

CNET NETWORKS INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-Q/A**

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(Mark One)

**Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2006

OR

**Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-20939

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**CNET Networks, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**13-3696170**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**235 Second Street, San Francisco, CA 94105**

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

**Telephone Number (415) 344-2000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

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

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

As of May 1, 2006 there were 149,521,740 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

We are amending our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 as filed on May 9, 2006 (the Original Filing ), to restate our consolidated financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and the related disclosures. The decision to restate our financial results was based on the results of an independent review of our stock option accounting that was conducted under the direction of a special committee of the Board of Directors (the Special Committee ) established in May 2006. We announced the findings of the Special Committee s review of our option granting practices on October 11, 2006, and management concluded its review in January 2007. Based on these reviews, we have restated our financial statements for the years ended December 31, 1996 through December 31, 2005 and the interim periods therein to record additional stock compensation expense. We have filed an amended Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005 ( the Form 10-K/A ). The Form 10-K/A includes restated statements of operations and balance sheets for all quarters of 2005.

Although there were no option measurement dating issues found in 2006, our 2006 financial statements are impacted by option grants in prior years where measurement dates have been adjusted. These corrections resulted in an increase of less than \$0.1 million to our previously reported net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

In connection with the restatement of stock compensation expense, we have made certain additional adjustments to our consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2006. These items were not previously recorded because in each case, and in the aggregate, the underlying errors were not considered material to our consolidated financial statements. These adjustments consisted of certain foreign transactional taxes on our consolidated statement of operations; other tax reclassifications on our consolidated balance sheet; a debt reclassification for debt due within one year; other adjustments to operating expenses for previously known errors and certain other computational errors; and corrections to our provision for income tax resulting from computational errors. These corrections resulted in an increase to previously reported loss from continuing operations before income taxes of \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

In connection with the restatement of stock compensation expense, we are also restating the pro forma disclosures for stock compensation expense as required under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation for the three months ended March 31, 2005 included in Note 5 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

For more information on these matters, please refer to, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements, Note 2 of the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, and Item 4, Controls and Procedures.

All of the information in this Form 10-Q/A is as of March 31, 2006, except as described below, and does not reflect events occurring after the date of the Original Filing, other than the restatement and related events and other reclassifications described above, or modify or update disclosures (including the exhibits to the Original Filing, except for the updated Exhibits 31.1, 31.2, 32.1, and 32.2 described below) affected by subsequent events other than the restatement and related events and other reclassifications described above.

Part I	Item 1	Financial Information
Part I	Item 2	Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations;
Part I	Item 4	Controls and Procedures;
Part II	Item 1	Legal Proceedings;
Part II	Item 1A	Risk Factors; and
Part II	Item 6	Exhibits

This Form 10-Q/A should be read in conjunction with our filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, subsequent to the date of the Original Filing, including any amendments to those filings, including our amended Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005, as well as any Current Reports filed on Form 8-K subsequent to the date of the Original Filing. In addition, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC, this Form 10-Q/A includes updated certifications from our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer as Exhibits 31.1, 31.2, 32.1 and 32.2.

The SEC may disagree with the manner in which we have accounted for and reported, or not reported, the financial impact of past option grant measurement date errors, and there is a risk that an inquiry by the SEC could lead to circumstances in which we may have to further restate our prior financial statements, amend prior filings with the SEC, or otherwise take other actions not currently contemplated. In addition, the SEC may issue additional guidance on disclosure requirements related to the financial impact of past option grant measurement date errors that may require us to amend this filing or prior filings with the SEC to provide additional disclosures pursuant to this guidance. Any such circumstance could also lead to future delays in filing of our subsequent SEC reports and the delisting of our common stock from the Nasdaq Global Select Market. Furthermore, if we are subject to adverse findings in any of these matters, we could be required to pay damages or penalties or have other remedies imposed upon us which could harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

**PART I.****ITEM 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****CNET NETWORKS, INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(UNAUDITED)****(in thousands, except per share data)**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(as restated)(1)</b>	
Revenues:	\$ 83,650	\$ 71,405
Operating expenses:		
Cost of revenues	41,419	36,953
Sales and marketing	22,963	18,605
General and administrative	14,029	10,811
Depreciation	4,822	4,004
Amortization of intangible assets	2,739	2,109
Total operating expenses	85,972	72,482
Operating loss	(2,322)	(1,077)
Non-operating income (expense):		
Realized gains on investments	500	568
Interest income	1,152	363
Interest expense	(659)	(780)
Other, net	140	(61)
Total non-operating income	1,133	90
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(1,189)	(987)
Income tax expense	76	7
Loss from continuing operations	(1,265)	(994)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	(37)	180
Net loss	\$ (1,302)	\$ (814)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.01)
Shares used in calculating basic and diluted net loss per share	148,733	143,720

(1) See Note 2, Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.



