

MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC
Form 10-K
December 14, 2004

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Form 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended: **September 30, 2004**

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 001-14551

Multimedia Games, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

74-2611034
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

206 Wild Basin Road, Building B, Fourth Floor

Austin, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

78746
(Zip Code)

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (512) 334-7500

Registrant's website: www.multimedialogames.com

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:

None

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act:

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

Preferred Share Purchase Rights

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K

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

The aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant as of December 8, 2004 was approximately \$357.6 million based upon the last sales price reported for such date on the NASDAQ National Market System. For purposes of this disclosure, shares of common stock held by officers and directors of the Registrant have been excluded because such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination is not necessarily conclusive.

As of December 8, 2004, the Registrant had 27,961,680 outstanding shares of common stock.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the Registrant's 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part III of this Form 10-K.

Document

Portions of the Definitive Proxy Statement for the

Registrant's 2005 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Form 10-K Reference

Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part III

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements reflecting our current forecast of certain aspects of our future. It is based on current information that we have assessed but which by its nature is dynamic and subject to rapid, and even abrupt changes. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding future operating results, liquidity, capital expenditures, product development and enhancements, numbers of personnel, customer and strategic relationships with third parties, our strategy, legal and regulatory uncertainties, including outcomes of pending or new litigation by the Department of Justice, the effects of such outcomes upon our business, changes in existing laws and regulations or in the interpretation of such laws and regulations, the effects of competition in the Class II market by games that we believe are non-Class II games, and the effect of uneven enforcement policies by the National Indian Gaming Commission in challenging such non-Class II games. The forward-looking statements are generally accompanied by words such as plan, estimate, expect, intend, believe, should, would, could, anticipate, or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes. Our actual results could differ materially from those stated or implied by our forward-looking statements, due to risks and uncertainties associated with our business. These risks are described throughout this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which you should read carefully. We particularly refer you to the section under the heading Risk Factors for an extended discussion of certain of the risks confronting our business. The forward-looking statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K should be considered in the context of these risk factors.

PART I

ITEM 1. *Business*

General

We are a supplier of complex, mission-critical systems to the gaming segment of the entertainment industry. We design and develop linked, interactive, electronic gaming systems and related products that are marketed primarily to operators of Native American, charity and commercial gaming facilities, and to operators and/or regulators of domestic and international lotteries.

All of the segments of the gaming industry are highly regulated and we may be affected by expected and/or unforeseen changes in dynamic political, regulatory, socioeconomic, competitive and technological environments.

We specialize in server-based gaming systems commonly known as central determinant systems. We provide these systems for use by Native American gaming operators in both Class II and Class III facilities, operators of charity gaming facilities and for use in domestic lottery jurisdictions. We also provide Point-of-Sale Terminals, or POSTs, for central determinant video lottery systems, and player terminals for bingo

systems.

We provide proprietary content that has been designed and developed by us for our gaming systems. We also market game themes it has licensed from others.

We market ancillary products such as back office systems, player tracking systems, slot accounting systems, slot management systems and slot monitoring systems to gaming operators, domestic and international lotteries and regulators. In addition, we market certain proprietary and non-proprietary hardware products that are used in conjunction with our systems.

Our gaming systems typically operate across proprietary local-area and wide-area broadband networks. We provide linked interactive Class II gaming to our tribal customers via nationwide, broadband telecommunications network. Player terminals in the Class II gaming market are typically interconnected within a gaming facility and to other facilities via fiber optic and telephonic networks, thereby enabling players to simultaneously participate in the same game and to compete against one another to win common pooled prizes. In the charity bingo market, player

terminals are typically only interconnected within the gaming facility where the player terminals are located. With the exception of linked progressives, both Class III Native American casinos and traditional commercial casinos normally operate only intra facility gaming.

Our gaming systems are typically provided to customers under revenue-sharing arrangements, although sales models are common in some markets, for example, the Native American Class III market in Washington State, where POSTs and other products are typically sold for an up-front purchase price. Historically, we have primarily focused our development and marketing efforts on Class II gaming systems for use by Native American tribes throughout the U.S., and Class III video lottery systems for use by Native American tribes under compact with the state of Washington. We have recently focused our marketing efforts on the emerging charity markets in the U.S. and on domestic and international video lottery markets.

Native American Gaming. The Native American gaming market is a highly fragmented segment of the overall gaming industry in the United States. Though not all of the over 562 federally recognized Native American tribes offer gaming, there are over 356 Class II and Class III gaming facilities throughout the United States, with the majority of tribes operating only one facility.

Native American gaming is governed by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, or IGRA, which also established the National Indian Gaming Commission, or the NIGC, and granted the NIGC regulatory powers over certain aspects of Native American gaming. IGRA classifies games that may be played on Native American lands into three categories, each of which is subject to different regulations as follows:

Class I Gaming. Class I gaming includes traditional Native American social and ceremonial games. Class I gaming is regulated exclusively at the Native American tribal level.

Class II Gaming. Class II gaming includes bingo and, if played at the same location where bingo is offered, pull tabs and other games similar to bingo. Class II gaming is regulated by individual Native American tribes, with the NIGC having oversight of the tribal regulatory process. States that allow bingo and games similar to bingo to be conducted by any other entity or for any other purpose, such as bingo at charities or schools, may not regulate Class II gaming, and therefore receive no tax revenues from income the tribes derive from Class II gaming.

Class III Gaming. Class III gaming includes all other forms of gaming that are not included in either Class I or Class II, including slot machines and most table games. Class III gaming may be conducted only pursuant to contracts called compacts that are negotiated between individual states and individual Native American tribes located within that state and subsequently approved by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. The compacts typically include provisions entitling the state to receive revenues at mutually agreed rates from the income a tribe derives from Class III gaming activities.

We believe that all of our Class II games, electronic player terminals, and gaming systems are designed and operated to meet the requirements of Class II gaming as defined by IGRA, and that all of our Class III games, POSTs, and gaming systems meet the requirements of the appropriate tribal/state compacts. For a more in-depth discussion of these regulations, see the section under the heading Governmental Regulation.

We deliver our Class II games to our Native American customers nationwide through a broadband telecommunications network, which links player terminals located both within and among Class II gaming facilities, enabling players to compete against one another in the same game to win pooled prizes. We design and develop all of the hardware, software, networks and content to provide our Native American customers with complete, comprehensive gaming systems.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

We currently offer our Class II customers two gaming systems, our Legacy system and our New Generation system. In our Class II gaming markets, we typically provide player terminals to our customers on a participation basis, and receive revenue based on a percentage of the hold per day generated by each player terminal. As of September 30, 2004, we had 10,651 Class II player terminals installed in 83 Native American gaming facilities in 10 states, an increase of approximately 4% from the 10,259 player terminals installed as of September 30, 2003.

We offer intra facility linked Class III video lottery systems and POSTs to Native American customers in Washington State. The majority of our Class III POSTs are sold for an up-front purchase price, and we also receive back-office fees based on a percentage of the hold per day generated by each terminal. In addition, we offer Class III POSTs under both rental and lease-purchase programs. As of September 30, 2004, we had 3,583 Class III POSTs

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

running on our central determinant system, an increase of approximately 26% from the 2,851 Class III POSTs installed as of September 30, 2003. As of September 30, 2004, our Class III POSTs were located in 13 gaming facilities in Washington State.

In December 2003, we installed the first POSTs for our new Tribal Instant Lottery Game, or TILG, in California. The new one-touch game is based on a simulated scratch-off lottery ticket, and employs our central determinant system technology.

Charity Gaming. We design, develop and in some cases may operate gaming systems for charity gaming. Charity bingo and other forms of charity gaming are operated by or for the benefit of non-profit organizations for charitable, educational and other lawful purposes. This and other forms of non-Native American gaming are not currently subject to a federal regulatory system such as the one created by IGRA to regulate Native American gaming. Regulation of charity gaming is vested with each individual state, and in some states, regulatory authority is delegated to county or municipal governmental units. In addition, certain federal laws relating to gaming, such as the Johnson Act and the Wire Act, which regulate inter-state gaming and the inter-state transportation or illegal operation of slot machines and similar gambling devices, also apply to new video lottery jurisdictions, absent the passage of enabling legislation of constitutional amendments by a state.

We provide linked interactive electronic bingo systems and player terminals to charitable bingo operations in Alabama. During January 2004, we began placing player terminals in Alabama, and as of September 30, 2004, we had 2,059 player terminals at three facilities. The Attorney General of Alabama has recently completed a review of the gaming within the state. He concluded that the games that we were operating in Alabama were a legal form of bingo. He also concluded that two of the facilities are operating under a valid constitutional amendment, authorizing the facilities the ability to play electronic bingo. The third facility is operating under a constitutional amendment that was flawed in its ratification. The Attorney General and his staff have indicated they will file a declaratory judgment action asking the courts to invalidate this amendment as improperly ratified.

Video Lottery Gaming for State Regulated Jurisdictions. We designed and developed a central determinant system for the emerging state video lottery market. Our central determinant system includes all software, hardware and networks required to provide outcomes to, remotely manage, and to provide accounting reports for video lottery gaming conducted on POSTs at multiple locations. Beginning in January 2004, we began the first operation of our central determinant system for the video lottery POST network that the New York Lottery operates at licensed New York State racino racetracks. Our central determinant system is able to interface with, provide outcomes to and manage POSTs provided by Bally Gaming Inc., International Game Technology, Sierra Design Group, and Spielo Gaming International. As payment for providing and maintaining the central determinant system, we receive a small portion of the network-wide hold per day. We believe that we will be able to achieve future growth in the domestic and international video lottery market by leveraging our experience in the states of California, Washington and New York, our leadership in technologically advanced game and system design, and our ability to rapidly adapt game and system technology to satisfy emerging regulatory requirements.

The following table sets forth our end-of-period installed player terminals and POSTs base by quarter and by product line for each of the five most recent fiscal quarters:

Quarter Ended	Reel Time			Total Class II Units	Class III Washington State	Other Gaming Units
	Bingo	MegaNanza	Legacy			
9/30/2004	9,805		846	10,651	3,583	2,753
6/30/2004	8,686		1,009	9,695	3,180	1,996
3/31/2004	8,862		1,171	10,033	3,074	1,573
12/31/2003	8,842		1,290	10,132	3,005	589
9/30/2003	8,473	288	1,498	10,259	2,851	

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Through the Investor Relations link on our website, www.multimediamgames.com, we make available free of charge, as soon as reasonably practicable after such information has been filed with the SEC, our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports furnished pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act.

Multimedia Games, Inc. was incorporated in Texas on August 30, 1991. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms Company, MGAM, we, us, and our include Multimedia Games, Inc., and its subsidiaries MegaBingo, Inc., MGAM Systems, Inc, and Multimedia Services, LLC. Our executive offices are located at 206 Wild Basin Rd. Bldg. B, Fourth Floor, Austin, Texas, 78746, and our telephone number is (512) 334-7500.

Our Strategy

Our strategy is to leverage our position as a dominant supplier of central determinant driven, online gaming systems and an operator of linked, interactive electronic gaming systems and content to place systems and player terminals in the rapidly evolving and growing Native American, charity, video lottery and other domestic and international gaming markets. By doing so we will increase our revenues, diversify our revenue sources and expand the number of jurisdictions in which we conduct business. In addition, we plan to use our expertise and technology to develop new products and expand into other new markets for interactive gaming. Our strategies include the following:

Expand our installed base with new and existing customers, and enhance our customer relationships and market position through joint development efforts. We seek to continue our growth in our customer base and to place units with new customers to expand our installed base of linked terminals through development agreements. Pursuant to these agreements, we advance funds for the construction of new gaming facilities or for the expansion of existing facilities. These agreements provide for repayment of some or all of the amounts advanced. In return, we receive certain contractual commitments regarding the placement of player terminals at the gaming facility. As of September 30, 2004, five facilities covered under our development agreements were operating, and had signed agreements which covered an additional six facilities for an aggregate outstanding commitment to advance approximately \$42.5 million.

Exploit the potential expansion of additional domestic video lottery jurisdictions. We currently provide video lottery technologies to Native American tribes in the states of Washington and California. There are also ongoing legislative initiatives in a number of other states that, if successful, would permit the play of video lottery games in new jurisdictions. For example, New York adopted legislation authorizing the placement of POSTs at eight race tracks located in New York State. In May 2002, the New York Lottery notified us that we had been selected as the winning vendor to provide the central operating system for its video lottery system; currently, four of the eight tracks are now in operation. We believe we were selected over our competition primarily on the basis of our system's technological attributes, as well as its flexibility and cost effectiveness. As a result, we anticipate that we will be able to achieve future growth in the video lottery market by leveraging our experience in the states of Washington, California and New York, our leadership in technologically advanced game and system design, and our ability to rapidly adapt our game and system technology to satisfy emerging regulatory requirements.

Continue expansion in the charity gaming market. There are ongoing legislative initiatives in a number of jurisdictions that, if successful, we believe would allow the use of our technology in charity gaming facilities in those jurisdictions. We currently supply systems and/or player terminals to charity operators in Alabama and Louisiana that are authorized to conduct bingo games on behalf of certain non-profit organizations. As of September 30, 2004, we had installed a total of 2,237 player terminals in the charity gaming market. If similar legislative initiatives are successful in other markets, we believe we will be able to expand into new and evolving markets by building upon our existing gaming system and bingo gaming technology, infrastructure, product base and regulatory expertise.

Develop new products for emerging international markets for charity and commercial interactive, player-against-player gaming. Bingo or similar forms of player-against-player gaming is authorized in more than 100 countries. In a number of these jurisdictions, government regulators and/or legislators are considering expanding the types and forms of authorized gaming. We plan to leverage our success as a system provider and operator of player-against-player gaming in Class II Native American and domestic charity gaming to enter these evolving international markets.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Develop new products for emerging markets for interactive and conventional gaming for commercial and Native American Class III Casinos. We plan to market a variety of new gaming platforms, new proprietary content, and new innovative gaming systems as well as proprietary stand-alone gaming terminals to both the Native American Class III casinos and the conventional casino markets.

Develop new system-based products for domestic and international operators and regulators of lotteries. As a result of the expansion of gaming and as new forms of gaming are approved in new jurisdictions, regulators and

governmental agencies are procuring new systems and tools to facilitate the control and/or monitoring of gaming operations. We plan to leverage our core systems, accounting, database, encrypted communication, interoperability, data center, network operation center and gaming system operations capabilities to develop proprietary products to facilitate the regulators performing their oversight responsibilities.

Our Competitive Strengths

We intend to execute our strategy by leveraging on our competitive strengths, which include:

Years of experience and success as a proven operator of mission-critical, high-availability, large-scale transactional processing gaming systems. We have been operating central determinant driven, cashless payment systems, player-against-player gaming systems since 1989. Utilizing data centers and network operation centers at multiple locations, we currently operate and/or support seven different gaming systems facilitating gaming operations at over a hundred different facilities. We believe that our long-term experience as an operator of various types of gaming systems is unmatched by any other service provider in the gaming industry and plan to leverage on this valuable experience to obtain new contracts to operate additional gaming systems in new jurisdictions.

Experience providing server-based central determinant games. Since our inception, we have focused on a type of gaming that has come to be known within the gaming industry as server-based central determinant gaming. Many industry leading gaming companies have now recognized the power of this type of gaming system architecture and many knowledgeable industry specialist believe that we are the technology leader in this form of gaming system architecture.

Leader in network enabled gaming. We were one of the first operators of gaming systems to recognize the advantages of networked gaming and to embrace the use of both local area networks and wide area networks to enhance the entertainment value of the gaming experience. We currently operate the largest network of inter-facility interactive central determinant gaming in North America. We believe that our experience in operating networked gaming will help us enter new markets in the future.

The technological flexibility of our gaming systems allows us to place player terminals, or POSTs, in multiple geographic locations, add new locations to our network without disrupting play on the network, and to provide a satisfying entertainment and gaming experience to the end user.

Superior technology, products, systems and services. Our technology-driven approach to our business has yielded what we believe are the most flexible and innovative gaming systems in the North American gaming industry. The advanced architecture of our gaming systems enable us to regularly launch new games that we believe appeal to the entertainment and gaming preferences of our end users. Our standard product offerings also include richly featured back-office systems, cashless payment systems, player tracking systems, accounting systems for gaming system and slot/video lottery floor management systems. We believe that our investment in and focus on the use of emerging technologies will help us procure additional non-commodity priced business in the future.

We continually upgrade our existing hardware, communication network infrastructure, and systems and application software to incorporate state-of-the-art architecture. We systematically upgrade the components contained in the player terminals located at our customers' facilities so that the player terminals can use our most up-to-date technology, and so we can enhance the gaming and entertainment experience of our end users by offering games that play at high speed and use the new technology to offer advanced graphics and sounds in all of the gaming markets that we serve.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Extensive and flexible content library. We currently offer our own proprietary game themes in our Class II and Class III libraries and game themes developed through third-party license agreements. Through these agreements, we have access to a significant number of additional game themes with proven acceptance in a variety of gaming jurisdictions, and which we may use in both our Class II and Class III markets.

Our license agreements with WMS Gaming Inc., or WMS, Bally Gaming Inc., or Bally, Mikohn Gaming Corporation, or Mikohn, and Sigma Games, Inc., or Sigma, allow us to use some of their most popular game themes, which have player-tested acceptance in other gaming markets. These games are offered in a variety of pay tables, prize distributions and currency denominations.

Utilizing our advanced game development tools and our software driven architecture, our team of game technology specialists can quickly and cost effectively adapt these game themes to the Class II, Class III, charity, video lottery and other gaming markets and to respond quickly to changing end-user preferences as well as changes in the requirements of applicable regulatory agencies.

Advanced tools for the gaming operator. Our technology embraces the development of new tools to enable the gaming operator to collect and mine data that will empower the operator to optimize the earnings of a gaming facility.

Ongoing revenue from existing installed base. We derive most of our revenues from participation arrangements with our customers, through which we receive a percentage of the hold per day generated by each of our player terminals. Therefore, our interests are closely aligned with the interests of our customers, as a substantial portion of our revenues is dependent on the revenues they generate.

Our Products and Services

Class II Games and Systems. We provide the Class II Native American gaming market with linked, interactive electronic games and related online systems and player terminals. These games, systems and player terminals include:

Flexible gaming systems that enable us to regularly launch new game engines;

Flexible gaming systems that enable us to operate games efficiently;

Flexible game engines that enable us to display the same underlying bingo game utilizing various game themes;

High-speed, interactive Class II bingo games and game themes we designed and developed that provide our end users with an entertaining gaming experience;

Player terminals linked via nationwide, broadband telecommunications network, thereby enabling us to rapidly build quorums and broaden participation in games run throughout the country and monitor the performance of our network in real time;

Information services that allow our customers to monitor their gaming activities and to improve service to end users; and

Back office, accounting and player tracking systems that help our customers optimize their earnings.

To take advantage of advances in technology that increase the capability of our systems, improve the end-user experience, broaden participation in the games and thereby increase revenues, we regularly introduce new high-speed, interactive Class II bingo games. Our historical growth in revenue is the result of the increase in our installed base of player terminals and the technological advances we have developed and implemented. These advances have enabled us to dramatically increase the frequency and the number of games played on our system over any given period of time.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

From 1989 through April, 2003, we produced MegaBingo, a live bingo game that was broadcast via satellite into participating facilities and utilized a live ball draw. MegaBingo was televised a couple of times per week at multiple bingo facilities throughout the U.S. The game enabled players to simultaneously view the live ball draw on television monitors located in the facility, and compete with players in other facilities in the same live game to win a large jackpot prize. We may resume play of a revised game that is similar in concept to MegaBingo.

In May 1996, we introduced our Legacy gaming system and its related family of game engines with the launch of MegaMania, the first online, interactive bingo game played on player terminals linked within a single facility; shortly thereafter, we began linking multiple facilities with one another via nationwide, broadband telecommunications network. When first introduced, a game of MegaMania took approximately two minutes to play. We used rotating shifts of teams of employees, working twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week, to manually draw bingo ball numbers from a bingo ball blower. The drawn numbers were then keyed into the network to appear simultaneously on multiple player terminals linked to the network and logged onto that game. Today, a game of MegaMania takes about one minute to play. In place of a bingo ball blower, we now use an electronic ball draw that randomly determines bingo numbers, which are instantly communicated over the network to player

terminals. This new method has significantly increased the speed and reliability of the game, improved security and significantly reduced overhead.

In January 2001, we introduced our New Generation gaming system and its related family of game engines with the launch of MegaNanza, a bonanza-style bingo game where the bingo numbers are drawn before the bingo cards are purchased. We believe the faster pace facilitated by our New Generation gaming system enhances the entertainment and gaming experience of our end users, resulting in an overall increase in the number of end users playing our games.

In June 2002, we introduced Reel Time Bingo, a high-speed, standard-sequence bingo game, in which the cards are purchased before the balls are drawn, played on our New Generation system. As of October 27, 2003, we had converted all of our MegaNanza games to some version of Reel Time Bingo, both in response to the settlement agreement reached between us and the NIGC, and to take advantage of improved technologies.

We continually strive to improve the capabilities of our core gaming system. In November 2003, we introduced and began deploying our Gen4 gaming system, which enables us to operate games with complex bonus rounds, to operate real-time, inter-hall progressives and to provide better inter operability between gaming systems. Furthermore, our Gen 4 gaming system allows us to operate multiple gaming engines within a single facility. This will be especially beneficial in certain Oklahoma facilities where the operators have decided to continue offering Class II games after they begin offering the new Class III games that are permitted under the compact.

We currently offer a variety of Class II player terminal models. Each Class II player terminal has a screen that always displays the bingo cards being played as well as a flashboard that displays bingo numbers that have been drawn. Depending upon the end user's entertainment preference, an additional display can be selected that minimizes the size of the bingo card display and shows other graphics that can take many forms, including graphics that simulate spinning reels similar to slot machines or video lottery games. In addition to our proprietary titles, some of our player terminals also use displays adapted from game themes we license from WMS, Bally, Sigma and Mikohn. The screen also serves as a touch pad that allows end users to communicate, interactively, decisions that influence the play of the game. Such actions may include initiating play, dropping bingo cards from play, daubing or covering numbers drawn, claiming a prize or ending play. Player terminals vary according to height, width and depth (to accommodate, in part, the differing space needs of our customers' facilities), screen size and other features affecting appearance and the visual appeal to end users.

Our Class II games are linked via nationwide, broadband telecommunications network, which provides several important benefits to us, our customers and our end users:

A large number of potential players are available to rapidly build quorums for individual games.

For certain game designs, larger numbers of end users can compete in a single game, which increases the size of the prize pool.

Class II gaming requires there to be more than one end user participating in a game. Our network enables end users to link with each other more quickly, thereby increasing the number of games played during a given period.

We are able to introduce technological enhancements via our network without the need for location-by-location down time, thereby avoiding lost revenues for our customers.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

We are able to monitor network performance in real time, which allows us to quickly identify and respond to network problems and avoid significant down time.

With our ability to launch new games broadly over a large number of player terminals, the chance that any new game will become popular with end users is increased, since the frequency of prizes and its related effect upon the popularity of a game depend in part on the total number of end users participating in the same game.

In addition, our back-office system provides accounting, management and information services to our customers, who are able to monitor all aspects of their gaming activities by player terminal, by game and by gaming facility. Our back-office system normally includes a database server that archives details of distribution and sales, as well as end-user information used by the gaming facilities for marketing and player tracking, and a management terminal that can monitor game system operation and generate system reports. Our player tracking system allows us to track

the playing preferences of those individual end users who have elected to participate in our player tracking program, thereby gaining potentially valuable design insight into game features that appeal to end users. It also serves as a marketing tool for our customers, who are made aware, in real time, of end users playing in their facility.

We continuously monitor our network from our network operations center, headquartered in Austin, Texas, which enables us to identify disruptions or less than optimum network performance, as well as to gather valuable data regarding the playing habits and preferences of end users and this data is then utilized in our game design efforts.

Class III Games and Systems. We sell, rent or lease Class III POSTs to Native American customers in the state of Washington and receive back-office fees based on a share of the hold per day generated by the POSTs. Class III video lottery gaming in the state of Washington is allowed pursuant to a compact between the state and certain Native American tribes in that state. The compacts contain the specifications for permissible video lottery systems in the state, including:

Only those POSTs within the same gaming facility may be linked with one another;

The system must be cashless ; and

All system components and software and the implementation of each game must be approved by an independent gaming laboratory as well as by the gaming laboratory operated by Washington State.

