracts in our games information magazine Computer Games, through the sale of video games and related products through our games distribution business Chips & Bits, Inc.; through the sale of our games information magazine through newsstands and subscriptions; and through limited sale of online advertisements. Given their recent launch, our voiceglo VoIP products and services have yet to produce any significant revenue.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 COMPARED TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

NET REVENUE. Our revenue sources were principally from the sale of print advertisements under short-term contracts in our games information magazine Computer Games; the sale of video games and related products through our games distribution business Chips & Bits, Inc.; the sale of our games information magazine through newsstands and subscriptions; and the sale of VoIP telephony services (primarily from our wholesale VoIP services and not our recently launched voiceglo retail VoIP services).

Net revenue totaled \$6.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2003 as compared to \$9.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. The \$3.1 million decline in total net revenue was primarily attributable to decreases in magazine sales, electronic commerce revenue and advertising, partially offset by net revenue generated by our VoIP telephony services division.

Advertising revenue from the sale of print advertisements in our games magazine was \$2.6 million, or 39%, of total net revenue for the year ended December 31, 2003, versus \$3.1 million, or 32%, of total net revenue for the prior year. Barter advertising revenue represented approximately 2% and 1% of total net revenue for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Net revenue attributable to the sale of our games information magazine was \$2.0 million, or 31%, of total net revenue for the 2003 year as compared to \$3.5 million, or 36%, of total net revenue in 2002. The decline in net revenue from the sale of our games magazine as compared to the previous year was primarily the result of a decrease in the circulation base of our games magazine. As rates for print advertising charged to advertisers are driven largely by the

circulation of the publication, the decline in the circulation base of our games magazine has also contributed to the decrease in our advertising revenue.

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Electronic commerce and other net revenue is principally comprised of sales of video games and related products through Chips & Bits, Inc. Sales of our online store accounted for \$1.5 million, or 22%, of total net revenue for the year ended December 31, 2003 as compared to \$3.1 million, or 32%, of total net revenue for 2002. The \$1.6 million decrease was primarily the result of advances in and releases of console and online games, which traditionally have less sales loyalty to our online store, coupled with the continued decline in the number of major PC game releases, on which our online store relies for the majority of sales. In addition, an increasing number of major retailers have increased the selection of video games offered by both their traditional "bricks and mortar" locations and their online commerce sites resulting in increased competition.

Net revenue from telephony services totaled \$0.5\$ million for the year ended December 31, 2003. As part of the Company's strategy to enter the VoIP business, the Company acquired DPT on May 28, 2003, an international licensed telecommunications carrier engaged in the purchase and resale telecommunications services over the Internet. Telephony services net revenue generated by DPT during 2003 represented approximately 89% of total telephony services net revenue and was derived principally from the charges to customers for international call completion based on the volume of minutes utilized. As a result of management's decision during the first quarter of 2004 to suspend DPT's wholesale business and dedicate the DPT physical and intellectual assets to its retail VoIP business, net revenue derived from the wholesale business of DPT is not expected to represent a significant component of telephony services net revenue in the near term. Net revenue attributable to the launch of the Company's voiceglo products represented the remaining 11% of total 2003 telephony services net revenue. Although the Company launched its basic suite of VoIP offerings on a "national" basis during the fourth guarter of 2003, the Company has continued to focus significant resources on further development of its voiceglo product line, most recently evidenced by the 2004 first quarter launch of its "GloPhone" product line. In addition, the Company has continued to formulate its marketing strategy and distribution network for its voiceglo products.

COST OF PRODUCTS AND PUBLICATIONS SOLD. Cost of products and publications sold related to our games division consists primarily of printing costs of our games magazine, Internet connection charges, personnel costs, maintenance costs of website equipment and the costs of merchandise sold and shipping fees in connection with our online store. Cost of products and publications sold by our games division totaled approximately \$3.1 million and \$5.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The gross margin of the Company's games division approximated 48% in 2003 as compared to 42% in 2002. The overall improvement in the gross margin of the games division as compared to the prior year resulted from the increase in advertising revenue as a percentage of total net revenue, coupled with an improvement in the gross profit margin of Chips & Bits. The remaining \$0.2 million of cost of products sold for 2003 consisted primarily of customer equipment costs related to the sale of the Company's voiceglo service launched during mid-August 2003.