## CNET NETWORKS, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	March 31, 2006 (as restated)(1)	December 31, 2005
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,158	\$ 55,895
Investments in marketable debt securities	52,270	41,591
Accounts receivable, net	64,378	85,312
Other current assets	13,494	14,337
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>204,300</b>	<b>197,135</b>
Restricted cash	2,248	2,248
Investments in marketable debt securities	9,833	12,432
Property and equipment, net	61,061	57,765
Other assets	15,961	18,948
Intangible assets, net	34,196	37,380
Goodwill	129,387	129,658
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 456,986</b>	<b>\$ 455,566</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,113	\$ 8,330
Accrued liabilities	46,239	52,140
Current portion of long-term debt	4,629	2,652
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>58,981</b>	<b>63,122</b>
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term debt	137,114	139,114
Other liabilities	761	794
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>196,856</b>	<b>203,030</b>
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock; \$0.0001 par value; 400,000 shares authorized; 149,334 and 148,685 outstanding at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively	15	15
Additional paid-in-capital	2,863,352	2,857,175
Deferred stock compensation		(2,871)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(13,546)	(13,394)
Treasury stock, at cost; 1,510 shares	(30,453)	(30,453)
Accumulated deficit	(2,559,238)	(2,557,936)
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>260,130</b>	<b>252,536</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 456,986</b>	<b>\$ 455,566</b>

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## CNET NETWORKS, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(UNAUDITED)

(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2006 (as restated)(1)	2005
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (1,302)	\$ (814)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	7,561	6,157
Stock compensation expense	4,756	936
Asset disposals	52	9
Noncash interest	(126)	143
Provision for doubtful accounts	837	529
Gain on sale of business	(778)	
Gain on sale of marketable securities and privately held investments	(500)	(568)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	19,727	6,361
Other assets	3,211	(112)
Accounts payable	(217)	170
Accrued liabilities	(4,010)	(4,022)
Other long-term liabilities	(33)	(146)
Net cash provided by operating activities	29,178	8,643
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of marketable debt securities	(18,043)	(2,403)
Proceeds from sale of marketable debt securities	10,070	568
Proceeds from sales of investments in privately held companies	2,562	4,687
Investments in privately held companies	(31)	(850)
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash received	(840)	(3,185)
Purchases of property and equipment	(8,711)	(4,229)
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,993)	(5,412)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	4,293	2,903
Proceeds from borrowings		10,000
Principal payments on borrowings		(10,013)
Net cash provided by financing activities	4,293	2,890
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	18,478	6,121
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(215)	(767)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	55,895	29,560
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	\$ 74,158	\$ 34,914

## Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

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Interest paid	\$	318	\$	526
Taxes paid	\$	489	\$	876

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CNET NETWORKS, INC.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2006

**(1) BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

***BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION***

CNET Networks, Inc. ( "CNET Networks" ) is a worldwide media company and creator of content environments for the interactive age. CNET Networks operates websites, each with its own distinct brand, in four content categories: technology, entertainment, business and community. CNET Networks brands, such as, CNET, GameSpot, TV.com, MP3.com, BNET, ZDNET and Webshots serve these four categories. Many of CNET Networks international sites operate under the same brands as its U.S. sites, with additional brands represented, such as ZOL, PCHome and Silicon. CNET Networks was incorporated in the state of Delaware in December 1992.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, except as otherwise indicated, considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. These condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements included in CNET Networks most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which contains additional financial and operating information and information concerning the significant accounting policies followed by CNET Networks.

The condensed consolidated results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year ending December 31, 2006 or any other future period.

***SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES***

There have been no significant changes in CNET Networks significant accounting policies during the three months ended March 31, 2006 as compared to what was previously disclosed in CNET Networks Annual Report on 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005.

***CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK***

Financial instruments potentially subjecting CNET Networks to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents, marketable debt securities and trade accounts receivable. CNET Networks invests excess cash in low risk, liquid instruments. The majority of CNET Networks accounts receivable is derived from sales to advertising agencies, located in the United States. CNET Networks closely monitors its outstanding receivable balances on an ongoing basis.

Revenues from one customer, Google, Inc., approximated 10% of total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2006. There were no revenues exceeding 10% of total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2005.

***STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION***

On January 1, 2006, CNET Networks adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 123 (revised 2004), Share - Based Payment ( SFAS 123(R) ) which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based awards made to employees and directors, including employee stock options and employee stock purchases, based on estimated fair values. SFAS 123(R) supersedes CNET Networks previous accounting for share-based awards under APB 25 for periods beginning in 2006. In March 2005, the Securities and Exchange Commission issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107 ( SAB 107 ) relating to SFAS 123(R). CNET Networks has applied the provisions of SAB 107 in its adoption of SFAS 123(R). CNET Networks adopted SFAS 123(R) using the modified prospective transition method, which requires the application of the accounting standard as of the beginning of CNET Networks current year. CNET Networks financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2006 reflect the impact of SFAS 123(R). The impact of the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle upon the adoption of SFAS 123(R) was negligible. In accordance with the modified prospective transition method, CNET Networks financial statements for prior periods do not include the impact of SFAS 123(R).

Stock compensation expense recognized during the period is based on the value of share-based awards that are expected to vest during the period. Stock compensation expense recognized in CNET Networks statement of operations for 2006 includes compensation expense related to share-based awards granted prior to January 1, 2006 that vested during the current period based on the



grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the pro forma provisions of SFAS 123. Stock compensation expense during the current period also includes compensation expense for the share-based awards granted subsequent to January 1, 2006 based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123(R). As stock compensation expense recognized in the statement of operations is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. SFAS 123(R) requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R), benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation costs were reported as operating cash flows. SFAS 123(R) requires that they be recorded as a financing cash inflow rather than as a reduction of taxes paid. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, no excess tax benefits were generated from option exercises.