An end user who wishes to play our Class III POSTs in the state of Washington must open an account with the cashier in the facility and receive a card encoded with an account number and a personal identification number. The end user can then use the card to buy an electronic ticket at a POST, add money to the account at a point of sale terminal, or cash out the account.

Electronic replicas of scratch tickets are shown on the POSTs, with the results of the wager displayed in a variety of graphical game formats that entertain the end user with motion and sound before revealing the value of the scratch ticket. We have license agreements with WMS and Bally that allow us to use several of their popular game themes in the state of Washington. Our Class III POSTs are available in a variety of freestanding and bar-top styles having a look and feel that is consistent with traditional video slot machines.

Our Class III systems in Washington State comprise all the software and hardware necessary for operation, and are designed to be readily adaptable to the video lottery requirements of jurisdictions outside that state. Our hardware includes multiple servers that generate sets of electronic lottery tickets, and distribute them on demand to end users sitting at terminals networked throughout a casino. As with our Class II gaming systems, our Class III back-office system allows us to maintain details of ticket manufacture, distribution and sales, and end-user information, and monitor game system operation and generate system reports.

In December 2003, we installed the first POSTs for our new Tribal Instant Lottery Game, or TILG, in California. The new one-touch game is based on a simulated scratch-off lottery ticket, and employs our central determinant system technology. Our customers in the state of California believe that the operation of the video lottery system is permitted under their compact; however, the Office of the Governor of the state of California has notified both the tribes and us that they do not believe that this system can be operated unless it is part of the 2000 device limit outlined in the compact.

Charity and Commercial Bingo Games and Systems

Video Lottery Central Systems. We designed and developed a central determinant system for the emerging domestic and international video lottery market. Our central system encompasses all software, hardware and networks required to provide outcomes and accounting for video lottery gaming conducted at multiple locations. Beginning in January 2004, we began the first operation of our central determinant system for the video lottery terminal network that the New York Lottery operates at licensed New York State racino racetracks. Our central system is able to interface with and manage POSTs provided by Bally Gaming Inc., International Game Technology, Sierra Design Group, and Spielo Gaming International. As payment for providing and maintaining the central determinant system, we receive a small portion of the network-wide hold per day. We believe that we will be able to achieve future growth in the domestic and international video lottery market by leveraging our experience in the states of California, Washington and New York, our leadership in technologically advanced game and system design, and our ability to rapidly adapt game and system technology to satisfy emerging regulatory requirements.

Research and Development

Our research and development activities primarily focus on the development of new gaming systems, gaming engines, player tracking systems, casino data management systems, central video lottery systems, gaming platforms and content, and enhancements to our existing product lines. We believe our investments in product development are necessary to deliver differentiated products and solutions to the marketplace. Research and development costs consist primarily of salaries and benefits, consulting fees, and an allocation of corporate facilities costs related to these activities. Once the technological feasibility of a project has been established, the project is transferred from research to development, and capitalization begins.

Research and development expenses increased by 35.1% to \$3.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004, from \$2.5 million for the comparable period in the prior fiscal year. For the year ended September 30, 2004, research and development expenses increased by 23.3% to \$12.3 million, from \$10.0 million for the same period of 2003. This increase primarily resulted from an increased headcount in our development group as we have focused our internal efforts on developing new gaming systems and game themes. We expect our research and development expenses to grow over the upcoming periods as we continue focusing on product development and adding development staff.

Gaming Contracts

Generally, all of our Class II and Class III gaming revenues are derived through contracts with our Native American customers. Our contracts typically run over multiple years, and can be terminated earlier under certain specified conditions. The contracts specify the quantity and type of player terminals to be installed and the terms of the rental or participation arrangement. There is also a limited waiver of sovereign immunity by each tribe that typically provides for the arbitration of any dispute under the contract, and the right to enforce any decision of the arbitrator by application to a federal or state court having jurisdiction. Under these contracts, we are also granted the right to enter the land of the Native American tribe for the purpose of removing our property under certain circumstances. See Risk Factors We do not rely upon the term of our customer contracts to retain the business of our customers, and - Enforcement of remedies or contracts against Native American tribes could be difficult. Furthermore, the National Indian Gaming commission has recently expressed concern that some of our form of contract may violate the spirit of the sole proprietary interest concept that is required to be written into all tribal gaming regulations.

Marketing, Advertising and Promotion

In addition, we use a variety of focused advertising and promotion methods, including direct mailings in localities near our customers facilities, discount coupons for new players, advertising in specialized bingo newsletters, and other promotions unique to each facility.

While we consult with our customers on advertising and pro motion, we pay most of the costs.

Intellectual Property

We rely to a limited extent upon patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws, license agreements and employee nondisclosure agreements to protect our proprietary rights and technology. Since these laws and contractual provisions provide only limited protection, we rely more upon proprietary know-how and continuing technological innovation to develop and maintain our competitive position. Insofar as we rely on trade secrets, unpatented know-how, and innovation, there is no assurance that others will not independently develop similar technology or that

secrecy will not be breached.

Patents, Trademarks and Tradenames. We have patents issued and patents pending in the U.S. We also have patents pending overseas corresponding to some of our U.S. patents and pending U.S. patent applications. Our trademarks and tradenames include: Players Passport[®], Reel Time Bingo[®], MegaNanza[®] MegaBingo[®], and MegaMania[®]. All references herein to those trademarks and tradenames are deemed to include the applicable tradename or trademark designation. See Risk Factors We may not be successful in protecting our intellectual property rights, or avoiding claims that we are infringing upon the intellectual property rights of others.

Licenses

We are licensed by the state of Washington to conduct Class III gaming in that state, and we are licensed by the states of Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi as a manufacturer of charitable gaming equipment. For Class II gaming, we are licensed by all of the relevant Native American gaming commissions that grant licenses pursuant to their gaming ordinances. We have sought and obtained determinations that our New Generation games are Class II gaming from each tribe's gaming commission prior to the installation of the games in their facilities. We are also licensed by the state of New York for the purpose of providing the central determinant driven video lottery system operated at certain racetracks.

Competition

We currently compete in Native American Class II gaming markets with companies that are both larger and smaller than we are. In this market, we also compete with vendors of paper and electronic pull tabs, paper bingo and card minders. We compete with other Class II vendors for customers, primarily on the basis of the amount of profit our gaming products generate for our customers in relation to other vendors' gaming products. We believe that the most important factor influencing our customers' product selection is the appeal of those products to end users. This appeal has a direct effect on the volume of play by end users, and drives the amount of revenue generated for and by our customers. Our ability to remain competitive depends primarily on our ability to continuously develop new game themes and systems that appeal to end users, and to introduce those game themes and systems in a timely manner. See Risk Factors. Our future performance will depend on our ability to develop and introduce new gaming systems and to enhance existing games that are widely accepted and played. We may not be able to continue to develop and introduce appealing new game themes and systems that meet the emerging requirements of Class II gaming in a timely manner, or at all. In addition, others may independently develop games similar to our Class II games, and competitors may introduce non-Class II games that unfairly compete in the Class II market due to uneven regulatory enforcement policies.

We believe continued developments in the Class II market that alleviate or clarify the legal and regulatory uncertainties of that market will result in increased competition in the interactive electronic Class II gaming market, including the entrance of new competitors with significant gaming experience and financial resources. We believe the increased competition will intensify pressure on our pricing model. In the future, gaming providers will compete on the basis of price as well as the entertainment value and technological superiority of their products. While we will continue to compete by regularly introducing new and faster games, with technological enhancements that we believe will appeal to end users, we believe that the net revenue retained by our customers from their installed base of player terminals will become a more significant factor, one that may require us to change the terms of our participation arrangements with customers to remain competitive.

Employees

At September 30, 2004, we had 444 full-time and part-time employees, including 221 engaged in field operations and business development, 152 in system and game development, 23 in sales and marketing activities, 21 in accounting functions, and 27 in other general administrative and executive functions. We do not have a collective bargaining agreement with any of our employees. We believe our relationship with our current employees is good.

Governmental Regulation

General. We are subject to federal, state and Native American laws and regulations that affect both our general commercial relationships with our Native American tribal customers as well as the products and services provided to them. We also offer products for charity bingo markets that are subject to state and local regulation. The following is only a summary of the more material aspects of these laws and regulations, and is

not a complete recitation of all applicable law.

Federal Regulation. The most important pieces of federal legislation affecting our business are the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, or IGRA, and the Johnson Act.

Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Most of our business relates to gaming activities on Native American lands. The operation of gaming on Native American lands is subject to IGRA which created the National Indian Gaming Commission, or NIGC, to promulgate regulations to enforce certain aspects of IGRA.

IGRA classifies games that may be played on Native American land into three categories: Class I gaming includes traditional Native American social and ceremonial games, and is regulated only by the tribes. Class II gaming includes bingo and, if played at the same location where bingo is played, pull tabs, lotto, punch boards, tip jars, instant bingo, certain card games played under limited circumstances, and other games similar to bingo. Class III gaming consists of all forms of gaming that are not Class I or Class II, such as video lottery games, slot machines, most table games and keno.

IGRA allows Native American tribes to legally engage in Class II gaming on Native American lands in any state where the state permits such gaming by any person for any purpose. For example, if a state permits churches to hold charity bingo nights, then IGRA would allow tribes to engage in bingo on Native American lands located in that state as a Class II gaming activity, free of any interference, regulation or taxation by that state.

IGRA also regulates the terms of gaming management contracts with Native Americans, which must be approved by the NIGC before taking effect, and requires the Native American tribe to have the sole proprietary interest in the gaming operation. Historically, the NIGC has determined that the agreements pursuant to which we provide our Class II games, equipment and services are service agreements and not management contracts, thereby allowing us to obtain terms that might otherwise not be permitted. Under existing regulations, management contracts can have a maximum term of seven years, and limit the amount payable to the manager to 30% of the net revenue from the related gaming activity. On occasion, however, as a condition of its approval of a management contract, the NIGC has required that managers accept both a shorter term and a reduced percentage of the net revenue.

On April 23, 2004, we reported that the acting General Counsel of the NIGC had issued a letter to us and one of our tribal customers opining that the our development agreement regarding the WinStar Casino in Thackerville, Oklahoma constituted a management contract. The authority of the NIGC to review and approve gaming related contracts is limited to management contracts and related collateral agreements. According to the acting General Counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling with respect to any part of a gaming operation constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement for any of these activities is a management contract. We have expressed our disagreement with this interpretation by the acting General Counsel, and our belief that her view of management is broader than was intended by Congress. We also believe that the acting General Counsel's opinion may have been based in part on collateral agreements we provided to the NIGC in error and that are not presently in effect. We, along with certain tribal customers, submitted additional information and documents related to the development agreements for review by the NIGC.

On December 1, 2004 we received a series of letters from the NIGC expressing the commission's concern that certain of our agreements violate the requirements of IGRA and tribal gaming regulations, which state that the Native American tribes hold the sole proprietary interest in the tribe's gaming operations. In particular, the NIGC is concerned that our development agreements, whereby we advance development funds to our tribal customers in exchange for allocated floor space and a share of gaming revenue, create a proprietary interest of ours in the tribe's gaming operations. As a result of its concern, the NIGC has requested we and our tribal customers provide a written justification for the percentage of shared revenue specified in the subject agreements, which in the view of the NIGC exceeds the level permissible under a management agreement. The NIGC has also asked that we and our tribal customers provide an explanation why our arrangements do not result in our holding a proprietary interest in our tribal customer's gaming operations. In addition, on December 1, 2004, we received a letter from the NIGC expressing the commission's concern that an Integrated Electronic Gaming Services Agreement, dated January 2000 with one of our customers, covering one of our Legacy games constituted a management agreement. According to the acting general counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling, with respect to any part of a gaming operation, constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement is a management contract, which requires NIGC approval. We are currently preparing our response to the NIGC's requests.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

If certain of our development agreements are finally determined to be management contracts or to create a proprietary interest of us in tribal gaming operations, there could be material adverse consequences to us. In that event, we may be required, among other things, to modify the terms of such agreements. Such modification may adversely affect the terms on which we conduct business and significantly impact our financial condition and results of operations from such agreement and from other development agreements that may be similarly interpreted by the NIGC.

-12-

Our contracts could be subject to further review at any time. Any further review of these agreements by the NIGC, or alternative interpretations of applicable laws and regulations could require substantial modifications to those agreements or result in their redesignation as management contracts, which could materially and adversely affect the terms on which we conduct business.

Johnson Act. The Johnson Act broadly defines an illegal gambling device as any machine or mechanical device designed and manufactured primarily for use in connection with gambling and that, when operated, delivers money or other property to a player as the result of the application of an element of chance. Courts that have considered the scope of the Johnson Act in relation to IGRA have generally determined that the Johnson Act does not prohibit the use of electronic and technological aids to bingo that operate to broaden the participation of players to play against one another rather than against a machine.

Class II gaming is defined by IGRA as including the game of chance commonly known as bingo (whether or not electronic, computer or other technological aids are used in connection therewith). However, IGRA's definition of Class II gaming expressly excludes electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance or slot machines of any kind. Prior to June 17, 2002, regulations adopted by the NIGC defined electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance or slot machines of any kind as being equivalent to gambling devices, as defined and prohibited by the Johnson Act.

On June 17, 2002, the NIGC published new regulations, effective July 16, 2002, defining the terms electronic, computer or other technological aids that can legally be used in Class II gaming, and electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of a game of chance that may not be legally used in Class II gaming. The NIGC essentially did away with using the Johnson Act definition of gambling device as the method of determining what constituted an illegal electronic or electromechanical facsimile of a game of chance, and relied instead upon existing court cases which have held that legal technological aids permitted by IGRA are aids that broaden the participation levels of players in the same game, facilitate communication between and among gaming facilities, and allow players to play a game with or against other players rather than with or against a machine. Under these court decisions, any devices that accomplish these objectives are not gambling devices prohibited by the Johnson Act.

These new NIGC regulations are not binding upon the DOJ, which is the federal agency charged with enforcing the Johnson Act. The DOJ has asserted in the past and, as described below, continues to assert their position, that any electronic or mechanical device used in gaming, such as the electronic player terminals used to play our Class II games, are illegal gambling devices, and thus in violation of the Johnson Act.

In a decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (*Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, et al. vs. National Indian Gaming Commission, et al.*, decided April 17, 2003), a federal circuit court considered the applicability of the Johnson Act to Class II gaming. The opinion of the court was in line with several previous court opinions (including the Ninth and Tenth Circuit opinions on our MegaMania games) that found that the Johnson Act did not prohibit the use of technological aids to Class II gaming on Native American land. The court also noted that their opinion was in line with the new NIGC regulations. In another recent decision from the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (*United States of America vs. Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska*, decided March 20, 2003), a circuit court found for the first time that the Johnson Act does apply to Class II technological aids, although the court also found that the pull-tab player terminals at issue in that case were not Johnson Act devices. That court also went on to cite the fact that the NIGC has adopted new regulations and that those regulations would permit Class II technological aids under IGRA.

On November 21, 2003, the DOJ filed a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court seeking review of the two U.S. Circuit Court cases that examined whether the Johnson Act prohibits Native American tribes from offering certain types of electronic gaming devices. Specifically, the DOJ seeks review of *United States of America v. Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, a federally recognized Indian Tribe*, on Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and *John D. Ashcroft, Attorney General, et al., v. Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, et al.* on Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. In the petitions, the DOJ asserts that the Johnson Act prohibits Native American tribes from operating certain electronic gambling devices without a compact with the appropriate state.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

On February 27, 2004, the Supreme Court declined to grant the DOJ's Petitions for Writs of Certiorari. Although our machines were not the subject of the lawsuits, the DOJ's arguments and reasoning appeared to encompass the machines offered by us for the Class II market. Since the Supreme Court declined to accept these cases for review, the lower court's decisions affirming the right of the tribes to offer games such as those manufactured and sold by

us, as legal electronic aids to bingo for the Class II market, will continue to stand. We believe that for the immediate future, significant legal uncertainty has been eliminated concerning our ability to continue to offer Class II games played with the assistance of technological aids in our principal market. However, the elimination of this legal uncertainty may have contributed to increased competition from vendors currently in the Class III market who we believe have avoided entry into the Class II market due to the legal uncertainties described above.

Game Classification Standards. The NIGC has expressed concern that accelerated changes in gaming technology threatens to obscure the statutory distinction between permissible Class II technologic aids and Class III electronic facsimiles and slot machines. As a result, earlier this year the NIGC began a process to develop regulations that the NIGC believes will result in clear, precise, objective and verifiable standards distinguishing technologic aids from electronic facsimiles and slot machines.

On March 30, 2004, the NIGC established a Tribal Advisory Committee made up of tribal gaming operators and regulators nominated by tribal leaders. The purpose of the Committee is to solicit their input on the various working drafts of the Class II game classification standards prepared by NIGC staff.

On September 30, 2004, the NIGC released its third draft of the game classification standards on its web site and for the first time invited comment by all interested parties, including tribal leaders, gaming operators and regulators, states, gaming vendors and manufacturers, in order to help the NIGC formulate the standards. Public comments were due on November 12, 2004, but that date was later extended to November 29, 2004.

According to the Chairman of the NIGC, all received comments are to be shared and discussed with the Tribal Advisory Committee and NIGC staff in developing subsequent preliminary drafts and formulating the Class II technical classification standards and procedures for publication in the Federal Register as a proposed NIGC rule. After the proposed rule is published in the Federal Register, there will be a 60-day review and comment period for all tribes, as well as gaming manufacturers, and suppliers, and other interested persons. The final NIGC rule will be formulated and published in the Federal Register and take effect only after all submitted tribal and public comments on the proposed rule are considered by the NIGC and its Tribal Advisory Committee.

During the 60-day comment period on the proposed rule, the NIGC intends to conduct one or more public hearings to receive public comments from tribal leaders and representatives and other interested persons regarding the merits of the proposed Class II technical standards and procedures set forth in the proposed rule.

It is anticipated that the proposed rule will be prepared and published in the Federal Register on or about January 26, 2005. After completion of the 60-day comment period and all public hearing(s) on the proposed rule, the NIGC plans to consult further with the Tribal Advisory Committee and other tribal leaders to complete formulation of the final rule. Under the current NIGC time-line, the NIGC expects the final rule to be published in the Federal Register and take effect in late June 2005.

Tribal-State Compacts. Native American tribes cannot offer Class III gaming unless, among other things, they are parties to compacts, with the states in which they operate. The tribal-state compacts typically include provisions entitling the state to receive revenues from the income a tribe derives from Class III gaming activities. Although compacts are intended to document the agreement between the state and a tribe relative to permitted Class III gaming operations, they are agreements and can be subject to interpretive and other ambiguity and disputes. Currently, we operate in three states where compacts significantly affect our business: California, Oklahoma, and Washington.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

California. In December 2003, we began to offer TILG POSTs to tribal customers in California who are parties to compacts with the state. In November 2004, two of our tribal customers opened expanded facilities which increased the number of TILG POSTs substantially. In part, these compacts permit each tribe to offer gaming facilities with up to 2,000 gambling devices, and separately, permit the play of any video lottery machine that the state of California could legally offer. The state and our tribal customers are currently involved in a dispute over our TILG games, wherein the state asserts, among other things, that the TILG POSTs should be counted for purposes of determining that the tribe is offering only 2,000 machines in its facility. As a result of this dispute, we may be required to modify or remove our machines from the tribal facilities, among other risks to our business.

In California, our TILG POSTs are the subject of a dispute between the state of California and our tribal customers, which may result in significant modification or discontinuance of the play of these games.

Oklahoma. In May 2004, the Oklahoma Legislature passed legislation authorizing certain forms of gaming at racetracks and additional types of games at tribal gaming facilities pursuant to a tribal-state compact. This

legislation was subject to approval in a statewide referendum, which was subsequently obtained in the November 2004 elections. The Oklahoma gaming legislation will allow the tribes to sign a compact with the state of Oklahoma to operate an unlimited number of electronic instant Bingo games, electronic bonanza-style bingo games, electronic skill games and non-house banked blackjack games. In addition, certain horse tracks in Oklahoma will be allowed to operate a limited number of instant and bonanza style bingo games and skill games. Three tribes and the state must sign the compact and the Bureau of Indian Affairs must approve the compact before the compact becomes effective. The compact could be effective and the tribes could begin operating the compacted games as soon as December 2004. All vendors placing games under the compact will ultimately be required to be licensed by the state of Oklahoma.

We believe the recently adopted Oklahoma legislation significantly clarifies and expands the types of gaming permitted by Native America tribes in that state. We currently expect continued intensified competition from vendors currently operating in Oklahoma as well as new market entrants. As a result, we anticipate further pressure on our market and revenue share percentages in Oklahoma. In addition, in the immediate future, we expect continued regulatory uncertainty in Oklahoma. In particular, although we and other vendors may not begin to offer games enabled by the new legislation until state and tribal regulations, rules and specifications adopted pursuant to that legislation become final, certain other vendors and tribes may begin to offer new games prior to that time. It is unclear what, if any, regulatory enforcement action could or would be taken against tribes and vendors offering games not authorized by existing law but permitted under the newly adopted, but not yet effective, legislation.

Washington. In Washington State, the Company offers video lottery POSTs operated in conjunction with local central determinant systems, pursuant to compacts between the state and certain Native American tribes in that state. These compacts are recognized by IGRA to permit Class III gaming, which would otherwise be illegal.

Native American Regulation of Gaming. IGRA requires that Native American tribes adopt and submit for NIGC approval, gaming ordinances that regulate tribes' conduct of gaming. While these ordinances vary from tribe to tribe, they commonly provide for the following:

Native American ownership of the gaming operation;

Establishment of an independent tribal gaming commission;

Use of gaming net revenues for Native American government, economic development, health, education, housing or related purposes;

Independent audits, including specific audits of all contracts for amounts greater than \$25,000;

Native American background investigations and licenses;

Adequate safeguards for the environment and the public health and safety; and

Dispute resolution procedures.

Pursuant to IGRA, our tribal customers have adopted regulations requiring the tribe to have the sole proprietary interest in its gaming activities. We and certain of our customers have recently received correspondence from the NIGC expressing concern that our agreements with these customers create a proprietary interest in the tribe's gaming operations. We are preparing a response to the NIGC addressing this issue. See Governmental Regulation Federal Regulation Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Charity Gaming. Charity bingo facilities are generally operated by non-profit organizations for charitable, educational and other lawful purposes. Charity bingo is not currently subject to a nationwide regulatory system such as the one created by IGRA to regulate Native American gaming, so regulation is on a state-by-state, and sometimes a county-by-county basis. We currently offer charity bingo gaming systems in the state of Alabama pursuant to state and county regulations. We also offer games to certain operators in Louisiana.

Other. Existing federal and state regulations may also impose civil and criminal sanctions for various activities prohibited in connection with gaming operations, including false statements on applications and failure or refusal to obtain necessary licenses described in the regulations.

RISK FACTORS

The following risk factors should be carefully considered in connection with the other information and financial statements contained in this Annual Report, including Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. If any of these risks actually occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be seriously and materially harmed, and the trading price of our common stock could decline.

We face legal and regulatory uncertainties that threaten our ability to conduct our business and to effectively compete in our Native American gaming markets that increase our cost of doing business and that divert substantial management time away from our operations.

Historically, we have derived most of our revenue from the placement of Class II player terminals and systems for gaming activities conducted on Native American lands. These activities are subject to federal regulation under the Johnson Act, IGRA, and under the rules and regulations adopted by both the NIGC and the gaming commissions each Native American tribe establishes to regulate gaming. The Johnson Act broadly defines gambling devices to include any machine or mechanical device designed and manufactured primarily for use in connection with gambling, and that, when operated, delivers money or other property to a player as the result of the application of an element of chance. A government agency or court that literally applied this definition and did not give effect to subsequent congressional legislation, or to certain regulatory interpretations or judicial decisions, could determine that the manufacture and use of our electronic player terminals, and perhaps other key components of our Class II gaming systems that rely to some extent upon electronic equipment to run a game, are illegal. Our tribal customers could be subject to significant fines and penalties if it is ultimately determined they are offering an illegal game, and an adverse regulatory or judicial determination regarding the legal status of our products could have material adverse consequences for our business, operating results and prospects.