DATA COMMUNICATIONS, TELECOM AND NETWORK OPERATIONS. This expense category relates to the Company's entry into the VoIP business in 2003 and includes termination and circuit costs related to the Company's wholesale telephony services business marketed by DPT and the Company's retail telephony services business marketed under the voiceglo brand name. Personnel and consulting costs

incurred in support of the Company's Internet telecommunications network are also included in this expense category. Data communications, telecom and network operations expenses are expected to increase in the future as the Company further expands its data communications network and expands its telecommunications carrier relationships in order to support its voiceglo product line.

SALES AND MARKETING. Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of salaries and related expenses of sales and marketing personnel, commissions, advertising and marketing costs, public relations expenses, promotional activities and barter expenses. Sales and marketing expenses were \$3.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2003 as compared to \$3.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. A decline of \$1.6 million in sales and marketing expenses incurred by the Company's games division was partially offset by \$1.4 million of sales and marketing expenses of the VoIP telephony services division. Sales and marketing expenses of the games division represented approximately 31% and 36% of total net revenue attributable to the games division's operations for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The 38% reduction in net revenue generated by the Company's games division as compared to 2002 and the corresponding decreases in agency subscription expense, were the principal factors contributing to the decrease in sales and marketing expenses of the games division. Costs incurred in staffing internally, the identification and continuing development of a potential independent sales network and advertising the voiceglo product line were the principal components of sales and marketing expenses of the VoIP telephony services operations during the year ended December 31, 2003.

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PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT. Product development expenses include salaries and related personnel costs, expenses incurred in connection with website development, testing and upgrades; editorial and content costs; and costs incurred in the development of our voiceglo branded products. Product development expenses increased to \$0.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2003, as compared to \$0.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. The increase was principally attributable to personnel costs and consulting expenses relating to the development of our VoIP telephony products and services, which totaled approximately \$0.3 million during 2003.

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. General and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries and related personnel costs for general corporate functions including finance, human resources and facilities, outside legal and professional fees, directors and officers insurance, bad debt expenses and general corporate overhead costs. General and administrative expenses were \$5.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2003, as compared to \$2.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. Increases in headcount and the resulting personnel expenses, as well as other general and administrative expenses directly attributable to the Company's new line of business, VoIP telephony services, were major factors contributing to the \$2.5 million increase in total general and administrative expenses. Other expense categories which increased as compared to 2002 largely as a result of the Company's entrance into the VoIP business, included legal fees, other professional fees and facilities costs.

AMORTIZATION OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS. Amortization expense of approximately \$0.1 million recorded during 2003 represented the amortization of the non-compete agreement recorded in connection with the acquisition of DPT prior to its write-off at year-end and amortization of capitalized patent costs related to our voiceglo products.

IMPAIRMENT CHARGE. During the first quarter of 2004, the Company decided to suspend DPT's wholesale business and decided to dedicate the DPT physical and intellectual assets to its retail VoIP business, which is conducted under the name of "voiceglo". As a result, management reviewed the long-lived assets associated with the wholesale VoIP business for impairment. Goodwill of approximately \$0.6 million and the unamortized balance of the non-compete intangible asset of approximately \$0.3 million recorded in connection with the May 2003 acquisition of DPT were written off and recorded as an impairment loss. No impairment charges were recorded during 2002.

INTEREST INCOME (EXPENSE), NET. Non-cash interest expense of \$1.5 million was recorded in the second quarter of 2003 related to the beneficial conversion feature of the \$1,750,000 in Convertible Notes issued on May 22, 2003. The expense resulted as the Convertible Notes were convertible into our Common Stock at a price below the fair market value of our Common Stock (for accounting purposes), based on the closing price of our Common Stock as reflected on the OTCBB on the issuance date of the notes. In addition, the warrant to acquire 3,888,889 shares of our Common Stock issued to one of the note holders was exercisable at a price below the fair market value of our Common Stock (for accounting purposes), based on the closing price of our Common Stock as reflected on the OTCBB on the date of issuance. The value assigned to the warrant was recorded as a discount to the face value of the Convertible Notes to be amortized to interest expense over the term of the Convertible Notes. Discount amortization of approximately \$0.2 million was included in interest expense, net, during the year ended December 31, 2003.

OTHER EXPENSE, NET. Other expense, net, of \$0.4 million was reported for the year ended December 31, 2003. Other expense in 2003 includes reserves against the amounts loaned by the Company to a development stage Internet related business venture totaling \$0.5 million.