CNET Networks' determination of estimated fair value of share-based awards utilizes the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The Black-Scholes model is affected by CNET Networks' stock price as well as assumptions regarding certain highly complex and subjective variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, CNET Networks' expected stock price volatility over the term of the awards and actual and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors.

SFAS 123(R) requires the calculation of the beginning balance of the pool of excess tax benefits (additional paid in capital pool or APIC pool) available to absorb tax deficiencies recognized subsequent to its adoption. SFAS 123(R) states that this beginning APIC pool shall include the net excess tax benefits that would have arisen had the company adopted the original Statement 123. FASB Staff Position (FSP) 123(R)-3 provides a simplified method for determining this APIC pool, which CNET Networks has made the decision to elect for determining its APIC pool. CNET Networks will recognize tax attributes associated with changes in the APIC pool based on provisions in the tax law that identify the sequence in which those amounts are utilized for tax purposes.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R), CNET Networks accounted for stock-based awards to employees and directors using the intrinsic value method in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees (APB 25). Under the intrinsic value method that was used to account for stock-based awards prior to January 1, 2006, which had been allowed under the original provisions of Statement 123, compensation expense was recorded on the date of grant if the current market price of the underlying stock exceeded the exercise price. Any compensation expense was recorded on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the grant.

#### ***NET INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE***

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed using the weighted average number of outstanding shares of common stock and diluted net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of outstanding shares of common stock and dilutive potential common shares during the period. Potential common shares that are anti-dilutive are excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, Earnings per Share, requires that employee equity share options, nonvested shares and similar equity instruments granted by the CNET Networks be treated as potential common shares outstanding in computing diluted earnings per share. Diluted shares outstanding include the dilutive effect of in-the-money options which is calculated based on the average share price for each fiscal period using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, the amount the employee must pay for exercising stock options, the amount of compensation cost for future service that CNET Networks has not yet recognized, and the amount of benefits that would be recorded in additional paid-in capital when the award becomes deductible are assumed to be used to repurchase shares.

#### ***RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS***

In May 2005, the FASB issued Statement 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20, Accounting Changes and Statement 3, Reporting Changes in Interim Financial Statements. Statement 154 changes the requirements for the accounting and reporting of a change in accounting principle. Previously, most voluntary changes in accounting principle were recognized by including in net income of the period of the change the effect of changing to the new accounting principle. Statement 154 requires retrospective application to prior periods' financial statements of changes in accounting principle, unless it is impracticable to determine either the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the change. Statement 154 is effective for accounting changes made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. CNET Networks does not believe the

adoption of Statement 154 will have a material effect on its financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

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**(2) RESTATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Stock Options**

***Background***

On May 16, 2006, the Center for Financial Research and Analysis, or CFRA, issued an analysis of the stock option exercise prices relative to stock price ranges for certain companies during the period 1997 to 2002. The report identified CNET Networks as having granted stock options between 1998 and 2001 with exercise prices that matched or were close to a forty-day low for its stock price. On May 22, 2006, CNET Networks announced that its Board of Directors appointed a Special Committee comprised of independent directors to conduct, with the assistance of legal counsel and outside accounting experts, an internal investigation relating to past option grants, the timing of such grants and related accounting matters.

On July 10, 2006, CNET Networks announced that the Special Committee had reached the preliminary conclusion that the actual measurement dates for the grants identified in the CFRA report differed from the recorded measurement dates. Charges related to the changed measurement dates for these stock options were determined to be material and as a result, CNET Networks announced that CNET Networks expected to restate its consolidated financial statements. In October 2006, the Special Committee completed its review and announced its findings.

Management completed its review of CNET Networks' stock option grant activity in January 2007. The review conducted by management covered approximately 97% of option grants to all employees, directors and consultants for all grant dates during the period from CNET Networks' initial public offering in July 1996 through May 2006. Grants not reviewed by management related to promotion grants from 1996, 1997, 2000 and 2001 where less than 100,000 options were granted on a single day, which accounted for approximately 3% of options granted and thus, were not material to CNET Networks' overall evaluation of stock option measurement dates.

***Results of Findings***

Based on the separate reviews of management and the Special Committee, CNET Networks identified instances where the grant date used by us as the measurement date for accounting purposes, differed from the measurement date as defined in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees and related interpretations ( APB 25 ), for more than the grants identified in the CFRA report. As a result, CNET Networks corrected the measurement date for approximately 40.8 million options out of a total of 73.8 million options granted from July 1996 through December 2005, with substantially all these corrections relating to options granted prior to December 31, 2003. In addition to measurement date corrections, management also identified instances where CNET Networks incorrectly accounted for certain option grants that were modified after the grant date.

A key finding of the Special Committee report was that there were deficiencies with the process by which options were granted at CNET Networks, including in some instances the backdating of option grants during the period from CNET Networks initial public offering in 1996 through at least 2003, which resulted in accounting errors. The Special Committee report stated that a number of executives of the Company, including the former CFO and the recently resigned CEO, General Counsel, and Senior Vice President of Human Resources, bear varying degrees of responsibility for the deficiencies in the process by which options were granted. The Special Committee did not conclude that any current employees or recently resigned employees of the Company engaged in intentional wrongdoing.