The market for electronic Class II player terminals and systems is subject to continuing ambiguity due to the difficulty of reconciling the Johnson Act's broad definition of gambling devices with the provisions of IGRA that expressly make legal the play of bingo and tribes' use of electronic, computer, or other technological aids in the play of bingo. Issues surrounding the classification of our games as Class II games that may generally be offered by our tribal customers without a state compact, or as Class III games that can only be offered by the tribes pursuant to such a compact, have affected our business in the past, and continue to do so. Government enforcement, regulatory action, judicial decisions, or the prospects or rumors thereof have in the past and will continue to affect our business, operating results and prospects. Although some of our games have been reviewed and approved as legal, Class II, games by the NIGC, we have placed and continue to derive revenue from a significant number of player terminals running games that have not been so approved. Our business and operating results would likely be adversely affected, at least in the short term, by any significant regulatory enforcement action involving our games. The trading price of our common stock has in the past and may in the future be subject to significant fluctuations based upon market perceptions of the legal status of our products.

Native American gaming activities involving our games and systems are also subject to regulation by state and local authorities, to the extent such gaming activities constitute, or are perceived to constitute, Class III gaming. Class III gaming is illegal in most states unless conducted by a tribe pursuant to a compact between a tribe and the state in which the tribe is located. The Class III video lottery systems we offer, such as the systems and POSTs operating in Washington State, are subject to regulation by authorities in that state and to the terms of the compacts between the tribes offering such games and Washington State. Gaming activities under the new tribal-state compact in Oklahoma, when effective, will be subject to the terms of compacts between such tribes and the state of Oklahoma. In addition, the state of California has recently notified us that the state has determined that our TILG units constitute Class III gaming devices that are not permitted by the compacts between the state and tribes. California also asserts we may be obligated to cooperate with the state in removing or otherwise stopping the play of these games in California tribal facilities. We are currently working with our tribal customers in California and plan to communicate with California gaming authorities to attempt to resolve the current regulatory uncertainty in that state. Regulatory interpretations and enforcement actions by state regulators, including without limitation, actions by California authorities regarding our TILG product, could have significant and immediate adverse impacts on our business and operating results.

In addition to federal, state and local regulation, all Native American tribes are required by IGRA to adopt ordinances regulating gaming as a condition of their right to conduct gaming on Native American lands. These ordinances often include the establishment of tribal gaming commissions that make their own judgment about

whether an activity is Class II or Class III gaming. Normally, we will not introduce a new Class II game in a customer's gaming facility unless the tribe's gaming commission has made its own independent determination that the game is Class II gaming. Adverse regulatory decisions by tribal gaming commissions could adversely affect our business.

We also face risks from a lack of regulatory or judicial enforcement action. In particular, we believe we have lost market share to competitors who offer games that do not appear to comply with published regulatory restrictions on Class II games, and thereby offer features not available in our products. As a consequence of recently adopted gaming legislation in Oklahoma, we believe vendors with whom we compete and some tribes operating gaming facilities in Oklahoma may increase deployment of these games in advance of final regulations required under the new legislation. To the extent tribes offer these games rather than ours, our market share, revenue and operating results may suffer.

The NIGC has recently determined that the Players Club/Players Account card system, employed by Native American gaming operations using the gaming system that we developed, is an account access card system as defined in the NIGC's Minimum Internal Control Standards regulation, thereby triggering certain recordkeeping requirements. An account access card is defined as an instrument to access customer accounts for wagering at a gaming machine. Account access cards are used in connection with a computerized database.

On October 7, 2004, the NIGC issued a Proposed Notice of Violation to a tribe for, among other things, a violation of the recordkeeping requirements applicable to account access cards. According to the Proposed Notice of Violation, the cashiers were not obtaining signatures from the customers on our receipts when cashing out. The NIGC is also of the opinion that the Bank Secrecy Act recordkeeping requirements apply to account access cards.

We have been working with our legal counsel and tribal customers, exploring ways to modify the Players Club card system to eliminate the account aspect of the system so that the card system operates like script or a bearer instrument.

It is possible that new laws and regulations relating to Native American gaming may be enacted, and that existing laws and regulations could be amended or reinterpreted in a manner adverse to our business. Any regulatory change could materially and adversely affect the installation and use of existing and additional player terminals, games and systems, and our ability to generate revenues from some or all of our Class II games.

In addition to the risks described above, regulatory uncertainty increases our cost of doing business. We dedicate significant time and incur significant expense on new game development without any assurance that the NIGC, the DOJ or other federal, state or local agencies or Native American gaming commissions will agree that our games meet applicable regulatory requirements. We also regularly invest in the development of new games, which may become irrelevant or non-competitive before they are deployed. We devote significant time and expense to dealing with federal, state and Native American agencies having jurisdiction over Native American gaming, and in complying with the various regulatory regimes that govern our business. In addition, we are constantly monitoring new and proposed laws and regulations, or changes to such laws and regulations, and assessing the possible impact upon us, our customers and our markets.

We believe diversification from Native American gaming activities is critical to our growth strategy. Our expansion into non-Native American gaming activities will present new challenges and risks that could adversely affect our business or results of operations. Our new markets are also subject to extensive legal and regulatory uncertainties.

We face intensified competition in the Class II markets that have historically provided the substantial majority of our revenue and earnings. Moreover, the apparent trend in regulatory developments suggests that Class II gaming may diminish as a percentage of overall gaming activity in the United States. We believe it is imperative that we successfully diversify our operations to include gaming opportunities in markets other

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

than our historical Class II jurisdictions. If we are unable to effectively develop and operate within these new markets, then our business, operating results and financial condition would be impaired.

Our growth strategy includes selling and/or licensing our systems, games and technology into segments of the gaming industry other than Native American gaming, principally the charity and commercial bingo markets and new jurisdictions authorizing video lottery systems. These and other non-Native American gaming opportunities are not currently subject to a nationwide regulatory system such as the one created by IGRA to regulate Native American gaming, so regulation is on a state-by-state, and sometimes a county-by-county basis. In addition, federal laws

relating to gaming, such as the Johnson Act, which regulates slot machines and similar gambling devices, apply to new video lottery jurisdictions, absent authorized state law exemptions.

As we expand into new markets, we expect to encounter business, legal and regulatory uncertainties similar to those we face in our Native American gaming business. Our strategy is to attempt to be an early entrant into new and evolving markets where the legal and regulatory environment may not be well settled or well understood. As a result, we may encounter legal and regulatory challenges that are difficult or impossible to foresee and which could result in unforeseen adverse impact on planned revenues or costs associated with the new market opportunity. For example, we face business and legal risks in connection with a charity gaming project, in part due to uncertainty related to the state authorization of charity gaming in that jurisdiction. In California, our TILG POSTs are the subject of a dispute between the state of California and our tribal customers, which may result in significant modification or discontinuance of the play of those games.

Successful growth in accordance with our strategy may require us to make changes to our gaming systems to ensure that they comply with applicable regulatory regimes, and may require us to obtain additional licenses. In certain jurisdictions and for certain venues, our ability to enter these markets will depend on effecting changes to existing laws and regulatory regimes. The ability to effect these changes is subject to a great degree of uncertainty and may never be achieved. We may not be successful in entering into other segments of the gaming industry.

Generally, our selling of systems, games and technology into new market segments involves a number of business uncertainties, including:

Whether our resources and expertise will enable us to effectively operate and grow in such new markets;

Whether our internal processes and controls will continue to function effectively within these new segments;

Whether we have enough experience to accurately predict revenues and expenses in these new segments;

Whether the diversion of management attention and resources from our traditional business, caused by entering into new market segments, will have harmful effects on our traditional business; and

Whether we will be able to successfully compete against larger companies who dominate the markets that we are trying to enter.

Beginning in January 2004, we began the first operation of our central determinant system for the video lottery terminal network that the New York Lottery operates at licensed New York State racino racetracks. As payment for providing and maintaining the central determinant system, we receive a small portion of the network-wide hold per day. To date, we have realized substantially less revenue than anticipated from our New York Lottery operations, in significant part due to delays in the opening of racino operations at several of the planned racetracks. We are nevertheless required to incur ongoing expenses associated with development and maintenance of the New York video lottery system, and we do not currently expect to have profitable operations there at least through 2005. Delays in the anticipated development of the New York video lottery system and other emerging market opportunities may continue to adversely affect our revenue and operating results.

We believe future transactions with existing and future customers may be more complex than transactions entered into currently. As a result, we may enter into more complicated business and contractual relationships with customers which, in turn, can engender increased complexity in the related financial accounting. Legal and regulatory uncertainty may also affect our ability to recognize revenue associated with a particular project, and therefore, the timing and possibility of actual revenue recognition may differ from our forecast.

Our future performance will depend on our ability to develop and introduce new gaming systems and to enhance existing games that are widely accepted and played.

Our historical revenue growth has been driven primarily by technological innovations to our gaming systems, and the increased size and use of our installed base of player terminals in the Class II market. Our future performance will depend primarily on our ability to successfully and cost-effectively enter new gaming markets and develop and introduce new and enhanced gaming systems and content that will be widely accepted both by our customers and their end users. We believe our business requires us to continually offer games and technology that play quickly and provide more entertaining value than those our competitors offer. However, consumer preferences can be difficult to predict, and we may offer new games or technologies that do not achieve market acceptance. In addition, we may experience future delays in game development, or we may not be successful in developing, introducing, and

marketing new games or game enhancements on a timely and cost-effective basis. Furthermore, our new games may be subject to challenge by the NIGC, the DOJ, or some other regulatory or law enforcement agencies applicable to that particular game.

If we are unable, for technological, regulatory, political, financial, marketing or other reasons, to develop and introduce new games or enhancements of existing products in a timely manner in response to changing regulatory, legal or market conditions or customer requirements, or if new products or new versions of existing products do not achieve market acceptance, or if uneven enforcement policies cause us to continue facing competition from non-compliant games offered by some competitors, our business could be materially and adversely affected.

We are dependent upon a few customers who are based in Oklahoma.

For the year ended September 30, 2004, two tribes in Oklahoma accounted for approximately 34% and 10% of our gaming revenues. Approximately 68% of our gaming revenues for the year ended September 30, 2004 were from Native American tribes located in Oklahoma. The significant concentration of our customers in Oklahoma means that local economic changes may adversely affect our customers, and therefore our business, disproportionately to changes in national economic conditions, including more sudden adverse economic declines or slower economic recovery from prior declines. The loss of any of our Oklahoma tribes as customers would have a material and adverse effect upon our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the pending legislation allowing tribal-state compacts in Oklahoma could result in increased competition from other vendors, who we believe have avoided entry into the Class II market due to its uncertain and ambiguous legal environment. The new legislation allows for other types of gaming, both at tribal gaming facilities and at Oklahoma's racetracks. The loss of significant market share to these new gaming opportunities or our competitors' products in Oklahoma could also have a material adverse effect upon our financial condition and results of operations.

If states enter into compacts with our existing Native American customers to allow Class III gaming, our results of operations could be materially harmed.

The majority of our revenue is generated from the placement of Class II gaming systems with tribal customers who are not parties to any state compact that would permit them to offer Class III games. If any of our Class II tribal customers were to enter compacts with the states in which they operate, allowing the tribes to offer Class III games, we believe the number of our game machine placements in those customers' facilities would decline significantly, and our operating results would be materially adversely affected.

In May 2004, the Oklahoma Legislature passed legislation authorizing certain forms of gaming at racetracks and additional types of games at tribal gaming facilities, pursuant to a tribal-state compact. This legislation was subject to approval in a statewide referendum, which was subsequently obtained in the November 2004 elections. The Oklahoma gaming legislation will allow the tribes to sign a compact with the state of Oklahoma to operate an unlimited number of electronic instant bingo games, electronic bonanza-style bingo games, electronic skill games and non-house-banked blackjack games. In addition, certain horse tracks in Oklahoma will be allowed to operate a limited number of instant and bonanza style bingo games and skill games. Three tribes and the state must sign the compact and the Bureau of Indian Affairs must approve the compact before it becomes effective. The compact could be effective and the tribes could begin operating the compacted games as soon as December 2004. All vendors placing games under the compact will ultimately be required to be licensed by the state of Oklahoma.

The majority of our revenue is generated from the placement of Class II gaming systems with tribal customers who are not currently parties to any state compact that would permit them to offer Class III games. We believe the recently adopted Oklahoma legislation significantly clarifies and expands the types of gaming permitted by Native American tribes in that state. We also expect the new legislation will bring intensified competition into the Oklahoma market, including new competition from credible gaming industry participants that to date have only had a limited presence in that market. In addition, we are experiencing an extended period of uncertainty relative to enforcement of existing restrictions on non-Class II devices, which is forcing us to continue to compete against games that do not appear to comply with published

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

regulatory restrictions on Class II games. As a result of this increased competition in Oklahoma, we have and may continue to experience pressure on our pricing model. New opportunities in the Oklahoma market resulting from the recent legislation may not develop as we anticipate, or may take longer to develop than we expected. Further, we may offer games similar to those games that do not appear to comply with published regulatory restrictions on Class II games in an effort to compete on an equal footing. These games may be the subject of enforcement actions against us.

-19-

We believe the establishment of a state compact depends on a number of political, social, and economic factors which are inherently difficult to ascertain. Accordingly, although we attempt to closely monitor state legislative developments that could affect our business, we may not be able to timely predict when or if a compact could be entered into by one or more of our tribal customers. Moreover, our business requires that we provide support for the economic interests of our tribal customers, and we may therefore not only be restricted from taking political action or positions in opposition to the adoption of a compact but also from supporting the compact.

We are seeking to expand our business by lending money to new and existing Native American customers to develop or expand gaming facilities primarily in the State of Oklahoma, and we are jointly developing or expanding gaming and related facilities with some of these customers. We have limited experience with these activities and may not realize a satisfactory return, if any, on our investment, and we could lose some or all of our investment.

To date, we have entered into development agreements to jointly develop and provide financing to construct and or remodel eleven tribal gaming facilities in the state of Oklahoma. Under our development agreements, we secure a long-term revenue share percentage and a guaranteed percentage of the tribal gaming facilities' available floor space in exchange for development and construction funding. Certain of the agreements contain performance standards for our player terminals that could allow the facility to reduce a portion of our guaranteed floor space. In connection with these advances, we could face liquidity pressure or a complete loss of our investment if a tribe does not timely pay any amounts owed to us from such funding. In addition, future NIGC decisions could affect our ability to place our games with these tribes. See Certain Risk Factors Enforcement of remedies or contracts against Native American tribes could be difficult. In addition, the NIGC has recently expressed its view that our development agreements violate the requirements of IGRA and tribal gaming regulations, which state that the Native American tribes must hold the sole proprietary interest in the tribes' gaming operations, which presents additional risks for our business. See Certain Risk Factors Changes in regulation or regulatory interpretations could require us to modify the terms of our contracts with customers.

We may continue to seek to enter into strategic relationships and provide financing and development services for new or expanded gaming and related facilities for our customers. However, we may not realize the anticipated benefits of any strategic relationship or financing. In connection with one or more of these transactions, and to obtain the necessary development funds, we may: issue additional equity securities which would dilute existing stockholders; extend secured and unsecured credit to potential or existing tribal customers which may not be repaid; incur debt on terms unfavorable to us or that we are unable to repay; and incur contingent liabilities.

Our development effort or financing activities may result in unforeseen operating difficulties, financial risks or required expenditures that could adversely affect our liquidity. It may also divert the time and attention of our management that would otherwise be available for ongoing development of our business. As a result of providing financing or development services to our customers, we may incur liquidity pressure and we may not realize a satisfactory return, if any, on our investment, and we could lose some or all of our investment.

We compete for customers and end users with other vendors of gaming systems and player terminals. We also compete for end users with other forms of entertainment.

We compete with other vendors for customers, primarily on the basis of the amount of profit our gaming products generate for our customers in relation to other vendors' gaming products. We believe that the most important factor influencing our customers' product selection is the appeal of those products to end users. This appeal has a direct effect on the volume of play by end users, and drives the amount of revenues generated for and by our customers. Our ability to remain competitive depends primarily on our ability to continuously develop new game themes and systems that appeal to end users, and to introduce those game themes and systems in a timely manner. See Certain Risk Factors Our future performance will depend on our ability to develop and introduce new games and enhancements to existing games that are widely accepted and played. We may not be able to continue to develop and introduce appealing new game themes and systems that meet the emerging requirements in a timely manner, or at all. In addition, others may independently develop games similar to our games, and competitors may introduce non-compliant games that unfairly compete in certain markets due to uneven regulatory enforcement policies. In addition, we have lost certain end-users based upon our decision not to place pre-drawn games in the field that would be covered under the Oklahoma compact, but in advance of the effective date of the compact. After we are able to place the compacted games, it may take some time, if at all, to regain the players that we previously

lost.

We believe continued developments in the Class II market that alleviate or clarify the legal and regulatory uncertainties of that market will result in increased competition in the interactive electronic Class II gaming market,

-20-

including the entrance of new competitors with significant gaming experience and financial resources. Specifically, three of the largest manufacturers of gaming equipment have expressed an interest in the Class II market. We believe the increased competition will intensify pressure on our pricing model. In the future, gaming providers will compete on the basis of price as well as the entertainment value and technological superiority of their products. While we will continue to compete by regularly introducing new and faster games, with technological enhancements that we believe will appeal to end users, we believe that the net revenue our customers retain from their installed base of player terminals will become a more significant factor, one that may require us to change the terms of our participation arrangements with customers to remain competitive. Consequently, we believe that a simple business model based upon a relationship between the average hold per player terminal per day and the installed base of player terminals will become less relevant in predicting our performance, as the totality and the mix of our participation arrangements with customers become less standardized and more complex.

Given the limitations placed on Class II gaming, we may not be able to successfully compete in gaming jurisdictions and facilities where slot machines, table games and other forms of Class III gaming are permitted. Furthermore, increases in the popularity of and competition from an expansion of Class III gaming, or Internet and other account wagering gaming services, which allow end users to wager on a wide variety of sporting events and to play traditional casino games from home, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

Our business requires us to obtain and maintain various licenses, permits and approvals from state governments and other entities that regulate our business.

We have obtained all state licenses, lottery board licenses, Native American gaming commission licenses, findings of suitability, registrations, permits and approvals necessary for the operation of our gaming activities. These include a license from Washington State to sell Class III video lottery systems, and licenses from the lottery boards of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and New York. The Louisiana Department of Revenue as well as the Mississippi Gaming Commission have also issued licenses to us and licenses from all applicable Native American gaming commissions. We may require new licenses, permits and approvals in the future, and such licenses, permits or approvals may not be granted to us. The suspension, revocation, non-renewal or limitation of any of our licenses would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We may not be successful in protecting our intellectual property rights, or avoiding claims that we are infringing upon the intellectual property rights of others.

We rely upon patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws, license agreements and employee nondisclosure agreements to protect our proprietary rights and technology, but these laws and contractual provisions provide only limited protection. We rely to a greater extent upon proprietary know-how and continuing technological innovation to maintain our competitive position. Insofar as we rely on trade secrets, unpatented know-how and innovation, others may be able to independently develop similar technology or our secrecy could be breached. The issuance of a patent to us does not necessarily mean that our technology does not infringe upon the intellectual property rights of others. As the Class II market grows and we enter into new markets by leveraging our existing technology, it becomes more and more likely that we will become subject to infringement claims from other parties. Problems with patents or other rights could increase the cost of our products, or delay or preclude new product development and commercialization. If infringement claims against us are valid, we may seek licenses that might not be available to us on acceptable terms or at all. Litigation would be costly and time consuming, but may become necessary to protect our proprietary rights or to defend against infringement claims. We could incur substantial costs and diversion of management resources in the defense of any claims relating to the proprietary rights of others or in asserting claims against others.

We rely on software licensed from third parties, and technology provided by third-party vendors, the loss of which could increase our costs and delay deployment of our gaming systems and player terminals. We also rely on technology provided by third-party vendors which, if disrupted, could suspend play on some of our player terminals.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

We integrate various third-party software products as components of our software. Our business would be disrupted if this software, or functional equivalents of this software, were either no longer available to us or no longer offered to us on commercially reasonable terms. In either case, we would be required to either redesign our software to function with alternate third-party software or develop these components ourselves, which would result in increased costs and could result in delays in our deployment of our gaming systems and player terminals. Furthermore, we might be forced to limit the features available in our current or future software offerings.

-21-

We rely on the content of certain software that we license from third-party vendors. The software could contain bugs that could have an impact on our business.

We also rely on the technology of third-party vendors, such as telecommunication providers, to operate our nationwide, broadband telecommunications network. A serious or sustained disruption of the provision of these services could result in some of our player terminals being non-operational for the duration of the disruption, which would adversely affect our ability to generate revenue from those player terminals.

We do not rely upon the term of our customer contracts to retain the business of our customers.

Our contracts with our customers are on a year-to-year or multi-year basis. Except for customers with whom we have entered into development agreements, we do not rely upon the stated term of our customer contracts to retain the business of our customers, as often non-contractual considerations unique to doing business in the Native American market override strict adherence to contractual provisions. We rely instead upon providing competitively superior player terminals, games and systems to give our customers the incentive to continue doing business with us. At any point in time, a significant portion of our business is subject to non-renewal, and, if not renewed, would materially and adversely affect our earnings and financial condition.

Changes in regulation or regulatory interpretations could require us to modify the terms of our contracts with customers.

The NIGC has recently determined that the Players Club/Players Account card system, employed by Native American gaming operations using the gaming system developed by us, is an account access card system as defined in the NIGC's Minimum Internal Control Standards regulation, thereby triggering certain recordkeeping requirements. An account access card is defined as an instrument to access customer accounts for wagering at a gaming machine. Account access cards are used in connection with a computerized database.

On October 7, 2004, the NIGC issued a Proposed Notice of Violation to a tribe for, among other things, a violation of the recordkeeping requirements applicable to account access cards. According to the Proposed Notice of Violation, the cashiers were not obtaining signatures from the customers on our receipts when cashing out. The NIGC is also of the opinion that the Bank Secrecy Act recordkeeping requirements apply to account access cards.

We have been working with our legal counsel and tribal customers, exploring ways to modify the Players Club card system to eliminate the account aspect of the system so that the card system operates like script or a bearer instrument

Except as described below, the NIGC has considered the provisions of the agreements under which we provide our Class II games, equipment and services to our Native American customers, and has determined that these agreements are service agreements and are not management contracts. Management contracts are subject to additional regulatory requirements and oversight, including pre-approval by the NIGC that could result in delays in providing our products and services to customers, as well as divert customers to our competitors.

On April 23, 2004, we reported that the acting General Counsel of the NIGC had issued a letter to us and one of our tribal customers opining that our development agreement regarding the WinStar Casino in Thackerville, Oklahoma constituted a management contract. The authority of the NIGC to review and approve gaming related contracts is limited to management contracts and related collateral agreements. According to the

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

acting General Counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling with respect to any part of a gaming operation constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement for any of these activities is a management contract. We have expressed our disagreement with this interpretation by the acting General Counsel, and our belief that her view of management is broader than was intended by Congress. We also believe that the acting General Counsel's opinion may have been based in part on collateral agreements we provided to the NIGC in error and that are not presently in effect. We, along with certain tribal customers, submitted additional information and documents related to the development agreements for review by the NIGC.

On December 1, 2004 we received a series of letters from the NIGC expressing the commission's concern that certain of our agreements violate the requirements of IGRA and tribal gaming regulations, which state that the Native American tribes hold the sole proprietary interest in the tribe's gaming operations. In particular, the NIGC is concerned that our development agreements, whereby we advance development funds to our tribal customers in exchange for allocated floor space and a share of gaming revenue, create a proprietary interest of ours in the

tribe's gaming operations. As a result of its concern, the NIGC has requested we and our tribal customers provide a written justification for the percentage of shared revenue specified in the subject agreements, which in the view of the NIGC exceeds the level permissible under a management agreement. The NIGC has also asked that we and our tribal customers provide an explanation why our arrangements do not result in our holding a proprietary interest in our tribal customer's gaming operations. In addition, on December 1, 2004, we received a letter from the NIGC expressing the commission's concern that an Integrated Electronic Gaming Services Agreement, dated January 2000 with one of our customers, covering one of our Legacy games constituted a management agreement. According to the acting general counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling, with respect to any part of a gaming operation, constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement is a management contract, which requires NIGC approval. We are currently preparing our response to the NIGC's requests.

If certain of our development agreements are finally determined to be management contracts or to create a proprietary interest of us in tribal gaming operations, there could be material adverse consequences to us. In that event, we may be required, among other things, to modify the terms of such agreements. Such modification may adversely affect the terms on which we conduct business and significantly impact our financial condition and results of operations from such agreement and from other development agreements that may be similarly interpreted by the NIGC.