INCOME TAXES. No tax benefit was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2003 as we recorded a 100% valuation allowance against our otherwise recognizable deferred tax assets due to the uncertainty surrounding the timing or ultimate realization of the benefits of our net operating loss carryforwards in future periods. The income tax provision recorded for the year ended December 31, 2002 was based solely on state and local taxes on business and investment capital. Our effective tax rate differs from the statutory Federal income tax rate, primarily as a result of the uncertainty regarding our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards. As of December 31, 2003, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards available for U.S. and foreign tax purposes of approximately \$144 million. These carryforwards expire through 2023. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 imposes substantial restrictions on the utilization of net operating losses and tax credits in the event of an "ownership change" of a corporation. Due to the change in our ownership interests in August 1997 and May 1999 and the Company's recently completed PIPE Offering in March 2004 (together with the exercise and conversion of various securities in connection with such PIPE Offering), as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Company may have substantially limited or eliminated the availability of its net operating loss carryforwards. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to avail itself of any net operating loss carryforwards..

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### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

CASH FLOW ITEMS. As of December 31, 2003, we had approximately \$1.1 million in cash and cash equivalents as compared to \$0.7 million as of December 31, 2002. Net cash used in operating activities was \$6.9 million and \$2.0 million for the

years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The year-over-year increase in net cash used in operating activities resulted primarily from an increase in our net operating losses, partially offset by the impact of non-cash charges and gains recorded in 2003 and 2002. The most significant of these non-cash charges during 2003 included the non-cash interest expense recorded as a result of the beneficial conversion feature of the \$1.75 million in Convertible Notes and associated warrants, as well as the non-cash impairment charge related to the write-off of goodwill and a non-compete intangible recorded as a result of the acquisition of DPT.

Net cash of \$3.2 million was used in investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2003. As further described below, the Company incurred \$2.4 million in capital expenditures during 2003, primarily within the VoIP telephony services division. These expenditures included costs in the development of the data communications network used to support the voiceglo product line, as well as the Company's historical wholesale VoIP business. Additionally, in February 2003, the Company committed to fund operating expenses of a development stage Internet venture at the Company's discretion in the form of a loan. As of December 31, 2003, approximately \$0.5 million had been advanced to the venture. During 2003, the Company invested approximately \$10.3 million in marketable securities, the funds of which were principally from the proceeds received in connection with the issuance of the Company's Series G Preferred Stock. Approximately \$10.1 million of investments were sold throughout the second half of 2003 as working capital was required to fund operations. Partially offsetting these uses of funds in 2003 was the \$0.1 million in net cash acquired upon the May 2003 acquisition of DPT. The purchase price of DPT consisted of the issuance of 1,375,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock and the issuance of warrants to acquire 500,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. Warrants to acquire an additional 2,750,000 shares of our Common Stock could be issued if certain performance or other criteria are satisfied. Net cash provided by investing activities in 2002 was \$0.1 million principally resulting from the sale of the assets of the Happy Puppy website.

Net cash provided by financing activities in 2003 totaled \$10.5 million. As discussed below and in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, the Company issued \$0.5 million in Series F Convertible Preferred Stock in March 2003; \$1.75 million of Convertible Notes in May 2003, and approximately \$8.6 million, net of offering costs, of Series G Preferred Stock and associated warrants in July 2003. Immediately after the May 2003 closing of the DPT acquisition, the Company paid \$0.5 million in cash to the former stockholders of DPT in repayment of certain loans which they had extended to DPT prior to its acquisition by theglobe.com.

In order to offer our VoIP services we have invested substantial capital and made substantial commitments related to the development of the voiceglo network and telephony handsets and related adapters. The voiceglo network is comprised of switching hardware and software, servers, billing and inventory systems, and telecommunication carrier services. We own and operate VoIP switch equipment in Miami and New York, and interconnect these switches utilizing leased transport network through numerous carrier agreements with third party providers. Through these carrier relationships we are able to carry the traffic of our customers over the Internet and interact with the PSTN. We generally enter into from one to five year agreements with these carriers pursuant to which, in exchange for allocating and dedicating availability on their networks, we undertake to provide minimum usage of these networks. In general, the larger our commitment the lower our per minute cost of usage of the network. Given the recent introduction of our voiceglo service offerings, our minimum commitments under these carrier agreements presently greatly exceed our actual usage.

Based upon our existing contractual commitments, we anticipate that our capital needs for our network over the next twelve months will be substantially as follows:

- o Planned network hardware expenditures for switching and server equipment are projected to be approximately \$1.5 \$2.0 million;
- o Planned network software expenditures are projected to be approximately \$300,000; and

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o Planned carrier transport and interconnection services are projected to be approximately \$3.5 million.