Our corrections resulted in additional stock compensation of \$105.7 million for the years ended December 31, 1996 through December 31, 2005.

Although there were no option measurement dating issues found in 2006, our 2006 financial statements are impacted by option grants in prior years where measurement dates have been adjusted. These corrections resulted in an increase of less than \$0.1 million to our previously reported net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

***Approach***

The following describes the methodology and evaluation process used by management in determining the appropriate measurement date for various option grants and reviewing modifications to determine if they were appropriately accounted for at the date of modification.

### **Improper Measurement Dates**

The measurement date is the date on which the option is deemed granted under applicable accounting principles, which for all relevant periods was APB 25, and is the first date on which all of the following are known: (1) the individual who is entitled to receive the option grant; (2) the number of options that an individual is entitled to receive; and (3) the option's exercise price.

#### *Objective Evidence.*

In determining the appropriate measurement date of an option grant, CNET Networks considered meeting minutes of the Compensation Committee or Board of Directors, and/or Unanimous Written Consents (UWCs) of the Compensation Committee, in addition to the following data:

reports on Form 4 filed with the SEC;

contemporaneous emails;

personnel files;

payroll records; and

various records maintained by CNET Networks' Human Resources department.

In instances where a combination of the data outlined above was available, CNET Networks was able to determine a more appropriate measurement date using clear and objective data. Based on an evaluation of this data, CNET Networks concluded that the measurement date for certain grants was actually subsequent to the stated grant date, resulting in new measurement dates for the related options. Sufficient objective evidence was generally available for most of CNET Networks' annual incentive grants, grants to new employees, certain promotion grants and grants to members of the Board of Directors. Total stock compensation expense recognized based on objective evidence of a more appropriate measurement date was \$84.0 million of the total \$95.9 million recognized related to improper measurement dates.

#### *Subjective Evidence*

For certain grants there was not a sufficient combination of objective evidence to support the original measurement date or determine the precise date when the number of options and exercise price were finalized. The majority of grants in this category were options granted in connection with promotions for the years 1996 to 2001, one company-wide grant and one grant to a former executive. Sufficient objective evidence was available for options granted in connection with stock options granted from 2002 onwards to allow us to determine the appropriate measurement dates. In order to ensure that CNET Networks reviewed an appropriate amount of promotion grants, management reviewed all promotion grants made during 1998 and 1999 as all of these grants were referenced in UWCs, and all promotion grants in 1996, 1997, 2000 and 2001 for which 100,000 or more options were granted on a single day.

For grants where there was not a sufficient combination of objective evidence to support the original measurement date or to determine the precise date when the number of options and exercise price were finalized; management considered all available relevant information to form a reasonable conclusion as to the most likely measurement date for these grants, and when there was no evidence to indicate one date was more likely the true measurement date, CNET Networks calculated compensation expense utilizing the median closing price of the stock over the likely period in which the measurement date occurred. CNET Networks believes that the use of the median closing price gives a more reasonable approximation of the compensation expense related to these options than the amount calculated using either the high or the low closing price during the period as there is no evidence to indicate that either the date on which the high or the low closing price occurred was a better indication of the true measurement date.

Total stock compensation expense recognized based on subjective evidence of a more appropriate measurement date was \$11.9 million of the total \$95.9 million recognized related to improper measurement dates. The paragraphs below describe the methodology when subjective evidence was used to determine the measurement date for options which fell into the categories described above.

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### *Dates with 100,000 or more promotion grants*

CNET Networks' review of all promotion grants of 100,000 or more options on a single day for all periods from 1996 to 2001 resulted in the review of nine option grant dates on which a total of 2.4 million options were granted.

For all promotion grants reviewed from 1996 to 2001 where sufficient objective evidence existed to support a measurement date, CNET Networks used a combination of meeting minutes, UWCs and contemporaneous emails to determine that the average period between the original grant date and the corrected or revised measurement date was approximately 90 days. Using this 90 day average period management reviewed alternative measurement dates for grant dates with 100,000 or more promotion grants utilizing measurement dates that corresponded to either the low, median or high closing price over the 90-day average promotion approval period.



*1998 and 1999 Promotion Grants*

For promotion grants in 1998 and 1999 CNET Networks was able to find more evidence to support measurement dates than available for the promotion grants in 1996, 1997, 2000 and 2001. In 1998 and 1999, CNET Networks periodically sent UWCs to the members of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors for the purpose of authorizing a total of 1.1 million options (excluding the grant to one executive described below). In all but one instance, the final approval date of the UWCs could not be determined although there was evidence to support when the UWCs were distributed to the Compensation Committee members. Based on the fact that CNET Networks found evidence that both Compensation Committee members returned one UWC within three days during this time frame, and the Directors were located close to CNET Networks headquarters, CNET Networks has no reason to believe the Compensation Committee members were not timely in returning UWCs. For purposes of calculating compensation expense related to these options, CNET Networks determined that a seven day time period was a reasonable estimate of when UWCs would be returned. CNET Networks evaluated its low, median and high closing stock prices over a seven-day time period after the date of the cover letter for the UWCs.