If our key personnel leave us, our business could be materially adversely affected.

We depend on the continued performance of the members of our senior management team and our technology team. If we were to lose the services of any of our senior officers, directors, or any member of our technology team, and could not find suitable replacements for such persons in a timely manner, it could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Enforcement of remedies or contracts against Native American tribes could be difficult.

Governing and Native American Law. Federally recognized Native American tribes are independent governments, subordinate to the United States, with sovereign powers, except as those powers may have been limited by treaty or by the United States Congress. Native Americans power to enact their own laws to regulate gaming is an exercise of Native American sovereignty, as recognized by IGRA. Native American tribes maintain their own governmental systems and often their own judicial systems. Native American tribes have the right to tax persons and enterprises conducting business on Native American lands, and also have the right to require licenses and to impose other forms of regulation and regulatory fees on persons and businesses operating on their lands.

Native American tribes, as sovereign nations, are generally subject only to federal regulation. Although Congress may regulate Native American tribes, states do not have the authority to regulate Native American tribes unless such authority has been specifically granted by Congress. In the absence of a specific grant of authority by Congress, states may regulate activities taking place on Native American lands only if the tribe has a specific agreement or compact with the state. In the absence of a conflicting federal or properly authorized state law, Native American law governs.

Our contracts with Native American customers normally provide that only certain provisions will be subject to the governing law of the state in which a tribe is located. However, these choice-of-law clauses may not be enforceable.

Sovereign Immunity; Applicable Courts. Native American tribes generally enjoy sovereign immunity from suit similar to that of the individual states and the United States. In order to sue a Native American tribe (or an agency or instrumentality of a Native American tribe), the tribe must

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

have effectively waived its sovereign immunity with respect to the matter in dispute.

Our contracts with Native American customers include a limited waiver of each tribe's sovereign immunity and generally provide that any dispute regarding interpretation, performance or enforcement shall be submitted to, and resolved by, arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, and that any award, determination, order or relief resulting from such arbitration is binding and may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. In the event that such waiver of sovereign immunity is held to be ineffective, we could be precluded from judicially enforcing any rights or remedies against a tribe. These rights and remedies include, but are not limited to, our right to enter Native American lands to retrieve our property in the event of a breach of contract by the tribe party to that contract.

If a Native American tribe has effectively waived its sovereign immunity, there exists an issue as to the forum in which a lawsuit can be brought against the tribe. Federal courts are courts of limited jurisdiction and generally do not have jurisdiction to hear civil cases relating to Native Americans. In addition, contractual provisions that purport to grant jurisdiction to a federal court are not effective. Federal courts may have jurisdiction if a federal question is raised by the suit, which is unlikely in a typical contract dispute. Diversity of citizenship, another common basis for federal court jurisdiction, is not generally present in a suit against a tribe, because a Native American tribe is not considered a citizen of any state. Accordingly, in most commercial disputes with tribes, the jurisdiction of the federal courts may be difficult or impossible to obtain. We may be unable to enforce any arbitration decision effectively.

We may incur prize payouts in excess of game revenues.

Certain of our contracts with our Native American customers relating to our Legacy system games provide that our customers receive, on a daily basis, an agreed percentage of gross gaming revenues based upon an assumed level of prize payouts, rather than the actual level of prize payouts. This can result in our paying our customers amounts greater than our customers' percentage share of the actual hold per day. In addition, because the prizes awarded in our games are based upon assumptions as to the number of players in each game and statistical assumptions as to the frequency of winners, we may experience on any day, or over short periods of time, a game deficit, where the total aggregate amount of prizes paid exceeds aggregate game revenues. If we have to make any excess payments to customers, or experience a game deficit over any statistically relevant period of time, we are contractually entitled to adjust the rates of prize payout to end users in order to recover any deficit. In the future, we may miscalculate our statistical assumptions or, for other reasons, we may experience abnormally high rates of jackpot prize wins which could materially and adversely affect our cash flow on a temporary or long-term basis, and which could materially and adversely affect our earnings and financial condition.

Our business prospects and future success rely heavily upon the integrity of our employees and executives and the security of our gaming systems.

The integrity and security of our gaming systems is critical to its ability to attract customers and players. We strive to set exacting standards of personal integrity for our employees and system security for the gaming systems that we provide to our customers. Our reputation in this regard is an important factor in our business dealings with our current and potential customers. For this reason, an allegation or a finding of improper conduct on our part of one or more of our employees that is attributable to us, or an actual or alleged system security defect or failure attributable to us, could have a material adverse effect upon our business, financial condition, results and prospects, including our ability to retain existing contracts or obtain new or renewal contracts.

Any disruption in our network or telecommunications services, or adverse weather conditions in the areas in which we operate could affect our ability to operate our games, which would result in reduced revenues and customer down time.

Our network is susceptible to outages due to fire, floods, power loss, break-ins, cyberattacks and similar events. We have multiple site back-up for our services in the event of any such occurrence. Despite our implementation of network security measures, our servers are vulnerable to computer viruses and break-ins; similar disruptions from unauthorized tampering with our computer systems in any such event could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

Adverse weather conditions, particularly flooding, tornadoes, heavy snowfall and other extreme weather conditions often deter our end users from traveling or make it difficult for them to frequent the sites where our games are installed. If any of the those sites were to experience prolonged adverse weather conditions, or if the sites in Oklahoma where a significant number of our games are installed were to simultaneously experience adverse weather conditions, our results of operations and financial condition would be materially adversely affected.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

In addition, our agreement with the New York State Division of the Lottery permits termination of the contract at any time for failure by us or our system to perform properly. We were also required to post a performance bond to secure our performance under such contract. Failure to perform under this or similar contracts could result in substantial monetary damages, as well as contract termination.

In addition, we enter into certain agreements that could require the Company to pay damages resulting from loss of revenues if our systems are not properly functioning or as a result of a system malfunction or an inaccurate pay table.

Worsening economic conditions may adversely affect our business.

The demand for entertainment and leisure activities tends to be highly sensitive to consumers' disposable incomes, and thus a decline in general economic conditions may lead to our end users' having less discretionary income with which to wager. This could cause a reduction in our revenues and have a material adverse effect on our operating results.

ITEM 2. Properties

We do not own any real property. As of September 30, 2004, we are under contract for the following leases:

	<u>Square Feet</u>	<u>Monthly Rent</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Austin, Texas			
Corporate Offices	67,761	\$ 89,273	July 2010
Assembly and Warehouse Facilities	30,500	10,980	June 2005
Tulsa, Oklahoma			
Operations and Sales Offices	7,445	8,376	February 2005
Warehouse	77,000	12,835	May 2005
Plano, Texas			
Technology Offices	5,010	8,350	March 2008
Kent, Washington			
Warehouse	9,453	4,000	July 2005
Albany, New York			
Office Space	2,708	2935	December 2009
Schenectady, New York			
System Operations	1,690	1,775	September 2009

The aggregate annual rentals under these operating leases are approximately \$1.3 million. We believe that these leases will be renewed as they expire, or that alternative properties can be leased on acceptable terms. Specifically, we are reviewing our leases in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Kent, Washington to determine our plans to renew these leases.

ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings

First American Decision. We were a defendant in a lawsuit filed in the Federal Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, alleging that we had tortiously interfered with a contract between the plaintiff and a Native American tribe that granted the plaintiff the exclusive right to provide gaming machines to the tribe. On September 12, 2003, a jury rendered a verdict in favor of us on all counts in the complaint. The plaintiff has filed an appeal with the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. We are not able to make any prediction on the outcome of this appeal given the inherent uncertainties in any litigation.

Diamond Games. We are a defendant in a lawsuit filed in the State Court in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma alleging four causes of action: 1) Deceptive Trade Practices, 2) Unfair competition, 3) Wrongful Interference with Diamond Games, Inc.'s Business and 4) Restraint of Trade. All of the theories of recovery arise out of Oklahoma state law. The essence of the case alleges that we offered MegaNanza and Reel Time Bingo to tribes in Oklahoma even though they were both allegedly illegal Class III games which had a severe negative impact on Diamond Games' market for their legal pull-tab game, Lucky Tab II. Also, the case alleges that our development agreements unfairly interfere with their ability to

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

successfully conduct their business. Diamond Games is seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief; however, we believe the claims of Diamond Games are without merit and intend to defend the case vigorously.

International Game Co. International Gamco, Inc., or Gamco claiming certain rights in United States Patent No. 5,324,035, or the '035 Patent, brought suit against us in the United States District Court, for the Southern District of California, claiming that our central determinant system, as operated in the New York State Lottery, infringes the '035 Patent. We currently sublicense the right to practice the technology stated in the '035 Patent in Native American gaming jurisdictions in the United States pursuant to an agreement between us and Bally. Bally obtained the right to sublicense those rights to us from Oasis Technologies, Inc., or Oasis, a previous owner of the '035 Patent.

In the event that we desire to expand our rights beyond Native American gaming, the agreement provides us the option: (1) to pursue legal remedies to establish our rights independent of the Patent; or (2) to negotiate directly and enter into a separate agreement with Oasis for such rights, paying either a one-time license fee per jurisdiction or a unit fee per gaming machine. Gamco claims to have acquired ownership of Oasis rights to the 035 Patent.

Prior to deployment of our central determinant system in New York, we undertook an analysis of the patent issues to determine whether or not our central determinant system infringed the claims of the 035 Patent. We determined that it did not infringe. Although continuing to assert that it did not infringe, we offered to enter into a license agreement with Gamco, whom refused the offer and filed its complaint seeking injunctive relief, unspecified damages, and attorneys' fees. We intend to vigorously defend this matter. Given the inherent uncertainties in any litigation, we are unable to make any prediction as to the outcome.

MegaNanza Litigation and Related NIGC Settlement Proceedings. On April 15, 2002, we received an Advisory Opinion from the Deputy General Counsel of the NIGC, stating that MegaNanza and its related family of games were Class III games as defined by IGRA. On April 18, 2002, we filed a lawsuit against the NIGC in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, seeking a judicial declaration that our MegaNanza family of games are Class II games. On June 14, 2002, the NIGC, represented by and acting through the DOJ, filed a motion to dismiss the case, claiming the Court lacked jurisdiction on various procedural grounds. After the NIGC Commissioner issued a Notice of Violation, or NOV, to our largest customer on June 17, 2002, the court granted us a motion seeking the issuance of a temporary restraining order against the NIGC from taking any enforcement actions against any of our customers for playing MegaNanza. Notwithstanding the existence of the temporary restraining order against the NIGC, as a result of the issuance of the NOV, our largest MegaNanza customer and certain other customers discontinued playing MegaNanza, and requested that we install Reel Time Bingo in place of existing MegaNanza units. As the result of a settlement agreement, we stopped offering MegaNanza during June 2003.

Johnson Act. On November 21, 2003, the DOJ filed a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court seeking review of the two U.S. Circuit Court cases that examined whether the Johnson Act prohibits Native American tribes from offering certain types of electronic gaming devices. Specifically, the DOJ sought review of *United States of America v. Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska*, a Federally Recognized Native American Tribe, on Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and *John D. Ashcroft, Attorney General, et al., v. Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, et al.* on Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. In the petitions, the DOJ asserted that the Johnson Act prohibits Native American tribes from operating certain electronic gambling devices without a compact with the appropriate state.

On February 27, 2004, the Supreme Court declined to grant the DOJ's Petitions for Writs of Certiorari. Although our machines were not the subject of the lawsuits, the DOJ's arguments and reasoning appeared to encompass the machines offered by us for the Class II market. Since the Supreme Court declined to accept these cases for review, the lower courts' decisions affirming the right of the tribes to offer games such as those manufactured and sold by us as legal electronic aids to bingo for the Class II market will continue to stand. We believe that, for the immediate future, significant legal uncertainty has been eliminated concerning our ability to continue to offer Class II games played with the assistance of technological aids in its principal market. However, the elimination of this legal uncertainty could also result in increased competition from vendors currently in the Class III market who we believe have avoided entry into the Class II market due to the legal uncertainties described above.

Development Agreements. On April 23, 2004 we reported that the acting General Counsel of the NIGC had issued a letter to us and one of our tribal customers opining that our development agreement regarding the WinStar Casino in Thackerville, Oklahoma constitutes a management contract. The authority of the NIGC to review and approve gaming related contracts is limited to management contracts and related collateral agreements. According to the acting General Counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling with respect to any part of a gaming operation constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement for any of these activities is a management contract. We have expressed our disagreement with the acting General Counsel's interpretation, and its belief that her view of management is broader than was intended by Congress. We also believe that the acting General Counsel's opinion may be based in part on collateral agreements that it provided to the NIGC in error and that are not presently in effect.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

On December 1, 2004 we received a series of letters from the NIGC expressing the commission's concern that certain of our agreements violate the requirements of IGRA and tribal gaming regulations which state that the Native American tribes hold the sole proprietary interest in the tribe's gaming operations. In particular, the NIGC is concerned that our development agreements, whereby we advance development funds to our tribal customers in

exchange for allocated floor space and a share of gaming revenue, create a proprietary interest of ours in the tribe's gaming operations. As a result of its concern, the NIGC has requested that we and our tribal customers provide a written justification for the percentage of shared revenue specified in the subject agreements, which in the view of the NIGC exceeds the level permissible under a management agreement. The NIGC has also asked that we and our tribal customers provide an explanation why our arrangements do not result in our holding a proprietary interest in our tribal customers' gaming operations. In addition, on December 1, 2004, we received a letter from the NIGC expressing the Commission's concern that an Integrated Electronic Gaming Services Agreement, dated January 2000 with one of our customers, covering one of our Legacy games constituted a management agreement. According to the acting General Counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling, with respect to any part of a gaming operation, constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement is a management contract, which requires NIGC approval. We are currently preparing our response to the NIGC's requests.

If certain of our development agreements are finally determined to be management contracts or to create a proprietary interest of ours in tribal gaming operations, there could be material adverse consequences to us. In that event, we may be required, among other things, to modify the terms of such agreements. Such modification may adversely affect the terms on which we conduct business and significantly impact our financial condition and results of operations from such agreement and from other development agreements that may be similarly interpreted by the NIGC.

Our contracts could be subject to further review at any time. Any further review of these agreements by the NIGC, or alternative interpretations of applicable laws and regulations could require substantial modifications to those agreements or result in their redesignation as management contracts, which could materially and adversely affect the terms on which we conduct business.

Other Litigation. In addition to the threat of litigation relating to the Class II or Class III status of our games and equipment, we are the subject of various pending and threatened claims arising out of the ordinary course of business. We believe that any liability resulting from these various other claims will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

Other. Existing federal and state regulations may also impose civil and criminal sanctions for various activities prohibited in connection with gaming operations, including false statements on applications and failure or refusal to obtain necessary licenses described in the regulations.

ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Securities Holders

No matter was submitted during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year covered by this report to a vote of security holders, through the solicitation of proxies or otherwise.

PART II
ITEM 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

Our common stock is currently listed on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol MGAM. Prior to September 27, 2001, we were listed on the NASDAQ Small Cap Market under the same symbol. The following table sets forth the range of the quarterly high and low bid prices for the last two fiscal years, as reported in the Wall Street Journal.

Fiscal Quarter	High	Low
First Quarter 2003	\$ 14.25	\$ 9.87
Second Quarter 2003	14.05	8.48
Third Quarter 2003	13.50	9.03
Fourth Quarter 2003	18.19	11.04
First Quarter 2004	22.42	17.25
Second Quarter 2004	26.43	19.33
Third Quarter 2004	26.82	21.33
Fourth Quarter 2004	27.58	14.25

There were approximately 67 holders of record of our common stock on December 8, 2004, including shares held in street name by Cede & Co. We believe that the shares held in street name are held for more than 4,200 beneficial owners.

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. We intend to retain our earnings to finance growth and development, and therefore do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. The declaration and payment of any dividends on the Common Stock would be at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors subject to the terms of our bank credit facility, our financial condition, capital requirements, future prospects and other factors deemed relevant.

Summary of Stock Repurchases

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share
	(Unaudited)	
July 1, 2004 to July 31, 2004		
August 1, 2004 to August 31, 2004	237,500	\$ 16.09
September 1, 2004 to September 30, 2004		
Total	237,500	\$ 16.09

For a description of our authorized stock repurchase plans, see Part II Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan Category ⁽¹⁾	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (#)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants, and rights (\$)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in the first column) (#)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	4,314,372	\$ 4.34	2,924,693
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	970,050	7.03	
Total	5,284,422	\$ 6.31	2,924,693

⁽¹⁾ Stock Plans are discussed in further detailed under Part IV Item 15. Financial Statements Note 8. Stockholders Equity.

ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in Item 7 of this Annual Report. Basic and diluted earnings per share have been restated to reflect the Company's two-for-one stock split in February 2004.

	Years Ended September 30,				
	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(In thousands, except per-share amounts)				
Income Statement Data:					
Revenues	\$ 153,675	\$ 124,673	\$ 94,794	\$ 46,157	\$ 38,661
Operating income	50,431	50,731	40,406	11,623	4,719
Net income	32,772	31,655	25,265	6,672	2,779
Earnings per share:					
Basic	1.19	1.22	1.01	0.37	0.16
Diluted	1.07	1.08	0.87	0.29	0.15
Balance Sheet Data:					
Working capital (deficit)	249	18,180	11,477	3,476	(587)
Total assets	217,407	143,730	86,190	44,667	28,792
Long-term obligations	14,685	12,795	1,754	2,000	3,012
Stockholders' equity	150,147	102,112	65,512	32,368	13,046

ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**Overview**

We are a supplier of complex, mission-critical systems to the gaming segment of the entertainment industry. We design and develop linked, interactive, electronic gaming systems and related products that provide our customers with a comprehensive gaming system and are marketed primarily to operators of Native American, charity and commercial gaming facilities, and to operators and/or regulators of domestic and international lotteries. Historically, we have focused our development and marketing efforts on Class II gaming systems and Class III video lottery systems used primarily by Native American tribes. We have recently focused our marketing efforts on the emerging charity markets in the U.S. and on domestic and international lottery jurisdictions.

We derive the majority of our gaming revenues from the placement of player terminals, POSTs and back office equipment, which we collectively refer to as gaming systems, under participation arrangements, and to a lesser degree from the placement of POSTs, in the Class III market in Washington State under lease-purchase or participation arrangements, and from the back-office fees generated by those video lottery systems. We also generate gaming revenues in return for providing the central determinant system for a network of POSTs operated by the New York State Division of the Lottery. A significantly smaller portion of our revenues is generated from the sale of POSTs and game licenses in the Class III market in Washington State, except for a relatively few periods during which market conditions result in a temporary increase in the number of POSTs sold during the period (e.g., the opening of a new casino, or a change in the law that allows existing casinos to increase the number of POSTs permitted under prior law.)

Class II Market

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

We derive our Class II gaming revenues primarily from participation arrangements with our Native American customers. Under participation arrangements, we retain ownership of the player terminals and gaming equipment installed at our customers' tribal gaming facilities, and receive revenue based on a percentage of the hold per day generated by each gaming system. Our portion of the hold per day is reported by us as

Gaming revenue - Class II and represents the total amount that end users wager, less the total amount to end users for prizes and the amounts retained by the facilities for their share of the hold. Our historical revenue growth is a reflection of the increase in our installed base of player terminals in the Class II market, and the technological advances we have developed and implemented.

Our New Generation gaming system operates at a speed considerably faster than our Legacy system, generally resulting in end users playing a greater number of games on our New Generation system in the same amount of time. As a result of the faster speed of play and higher payout ratios, we believe that end users derive a higher level of satisfaction from playing our New Generation games. We believe that this enhanced satisfaction results in end users playing more games and for longer periods of time than on our Legacy system, resulting in higher play on our New Generation system. In November 2003, we introduced and began deploying our Gen4 back-office system, which enables us to produce games with bonus rounds and wide-area progressives, provides more end-user enjoyment and also provides better networking capabilities among gaming systems. Furthermore, our Gen 4 gaming system allows us to operate multiple gaming engines within a single facility. This will be especially beneficial in certain Oklahoma facilities where the operators have decided to continue offering Class II games after they begin offering the new Class III games that are permitted under the compact.

As the market grows, and the rules and regulations governing Class II gaming are clarified by court decisions and by improved rule-making procedures, we believe new competitors with significant gaming experience and financial resources will enter the Class II market. New tribal-state compacts, such as the Oklahoma gaming legislation, may also lead to increased competition from such competitors. In addition, we are experiencing an extended period of uncertainty relative to enforcement of existing restrictions on non-Class II devices, which is forcing us to continue to compete against games that do not appear to comply with published regulatory restrictions on Class II games. As a result of this increased competition in Oklahoma, we have and may continue to experience pressure on our pricing model with the result that gaming providers are competing on the basis of price as well as the entertainment value and technological superiority of their products. While we will continue to compete by regularly introducing new and more entertaining games with technological enhancements that we believe will appeal to end users, we believe that the level of net revenue retained by our customers from their installed base of player terminals will become a more significant competitive factor, one that may require us to change the terms of our participation arrangements with customers. Consequently, we believe that a simple business model based upon the average hold per player terminal per day will become less relevant in predicting our performance, as our participation arrangements with customers become less standardized and more complex.

Class III Market

The majority of our Class III POSTs in Washington State have been sold to customers outright, for a one-time purchase price, and are reported in our results of operations as Player terminal and license sale and lease revenue. Certain game themes we use in the Class III market have been licensed from third parties and are resold to customers along with our Class III POSTs. Revenues from the sale of Class III POSTs and the sale of terminal licenses are recognized when the units are delivered to the customer, and the licensed games installed. To a considerably lesser extent, we also enter into either participation arrangements or lease-purchase arrangements for our Class III POSTs, on terms similar to those used for our gaming systems in the Class II market.

We also receive back-office fees based on a share of the hold per day from both leased and sold POSTs in Washington State. Back-office fees cover the service and maintenance costs for back-office servers installed in each facility to run our Class III games, as well as the cost of related software updates.

In December 2003, we installed the first POSTs for our new Tribal Instant Lottery Game, or TILG, in California. The new one-touch game is based on a simulated scratch-off lottery ticket, and employs our central determinant system technology.

Charity and Commercial Bingo Market

In December 2003, we began installing our first electronic bingo player terminals for the charity market in Alabama. The new electronic bingo player terminals run on our Gen4 back-office system.

State Video Lottery Market

Beginning in January 2004, we began the first operation of our central determinant system for the video lottery terminal network that the New York Lottery operates at licensed New York State racino racetracks. As payment for providing and maintaining the central determinant system, we receive a small portion of the network-wide hold per day.

Development Agreements

As we seek to continue the growth in our customer base and to expand our installed base of linked player terminals, a key element of our strategy has become entering into joint development agreements with various Native American tribes to help fund new or expand existing tribal gaming facilities. Pursuant to these agreements, we advance funds to the tribes for the construction of new tribal gaming facilities or for the expansion of existing facilities. The agreements typically provide for a portion of the amounts retained by the gaming facility for their share of the hold to be used for repayment of some or all of the advances.

Amounts advanced that are in excess of those to be reimbursed by such tribes for real property and land improvements are allocated to an other asset and amortized over the life of the contract. Amounts advanced that relate to personal property owned by us and located at the tribal gaming facility are carried in our property and equipment and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset.

In return for the amounts advanced by us, a percentage of the gaming facility's floor space is guaranteed for our player terminals, and we receive a fixed percentage of the hold per day from those units over the term of the agreement. Certain of the agreements contain performance standards for our player terminals that could allow the facility to reduce a portion of our dedicated floor space. To date, we have entered into eleven development agreements for an aggregate commitment to advance approximately \$92.2 million. As of September 30, 2004, we had advanced a total of \$49.7 million under such agreements and expect to advance the remaining \$42.5 million over the next twelve months.

We are in various stages of discussion with new and existing tribal customers to provide funding for similar opportunities under additional development agreements. For further discussion regarding our development agreements, see Part 1 Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Certain Risk Factors.

Recent Developments

Oklahoma Tribal-State Compact. In May 2004, the Oklahoma Legislature passed legislation authorizing certain forms of gaming at racetracks and additional types of games at tribal gaming facilities pursuant to a tribal-state compact. This legislation was subject to approval in a statewide referendum, which was subsequently obtained in the November 2004 elections. The Oklahoma gaming legislation will allow the tribes to sign a compact with the state of Oklahoma to operate an unlimited number of electronic instant Bingo games, electronic bonanza-style bingo games, electronic skill games and non-house banked blackjack games. In addition, certain horse tracks in Oklahoma will be allowed to operate a limited number of instant and bonanza style bingo games and skill games. Three tribes and the state must sign the compact and the Bureau of Indian Affairs must approve the compact before the compact becomes effective. The compact could be effective and the tribes could begin operating the compacted games as soon as December 2004. All vendors placing games under the compact will ultimately be required to be licensed by the state of Oklahoma.