We have entered into a contract with a supplier for telephony handsets related to our VoIP services. Subject to the supplier's compliance with the terms of the contract, we have committed to purchase additional equipment from this supplier during 2004 totaling approximately \$3.4 million. In addition, we anticipate acquiring other non-network VoIP equipment of approximately \$1.0 to \$2.0 million. See Note 9, "Commitments and Contingencies" for further discussion of the Company's contractual obligations and commitments.

As a result of the proceeds raised from our March 2004 private offering, as further described below, management does not presently anticipate that the Company will need to raise additional funds within at least the next twelve months in order to implement its business plans for its existing businesses. However, there can be no assurance that the capital needs of the Company will not change, that we will not enter into additional lines of business or that forecasted expenses will not substantially exceed our expectations. In addition, our financial position would be adversely affected if we became liable for any substantial penalties relating to our registration obligations under the PIPE Offering. In any of such events, we may be required to raise additional capital. We currently have no access to credit facilities with traditional third party lenders and there can be no assurance that we would be able to raise any such capital. In addition, any financing that could be obtained (or any shares of common stock issued in payment of any registration penalties relating to the PIPE Offering) would likely significantly dilute existing stockholders.

CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS. In March 2004, the Company completed a private offering of 333,816 units (the "Units") for a purchase price of \$85 per Unit (the "PIPE Offering"). Each Unit consisted of 100 shares of the Company's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value (the "Common Stock"), and warrants to acquire 50 shares of the Company's Common Stock (the "Warrants"). The Warrants are exercisable for a period of five years commencing 60 days after the initial closing at an initial exercise price of \$0.001 per share. The aggregate number of shares of Common Stock issued in the PIPE Offering was 33,381,647 shares for an aggregate consideration of \$28,374,400, or approximately \$0.57 per share assuming the exercise of the 16,690,824 Warrants. The securities offered in the PIPE Offering were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and may not be offered or resold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements. Pursuant to the terms of the PIPE Offering, the Company is contractually obligated to file a registration statement relating to the resale of the Securities on or about April 22, 2004 and to cause such registration statement to become effective on or about July 6, 2004 (or 30 days earlier if such registration statement is not reviewed by the Securities and Exchange Commission). In the event the Company is late in any of its registration obligations, it will be liable for payment of a late fee of 5% of the amount raised in the PIPE Offering per month, not to exceed 25% in the aggregate. Any such late fee may be payable in either cash or additional shares of Common Stock (valued for such purpose at \$0.57 per share), or any combination of the two, at the option of the Company. Any shares so issued would be included

in the foregoing registration statement. Any such issuance of shares of our common stock may be substantially dilutive of existing stockholders (other than the investors in the PIPE Offering to whom such shares would be issued). The purpose of the PIPE Offering was to raise funds for use primarily in the Company's developing voiceglo business, including the deployment of networks, website development, marketing, and capital infrastructure expenditures and working capital. Proceeds may also be used in connection with the Company's other existing or future business operations.

In connection with the PIPE Offering, Mr. Egan, our Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and principal stockholder, together with certain of his affiliates, including E&C Capital Partners, converted a \$2,000,000 Bridge Note, \$1,750,000 of Secured Convertible Notes and all of the Company's outstanding shares of Series F Preferred Stock, and exercised all of the warrants issued in connection with the foregoing Secured Convertible Notes and Series F Preferred Stock, together with certain warrants issued to Dancing Bear Investments, an affiliate of Mr. Egan. As a result of such conversions and exercises, the Company issued an aggregate of 48,775,909 additional shares of Common Stock.

On February 2, 2004, Michael S. Egan and his wife, S. Jacqueline Egan, entered into a Note Purchase Agreement with the Company pursuant to which they acquired a convertible promissory note due on demand (the "Bridge Note") in the aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000. The Bridge Note was convertible into shares of the Company's Common Stock. The Bridge Note provided for interest at the rate of ten percent per annum and was secured by a pledge of substantially all of the assets of the Company. Such security interest was shared with the holders of the Company's \$1,750,000 Convertible Notes issued on May 22, 2003 to E&C Capital Partners and certain affiliates of Michael S. Egan. In addition, the Egans were issued a warrant to acquire 204,082 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$1.22 per share. This warrant is exercisable at any time on or before February 2, 2009. The exercise price of the warrant, together with the number of shares for which such warrant is exercisable, is subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events.

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On July 2, 2003, theglobe.com, inc. completed a private offering of Series G Preferred Stock for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$8.7 million. In accordance with the terms of such Preferred stock, the Series G Preferred shares converted i