*Other Grants*

For one company-wide grant of 1.9 million options and one grant to a former executive of 128,000 options, there was not sufficient objective evidence to support the original measurement date or to determine a precise measurement date for either grant. Using a combination of UWCs, meeting minutes and contemporaneous emails CNET Networks was able to determine the likely periods during which the measurement date occurred. In determining the intrinsic value for these grants management reviewed alternatives utilizing measurement dates that corresponded to either the low, median or high closing price during the likely periods in which the measurement date occurred.

CNET Networks believes the methodology CNET Networks selected for each affected option grant was the most appropriate in the absence of sufficient objective data for these grants. In selecting the most appropriate methodologies, CNET Networks also noted that the selection of the other alternatives considered would not have had a significant impact on operating income (loss) in comparison to the alternative selected.

**Modifications**

The review identified various option modifications which generally related to accelerated vesting of certain option grants at the time of an employee's termination and to extensions of the time period to exercise grants following termination. In certain instances where these changes were made, CNET Networks did not treat the change as a modification, which requires a new measurement date.

Total additional stock compensation expense recorded in connection with option modifications was \$10.5 million. Of this charge, \$9.9 million relates to the modification of a grant made to a former executive who left CNET Networks in November 2000.

**Other Adjustments and Reclassifications in CNET Networks Restated Financial Statements**

*Other Adjustments*

In connection with the restatement, CNET Networks made certain additional adjustments in its consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2006 that were not previously recorded because in each case, and in the aggregate, the underlying errors were not considered by management to be material to the consolidated financial statements. These adjustments consisted of reclassifications of certain foreign transactional taxes on the consolidated statement of operations; other tax reclassifications on the consolidated balance sheet; a debt reclassification for debt due within one year; other adjustments to operating expenses for previously known errors and certain computational errors; and corrections to the provision for income tax resulting from computational errors. These adjustments resulted in a reduction to previously reported income before income taxes of \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

***Reclassification of Foreign Transactional Tax***

For the three months ended March 31, 2006, CNET Networks erroneously recorded a transactional tax in a foreign jurisdiction as a reduction of revenues. As part of this restatement, CNET Networks is reclassifying these charges from revenues to sales and marketing expense. As a result of these reclassifications, restated revenues increased by \$0.3 million for the three

months ended March 31, 2006 representing an increase to revenues of less than one-half of one percent. There was no impact on cash or accounts receivables as a result of this reclassification.

***Income Tax Adjustments***

Income tax expense changes resulted primarily from the correction of computational errors and certain reclassifications. CNET Networks has adjusted previously recognized income tax benefits and net operating loss carryforwards as a result of certain stock options that were granted to certain executive officers with exercise prices that were less than the fair market value of its common stock on the actual date of grant, and therefore, did not qualify as deductible performance-based compensation in accordance with Internal Revenue Code section 162(m), or IRC 162(m). These adjustments were not material to either reported tax expense or to net operating loss carryforwards.

In conjunction with the restatement, CNET Networks completed a thorough review of its tax accounts and made certain adjustments to increase deferred tax items which were substantially offset by a corresponding increase to the valuation allowance. The impact on CNET Networks consolidated statements of operations and balance sheets was negligible.

The following table summarizes all adjustments to net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006:

Stock Compensation expense adjustments:	
Additional stock compensation expense	\$ 29
Related payroll tax expense	17
Total stock compensation expense adjustments	46
Reclassification of foreign transactional tax:	
Revenues	(301)
Sales and marketing	301
Other adjustments, net	133
Other income tax adjustments	38
Total increase to net loss	\$ 200

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The following table sets forth the impact of the additional non-cash charges for stock compensation expense and other adjustments, income tax adjustments and reclassifications on CNET Networks' condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2006 (in thousands, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006		
	As		
	previously reported	Adjustments	As restated
Revenues:	\$ 83,368	\$ 282	\$ 83,650
Operating expenses:			
Cost of revenues (1)	41,565	(146)	41,419
Sales and marketing (1)	23,174	(211)	22,963
General and administrative (1)	14,178	(149)	14,029
Depreciation	4,731	91	4,822
Amortization of intangible assets	2,721	18	2,739
Total operating expenses	86,369	(397)	85,972
Operating loss	(3,001)	679	(2,322)
Non-operating income (expense):			
Realized gains on investments	882	(382)	500
Interest income	1,152		1,152
Interest expense	(659)		(659)
Other, net	140		140
Total non-operating income (expense)	1,515	(382)	1,133
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(1,486)	297	(1,189)
Income tax expense	38	38	76
Loss from continuing operations	(1,524)	259	(1,265)
Discontinued Operations			
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	422	(459)	(37)
Net loss	\$ (1,102)	\$ (200)	\$ (1,302)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.01)	\$	\$ (0.00)
Shares used in calculating basic and diluted net loss per share	149,116	(383)	148,733

(1) Additional stock compensation expense adjustments included in the restated statements of operations is as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2006 (as restated)	
Additional stock compensation expense included in:		
Cost of revenues	\$	68

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Sales and marketing	10
General and administrative	(49)
Additional stock compensation expense	\$ 29

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The following table sets forth the impact of the additional non-cash charges for stock compensation expense and other adjustments, income tax adjustments and reclassifications on the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2006.