We believe the recently adopted Oklahoma legislation significantly clarifies and expands the types of gaming permitted by Native American tribes in that state. We currently expect continued intensified competition from vendors currently operating in Oklahoma as well as new market entrants. As a result, we anticipate further pressure on our market and revenue share percentages in Oklahoma. In addition, in the immediate future, we expect continued regulatory uncertainty in Oklahoma. In particular, although we and other vendors may not begin to offer games enabled by the new legislation until state and tribal regulations, rules and specifications adopted pursuant to that legislation become final, certain other vendors and tribes may begin to offer new games prior to that time. It is unclear what, if any, regulatory enforcement action could or would be taken against tribes and vendors offering games not authorized by existing law but permitted under the newly adopted, but not yet effective, legislation.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

NIGC. On April 23, 2004 we reported that the acting General Counsel of the NIGC had issued a letter to us and one of our tribal customers opining that our development agreement regarding the WinStar Casino in Thackerville, Oklahoma constitutes a management contract. The authority of the NIGC to review and approve gaming related contracts is limited to management contracts and related collateral agreements. According to the acting General Counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling with respect to any part of a gaming operation constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement for any of these activities is a management contract. We have expressed our disagreement with the acting General Counsel's interpretation, and our belief that her view of management is broader than was intended by Congress. We also believe that the acting General Counsel's opinion may be based, in part, on collateral agreements that we provided to the NIGC in error and that are not presently in effect. We, along with certain tribal customers, have submitted

additional information and documents related to our development agreements for review by the NIGC. If certain of our development agreements are finally determined to be management contracts, there could be material adverse consequences to us. In that event, we may be required to modify the terms of such agreements. Such modification may adversely affect the terms on which we conduct business and significantly impact our financial condition and results of operations from such agreement and from other development agreements that may be similarly interpreted by the NIGC.

On December 1, 2004 we received a series of letters from the NIGC expressing the commission's concern that certain of our agreements violate the requirements of IGRA and tribal gaming regulations that the Native American tribe hold the sole proprietary interest in the tribe's gaming operations. In particular, the NIGC is concerned that our development agreements, whereby we advance development funds to our tribal customers in exchange for allocated floor space and a share of gaming revenue, create a proprietary interest of ours in the tribe's gaming operations. As a result of its concern, the NIGC has requested we and our tribal customers provide a written justification for the percentage of shared revenue specified in the subject agreements, which in the view of the NIGC exceeds the level permissible under a management agreement. The NIGC has also asked that we and our tribal customers provide an explanation why our arrangements do not result in our holding a proprietary interest in our tribal customer's gaming operations. In addition, on December 1, 2004, we received a letter from the NIGC expressing the commission's concern that an Electronic Gaming Services Agreement, dated January 2000 with one of our customers, covering one of our Legacy games constituted a management agreement. According to the acting general counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling, with respect to any part of a gaming operation, constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement is a management contract, which requires NIGC approval. We are currently preparing our response to the NIGC's requests.

If certain of our development agreements are finally determined to be management contracts or to create a proprietary interest of ours in tribal gaming operations, there could be material adverse consequences to us. In that event, we may be required, among other things, to modify the terms of such agreements. Such modification may adversely affect the terms on which we conduct business and significantly impact our financial condition and results of operations from such agreement and from other development agreements that may be similarly interpreted by the NIGC.

Our contracts could be subject to further review at any time. Any further review of these agreements by the NIGC, or alternative interpretations of applicable laws and regulations could require substantial modifications to those agreements or result in their redesignation as management contracts, which could materially and adversely affect the terms on which we conduct business.

Results of Operations

The following tables set forth our end-of-period and average installed base of player terminals for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002.

	At September 30,		
	2004	2003	2002
End-of-period installed gaming terminal base:			
Class II player terminals			
Reel Time Bingo	9,805	8,473	1,276
MegaNanza		288	3,962
New Generation system	9,805	8,761	5,238
Legacy system	846	1,498	2,398
Other player terminals and POSTs	2,753		
Class III video lottery terminals	3,583	2,851	2,139
	Years Ended September 30,		
	2004	2003	2002
Average installed player terminal base:			
Class II player terminals			
Reel Time Bingo	8,830	4,573	380
MegaNanza	20	2,277	3,444
New Generation system	8,850	6,850	3,824
Legacy system	1,168	1,966	2,662
Other player terminals and POSTs	1,292		
Class III video lottery terminals	3,119	2,315	1,905

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included under Item 15. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

Reclassification

Certain reclassifications were made to the prior years' financial statements to conform to the current year financial statement presentation. These reclassifications did not have an impact on our previously reported net income.

Historically we entered into certain agreements with our tribal customers that, among other things, guaranteed certain prize payouts based upon attaining an assumed level of gross game receipts and statistical assumptions as to the frequency of winners and required customers to deposit a fixed percentage of gross gaming receipts in a depository account controlled by us. The depository account was used by us to reimburse prizes, prize fulfillment fees, insurance payments and bank fees. In these instances, we were essentially acting as a "bank" by managing prizes across

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

multiple facilities on its network of electronic player terminals. Based on the its role as a bank, we historically considered our role more as a principal than an agent, and reported the hold per day generated from our player terminals as revenue and deducted amounts paid to or retained by facilities as Allotments to facility operators.

The vast majority of these arrangements have gone away over the past few years, prompting us to evaluate our revenue presentation.

Our current gaming arrangements typically do not guarantee prize pay-out levels and require that only our share of the hold per day be remitted to us. Management has determined the net amounts remitted by customers should be reported as revenue and not presented on a gross basis. As a result, we have presented our 2004 revenues in accordance with this policy and reclassified Allotments to facility operators for 2003 and 2002 to conform to the current year presentation.

Fiscal 2004 Compared to Fiscal 2003

Total revenues for 2004 were \$153.7 million, compared to \$124.7 million in 2003, a 23% increase. This was primarily the result of the increase in revenues generated by Class II electronic gaming, which were \$119.6 million for 2004, compared to \$102.0 million in 2003, a 17% increase, and the expansion into new markets discussed below

contributing additional revenue of \$15.6 million. The increase in Class II gaming revenues was primarily the result of a 14% increase in the average number of player terminals in daily operation during 2004. Partially offsetting this increase were decreases in player terminal and license sale and lease revenue of \$4.8 million, or 29%, and in MegaBingo revenue of \$314,000, or 100%.

Gaming Revenue Class II

Class II gaming revenue increased by \$17.3 million, or 17%, from \$102.3 million in 2003 to \$119.6 million in 2004, primarily due to the increase in the number of installed New Generation games. The increase in both revenue and the installed base was primarily attributable to placements of player terminals at facilities constructed or remodeled under development agreements.

For 2004, New Generation games generated revenues of \$111.7 million, based on an average of 8,850 player terminals in daily operation during 2004, compared to revenues of \$91.8 million, on an average of 6,850 player terminals in daily operation for 2003. As of September 30, 2004, we had placed approximately 2,500 incremental player terminals in facilities covered under our development agreements. As we continue to place terminals to meet peak demand at our customers' facilities we expect revenues to increase disproportionately in comparison to our installed base of player terminals.

During 2004, we had an average of 1,168 Class II Legacy player terminals in daily operation, a 41% decrease from 1,966 in 2003. This decrease resulted primarily from the replacement of many of our Legacy player terminals with our more profitable New Generation player terminals. We believe the significant decreases in Class II Legacy player terminals experienced over the past two fiscal years has subsided as the remaining units represent a base of units facilities will retain.

Television bingo game show revenues for 2004 decreased \$314,000, or 100%, from 2003. The decrease in MegaBingo revenues was the result of discontinuing game play and holding the final MegaBingo championship game in April 2003.

Gaming Revenue All Other

Class III rental and back office fees increased to \$5.0 million for 2004, compared to \$4.4 million in 2003, an increase of 14%, resulting from a 35% increase in the average number of Class III video lottery terminals in service during 2004 to 3,119 units, from 2,315 units in 2003.

Other recurring gaming revenue generated from the central determinant system for the New York Lottery, from the charity bingo market and TILG increased to \$15.6 million for the 2004 fiscal year. The increase relates to our expansion into the charity bingo market and the launches of TILG in the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

In December 2003, we began installing our first electronic player terminals in the Alabama charity market. In addition, during July 2004 we began installing terminals in Louisiana. As of September 30, 2004, we had an installed base of player terminals of 2,237 units compared to no units in the prior year.

In December 2003, we began installing the first POSTs for our C-TILG in California. As of September 30, 2004, we had an installed base of 516 units compared to no units in the prior year.

We began generating revenues from the central determinant system for the New York Lottery in January 2004. Currently, four of the eight planned racinos are operating with approximately 5,000 POSTs. To date, we have realized substantially less revenue than anticipated from our New York Lottery operations, in significant part due to delays in the opening of racino operations at several of the planned racetracks. We are nevertheless required to incur ongoing expenses associated with development and maintenance of the

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

New York video lottery system, and we do not currently expect to have profitable operations there at least through 2005. Delays in the anticipated development of the New York video lottery system and other emerging market opportunities may continue to adversely impact our revenue and operating results.

Player Terminal and License Sale and Lease Revenue

Player terminal and license sale and lease revenue decreased by \$4.8 million, or 29%, to \$11.5 million in 2004, from \$16.3 million in 2003. The decrease is primarily due to a reduction in the number of player terminals sold in 2004 compared to 2003 and the deferral of revenue from certain sales of player terminals

and licenses occurring in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004. One of these sales was deferred as we were unable to establish fair market value in order to bifurcate the agreement under our revenue recognition policy, specifically for a beta version of our gaming system included in the sale. Revenue from this transaction will be recognized once the gaming system has been delivered in its final form. A second deferred sale will be recognized ratably utilizing the subscription method of accounting described below in our critical accounting policies under our revenue recognition policy. In 2003, two customers opened facilities, increasing the number of player terminals sold to 1,390. In 2004, 804 player terminals were sold.

Bingo prizes and related costs decreased 100% to zero in 2004, from \$1.2 million in 2003. The decrease relates to the discontinuation of MegaBingo play during fiscal 2003.

Cost of electronic player terminals sold decreased 23% to \$6.6 million in 2004 from \$8.5 million in 2003. The decrease is due to the decreased number of Class III player terminals sold during the period as discussed above.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 42% to \$59.4 million in 2004, from \$41.9 million in 2003 primarily resulting from the increase in personnel hired to address our gaming network and development needs, and the increased business activity from our entrance into new markets. Salaries, wages and employee benefits increased approximately \$5.5 million, due to additional personnel hired to address our gaming network and development needs and the pursuit of new business. At September 30, 2004, we employed 444 full-time and part-time employees, compared to 336 at September 30, 2003. The increased number of player terminals in the field has increased repairs and maintenance, transportation and related costs by \$4.0 million. Travel costs increased approximately \$1.3 million, due to the greater number of employees, the pursuit of new business and the temporary assignment of employees related to the New York Lottery, the charitable bingo market, and TILG. Advertising and promotions costs increased \$1.3 million as the result of our entrance into new markets. Legal, professional and lobbying fees increased approximately \$1.4 million, primarily as a result of increased legal and professional services related to our research of new products and entry into new markets.

Amortization and depreciation expense increased 67% to \$37.3 million in 2004, from \$22.3 million in 2003, primarily as a result of a 37% increase in the average installed base of terminals under participation arrangements. As we continue to place player terminals and equipment under participation arrangements and continue to construct and/or remodel facilities under development agreements, we expect our levels of depreciation and amortization expense to increase.

Interest income increased 241% to \$1.1 million in 2004, from \$328,000 in 2003. The increase was primarily related to interest accrued on notes receivable, primarily related to our loan to Lytton Rancheria and advances under our development agreements and the higher interest-earning cash balances.

Interest expense amounted to \$1.5 million for 2004 and \$309,000 for 2003, due to an increase in long-term debt and capital leases in 2004. Capital leases have increased primarily as a result of our financing certain equipment related to the New York Lottery, while long-term debt has primarily increased as a result of funding development agreements. As we continue to fund our capital commitments pursuant to our joint development agreements and otherwise, we will likely be required to borrow more money under our credit facility. As a result, our interest expense will likely continue to increase in the future.

Income tax expense decreased to \$17.3 million for 2004, compared to an income tax expense of \$19.1 million in 2003. These figures represent effective tax rates of 34.5% and 37.6% for fiscal, 2004 and 2003. The fiscal 2004 tax provision was positively impacted primarily by certain one-time adjustments related to a favorable Internal Revenue Service examination and a lower-than-expected actual state tax rate resulting from lower apportionment factors and the amount of federal taxable income apportioned to states with lower tax rates than anticipated previously in our estimated effective state tax rate. We expect our fiscal 2005 effective rate to be between 37% to 38%.

Fiscal 2003 Compared to Fiscal 2002

Total revenues for 2003 were \$124.7 million, compared to \$94.8 million in 2002, a 32% increase. This was primarily the result of the increase in revenues generated by Class II electronic gaming, which were \$102.0 million for 2003, compared to \$79.6 million in 2002, a 28% increase. The increase in Class II gaming revenues was primarily the result of a 36% increase in the average number of player terminals in daily operation during 2003.

Partially offsetting this increase were decreases in Class III gaming revenue of 1.3 million, or 23%, and in MegaBingo revenue of \$721,000, or 70%.

Gaming Revenue Class II

Class II gaming revenue increased by \$21.6 million, or 27%, from \$80.7 million in 2002 to \$102.3 million in 2003, primarily due to the increase in the number of installed New Generation games. The increase in both our revenue and installed base was primarily the result of the introduction of Reel Time Bingo, our second New Generation gaming engine, and the opening of our first facility covered under development agreements in July 2003.

For 2003, New Generation games generated revenues of \$91.8 million, based on an average of 6,850 player terminals in daily operation during 2003, compared to revenues of \$65.9 million on an average of 3,824 player terminals in daily operation for 2002.

During 2003, we had an average of 1,966 Class II Legacy player terminals in daily operation, a 26% decrease from 2,662 in 2002. This decrease resulted primarily from the replacement of many of our Legacy system player terminals with our more profitable New Generation system player terminals.

Television bingo game show revenues for 2003 decreased \$721,000, or 70%, from 2002. The decrease in MegaBingo revenues was the result of discontinuing game play and holding the final MegaBingo championship game in April 2003.

Gaming Revenue All Other

Total revenues from Class III gaming decreased to \$4.4 million for 2003, compared to \$5.6 million in 2002, a decrease of 23%. This decrease in Class III gaming was primarily due to a customer converting from equipment lease to purchase in the last quarter of fiscal 2002, and the resulting decrease of approximately \$2.0 million, or 72%, in our Class III rental fees. The decrease was partially offset by a \$711,000, or 25% increase in Class III back-office fees to \$3.6 million from \$2.9 million, resulting from a 22% increase in the average number of Class III video lottery terminals in service during 2003 to 2,315 units, from 1,905 units in 2002.

Player Terminal and License Sale and Lease Revenue

Player terminal and license sale and lease revenue increased by \$9.0 million, or 123%, to \$16.3 million in 2003 from \$7.3 million in 2002. The increase is primarily due to the sale of equipment and software licenses related to two customers opening new facilities, and an equipment lease customer converting to a purchase during the 2003 fiscal year.

Bingo prizes and related costs decreased 19% to \$1.2 million in 2003, from \$1.5 million in 2002. The decrease relates to the discontinuation of MegaBingo play during fiscal 2003.

Cost of electronic player terminals sold increased 95% to \$8.5 million in 2003 from \$4.4 million in 2002. The increase is due to the increased number of Class III player terminals sold during the period as discussed above.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 22% to \$41.9 million in 2003, from \$34.2 million in 2002. Salaries and wages increased approximately \$2.9 million due to additional personnel hired to address our gaming network and development needs and the pursuit of new business. At September 30, 2003, we employed 336 full-time and part-time employees, compared to 279 at September 30, 2002. The need for additional office space, due to a greater number of employees, increased rent expense by approximately \$521,000. Travel costs increased approximately \$766,000 due to the greater number of employees and the pursuit of new business. Legal, professional and lobbying fees increased approximately \$473,000 primarily as a result of increased legal and professional services for research into new products and markets. Repairs and maintenance and insurance increased approximately \$1.9 million due to the greater number of player terminals in the field. During fiscal 2002, costs of \$780,000 related to an abandoned public offering were written off.

Amortization and depreciation expense increased 56% to \$22.3 million in 2003 from \$14.3 million in 2002 primarily as a result a 79% increase in the average installed base of New Generation player terminals.

Interest income decreased 3% to \$328,000 in 2003, from \$339,000 in 2002. The decrease was the result of the payoff of certain notes receivable in fiscal 2003.

Interest expense amounted to \$309,000 for 2003 and \$96,000 for 2002, due to an increase in long-term debt and capital leases in 2003.

Income tax expense increased to \$19.1 million for 2003, compared to an income tax expense of \$15.4 million in 2002. These figures represent effective tax rates of 37.6% and 37.8% for fiscal, 2003 and 2002

Recent Accounting Pronouncements Issued

In January 2003, the financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued FASB Interpretation, or FIN, No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, (VIEs). FIN 46 establishes standards for determining under what circumstances VIEs should be consolidated with their primary beneficiary, including those to which the usual condition of consolidation does not apply. FIN 46 also requires disclosure about unconsolidated VIEs in which we have a significant variable interest. The consolidation requirements of FIN 46 apply immediately to VIEs created after January 31, 2003. The consolidation requirements apply to older entities the first fiscal year or interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. Certain disclosure requirements apply in all financial statements issued after January 31, 2003.

In December 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board published FIN No. 46-R, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (revised December 2003), superseding FIN 46 and exempting certain entities from the provisions of FIN 46. Generally, application of FIN 46-R is required in financial statements of public entities that have interests in structures commonly referred to as special-purpose entities for periods ending after December 15, 2003, and, for other types of VIEs, for periods ending after March 15, 2004.

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, Inventory Costs an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, to amend the guidance in Accounting Research Bulletin, or ARB, No. 43, Chapter 4, Inventory Pricing, to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage). This Statement amends Paragraph 5 of ARB 43, Chapter 4, previously stated that "...under some circumstances, items such as idle facility expense, excessive spoilage, double freight, and re-handling costs may be so abnormal as to require treatment as current period charges.... This Statement requires that those items be recognized as current-period charges regardless of whether they meet the criterion of so abnormal. In addition, this Statement requires that allocation of fixed-production overheads to the costs of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities.

We do not expect the adoption of any recently-issued accounting pronouncements to have a material impact on our financial position and results of operations.

The FASB issued a proposed Statement entitled Share-Based Payment an amendment of FASB Statements No. 123 and 9 that addresses the accounting for share-based payment transactions in which an enterprise receives employee services in exchange for a) equity instruments of the enterprise or b) liabilities that are based on the fair value of the enterprise's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of such equity instruments. The proposed Statement would eliminate the ability to account for share-based compensation transactions using APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and generally would require instead that such transactions be accounted for using a fair-value-based method. This Statement is expected to be released late in calendar 2004. We have not yet completed our evaluation of the impact this Statement will have on its financial position and results of operations.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At September 30, 2004, we had unrestricted cash and cash equivalents of \$4.8 million, compared to \$26.3 million at September 30, 2003. Our working capital for 2004 decreased to \$249,000 compared to \$18.2 million for 2003.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

As of September 30, 2004, our total contractual cash obligations were as follows (in thousands):

	Less than		More than		Total
	1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	5 years	
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5,829	\$ 5,264	\$ 1,086	\$	\$ 12,179
Capital leases ⁽²⁾	4,373	4,661			9,034
Operating leases ⁽³⁾	1,566	2,669	2,906	1,217	8,358
Purchase commitments ⁽⁴⁾	13,936	3,200			17,136
Payments due under employment agreement ⁽⁵⁾	250	500	500	2,333	3,583
Gaming facility joint development agreements ⁽⁶⁾	42,538				42,538
Total	\$ 68,492	\$ 16,294	\$ 4,492	\$ 3,550	\$ 92,828

(1) Consists of various three to five year loans for the purchase of automobiles and property and equipment at an overall average annual interest rate of 7.48%, a five-year loan related to financing our corporate aircraft at an annual interest rate of LIBOR plus 2.75% (5.20% as of September 30, 2004), and amounts borrowed under our Credit Facility at annual interest rate of Prime plus 1.25% (5.75% as of September 30, 2004). Interest has been excluded from long-term debt in the table.

(2) Consists of various three-year capital leases for property and equipment at an overall average annual interest rate of 7.82%.

(3) Consists of operating leases for our facilities and office equipment that expire at various times through 2010.

(4) Consists of commitments to purchase third-party licenses and player terminals.

(5) Represents the expected future payments due, based on life expectancy tables, to Gordon Graves for his non-compete agreement entered into under his Employment Agreement, further discussed under Part IV Item 15. Financial Statements Note 9. Commitments and Contingencies.

(6) Represents commitments for payments toward development and construction and/or expansion of tribal gaming facilities. For purposes of this table, cash obligations under development agreements are considered payable over the next twelve months, although the actual timing of payments may extend beyond twelve months, depending on the number and schedule of development projects ongoing at any given time.

During fiscal 2004, we generated cash from operations of \$76.0 million, compared to \$58.4 million during 2003. The increase of \$17.6 million in cash generated from operations was the result of increased operating income, exclusive of amortization and depreciation, combined with timing differences related to income taxes, offset by an increase in accounts receivables of \$4.5 million primarily resulting from our entrance into the charity market and certain player terminal and gaming equipment sold under trade credit terms and an increase in notes receivable of \$2.9 million. Additionally, accounts payable increased \$5.6 million as a result of an increase in accrued expenses related to development agreements during fiscal 2004.

Cash used in investing activities increased to \$112.5 million in 2004, from \$54.9 million in 2003. The increase resulted from an increase in cash capital expenditures of \$22.3 million, to \$70.9 million in 2004, from \$48.6 million in 2003 combined with net amounts advanced under development agreements of \$34.4 million in 2004 compared to \$1.1 million in 2003. Capital expenditures increased as the result of our

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

continued investments in player terminals deployed under participation arrangements, an increase in our development agreement funding and equipment costs related to the New York Lottery.

During the year ended September 30, 2004, cash and financed capital expenditures consisted of:

	Cash	Financed	
	Capital Expenditures	Capital Expenditures	Total
Player terminal and gaming equipment	\$ 59,420	\$ 3,326	\$ 62,746
Equipment and third-party software for NY Lottery	1,835	2,929	4,764
Tribal gaming facilities and portable buildings	8,677		8,677
Other	934	443	1,377
Total	\$ 70,866	\$ 6,698	\$ 77,564

Cash provided by financing activities for 2004 was \$14.9 million, compared to \$7.6 million in 2003. During 2004, we collected \$19.0 million from the exercise of warrants and options and the related tax benefit, compared to \$4.3 million in 2003. Cash flow provided by financing activities for the year ended September 30, 2004 also included proceeds from long-term debt of \$7.7 million, drawn on the term loans under our credit facility described below, compared to \$2.5 million for the year ended September 30, 2003.

Our projected capital expenditures for the next year will consist of player terminals, POSTs and related gaming equipment that are placed with our customers under participation arrangements, substantial capital outlays in connection with the joint development of new and expanded tribal gaming facilities, increased costs of maintaining and/or upgrading our rental pool of player terminals specifically for ticket-in, ticket-out technology - and may include substantial capital expenditures in connection with potential acquisitions. In our strategy to partner with current and prospective customers to jointly develop tribal gaming facilities that will house our player terminals and in pursuing any potential acquisitions, we may make expenditures that could significantly affect our cash flow and liquidity, and use a significant portion of both our cash flow from operations and any proceeds we receive from debt or equity financing we might undertake. Our total capital expenditures will depend upon the number of player terminals that we are able to place in service during the year, and the number and size of tribal gaming facilities we develop under existing or future agreements. Additional capital expenditures will be required for player terminals if we are successful in introducing our games into new markets, such as additional charity bingo markets. In addition to manufacturing our own, we also purchase player terminals from Bally, Sigma and WMS, and licenses from Bally, Sigma, WMS and Mikohn.

To date, we have entered into eleven development agreements (further described under Part IV Item 15. Financial Statements Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies) with our customers to provide up to \$92.2 million towards the construction of tribal gaming facilities. The development agreements typically require that some or all of the construction advances be repaid to us. As of September 30, 2004, we had advanced a total of \$49.7 million under such agreements, and expect to advance the remaining \$42.5 million over the next twelve months.

At September 30, 2004 our debt structure consisted of a credit facility which provided us with a \$20.0 million term loan facility and a \$5.0 million revolving credit line. As of September 30, 2004, we had drawn \$10.2 million under the term loan and drew an additional \$10 million under the term loan in October 2004. During November 2004, we amended our Revolver to allow for up to \$15.0 million for working capital needs, removed the borrowing base limitation and extended the maturity date to November 2006. The credit facility contains customary financial and operational covenants, and is collateralized by substantially all our assets. We were in compliance with these covenants as of September 30, 2004.

We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents, cash provided from our operations and amounts available under our credit facility can sustain our current operations, which will include a portion of the financing required from us in connection with our development agreements, depending upon the timing and mix of those projects. However, our performance and financial results are, to a certain extent, subject to general conditions in or affecting the Native American gaming industry, and to general economic, political, financial, competitive and regulatory factors beyond our control. If our business does not continue to generate cash flow at current levels, or if the level of funding required in connection with our joint development agreements is greater or proceeds at a pace faster than anticipated, we may need to raise additional financing. In order to meet these potential additional capital requirements, we are currently in the process of negotiating an increase in the available credit under our existing credit facility by approximately \$35.0 million. However, we may not be successful in obtaining such additional credit from our current lender. Other sources of such additional financing might include additional bank debt or the public or private sale of equity or debt securities. However, sufficient funds may not be available, on terms acceptable to us or at all, from these sources or any others to enable us to make necessary capital expenditures and to make discretionary investments in the future.

Stock Repurchase Authorizations

Our board of directors authorized us to repurchase 900,000 shares of our common stock effective April 2000, an additional 3,000,000 shares of our common stock effective September 2001 and an additional 748,690 shares of our common stock effective July 2004. The timing and total number of shares repurchased will depend upon prevailing market conditions and other investment opportunities. At September 30, 2004, there were approximately 2.3 million shares authorized for repurchase.

During fiscal 2004, we repurchased with cash 237,500 shares of our common stock at an average cost of \$16.09. No shares were repurchased with cash during fiscal 2003.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

During fiscal 2004, we received 22,546 shares of our common stock at the fair market value of \$20.95 per share at the time of the exchange, in consideration for stock options exercised by an employee, and we settled a stockholder's notes receivable and other amounts owed in exchange for 65,196 shares of our common stock at their fair market value of \$24.52 per share at the time of the exchange. During fiscal 2003, we settled a stockholder's

notes receivable in exchange for 61,716 shares of our common stock at their fair market value of \$10.44 per share at the time of the exchange.

At September 30, 2004, we had approximately 5.3 million options outstanding, with exercise prices ranging from \$0.67 to \$21.53 per share. At September 30, 2004, approximately 3.1 million of the outstanding options were exercisable.

Critical Accounting Policies

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As such, we are required to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that we believe are reasonable based on the information available. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. There can be no assurance that actual results will not differ from those estimates. We believe the following represent our most critical accounting policies:

Revenue Recognition. Revenues from the sale or license of our gaming systems are generally accounted for under Statement of Position 97-2 Software Revenue Recognition, or SOP 97-2, or Emerging Issues Task Force, or EITF, issue 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables, or EITF 00-21. In accordance with the provisions of SOP 97-2 and EITF 00-21, sales that are considered to contain multiple deliverables are bifurcated into accounting units based on their relative fair market value provided each component is not essential to the functionality of the other. Revenue from these separate accounting units are then recognized when: a) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and the sales price is fixed and determinable; b) delivery has occurred and services have been rendered; and c) collectibility is reasonably assured. If vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value does not exist the revenue is deferred until such time that all elements have been delivered or services have been performed. If any element is determined to be essential to the functionality of the other, revenues are generally recognized utilizing the subscription method of accounting over the term of the services that are rendered.

Revenue recognition for our gaming systems is complex and involves judgment in identifying multiple deliverables as each system contract is generally unique, determining the inter-operability of certain elements of our hardware and software and assessing the creditworthiness of our customers. While we believe our assumptions are reasonable these factors significantly influence our evaluation to recognize or defer revenue from each gaming system and if different could materially affect the timing of our revenues.

Property and Equipment and Leased Gaming Equipment. The cost of property and equipment and leased gaming equipment is depreciated over their estimated useful lives generally using the straight-line method for financial reporting, and accelerated methods for tax reporting purposes. A majority of our assets are susceptible to changes in technology and changes in the competitive marketplace influencing customer preferences such as cabinet style or game titles. These factors could cause us to evaluate and change the estimated lives used to depreciate assets.

Furthermore, we review our property and equipment and leased gaming equipment for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances, such as technological obsolescence or customer preferences, indicate we may not recover the carrying amount of an asset. We measure recoverability of assets to be held and used by comparing the carrying amount of an asset to future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. While we believe that our estimates and assumptions used in evaluating the carrying amount of these assets are reasonable different assumptions could materially affect either the carrying amount or the estimated useful lives of the assets.

Development Agreements. We enter into development agreements to provide financing for new tribal gaming facilities, or for the expansion of existing facilities. In return, the facility dedicates a percentage of its floor space to exclusive placement of our player terminals, and we receive a

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

fixed percentage of those player terminals hold per day over the term of the agreement. Certain of the agreements contain performance standards for our player terminals that could allow the facility to reduce a portion of our guaranteed floor space. The agreements typically provide for a portion of the amounts retained by the gaming facility for their share of the hold to be used for repayment of some or all of the advances. Amounts advanced in excess of those reimbursed by the customer for real property and land improvements are allocated to intangible assets and amortized over the life of the contract. Amounts related to personal property owned by us and located at the tribal gaming facility are carried in our property and equipment and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the related asset or the contract life, whichever is shorter.

We utilize the life of a contract to amortize the intangible assets associated with development agreements. We review the carrying value of these contract rights at least annually or whenever changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of these assets may not be recoverable. While we believe that our estimates and assumptions used in evaluating the carrying value of these assets are reasonable, different assumptions could materially affect either the carrying value or the estimated useful lives of the contract rights.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts related to our accounts receivable and notes receivable that have been deemed to have a high risk of collectibility. We review our accounts receivable and notes receivable on a monthly basis to determine if any receivables will potentially be uncollectible. We analyze historical collection trends and changes in our customers' payment patterns, customer concentration and credit worthiness when evaluating the adequacy of our allowance for doubtful accounts. A large percentage of receivables are with Native American tribes that have their reservations and gaming operations in the state of Oklahoma and we have concentrations of credit risk with several tribes. Despite the industry, geographic and customer concentrations related to our receivables, due to the historical experience on receivable collections, management considers credit risk is minimal with respect to accounts receivable. We include any receivable balances that are determined to be uncollectible in our overall allowance for doubtful accounts. Changes in our assumptions or estimates reflecting the collectibility of certain accounts could materially affect our allowance for both trade and notes receivable.

At September 30, 2004 and 2003 our allowance for doubtful trade accounts and notes receivable was \$608 and \$636, respectively.

Income taxes. We apply the provisions of SFAS No. 109 Accounting for Income Taxes. Under SFAS No. 109, deferred tax liabilities or assets arise from differences between the tax basis of liabilities or assets and their basis for financial reporting, and are subject to tests of recoverability in the case of deferred tax assets. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in the period that includes the enactment date.

The accounting for income taxes involves significant judgments and estimates and deals with complex tax regulations. The recoverability of certain deferred tax assets is based in part on estimates of future income and the timing of temporary differences, and the failure to fully realize such deferred tax assets could result in a higher tax provision in future periods.

At September 30, 2004 and 2003 our net deferred tax liability totaled \$11.3 million and \$2.5 million, respectively.

Inflation and Other Cost Factors

Our operations have not been, nor are they expected to be, materially affected by inflation. However, our operational expansion is affected by the cost of hardware components, which is not considered to be inflation sensitive, but rather, sensitive to changes in technology and competition in the hardware markets. In addition, we expect to continue to incur increased legal and other similar costs associated with compliance with regulatory requirements and the uncertainties present in the operating environment in which we do business. However, this expectation could change depending upon a number of factors, including those described under Item 1. Business Risk Factors

ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

We are subject to market risks in the ordinary course of business, primarily associated with interest rate fluctuations.

In June 2003, we entered into a credit facility to provide us with additional liquidity to meet our short-term financing needs as further described under Part III Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources and Part IV Item 15. Financial Statements Note 3. Long-Term Debt. Pursuant to the credit facility, we may borrow up to a total of \$25 million under a \$20 million term loan and a \$5 million revolving line of credit. The entire credit facility bears an adjustable interest at a rate of prime plus 1.25%.

In connection with the joint development agreements we enter into with many of our Native American tribal customers, we are required to advance funds to the tribes for the construction and development of tribal gaming

facilities, some of which are required to be repaid. It is anticipated that some of these receivables will have fixed interest rates.

We also received notes receivable for the sale of player terminals and licenses at fixed and variable interest rates. As a result of our adjustable interest rate notes payable and fixed interest rate notes receivable described above, we are subject to market risk with respect to interest rate fluctuations. Any material increase in prevailing interest rates could cause us to incur significantly higher interest expense.

We estimate that a hypothetical increase of 100 basis points in interest rates would increase our interest expense by approximately \$103,000, based on our variable debt outstanding of \$9.7 million, as of September 30, 2004. We do not currently manage this exposure with derivative financial instruments.

ITEM 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*

The financial statements filed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are listed in the Index to Financial Statements appearing in Part IV, Item 15.

ITEM 9. *Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure*

None.

ITEM 9A. *Controls and Procedures*

We maintain controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. In response to recent legislation, we implemented changes to our disclosure controls and procedures, primarily to formalize and document procedures already in place and to establish a disclosure committee consisting of some of our officers and other management.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, and under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of these disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

We do not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our other internal controls can prevent all error and all fraud or that our evaluation of these controls and procedures can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. The benefits of controls and procedures must be considered relative to their costs, and the design of any system of controls is based in part upon assumptions about the likelihood of future events. There can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, controls and procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of these and other inherent limitations in controls and procedures, misstatements or omissions due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Subsequent to the date of our evaluation described above, we have not made any significant changes, including corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, in our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls.

ITEM 9B. *Other Information*

None.

PART III

Certain information required by Part III is omitted from this Form 10-K because we will file a definitive Proxy Statement pursuant to Regulation 14A, or Proxy Statement, not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K, and certain information to be included therein is incorporated herein by reference.

-42-

ITEM 10. *Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement under the headings Proposal One Election of Directors, and Information Regarding Executive Officer Compensation Executive Officers and Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance.

ITEM 11. *Executive Compensation*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement under the heading Information Regarding Executive Officer Compensation.

ITEM 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement under the heading Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.

ITEM 13. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement under the heading Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

ITEM 14. *Principal Accountant Fees and Services*

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement under the heading Corporate Governance Committees of the Board of Directors The Audit Committee.

PART IV

ITEM 15. *Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedule and Reports on Form 8-K*

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this Report:

(1) Financial Statements

<u>Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm</u>	44
<u>Consolidated Balance Sheets, as of September 30, 2004 and 2003</u>	45
<u>Consolidated Statements of Income, Years Ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002</u>	46
<u>Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, Years Ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002</u>	47
<u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, Years Ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002</u>	48

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

50

(2) Financial Statement Schedule

Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Account

69

(3) Exhibits See Exhibit Index

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

We filed two reports on Form 8-K during the quarter ended September 30, 2004, on the following dates:

1. Form 8-K, filed August 5, 2004, Items 7 and 12.
2. Form 8-K, filed September 15, 2004, Item 1.01

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders

Multimedia Games, Inc.

Austin, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Multimedia Games, Inc. as of September 30, 2004 and 2003, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2004. We have also audited the schedule listed in the accompanying index. These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Multimedia Games, Inc. at September 30, 2004 and 2003, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2004, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Also, in our opinion, the schedule presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

BDO Seidman, LLP

Houston, Texas

November 16, 2004,

except Note 9, which

is as of December 1, 2004

MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

As of September 30, 2004 and 2003

(In thousands, except shares and per-share amounts)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,768	\$ 26,319
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$533 and \$521, respectively	10,397	5,866
Inventory	930	2,122
Prepaid expenses and other	2,242	1,811
Notes receivable, net	12,299	3,659
Federal and state income tax receivable	5,044	1,539
Deferred income taxes	1,909	1,584
Total current assets	37,589	42,900
Restricted cash and long-term investments	1,216	1,380
Leased gaming equipment, net	40,652	32,403
Property and equipment, net	93,090	54,306
Notes receivable non-current	20,588	500
Intangible assets, net	21,941	10,703
Other assets	2,331	1,538
Total assets	\$ 217,407	\$ 143,730
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Current portion of long-term debt and capital leases	\$ 9,713	\$ 4,558
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	25,780	20,138
Deferred revenue	1,847	24
Total current liabilities	37,340	24,720
Long-term debt and capital leases, less current portion	10,753	9,402
Other long-term liabilities	3,932	3,393
Deferred revenue non-current	2,050	
Deferred income taxes	13,185	4,103
Total liabilities	67,260	41,618
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 5, 6, 8 and 9)		
Stockholders equity:		
Preferred stock:		
Series A, \$0.01 par value, 1,800,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding;		
Series B, \$0.01 par value, 200,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 75,000,000 shares authorized 30,453,245 and 28,694,028 shares issued, and 27,917,597 and 26,483,622 shares outstanding, respectively	305	287
Additional paid-in capital	65,157	45,487
Stockholders notes receivable		(1,466)

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Treasury stock, 2,535,648 and 2,210,406 shares at cost, respectively	(12,382)	(6,491)
Retained earnings	97,067	64,295
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total stockholders equity	150,147	102,112
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$ 217,407	\$ 143,730
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

For the Years Ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002

(In thousands, except per-share amounts)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
REVENUES:			
Gaming revenue Class II	\$ 119,584	\$ 102,292	\$ 80,682
Gaming revenue All other	20,568	4,365	5,642
Player terminal and license sale and lease revenue	11,546	16,322	7,319
Other	1,977	1,694	1,151
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total revenues	153,675	124,673	94,794
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES:			
Bingo prizes and related costs		1,175	1,452
Cost of player terminals and licenses sold	6,560	8,535	4,379
Selling, general and administrative expenses	59,429	41,946	34,253
Amortization and depreciation	37,255	22,286	14,304
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total operating costs and expenses	103,244	73,942	54,388
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Operating income	50,431	50,731	40,406
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):			
Interest income	1,120	328	339
Interest expense	(1,494)	(309)	(96)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income before income taxes	50,057	50,750	40,649
Income tax expense	17,285	19,095	15,384
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income	\$ 32,772	\$ 31,655	\$ 25,265
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Basic earnings per share	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.01
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.87
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

For the Years Ended September 30, 2004, 2003, and 2002

(In thousands, except shares and per-share amounts)

	Preferred Stock		Common Stock			Treasury Stock		Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders Equity	
	Number of Shares	Amount	Number of Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Stockholders Notes Receivable	Number of Shares			Amount
Balance, September 30, 2001	9,203	\$	25,967,076	\$ 260	\$ 32,456	\$ (1,896)	2,147,478	\$ (5,830)	\$ 7,378	\$ 32,368
Exercise of stock options			1,258,860	13	2,014					2,027
Exercise of stock warrants			619,246	6	1,307					1,313
Conversion of preferred stock	(9,203)		81,796							
Stockholders notes for stock purchase, net						(521)				(521)
Purchase of treasury stock							1,212	(17)		(17)
Tax benefit of stock options exercised					4,829					4,829
Preferred stock dividends (\$1.10 per preferred share)								(3)		(3)
Value of options associated with consulting services					251					251
Net income								25,265		25,265
Balance, September 30, 2002			27,926,978	279	40,857	(2,417)	2,148,690	(5,847)	32,640	65,512
Exercise of stock options			617,782	6	1,728					1,734
Exercise of stock warrants			149,268	2	355					357
Stockholders notes for stock purchase, net						307				307
Retirement of stockholders notes for common stock						644	61,716	(644)		
Tax benefit of stock options exercised					2,220					2,220
Value of options associated with consulting services					327					327
Net income								31,655		31,655
Balance, September 30, 2003			28,694,028	287	45,487	(1,466)	2,210,406	(6,491)	64,295	102,112
Exercise of stock options			1,759,217	18	7,984					8,002
Receipt of Company's common stock as consideration for employee stock option exercise							22,546	(472)		(472)
Retirement of stockholders notes for common stock						1,466	65,196	(1,599)		(133)
Purchase of treasury stock							237,500	(3,820)		(3,820)

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Tax benefit of stock options exercised									11,424	11,424				
Value of options associated with consulting services									262	262				
Net income									32,772	32,772				
Balance, September 30, 2004														
	\$	30,453,245	\$	305	\$	65,157	\$	2,535,648	\$	(12,382)	\$	97,067	\$	150,147

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

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002

Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents

(In thousands)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income	\$ 32,772	\$ 31,655	\$ 25,265
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash and cash equivalents provided by operating activities:			
Amortization	2,456	1,099	1,840
Depreciation	34,799	21,187	12,464
Accretion of contract rights	53		
Write-off of and loss on disposal of long-lived assets	321	51	267
Provision for inventory and long-lived assets	769	139	494
Deferred income taxes	8,757	3,064	2,115
Options issued to consultants	262	327	251
Provision for (Recovery of) doubtful accounts	(17)	91	875
(Increase) decrease in:			
Accounts receivable	(4,514)	(1,481)	(1,696)
Inventory	1,192	1,983	(1,764)
Prepaid expenses and other	(1,224)	(334)	(220)
Federal and state income tax receivable	(3,505)	(2,720)	(1,346)
Other long-term liabilities	703		
Notes receivable	(2,921)	(335)	(632)
Increase (decrease) in:			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,642	5,614	6,752
Deferred revenue	498	(1,905)	
	<u>76,043</u>	<u>58,435</u>	<u>44,665</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Acquisition of property and equipment and leased gaming equipment	(70,866)	(48,623)	(31,738)
Acquisition of intangible assets	(6,644)	(5,108)	(10,446)
Restricted cash and long-term investments and other long-term liabilities		74	(344)
Advances under development agreements	(35,775)	(5,844)	
Repayments under development agreements	1,339	4,774	
Advances on notes receivable	(21,660)	(500)	
Repayments of notes receivable	21,107		
Stockholders' notes receivable, net	(37)	307	(321)
	<u>(112,536)</u>	<u>(54,920)</u>	<u>(42,849)</u>
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from exercise of stock options, warrants, and related tax benefit	18,954	4,311	7,969
Principal payments of long-term debt and capital leases	(7,900)	(1,125)	(143)
Proceeds from long-term debt	7,708	4,371	
Proceeds from (repayments on) notes payable, net			757

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Purchase of treasury stock	(3,820)		(17)
Preferred stock dividends			(3)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	14,942	7,557	8,563
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(21,551)	11,072	10,379
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	26,319	15,247	4,868
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 4,768	\$ 26,319	\$ 15,247
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

For the Years Ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002

(In thousands)

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW DATA:			
Interest paid	\$ 1,453	\$ 435	\$ 96
Income tax paid	\$ 608	\$ 16,546	\$ 8,261
NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS:			
Property and equipment and other assets acquired through:			
Capital lease	5,280	6,490	
Long-term debt	1,418	3,610	
Issuance of note receivable sale of player terminals included in deferred revenue	3,375		1,929
Receipt of Company's common stock for repayment of stockholders' note receivable and other	1,599	644	
Receipt of Company's common stock as consideration for employee stock option exercise	472		
Non-compete agreement included in intangible assets and other long-term liabilities		2,047	
Issuance of note receivable to officer for common stock			200

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

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Operations The Company is a technology supplier to the gaming industry. The Company designs and develops interactive, electronic gaming systems that are marketed primarily to Native American, charity and commercial bingo gaming facilities, and to state lottery commissions located throughout the United States of America, or U.S. The Company's gaming systems are typically provided to customers under revenue sharing arrangements, except for video lottery terminals in the Class III market in Washington State, which are typically sold for an up-front purchase price. The Company provides Class II gaming to its tribal customers through a nationwide, broadband telecommunications network. Player terminals in the Class II gaming market are typically interconnected within a gaming facility and across multiple facilities, thereby enabling players to simultaneously participate in the same game and to compete against one another to win common pooled prizes. In the charity bingo market, player terminals are typically only interconnected within the gaming facility where the player terminals are located. The Company provides a central determinant system for use by state lottery commissions. The Company places Point-of-Sale terminals, or POSTs, in conjunction with its Tribal Instant Lottery Game, or TILG, in the Class III market, which is supported by central determinant system technology similar to that used in the state lottery market. The Company offers content for its gaming systems that has been designed and developed by the Company, as well as game themes it has licensed from others.

Consolidation Principles The Company's financial statements include the activities of Multimedia Games, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries: MegaBingo, Inc., MGAM Systems, Inc., MGAM Services, LLC, TV Games, Inc. (dissolved April 10, 2003), and Multimedia Creative Services, Inc. (dissolved October 4, 2002). Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Accounting Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Examples include provisions for bad debts and inventory obsolescence, useful lives of property and equipment and intangible assets, impairment of property and equipment and intangible assets, deferred taxes, and the provision for and disclosure of litigation and loss contingencies. Actual results may differ significantly from these estimates in the future.

Reclassifications Certain reclassifications were made to the prior years' financial statements to conform to the current year financial statement presentation. These reclassifications did not have an impact on the Company's previously reported net income.

Historically, the Company entered into certain agreements with its tribal customers that, among other things, guaranteed certain prize payouts based upon attaining an assumed level of gross game receipts, and statistical assumptions as to the frequency of winners, and required customers to deposit a fixed percentage of gross gaming receipts in a depository account controlled by us. The depository account was used by the Company to reimburse prizes, prize fulfillment fees, insurance payments and bank fees. In these instances, the Company was essentially acting as a "bank" by managing prizes across multiple facilities on its network of electronic player terminals. Based on its role as a "bank," the Company historically considered its role more as a principal than an agent, and reported the hold per day from its player terminals as revenue and deducted amounts paid to or retained by facilities as "Allotments to facility operators."

The vast majority of these arrangements have gone away over the past few years, prompting the Company to evaluate its revenue presentation.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

The Company's current gaming arrangements typically do not guarantee prize payout levels and require that only its share of the hold per day be remitted to the Company. Management has determined the net amounts remitted by customers should be reported as revenue and not presented on a gross basis as previously reported. As a result, the Company has presented its 2004 revenues in accordance with this policy and reclassified Allotments to facility operators for 2003 and 2002 to conform to the current year presentation.

Revenue Recognition The Company derives its gaming revenues primarily from participation arrangements with its Native American customers and charity bingo customers. Participation revenue generated from the Company's Class II customers is reported in its results of operations as Gaming revenue Class II, while revenue from charity customers and the Company's TILG product are included in Gaming revenue All other. Under these

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

arrangements, the Company retains ownership of the player terminals, POSTs and back-office equipment, which are collectively referred to as gaming systems, installed at customer gaming facilities, and receives revenue based on a percentage of the hold per day generated by each gaming system, which is generally considered both realizable and earned at the end of each gaming day. Certain of our arrangements require us to set aside a portion of the facilities' hold per day to be used to fund facility-specific marketing, advertising, promotions and service. These amounts are offset against revenue, and deferred in a liability account until expended.

The Company generates gaming revenues from the state video lottery market by providing the central determinant system for video lottery terminal networks. In return for providing the system, the Company receives a small portion of the network-wide hold, which is reported in its financial results of operations as a part of Gaming revenue - All other.

The Company also generates gaming revenues from back-office fees based on a share of the hold per day from both leased and sold Class III POSTs in Washington State. Back-office fees cover the service and maintenance costs for back-office servers installed in each gaming facility to run its Class III games, as well as the cost of related software updates. These back-office fees are reported in its results of operations as a part of Gaming revenue - All other. For those POSTs sold to its customers, the back-office fees are based on a considerably smaller percentage of the hold per day than the revenue share received from terminals being rented under participation agreements. Accordingly, the Company derives its Class III revenues to a greater extent from POST sales than from participation-based back-office fees. Sales of Class III POSTs are usually clustered around the expansion of existing casinos, the opening of new casinos, or changes in applicable law that permit customers to operate a greater number of POSTs than previously allowed.