	March 31, 2006		
	As previously reported	Adjustments	As restated
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,158	\$	\$ 74,158
Investments in marketable debt securities	52,270		52,270
Accounts receivable, net	64,903	(525)	64,378
Other current assets	12,633	861	13,494
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>203,964</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>204,300</b>
Restricted cash	2,248		2,248
Investments in marketable debt securities	9,833		9,833
Property and equipment, net	60,289	772	61,061
Other assets	16,736	(775)	15,961
Intangible assets, net	33,947	249	34,196
Goodwill	130,187	(800)	129,387
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 457,204</b>	<b>\$ (218)</b>	<b>\$ 456,986</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 8,113	\$	\$ 8,113
Accrued liabilities	45,660	579	46,239
Current portion of long-term debt	2,629	2,000	4,629
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>56,402</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>58,981</b>
Non-current liabilities:			
Long-term debt	139,114	(2,000)	137,114
Other liabilities	761		761
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>196,277</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>196,856</b>
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock; \$0.0001 par value; 400,000 shares authorized; 149,334 outstanding at March 31, 2006 and 148,685 outstanding at December 31, 2005	15		15
Additional paid-in-capital	2,761,226	102,126	2,863,352
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(13,546)		(13,546)
Treasury stock, at cost	(30,453)		(30,453)
Accumulated deficit	(2,456,315)	(102,923)	(2,559,238)
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>260,927</b>	<b>(797)</b>	<b>260,130</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 457,204</b>	<b>\$ (218)</b>	<b>\$ 456,986</b>

The additional non-cash charges for stock compensation expense and other adjustments income tax adjustments and reclassifications had no impact on cash balances.

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The following table sets forth the revised presentation resulting from the additional non-cash charges for stock compensation expense and other adjustments, income tax adjustments and reclassifications on CNET Networks' condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2006 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006		
	As		
	previously reported	Adjustments	As restated
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net loss	\$ (1,102)	\$ (200)	\$ (1,302)
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>			
Depreciation and amortization	7,452	109	7,561
Stock compensation expense	4,727	29	4,756
Asset disposals	86	(34)	52
Noncash interest expense	(126)		(126)
Provision for doubtful accounts	837		837
Gain on sale of business	(507)	(271)	(778)
Gain on sale of marketable securities and privately held investments	(882)	382	(500)
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:</b>			
Accounts receivable	19,202	525	19,727
Other assets	2,339	872	3,211
Accounts payable	(217)		(217)
Accrued liabilities	(3,526)	(484)	(4,010)
Other long-term liabilities	(33)		(33)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>28,250</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>29,178</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of marketable debt securities	(18,043)		(18,043)
Proceeds from sale of marketable debt securities	10,070		10,070
Proceeds from sales of investments in privately held companies	3,032	(470)	2,562
Investments in privately held companies	(31)		(31)
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(840)		(840)
Purchases of property and equipment	(8,228)	(483)	(8,711)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(14,040)</b>	<b>(953)</b>	<b>(14,993)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Issuance of stock	4,293		4,293
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>4,293</b>		<b>4,293</b>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	18,503	(25)	18,478
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(240)	25	(215)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	55,895		55,895
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>\$ 74,158</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 74,158</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>			
Interest paid	\$ 318		\$ 318
Taxes paid	\$ 489		\$ 489

**(3) DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

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On February 2, 2006, CNET Networks sold its Computer Shopper magazine business to SX2 Media Labs LLC. The Computer Shopper magazine business was part of the U.S. Media segment. In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, CNET Networks has accounted for this disposal as a discontinued operation. The results of this business in all periods has been reclassified from continuing operations and shown as discontinued operations on the consolidated statement of operations. Upon completion of the sale in the first quarter of 2006, CNET Networks recorded a gain of \$0.8 million associated with the sale, which is also included in discontinued operations.

Following is summarized financial information for Computer Shopper:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006 (as restated)		2005
Revenues	\$	987	\$ 3,488
Net operating income (loss) from discontinued operations	\$	(815)	\$ 180
Gain on sale, net of income tax expense		778	
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	(37)	\$ 180
Basic and diluted income (loss) per share from discontinued operations	\$	(0.00)	\$ 0.00

#### (4) GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

##### Acquired Intangible Assets

The following table sets forth the amount of intangible assets that are subject to amortization, including the related accumulated amortization:

(in thousands)	Gross Carrying Amount (as restated)	March 31, 2006 Accumulated Amortization (as restated)	Net Carrying Amount (as restated)	December 31, 2005 Net Carrying Amount
Amortized intangible assets:				
Tradename and trademarks	\$ 38,757	\$ (24,079)	\$ 14,678	\$ 16,150
Existing relationships	15,333	(3,500)	11,833	12,403
Developed technology	8,475	(3,574)	4,901	5,598
Content	3,358	(1,846)	1,512	1,820
Other	2,835	(1,563)	1,272	1,409
Total	\$ 68,758	\$ (34,562)	\$ 34,196	\$ 37,380



Intangible assets that are subject to amortization are amortized on a straight-line basis and have original estimated useful lives as follows: tradenames and trademarks, two to fifteen years; existing relationships, three to seven years; developed technology, three years; content, three years; and other, two to five years. Useful lives are reviewed regularly to ensure that a change in circumstances has not occurred that would result in a change in useful life. Estimated future amortization expense related to other intangible assets at March 31, 2006 was as follows:

<b>(as restated)</b>	
<b>(in thousands)</b>	
Remainder of 2006	\$ 7,628
2007	8,573
2008	6,214
2009	4,856
2010	4,237
Thereafter	2,688
	<b>\$ 34,196</b>