The majority of the Company's Class III POSTs in Washington State have been sold to customers outright for a one-time purchase price, and are reported by the Company under Player terminal and license sale and lease revenue. Certain game themes used by the Company in the Class III market have been licensed from third parties and are generally licensed to customers along with the Class III POSTs. For the remainder of its Class III POSTs, the Company enters into participation arrangements similar to those in the Class II market.

Revenues from the sale of player terminals and player terminal licenses are accounted for under Statement of Position 97-2 Software Revenue Recognition, or SOP 97-2, and Emerging Issues Task Force, or EITF, issue 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables, or EITF 00-21. In accordance with the provisions of SOP 97-2 and EITF 00-21, sales that are considered to contain multiple deliverables are bifurcated into accounting units based on their relative fair market value, provided each component is not essential to the functionality of the other. Revenue from these separate accounting units is then recognized when: a) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and the sales price is fixed and determinable; b) delivery has occurred and services have been rendered; and c) collectibility is reasonably assured. If vendor-specific objective evidence of fair value does not exist the revenue is deferred until such time that all elements have been delivered or services have been performed. If any element is determined to be essential to the functionality of the other, revenues are generally recognized utilizing the subscription method of accounting over the term of the services rendered.

Cash and Cash Equivalents The Company considers all highly liquid investments (i.e., investments which, when purchased, have original maturities of three months or less) to be cash equivalents.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Restricted Cash and Long-Term Investments Restricted cash and long-term investments at September 30, 2004 and 2003 include \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, representing the present value of investments held by the Company's prize fulfillment firm related to outstanding MegaBingo jackpot prizes.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts The Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts related to its accounts receivable and notes receivable that have been deemed to have a high risk of collectibility. Management reviews its accounts receivable and notes receivable on a monthly basis to determine if any receivables will potentially be uncollectible. Management analyzes historical collection trends and changes in its customer payment patterns, customer concentration, and creditworthiness when evaluating the adequacy of its allowance for doubtful accounts. In its overall allowance for doubtful accounts, the Company includes any receivable balances that are determined to be uncollectible. Based on the information available, management believes the allowance for doubtful accounts is adequate; however, actual write-offs might exceed the recorded allowance.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Inventory The Company's inventory consists primarily of completed player terminals, related component parts and back-office computer equipment expected to be sold within the Company's next fiscal year. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first in, first out) or market.

Development Agreements The Company enters into development agreements to provide financing for new tribal gaming facilities, or for the expansion of existing facilities. In return, the facility dedicates a percentage of its floor space to exclusive placement of the Company's player terminals, and the Company receives a fixed percentage of those player terminals' hold per day over the term of the agreement. Certain of the agreements contain performance standards for its player terminals that could allow the facility to reduce a portion of the Company's guaranteed floor space. The agreements typically provide for a portion of the amounts retained by the gaming facility for their share of the hold to be used for repayment of some or all of the advances. Amounts advanced in excess of those reimbursed by the customer for real property and land improvements are allocated to intangible assets and amortized over the life of the contract. Amounts related to personal property owned by the Company and located at the tribal gaming facility are carried in the Company's property and equipment and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the following net amounts related to advances made under development agreements were recorded in the following balance sheet captions:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
	(In thousands)	
Included in:		
Notes receivable	\$ 22,836	\$ 638
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	10,343	4,918
Intangible assets - contract rights, net of accumulated amortization	11,812	1,018

Property and Equipment and Leased Gaming Equipment Property and equipment and leased gaming equipment is stated at cost. The cost of property and equipment and leased gaming equipment is depreciated over their estimated useful lives, generally using the straight-line method for financial reporting, and accelerated methods for tax reporting purposes. Player terminals placed with customers under participation arrangements are included in leased gaming equipment. Leased gaming equipment includes a pool of rental terminals, i.e., the rental pool. Rental pool units are those units that have previously been placed in the field under participation arrangements, but are currently back at the Company being refurbished and/or awaiting redeployment. Routine maintenance of property and equipment and leased gaming equipment is expensed in the period incurred, while major component upgrades are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful life of the component. Sales and retirements of depreciable property are recorded by removing the related cost and accumulated depreciation from the accounts. Gains or losses on sales and retirements of property are reflected in the Company's results of operations.

Management reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to its fair value, which considers the future undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds their fair value. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or the fair value less costs of disposal. An analysis of the long-lived assets at September 30, 2004 indicated there was no impairment to these assets' carrying values.

Equipment under Capital Lease Equipment under capital leases are recorded at the lower of the present value of the minimum lease payments or the fair value of the assets. The cost of leased property and equipment is amortized using the Company's normal depreciation policy, described under Property and Equipment and Leased Gaming Equipment. At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the gross carrying value of assets under capital leases was \$11.4 million and \$6.5 million, respectively.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company's accounts payable and accrued expenses consisted of the following:

	2004	2003
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	(In thousands)	
Trade accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 14,271	\$ 14,655
Accrued expenses -development agreements	7,038	
Accrued bonus and salaries	2,550	3,946
Other	1,921	1,537
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 25,780	\$ 20,138
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Deferred Revenue Deferred revenue represents amounts from the sale of player terminals and related third party licenses that have been billed, or for which notes receivable have been executed, but the transaction has not met the Company's revenue recognition criteria. The cost of the related player terminals and licenses has been offset against deferred revenue. Amounts are classified between current and long-term liabilities based upon the expected period in which the revenue will be recognized.

Other Long-Term Liabilities Other long term liabilities at September 30, 2004 and 2003 include the present value of investments held by the Company's prize fulfillment firm related to outstanding MegaBingo jackpot prize winner annuities of \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. At September 30, 2004 and 2003, other long term liabilities also included \$1.9 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, representing the present value of estimated payments due Gordon Graves under his covenant not to compete (See Note 9).

Fair Value of Financial Instruments The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced sale or liquidation. At September 30, 2004 and September 30, 2003, the carrying amounts for the Company's financial instruments, which include accounts and notes receivable, accounts payable, and long-term debt and capital leases, approximate fair value.

Income Taxes The Company applies the provisions of SFAS No. 109 Accounting for Income Taxes. Under SFAS No. 109, deferred tax liabilities or assets arise from differences between the tax basis of liabilities or assets and their bases for financial reporting, and are subject to tests of recoverability in the case of deferred tax assets. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. A valuation allowance is provided for deferred tax assets to the extent realization is not judged to be more likely than not.

Stock Split On February 2, 2004, the Board of Directors declared a two-for-one split of the Company's common stock, to be paid in the form of a stock dividend to stockholders of record as of February 16, 2004. All references in the accompanying financial statements to the number of common shares and per-share amounts have been restated to reflect the split.

Treasury Stock The Company utilizes the cost method for accounting for its treasury stock acquisitions and dispositions.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Earnings per Common Share Earnings per common share is computed in accordance with SFAS No. 128, Earnings per Share. Presented below is a reconciliation of net income available to common stockholders and the differences between weighted average common shares outstanding, which are used in computing basic earnings per share, and weighted average common and potential shares outstanding, which are used in computing diluted earnings per share.

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2004		
	Income	Shares	Per-Share Amount
(In thousands, except shares and per-share amounts)			
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Net income	\$ 32,772		
Less: preferred stock dividends			
Income available to common stockholders	32,772	27,467,340	\$ 1.19
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Options		3,169,072	
Convertible preferred stock			
Income available to common stockholders plus assumed conversions	\$ 32,772	30,636,412	\$ 1.07

At September 30, 2004, options to purchase 50,000 shares of Common Stock at exercise prices ranging from \$19.93 to \$21.53 per share were outstanding, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share due to their antidilutive effect.

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2003		
	Income	Shares	Per Share Amount
(In thousands, except shares and per-share amounts)			
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Net income	\$ 31,655		

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Less: preferred stock dividends				

Income available to common stockholders	31,655	25,992,670	\$	1.22

DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE:				
Effect of Dilutive Securities:				
Options		3,333,976		
Warrants		89,978		
Convertible preferred stock				

Income available to common stockholders plus assumed conversions	\$ 31,655	29,416,624	\$	1.08

At September 30, 2003, options to purchase 364,000 shares of Common Stock at exercise prices ranging from \$13.76 to \$16.82 per share were outstanding, but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share due to their antidilutive effect.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

	For the Year Ended		
	September 30, 2002		
	Income	Shares	Per Share Amount
	(In thousands, except shares and per-share amounts)		
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Net income	\$ 25,265		
Less: preferred stock dividends	(3)		
Income available to common stockholders	25,262	24,962,318	\$ 1.01
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Effect of Dilutive Securities:			
Options		3,776,262	
Warrants		356,672	
Convertible preferred stock	3	23,140	
Income available to common stockholders plus assumed conversions	\$ 25,265	29,118,392	\$ 0.87

Stock-Based Compensation The Company applies Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, or APB 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, in accounting for its stock option plans, rather than the alternative fair value accounting provided under SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. Under APB 25, no compensation expense is recognized for grants of options to common-law employees and directors at an exercise price equal to or greater than the market price of the stock on the date of grant. Accordingly, based on the Company's grants in 2004, 2003, and 2002, no compensation expense has been recognized.

Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share under the alternative fair value accounting is required by SFAS No. 123, as amended by SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure. This information is required to be determined as if the Company had accounted for its employee stock options granted subsequent to September 30, 1995, under the fair value method of that Statement. The fair value of options granted in fiscal years 2004, 2003 and 2002 reported below has been estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	2004	2003	2002
Weighted average life	5 years	5 years	5 years
Risk-free interest rate	3.4%	3.5%	6.5%
Expected volatility	49%	74%	99%
Expected dividend yield	None	None	None

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected stock price volatility. Because the Company's options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in the opinion of management, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its options.

The weighted average estimated fair value of employee stock options granted during 2004, 2003 and 2002 was \$8.23, \$6.78, and \$7.52 per share, respectively. The estimated fair value of options granted during 2004, 2003 and 2002 under the Company's stock option plans totaled approximately \$869,000, \$11.5 million, and \$9.4 million, respectively.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For purposes of pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is amortized to expense over the options vesting period. The Company's pro forma information is as follows:

	2004	2003	2002
	(In thousands, except per-share amounts)		
Net income:			
As reported	\$ 32,772	\$ 31,655	\$ 25,265
Deduct: Total estimated stock-based employee compensation determined under fair value method for all awards, net of related tax benefit	(4,755)	(4,367)	(2,061)
Pro forma	<u>\$ 28,017</u>	<u>\$ 27,288</u>	<u>\$ 23,204</u>
Basic earnings per common share:			
As reported	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.01
Pro forma	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.05	\$ 0.93
Diluted earnings per common share:			
As reported	\$ 1.07	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.87
Pro forma	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.80

The above SFAS No. 123, as amended by SFAS No. 148, pro forma disclosures are not necessarily representative of the effect SFAS No. 123 will have on the pro forma disclosure of future years.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued FASB Interpretation, or FIN, No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, (VIEs). FIN 46 establishes standards for determining under what circumstances VIEs should be consolidated with their primary beneficiary, including those to which the usual condition of consolidation does not apply. FIN 46 also requires disclosure about unconsolidated VIEs in which the Company has a significant variable interest. The consolidation requirements of FIN 46 apply immediately to VIEs created after January 31, 2003. The consolidation requirements apply to older entities the first fiscal year or interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. Certain disclosure requirements apply in all financial statements issued after January 31, 2003.

In December 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board published FIN No. 46-R, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities (revised December 2003), superseding FIN 46 and exempting certain entities from the provisions of FIN 46. Generally, application of FIN 46-R is required in financial statements of public entities that have interests in structures commonly referred to as special-purpose entities for periods ending after December 15, 2003, and, for other types of VIEs, for periods ending after March 15, 2004.

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, Inventory Costs an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, to amend the guidance in Accounting Research Bulletin, or ARB, No. 43, Chapter 4, Inventory Pricing, to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage). This Statement amends Paragraph 5 of ARB 43, Chapter 4, previously stated that "...under some circumstances, items such as idle facility expense, excessive spoilage, double freight, and re-handling costs may be so abnormal as to require treatment as current period charges...." This Statement requires that those items be recognized as current-period charges regardless of whether they meet the criterion of "so abnormal." In addition, this Statement requires that allocation of fixed production overheads to the costs of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities.

The Company does not expect the adoption of any recently-issued accounting pronouncements to have a material impact on its financial position and results of operations.

The FASB issued a proposed Statement entitled "Share-Based Payment" an amendment of FASB Statements No. 123 and 9 that addresses the accounting for share-based payment transactions in which an enterprise receives employee services in exchange for a) equity instruments of the enterprise or b) liabilities that are based on the fair value of the enterprise's equity instruments or that may be settled by the issuance of such equity instruments. The proposed Statement would eliminate the ability to account for share-based compensation transactions using APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and generally would require instead that such transactions be accounted for using a fair-value-based method. This Statement is expected to be released late in calendar 2004. The Company has not yet completed its evaluation of the impact this Statement will have on its financial position and results of operations.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

2. Property and Equipment and Leased Gaming Equipment

At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company's property and equipment and leased gaming equipment consisted of the following:

	2004	2003	Estimated useful Lives
	(In thousands)		
Deployed gaming equipment	\$ 86,093	\$ 44,686	3-5 years
Gaming equipment available for deployment	12,939	12,066	
Software costs	4,017	3,049	3-5 years
Tribal gaming facilities and portable buildings	16,997	8,965	5-7 years
Other	5,614	4,050	3-10 years
Total property and equipment	125,660	72,816	
Less accumulated depreciation	(32,570)	(18,510)	
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 93,090	\$ 54,306	
Leased gaming equipment	87,596	62,252	3 years
Less accumulated depreciation	(46,944)	(29,849)	
Total leased gaming equipment, net	\$ 40,652	\$ 32,403	

Leased gaming equipment includes player terminals under participation arrangements that are at customer facilities or in the rental pool.

3. Intangible Assets

At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company's intangible assets consisted of the following:

2004	2003	Estimated useful
------	------	---------------------

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

	(In thousands)		Lives
Contract rights under development agreements	\$ 11,812	\$ 1,018	5-7 years
Internally developed gaming software	13,423	10,925	1-5 years
Non compete Agreement	2,053	2,053	16 years
Patents and trademarks	1,372	897	1-5 years
Other	2,023	2,047	3-5 years
	<hr/>	<hr/>	
Total intangible assets	30,683	16,940	
Less accumulated amortization internally developed gaming software	(7,055)	(5,484)	
Less accumulated amortization all other	(1,687)	(753)	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	
Total Intangible assets, net	\$ 21,941	\$ 10,703	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	

Contract rights are amounts allocated to intangible assets for dedicated floor space resulting from development agreements, described under Development Agreements.

Internally developed gaming software is accounted for under the provisions of statement of Financial Accounting Standards, or SFAS, No. 86

Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software to Be Sold, Leased or Otherwise Marketed and is stated at cost, which is amortized over the estimate useful life of the software, generally using the straight-line method. The Company amortizes internally developed games and gaming engines over an eighteen-month period, gaming systems over a three-year period and its central management systems over a five-year period. Software development costs are capitalized once technological feasibility has been established, and are amortized when the software is placed into service. Any subsequent software maintenance costs, such as bug fixes and subsequent testing, are expensed as incurred. Discontinued software development costs are expensed when the determination to discontinue is made. For the year ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002, amortization expense related to internally developed gaming software was \$1,571,000, \$928,000 and \$1,112,000, respectively. During fiscal 2004 the Company wrote off \$292,000 related to internally-developed gaming software.

Management reviews intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. An analysis of intangible assets at September 30, 2004 indicated there was no impairment to these assets carrying values.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

4. Notes Receivable

At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company's notes receivable consisted of the following:

	2004	2003
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	(In thousands)	
Notes receivable from development agreements	\$ 22,836	\$ 638
Notes receivable from equipment sales	9,040	3,636
Other notes receivable	1,086	
Allowance for notes receivable	(75)	(115)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Notes receivable, net	32,887	4,159
Less current portion	12,299	3,659
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Notes receivable - non current	<u>\$ 20,588</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>

Notes receivable from development agreements are generated from reimbursable amounts advanced under development agreements, and generally bear interest at prevailing interest rates. These notes are typically collateralized by all the personal property not owned by the Company and contained within the respective tribal gaming facility, although the value of such property, if repossessed, may be less than the note receivable outstanding. As of September 30, 2004, the average interest rate on notes receivable from development agreements was 5.75% and the expected term of such notes ranged from one to three years, however the timing of required payments may vary as certain of the note repayment terms are based on the hold per day per player terminal retained by the facilities.

Notes receivable from equipment sales consist of financial instruments issued by customers for the purchase of player terminals and licenses, and generally bear interest at prevailing interest rates. All of the Company's notes receivable from equipment sales are collateralized by the related equipment sold, although the value of such equipment, if repossessed, may be less than the note receivable outstanding. As of September 30, 2004, the average interest rate on notes receivable from equipment sales was 5.75%, and the term of such notes ranged from one to two years.

5. Credit Facility, Long-Term Debt and Capital Leases

At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company's Credit Facility, long-term debt and capital leases consisted of the following:

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

	2004	2003
	(In thousands)	
Term loan facility	\$ 7,181	\$ 2,361
Other long-term debt	4,998	5,496
Capital lease obligations (See Note 6.)	8,287	6,103
	<u>20,466</u>	<u>13,960</u>
Long-term debt and capital leases	20,466	13,960
Less current portion	9,713	4,558
	<u>\$ 10,753</u>	<u>\$ 9,402</u>
Long-term debt and capital leases, less current portion	\$ 10,753	\$ 9,402

The Company's debt structure consists of a Credit Facility which provides the Company with a \$20.0 million term loan facility (the "Term Loan"), and a \$5.0 million revolving credit line (the "Revolver"). The Term Loan can be drawn under three tranches, based upon the Company's unfinanced capital expenditures, beginning in June 2003 with the last tranche closing in December 2004. The Term Loan matures in June 2006, and bears interest at a rate of Prime plus 1.25% with a floor of 5.5% (or 5.75% as of September 30, 2004). At September 30, 2004, the Company had drawn \$10.2 million under the first two tranches of the Term Loan. Equal installments of principal and interest are payable over the term of the first two tranches, which are 36 and 30 months, respectively. On the third tranche, installments based on a 24-month term are due beginning in February 2005, with a balloon payment due in June 2006. During October 2004, the Company drew \$10 million under the third tranche.

The Revolver provides the Company with up to \$5.0 million for working capital needs, which is limited by a borrowing base comprising of certain of the Company's accounts receivable, inventory, and property and equipment. The Revolver bears interest at a rate of Prime plus 1.25%, and has a commitment fee based on the daily

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

average unborrowed commitment. The Revolver matures in June 2005. As of September 30, 2004, the borrowing base provided for \$5.0 million in availability, which was reduced to \$4.0 million to reflect outstanding letters of credit; however, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Revolver. During November 2004, the Company amended the Revolver to allow for up to \$15.0 million for working capital needs, removed the borrowing base limitation and extended the maturity date to November 2006.

The Credit Facility contains certain customary financial and operational covenants, and is collateralized by substantially all the Company's assets. The Company is in compliance with these covenants as of September 30, 2004.

Other long-term debt at September 30, 2004 represents a five-year loan related to financing our corporate aircraft, and various three-to five-year loans for the purchase of automobiles and property and equipment.

A schedule for each of the fiscal years ending after September 30, 2004, representing the maturities of long-term debt, excluding capital lease obligations (See Note 6.), are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	(In thousands)
2005	5,829
2006	4,971
2007	293
2008	1,081
2009	5
Total	\$ 12,179

6. Leases

The Company leases its corporate offices, warehouses and certain office equipment under non-cancelable operating leases. In addition, the Company leases certain equipment used in its operations under capital lease arrangements.

A schedule of future minimum lease payments under capital leases for each of the five fiscal years ending after September 30, 2004, together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of September 30, 2004, and future minimum rental payments required under non-cancelable operating leases, follows:

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Year	Capital	Operating
	(In thousands)	
2005	\$ 4,373	\$ 1,566
2006	3,884	1,299
2007	777	1,370
2008		1,444
2009		1,462
Thereafter		1,217
Total Minimum Lease Payments	9,034	\$ 8,358
Less amount representing interest	(747)	
Present value of net minimum lease payments	8,287	
Less current maturities	3,884	
Long-term obligations under capital leases	\$ 4,403	

Rental expense during 2004, 2003 and 2002 amounted to \$1,581,000, \$1,255,000, and \$736,000, respectively.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

7. Income Taxes

The provision for income tax expense consisted of the following for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2003, and 2002:

	2004	2003	2002
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	(In thousands)		
CURRENT:			
Federal	\$ 8,228	\$ 14,225	\$ 11,299
State	300	1,806	1,970
DEFERRED:			
Federal	7,900	2,664	1,808
State	857	400	307
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Income tax expense	\$ 17,285	\$ 19,095	\$ 15,384
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The effective income tax rates differ from the statutory U.S. federal income tax rates as follows for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2003, and 2002:

	2004	2003	2002
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Federal income tax expense at statutory rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
State income tax expense, net of federal benefit	1.5%	2.8%	2.3%
Other, net	(2.0)%	(0.2)%	0.6%
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Provision for income taxes	34.5%	37.6%	37.9%
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Differences between the book value and the tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities at September 30, 2004 and 2003 result in deferred tax assets and liabilities as follows:

	2004	2003
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	(In thousands)	
Deferred tax asset – current:		
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 229	\$ 243

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

Inventory		887
Accruals not currently deductible for tax purposes	516	280
Deferred revenue	1,003	
Other	161	174
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Current deferred tax asset	\$ 1,909	\$ 1,584
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Noncurrent deferred tax liability:		
Property and equipment and leased gaming equipment, due principally to depreciation differences	\$ (11,149)	\$ (2,182)
Intangible assets, due principally to amortization differences	(2,036)	(1,921)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Noncurrent deferred tax liability	\$ (13,185)	\$ (4,103)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net deferred tax liability	\$ (11,276)	\$ (2,519)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

For 2004, 2003 and 2002, the Company recorded reductions of \$11.4 million, \$2.2 million and \$4.8 million, respectively, of its federal and state income tax liability, with an offsetting credit to additional paid-in capital resulting from the benefits of stock options. Such benefits relate to non-qualified stock options exercised and to employees exercising incentive stock options and selling the Common Stock within a one-year period, resulting in a disqualifying disposition of an incentive stock option.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

8. Stockholders' Equity

Preferred Stock

During fiscal 1995, the Company amended its articles of incorporation to provide for the issuance of up to 2,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock in such series and with such rights and preferences as may be approved by the Board of Directors. In January 1995, the Board of Directors approved a Series A Preferred Stock, which is cumulative, voting and convertible. In October 1998 the Board of Directors approved a Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock, which is cumulative and voting. As of September 30, 2004, there were no shares of Series A Preferred Stock or Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock outstanding.

Treasury Stock

The Board of Directors authorized the Company to repurchase 900,000 shares of its Common Stock, effective April 2000, an additional 3,000,000 shares of its Common Stock, effective September 2001 and an additional 748,690 shares of its Common Stock, effective July 2004. The timing and total number of shares repurchased is dependent upon prevailing market conditions and other investment opportunities.

During fiscal 2004 and 2002, the Company repurchased with cash 237,500 and 1,212 shares of its Common Stock at an average cost of \$16.09 and \$14.03, respectively. No shares were repurchased with cash during fiscal 2003.

During fiscal 2004, the Company received 22,546 shares of its Common Stock, at the fair market value of \$20.95 per share at the time of the exchange, in consideration for stock options exercised by an employee, and the Company settled a stockholder's notes receivable and additional amounts owed in exchange for 65,196 shares of its Common Stock at the fair market value of \$24.52 per share at the time of the exchange. During fiscal 2003, the Company settled a stockholder's notes receivable in exchange for 61,716 shares of its Common Stock at their fair market value of \$10.44 per share at the time of the exchange.

Indebtedness of Certain Officers and Directors

At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company had the following notes receivable from certain officers and directors:

Outstanding September 30, 2004	Outstanding September 30, 2003	Interest Rate	Due Date
-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	---------------	----------

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

	(In thousands)				
Clifton Lind	\$	\$	1,466	6%	Settled

On April 12, 2001, Clifton E. Lind, the Company's President and CEO, exercised his option to purchase 855,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. This purchase was made by way of a recourse promissory note issued to the Company, as permitted by the President's Stock Option Plan of 1998. The note was fully recourse to Mr. Lind's other personal assets and bore interest at a rate of 6%.