### Goodwill

The following table sets forth the changes in goodwill by reporting unit for the three months ended March 31, 2006:

<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>U.S. Media</b>	<b>Computer Shopper (as restated)</b>	<b>Channel Services</b>	<b>Asia</b>	<b>Europe</b>	<b>Total (as restated)</b>
Balances as of December 31, 2005	\$ 96,065	\$ 300	\$ 5,626	\$ 25,653	\$ 2,014	\$ 129,658
Disposals		(300)				(300)
Foreign translation adjustments					29	29
Balances as of March 31, 2006	\$ 96,065	\$	\$ 5,626	\$ 25,653	\$ 2,043	\$ 129,387

The U.S. Media and Channel Services reporting units operate in the U.S. Media segment, as did the Computer Shopper business until its sale in the first quarter of 2006, and thus will no longer be a reporting unit. The Asia and Europe reporting units operate in CNET Networks International segment.

The decrease in goodwill in 2006 is due to the sale of the Computer Shopper business.

### (5) EMPLOYEE STOCK BENEFIT PLANS

#### *EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN*

In July 1996, CNET Networks adopted an Employee Stock Purchase Plan that covers substantially all domestic employees, whereby participants may elect to purchase CNET Networks' stock. The purchase price varies each quarter and is 85% of the lower of the closing price at the beginning of the quarter and the closing price at the end of the quarter for the first and third quarters of the year or the lower of the closing price at the beginning of the prior quarter and the closing price at the end of the current quarter for the second and fourth quarters of the year. Employee contributions consist of a percentage of their compensation. The maximum percentage of compensation that an employee may contribute to purchase CNET Networks stock is 15% subject to a limitation of \$25,000 (of total value) in a calendar year. A total of 32,952 shares were purchased for the quarter ended March 31, 2006. The number of shares available for purchase under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan at March 31, 2006 was 5,041,994.

**EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION PLANS***Stock Option Program Description*

As of March 31, 2006, CNET Networks had the following stock option incentive plans:

(in thousands)	Plan Name	Number of	Number of	Number of
		Shares Authorized	Shares Outstanding	Shares Available for Grant
	Stockholder-approved Plans	33,400,000	12,048	2,845
	Plans not approved by stockholders	8,827,357	4,767	398
	Assumed Plans	<i>Not Applicable</i>	1,258	
	Total		18,073	3,243

Stock options for the 1994 Stock Option Plan, the CNET 1997 Stock Option Plan, the CNET 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, and the CNET 2004 Incentive Stock Plan were approved by the stockholders. Stock options for the 2001 CNET Networks, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan and the TwoFold Photos, Inc. 2003 Common Stock Incentive Plan were not approved by the stockholders. Assumed plans are stock option plans that CNET Networks assumed in connection with various acquisitions. All stock options have terms of 10 years, except for options issued to employees in Switzerland which have a term of 12 years, and generally vest and become fully exercisable four years from the date of grant. The vesting schedule for stock option grants are generally as follows: 25% of the grant vests upon one year from date of grant with the remainder of the grant vesting in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

*General Option Information*

The following table summarizes stock options activity for the three months ended March 31, 2006:

(in thousands, except per share data)

Options	Number of Share Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (as restated)
Outstanding at December 31, 2005	18,959	\$ 9.99	7.2	
Granted	197	13.87		
Exercised	(616)	6.31		
Forfeited or expired	(467)	9.77		
Outstanding at March 31, 2006	18,073	\$ 10.16	7.0	\$ 92,722
Vested and expected to vest at March 31, 2006	16,177	\$ 10.10	6.7	\$ 66,417
Options exercisable at March 31, 2006	9,983	\$ 9.73	5.5	\$ 64,086

The aggregate intrinsic value of \$92.7 million as of March 31, 2006 is based on CNET Networks' closing stock price of \$14.21 on that date and represents the total pretax intrinsic value which would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of that date. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2006 was \$4.9 million. The total number of in-the-money options exercisable as of March 31, 2006 was 8,649,106 shares.

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As of March 31, 2006, there was \$48.0 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested share-based awards granted under the option plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.8 years.

*Valuation and Expense Information under SFAS 123(R)*

The following table summarizes stock compensation expense related to employee stock options and employee stock purchases under SFAS 123(R) for the three months ended March 31, 2006 which was incurred as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006 (as restated)	
Stock compensation expense included in:		
Cost of revenues	\$	1,964
Sales and marketing		896
General and administrative		1,896
<b>Stock compensation expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,756</b>

The weighted-average estimated fair value of employee stock options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 was \$6.55 and \$5.46 per share, respectively. The fair value of stock options granted under its stock-based compensation plans was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for grants during the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
Stock options:		
Dividend yield	0%	0%
Expected volatility	56.9% - 61.8%	83.5%
Risk-free interest rate	4.38% - 4.76%	3.52%
Expected term (in years)	3.7 - 4.6	3
Employee Stock Purchase Plan:		
Dividend yield	0%	0%
Expected volatility	34.0%	73.0%
Risk-free interest rate	3.98%	2.23%
Expected term (in years)	0.25	0.25

CNET Networks' computation of expected volatility is based on a combination of historical and implied stock price volatility. The risk-free interest rate assumption is based upon U.S. Treasury bond rates appropriate for the term of CNET Networks' employee stock options. The dividend yield assumption is based on CNET Networks' history and current expectation of no dividend payouts.