In March 2002, the Company loaned Mr. Lind \$355,000 to fund his income tax liability related to the April 12, 2001 option exercise. In April 2003, this advance was repaid in full.

In April 17, 2002, Mr. Lind exercised additional options to purchase 120,432 shares of Common Stock at an aggregate purchase price of \$199,908. This purchase was also made by way of a recourse note issued to the Company as permitted by the President's Stock Option Plan of 1998, and was also fully recourse to Mr. Lind's other personal assets and bore interest at a rate of 6%.

During March 2004, Mr. Lind surrendered 65,196 shares of Common Stock at the stated fair market value of \$24.52 per share at the time of the exchange, to settle his outstanding note in the amount of approximately \$1,466,000 and additional amounts owed totaling \$133,000.

During February 2003, Gordon T. Graves, the Company's former CEO, surrendered 61,716 shares of Common Stock, at the stated fair market value of \$10.44 per share at the time of the exchange, to settle his outstanding note in the amount of approximately \$644,000.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Director Compensation Plan

On October 1, 2002, the Company adopted a plan to compensate the members of its Board of Directors for their services as directors, including serving on committees of the Board. Under the Director Compensation Plan, each of the Company's directors, including directors who are also regular full-time employees, will receive \$20,000 per year. In addition, each director will receive \$500 for each Board meeting attended in person, \$250 for each Board meeting attended by telephone, \$400 for each committee meeting attended in person and \$200 for each committee meeting attended by telephone. The members of the Audit Committee will also receive an additional \$15,000 per year for serving on the Audit Committee, except for the Chairman of the Audit Committee, who will receive \$20,000 per year for serving on the Audit Committee as its Chairman. In no event will any director receive more than \$60,000 in combined fees during any fiscal year. In general, each sitting director will receive an option grant on an annual basis for 20,000 shares of Common Stock that will vest over a six month period. Directors on the Audit Committee receive an additional option grant on an annual basis for 10,000 shares of Common Stock that will vest over a six month period.

On October 1, 2004, the Company adopted a new plan to compensate the members of its Board of Directors for their services as directors, including serving on committees of the Board. Under the Director Compensation Plan, each of the Company's directors, including directors who are also regular full-time employees, will receive \$37,500 per year except for the Chairman of the Board, who will receive \$75,000 per year. In addition, each director will receive \$500 for each Board meeting attended in person, \$250 for each Board meeting attended by telephone, \$400 for each committee meeting attended in person and \$200 for each committee meeting attended by telephone. The members of the Audit Committee will also receive an additional \$15,000 per year for serving on the Audit Committee, except for the Chairman of the Audit Committee, who will receive \$25,000 per year for serving on the Audit Committee as its Chairman. In general, each sitting director will receive an option grant on an annual basis for 10,000 shares of Common Stock that will vest over a four year period.

Common Stock Warrants and Options

In connection with past financing arrangements and as compensation for consulting and professional services, the Company has issued warrants and options to purchase its Common Stock.

Stock Option Plans

Nonqualified stock options have been granted to our directors under our non-employee director stock plans. Nonqualified and incentive stock options have been granted to our officers and employees under our employee stock plans. Options granted to our officers and employees generally vest over four years and expire ten years from the date of grant. The Company expects to continue to issue stock options to new employees as they are hired and to current employees as incentives from time to time.

At September 30, 2004, there were stock options available for grant under the following plans:

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

	Approved by Shareholders	Options available for grant as of September 30, 2004
	(In thousands)	
1996 Stock Incentive Plan	March 1997	18,750
2000 Stock Option Plan	May 2001	46,945
2001 Stock Option Plan	May 2002	931,998
2002 Stock Option Plan	February 2003	954,500
2003 Outsider Director Stock Option Plan	February 2004	972,500
Ad Hoc Plan		
Total		2,924,693

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The activity relating to stock option issuances under the stock option plans are as follows for each of the three years ending September 30, 2004, 2003, and 2002:

	Warrants		Options			
	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Exercisable	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number of Exercisable
Outstanding October 1, 2001	771,622	\$ 2.18		6,145,218	\$ 1.37	
Granted				1,363,000	9.37	
Exercised	(593,900)	2.11		(1,258,860)	1.62	
Forfeited				(90,548)	1.55	
					3.96	1,495,532
Outstanding September 30, 2002	177,722	2.42	177,722	6,158,810		
Granted				1,694,000	1.46	
Exercised	(153,146)	2.42		(617,782)	2.81	
Forfeited	(24,576)			(50,894)	7.70	
Outstanding September 30, 2003				7,184,134	5.80	2,784,352
Granted				105,500	18.02	
Exercised				(1,759,217)	4.55	
Forfeited				(245,995)	8.99	
Outstanding September 30, 2004		\$		5,284,422	\$ 6.31	3,105,567

The above table includes options issued to consultants of 52,500, 192,000, and 227,000 as of September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

As of September 30, 2004, the outstanding stock options under the stock option plans were as follows:

Range of Exercise Price	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Number of Shares Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

0.67 - 1.83	898,473	\$ 1.18	4.85	889,098	\$ 1.18
1.84 - 3.76	898,856	2.40	6.47	516,562	2.40
3.77 - 4.83	1,138,045	3.77	6.98	813,858	3.77
4.84 - 8.27	92,500	5.94	7.33	42,500	6.95
8.28 - 9.99	994,998	9.04	8.09	332,499	8.58
10.00 - 14.99	926,000	11.36	8.02	281,000	11.15
15.00 - 19.99	325,550	17.06	9.16	230,050	16.81
20.00 - 21.53	10,000	21.53	9.65		
Total	5,284,422	\$ 6.31	6.63	3,105,567	\$ 4.99

The above table includes options issued to consultants of 52,500 at a weighted exercise price of \$4.84.

The Company has elected to follow APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, in accounting for its employee stock options rather than the alternative fair value accounting provided for under SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. Accordingly, no compensation cost has been recognized in fiscal 2004, 2003 and 2002 associated with the granting of employee stock options.

During 1994, the Company established an employee savings plan pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan provides for the employees to make tax deferred deposits into the plan to the extent of 15% of their

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

annual base compensation, with a maximum of \$13,000 in 2004. The Company matches the first 3% of employees' contributions completely, and matches half of the next 2%. Such Company contributions amounted to \$603,000, \$439,000, and \$275,000 for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively.

9. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation and Regulatory Proceedings

General The Company is subject to federal, state and Native American laws and regulations that affect both its general commercial relationships with its Native American tribal customers as well as the products and services provided to them. The following is only a summary of the more material aspects of these laws and regulations, and is not a complete recitation of all applicable law.

Development Agreements On April 23, 2004 the Company reported that the acting General Counsel of the NIGC had issued a letter to the Company and one of its tribal customers opining that our development agreement regarding the WinStar Casino in Thackerville, Oklahoma constitutes a management contract. The authority of the NIGC to review and approve gaming related contracts is limited to management contracts and related collateral agreements. According to the acting General Counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling with respect to any part of a gaming operation constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement for any of these activities is a management contract. The Company has expressed its disagreement with the acting General Counsel's interpretation, and its belief that her view of management is broader than was intended by Congress. The Company also believes that the acting General Counsel's opinion may be based in part on collateral agreements that were provided to the NIGC in error and that are not presently in effect.

On December 1, 2004 the Company received a series of letters from the NIGC expressing the commission's concern that certain of our agreements violate the requirements of IGRA and tribal gaming regulations which state that the Native American tribes hold the sole proprietary interest in the tribe's gaming operations. In particular, the NIGC is concerned that the Company's development agreements, whereby it advances development funds to its tribal customers in exchange for allocated floor space and a share of gaming revenue, create a proprietary interest of the Company in the tribe's gaming operations. As a result of its concern, the NIGC has requested the Company and its tribal customers provide a written justification for the percentage of shared revenue specified in the subject agreements, which in the view of the NIGC exceeds the level permissible under a management agreement. The NIGC has also asked that we and our tribal customers provide an explanation why these arrangements do not result in the Company holding a proprietary interest in its tribal customer's gaming operations. In addition, on December 1, 2004, The Company received a letter from the NIGC expressing the commission's concern that an Integrated Electronic Gaming Services Agreement, dated January 2000 with one of its customers, covering one of our Legacy games constituted a management agreement. According to the acting General Counsel, the performance of any planning, organizing, directing, coordinating or controlling, with respect to any part of a gaming operation, constitutes management for purposes of determining whether an agreement is a management contract, which requires NIGC approval. We are currently preparing our response to the NIGC's requests.

If certain of the Company's development agreements are finally determined to be management contracts or to create a proprietary interest of the Company in tribal gaming operations, there could be material adverse consequences to us. In that event, the Company may be required, among

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

other things, to modify the terms of such agreements. Such modification may adversely affect the terms on which the Company conducts business and significantly impact its financial condition and results of operations from such agreement and from other development agreements that may be similarly interpreted by the NIGC.

The Company's contracts could be subject to further review at any time. Any further review of these agreements by the NIGC, or alternative interpretations of applicable laws and regulations could require substantial modifications to those agreements or result in their designation as management contracts, which could materially and adversely affect the terms on which it conducts business.

Other Litigation In addition to the threat of litigation relating to the Class II or Class III status of the Company's games and equipment, the Company is the subject of various pending and threatened claims arising out of the ordinary course of business. The Company believes that any liability resulting from these claims will not have a material adverse effect on its results of operations or financial condition.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Diamond Games The Company is a defendant in a lawsuit filed in the State Court in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma alleging four causes of action: 1) Deceptive Trade Practices, 2) Unfair competition, 3) Wrongful Interference with Diamond Games, Inc.'s Business and 4) Restraint of Trade. All of the theories of recovery arise out of Oklahoma state law. The essence of the case alleges that the Company offered MegaNanza and Reel Time Bingo to tribes in Oklahoma even though they were both allegedly illegal Class III games which had a severe negative impact on Diamond Game's market for their legal pull-tab game, Lucky Tab II. Also, the case alleges that the Company's development agreements unfairly interfere with their ability to successfully conduct their business. Diamond Games is seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief; however, the Company believes the claims of Diamond Games are without merit and intends to defend the case vigorously.

International Game Company International Gamco, Inc., or Gamco claiming certain rights in United States Patent No. 5,324,035, or the '035 Patent, brought suit against the Company in the United States District Court, Southern District of California claiming that the Company's central determinant system, as operated in the New York State Lottery, infringes the '035 Patent. The Company currently sublicenses the right to practice the technology stated in the '035 Patent in Native American gaming jurisdictions in the United States pursuant to an agreement between it and Bally Gaming, Inc. Bally obtained the right to sublicense those rights to us from Oasis Technologies, Inc., or Oasis, a previous owner of the '035 Patent.

In the event that the Company desires to expand its rights beyond Native American gaming, the agreement provides the Company the option: 1) to pursue legal remedies to establish its rights independent of the Patent; or 2) to negotiate directly and enter into a separate agreement with Oasis for such rights, paying either a one-time license fee per jurisdiction or a unit fee per gaming machine. Gamco claims to have acquired ownership of Oasis' rights to the '035 Patent.

Prior to deployment of its central determinant system in New York, the Company undertook an analysis of the patent issues to determine whether or not its central determinant system infringed the claims of the '035 Patent. The Company determined that it did not infringe. Although continuing to assert that it did not infringe, the Company offered to enter into a license agreement with Gamco, whom refused the offer and filed its complaint seeking injunctive relief, unspecified damages, and attorneys' fees. The Company intends to vigorously defend this matter. Given the inherent uncertainties in any litigation, the Company is unable to make any prediction as to the outcome.

Other Existing federal and state regulations may also impose civil and criminal sanctions for various activities prohibited in connection with gaming operations, including false statements on applications, and failure or refusal to obtain necessary licenses described in the regulations.

Development Agreements

As of September 30, 2004, the Company had entered into development agreements to provide up to \$92.2 million towards the construction and/or remodel of tribal gaming facilities, and had advanced \$49.7 million under these agreements. In exchange for a certain amount of the funds advanced under the development agreement, the Company receives a guarantee of floor space for its player terminals. A portion of the hold per day generated by these player terminals is used to repay the construction advance. Consequently, the payback period is dependent on the hold per day generated by the Company's player terminals located on the guaranteed floor space. The Company is in various stages of discussion with new and existing customers to provide funding for similar opportunities under joint development agreements.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of September 30, 2004, the Company had \$1.0 million in outstanding letters of credit issued under the Revolver to guarantee its performance under certain contracts.

Employment Agreements

Clifton Lind On September 9, 2004, the Company entered into an Executive Employment Agreement, or the Agreement, with Clifton E. Lind to provide for Mr. Lind to continue as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, and setting forth certain terms of Mr. Lind's employment. The agreement provides that Mr. Lind will receive an annual base salary of \$450,000 and will be eligible to receive incentive compensation on an annual basis as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, based upon a performance review of

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Mr. Lind performed by the compensation committee. The agreement also specifies that Mr. Lind will be eligible to receive all customary and usual fringe and other benefits generally available to the Company's executive officers, in accordance with the terms and conditions of any applicable benefit plans, including group health, life and disability insurance and participation in the Company's 401(k) plan.

In the event that Mr. Lind's employment is terminated without cause or Mr. Lind terminates his employment for good reason (as defined in the Agreement), subject to Mr. Lind's observance of the surviving terms of the Agreement and Mr. Lind's execution of a full general release, Mr. Lind will receive a) his base salary for 18 months, in equal monthly installments, following the date of termination, b) one year of his projected incentive compensation, and c) full acceleration of the vesting of any unexercised or unvested stock options that he holds.

In the event that Mr. Lind voluntarily resigns as President and Chief Executive Officer, for any reason, Mr. Lind will receive his base salary for 18 months, in equal monthly installments, following the date of termination and one year of his projected incentive compensation.

Upon the termination of Mr. Lind's employment for any reason, Mr. Lind will be prohibited from a) working for, providing assistance to, or investing in (subject to certain exceptions) any business that is competitive with that of the Company for a period of 18 months, b) soliciting any of the Company's customers, prospective customers or disparaging the Company for a period of 12 months, c) soliciting any of the Company's employees for a period of 18 months, and d) disclosing any of the Company's confidential information.

Mr. Lind has been the Company's Chief Executive Officer since February 2003. From June 1998 until February 2003, Mr. Lind served as the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Lind has been a member of the Company's board of directors since May 2000.

Gordon Graves On March 26, 2003, as part of the CEO succession process, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Gordon Graves whereby Mr. Graves resigned as the Company's CEO on February 18, 2003 (the effective date of the agreement). Under the terms of the agreement, Mr. Graves was to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and as a member of the Company's Executive Committee through September 2003, and for 30-day successive periods thereafter, at the option of the Board. Mr. Graves resigned as Chairman on December 9, 2003, and resigned as an employee on December 18, 2003. Pursuant to the agreement, Mr. Graves received a salary of \$12,500 per month for his services as an employee through November 22, 2003.

Among other things, the employment agreement also contains a covenant not to compete by Mr. Graves, beginning on the effective date of the agreement, and extending for a period of three years from the time Mr. Graves is no longer affiliated with the Company, through his service as a member of the Board or on the Company's Executive Committee or otherwise. At the end of the three-year period, Mr. Graves, at his option, may continue not to compete against the Company. In consideration for his promise not to compete, Mr. Graves will receive \$250,000 per annum, payable monthly, commencing in February 2003, and ending upon Mr. Graves' death or his decision to compete against the Company. The Company recorded a liability for approximately \$2.0 million based on the present value of the estimated payments due Mr. Graves under the covenant not to compete during Mr. Graves' actuarial life expectancy of 16 years. A corresponding intangible asset of approximately \$2.0 million was recorded for the covenant not to compete, and is being amortized on a straight-line basis over five years.

License Agreements

In December 1999, the Company entered into a license agreement with WMS Gaming Inc., or WMS, to use certain of WMS' trademarks, logos and other audiovisual aids and graphics in the Washington State Class III market. In September 2002, this license agreement was extended so that the Company could provide these game themes to its Class II markets. This agreement will expire during 2007. The Company's agreement requires it to purchase a minimum number of player terminals and licenses to operate games over specified periods. As of the end of fiscal 2004, the Company is in compliance with all provisions of the agreement.

In April 2001, the Company entered into a license agreement with Bally Gaming, Inc., a subsidiary of Alliance Gaming Corporation, to use certain of Bally's trademarks, logos and other audiovisual aids and graphics in the Washington State Class III market. The Company's contract requires it to purchase a minimum number of licenses to operate games over specified periods. During September 2001, Bally extended the license agreement to provide the Company access to Bally's catalog of game themes for use in Class II bingo games. This extension also required

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

the Company to purchase a minimum number of Class II licenses over a specified period. As of the end of fiscal 2004, the Company is in compliance with all provisions of the agreement.

In May 2002, the Company entered into a license agreement with Mikohn Gaming Corporation, or Mikohn, to use certain of Mikohn's trademarks, logos, and other audiovisual aids and graphics in the Company's Class II markets. As of September 30, 2004, the Company is in compliance with all of the provisions of the contract.

In June 2003, the Company entered into a license agreement with IC2 Inc., or IC2, to use certain of IC2's trademarks, logos and other audiovisual aids and graphics in the Company's Class II and Class III markets. This agreement requires the Company to purchase a minimum number of licenses to operate games over a specified period. As of September 30, 2004, the Company is in compliance with all of the provisions of the contract.

In June 2004, the Company entered into a license agreement with Sigma Game, Inc, or Sigma, to use certain of Sigma's trademarks, logos, and other audiovisual aids and graphics in the Company's Class II and Class III markets. This agreement requires the Company to purchase a minimum number of licenses to operate games over a specified period. As of September 30, 2004, the Company is in compliance with all of the provisions of the contract.

Certain of our license agreements require the Company to pay royalty fees based on a fixed percentage of the hold per day generated by a player terminal.

10. Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which at times may exceed the federal depository insurance limits. At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company had concentrations of cash in two banks totaling approximately \$4.5 million and \$25.6 million, respectively. The Company has not experienced any losses on such accounts in the past.

Accounts receivable represent short-term credit granted to customers for which collateral is generally not required. Substantially all of the Company's accounts receivable are from Native American tribes or their gaming enterprises.

In addition, a large percentage of these tribes have their reservations and gaming operations in the state of Oklahoma. Despite the industry and geographic concentrations related to the Company's customers, due to the historical experience of the Company on receivable collections, management considers credit risk to be minimal with respect to accounts receivable. At September 30, 2004 and 2003, the following concentrations existed in the Company's account receivable:

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Tribe A	24%	30%
Tribe B	11%	n/a
Tribe C	n/a	11%

For the year ended September 30, 2004, 2003 and 2002, the following tribes accounted for more than 10% of the Company's gaming revenues:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Tribe A	34%	25%	18%
Tribe B	10%	18%	16%
Tribe C	n/a	10%	n/a

Approximately 68% and 79% of the Company's gaming revenues for the year ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively, were from tribes located in Oklahoma.

While the Company believes that its relationship with all of its tribal customers is good, the loss of any of these tribes would have a material and adverse effect upon its financial condition and results of operations.

Notes receivable consist of financial instruments issued by customers for the purchase of player terminals and licenses and amounts generated from reimbursable amounts advanced under development agreements, generally at prevailing interest rates. Substantially all of the Company's notes receivable are from Native American tribes or

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

their gaming enterprises, as discussed above. At September 30, 2004, three tribes represented approximately 28%, 23% and 18% of the notes receivable. All of the Company's notes receivable are collateralized by the related equipment sold, or the personal property not owned by the Company contained within the tribal gaming facility in the case of development agreements, although the value of such property or equipment, if repossessed, may be less than the note receivable outstanding.

11. Supplemental Consolidated Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

	Year Ended September 30, 2004			
	Quarters Ended			
	December 31, 2003	March 31, 2004	June 30, 2004	September 30, 2004
	(In thousands, except per-share amounts)			
Total revenues	\$ 34,455	\$ 39,600	\$ 36,920	\$ 42,700
Operating income	11,551	13,681	13,538	11,661
Income before taxes	11,691	13,631	13,287	11,448
Net income	7,270	8,500	9,836	7,166
Diluted earnings per share	0.24	0.28	0.32	0.24
Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted	30,487	30,840	30,936	30,285
	Year Ended September 30, 2003			
	Quarters Ended			
	December 31, 2002	March 31, 2003	June 30, 2003	September 30, 2003
	(In thousands, except per-share amounts)			
Total revenues	\$ 26,815	\$ 29,122	\$ 37,992	\$ 30,744
Operating income	12,047	12,763	14,478	11,443
Income before taxes	12,140	12,804	14,362	11,444
Net income	7,450	7,943	8,864	7,398
Diluted earnings per share	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.25
Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted	29,647	28,614	29,635	29,777

Diluted earnings per share and weighted average shares outstanding have been restated to reflect the Company's two-for-one stock split in February 2004.

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.
Schedule II Valuation and Qualifying Accounts**Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

	Balance at Beginning of Period	Additions	Deductions	Balance at End of Period*
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	(In thousands)			
FY 2004	\$ 636	\$ (17)	\$ 11	\$ 608
FY 2003	576	91	31	636
FY 2002	343	875	642	576

* Includes \$75,000, \$115,000 and \$148,000 of allowance for notes receivable for doubtful accounts in 2004, 2003 and 2002.

SIGNATURES

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

MULTIMEDIA GAMES, INC.

By: /s/ CRAIG S. NOUIS
Craig S. Nouis

Chief Financial Officer

Dated: December 14, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Annual Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ CLIFTON E. LIND	Chief Executive Officer and Director	December 14, 2004
Clifton E. Lind	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ CRAIG S. NOUIS	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	December 14, 2004
Craig S. Nouis		
/s/ THOMAS W. SARNOFF	Chairman of the Board and Director	December 14, 2004
Thomas W. Sarnoff		
/s/ ROBERT D. REPASS	Director	December 14, 2004
Robert D. Repass		
/s/ JOHN M. WINKELMAN	Director	December 14, 2004
John M. Winkelman		
/s/ MICHAEL J. MAPLES	Director	December 14, 2004
Michael J. Maples		

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>EXHIBIT NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation	(3)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws	(11)
10.1	Form of Integrated Gaming Services Agreement	(1)
10.2	1994 Employee Stock Option Plan	(1)
10.3	1994 Director Stock Option Plan	(1)
10.4	1996 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended	(6)
10.5	President's Plan	(5)
10.6	1998 Senior Executive Stock Option Plan	(6)
10.7	2000 Stock Option Plan	(6)
10.8	2001 Stock Option Plan	(7)
10.9	Stockholder Rights Plan	(4)
10.10	2002 Stock Option Plan	(9)
10.11	Employment Agreement executed March 26, 2003 between the Company and Gordon Graves	(9)
10.12	2003 Outside Director Stock Option Plan	(10)
10.13	Loan and Security Agreement between the Company and Comerica Bank	(11)
10.14	First Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement between the Company and Comerica Bank	(11)
10.16	Employment Agreement executed September 9, 2004 between the Company and Clifton Lind	(12)
10.17	Form of Indemnity Agreement entered between the Company and each of the members of the Company's Board of Directors	(12)
21.1	Subsidiaries of Registrant	(12)
23.1	Consent of BDO Seidman, LLP	(12)
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	(12)
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	(12)
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to USC Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002	(12)

(1) Indicates incorporated by reference to our Form 10-KSB filed with the Commission for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1994.

(2) Indicates incorporated by reference to our Form 10-KSB filed with the Commission for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1996.

(3) Indicates incorporated by reference to our Form 10-QSB filed with the Commission for the quarter ended March 31, 1997.

(4) Incorporated by reference to our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Commission on October 23, 1998.

Edgar Filing: MULTIMEDIA GAMES INC - Form 10-K

- (5) Indicates incorporated by reference to our Form 10-KSB filed with the Commission for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1998.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to our Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on December 1, 2000.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to our Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on October 18, 2001 (File No. 333-100611).
- (8) Incorporated by reference to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-30721).
- (9) Indicates incorporated by reference to our Form 10-Q filed with the Commission for the quarter ended March 31, 2003.
- (10) Incorporated by reference to our Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Commission on December 22, 2003.
- (11) Incorporated by reference to our Form 10-Q filed with the Commission for the quarter ended December 31, 2003.
- (12) Filed herewith.