The expected term of employee stock options represents the period the stock options are expected to remain outstanding from date of grant and is based on the historical average holding period of exercised options and the expected holding period of outstanding shares.

*Pro Forma Information under SFAS 123 for Period Prior to 2006*

The table below reflects pro forma net loss and diluted net loss per share as if CNET Networks had applied the fair value recognition of SFAS 123 to stock-based compensation for the three months ended March 31, 2005 compared to the diluted net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2006 (as restated)	2005
Net loss - as reported for the period	N/A	\$ (814)
Add: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net loss, net of tax	N/A	936
Deduct: Stock-based compensation expense determined under fair value based method, net of tax (1)	\$ (4,756)	(5,934)
Net loss, including the effect of stock compensation expense (2)	\$ (1,302)	\$ (5,812)
Basic and diluted net loss per share:		
Diluted net loss per share as reported for the period	N/A	\$ (0.01)
Diluted net loss per share, including the effect of stock-based compensation expense (2)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.04)

(1) Stock compensation expense prior to 2006 is calculated based on the pro forma application of SFAS 123.

(2) Net loss and net loss per share prior to 2006 represents pro forma information based on SFAS 123.

**(6) NET LOSS PER SHARE**

The following table sets forth the computation of net loss per share:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2006 (as restated)	2005
Loss available to common stockholders	\$ (1,302)	\$ (814)
Weighted average shares basic	148,733	143,720
Stock options		
Weighted average shares diluted	148,733	143,720
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.01)

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed using the weighted average number of outstanding shares of common stock and diluted net income per share is computed using the weighted average number of outstanding shares of common stock and dilutive potential common shares during the period. Potential common shares that are anti-dilutive are excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share.

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, Earnings per Share, requires that employee equity share options, nonvested shares and similar equity instruments granted by the CNET Networks be treated as potential common shares outstanding in computing diluted earnings per share. Diluted shares outstanding include the dilutive effect of in-the-money options which is calculated based on the average share price for each period using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, the amount the employee must pay for exercising stock options, the amount of compensation cost for future service that CNET Networks has not yet recognized, and the amount of benefits that would be recorded in additional paid-in capital when the award becomes deductible are assumed to be used to repurchase shares.

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The following table summarizes potential common shares outstanding excluded from the calculation of diluted net loss per share for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, because their effect is anti-dilutive:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006		Three Months Ended March 31, 2005	
	Weighted		Weighted	
	Average Shares	Average Exercise Price	Average Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Shares issuable under stock options	18,073	\$ 10.16	20,260	\$ 8.26
Shares issuable pursuant to 0.75% Convertible Senior Notes	8,333	\$ 15.00	8,333	\$ 15.00
<b>(7) COMPREHENSIVE LOSS</b>				

The components of other comprehensive loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 are as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	2006	2005
	(as restated)	
Net loss	\$ (1,302)	\$ (814)
Other comprehensive loss:		
Unrealized holding gains arising during the period, net of tax	36	47
Unrealized holding losses arising during the period, net of tax	(53)	(57)
Foreign currency translation loss	(135)	(325)
Comprehensive loss	\$ (1,454)	\$ (1,149)

**(8) SEGMENTS**

CNET Networks' primary areas of measurement and decision-making include two principal business segments, U.S. Media and International Media. U.S. Media consists of an online network focused on four content categories: technology, games and entertainment, business and community. International Media includes the delivery of online technology information and several technology print publications in non-U.S. markets.

Summarized information by segment as excerpted from the internal management reports is as follows:

(in thousands)	U.S. Media	Inter-national Media	Other	Total
<b>Three Months Ended</b>				
<b>March 31, 2006, as restated</b>				
Revenues	\$ 67,763	\$ 15,887	\$	\$ 83,650
Operating expenses	56,519	17,137	12,316	85,972
Operating income (loss)	\$ 11,244	\$ (1,250)	\$ (12,316)	\$ (2,322)
<b>Three Months Ended</b>				
<b>March 31, 2005</b>				

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Revenues	\$ 58,816	\$ 12,589	\$	\$ 71,405
Operating expenses	49,689	15,744	7,049	72,482
Operating income (loss)	\$ 9,127	\$ (3,155)	\$ (7,049)	\$ (1,077)

Since operating income (loss) before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense is the measure of operating performance that management uses for making decisions and allocating resources, certain operating costs are not allocated across segments. These unallocated operating costs, included in Other in the table above, represent all depreciation and amortization expenses, as well as stock compensation expense.

For the three months ended March 31, 2006, Other includes depreciation and amortization expenses of \$7.6 million and stock compensation expense of \$4.8 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2005, Other includes \$6.1 million of depreciation and amortization expense and \$0.9 million of stock compensation expense.

Assets are not allocated to segments for internal reporting purposes. Segment operating income (loss) before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense should not be considered a substitute for operating income, cash flows or other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **(9) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

### **United States Attorney and SEC Inquiries**

On June 26, 2006, CNET Networks received a grand jury document subpoena from the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California requesting records pertaining to the granting of stock options. In addition in May 2006, CNET Networks received notice that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) was conducting an informal inquiry into CNET Networks' stock option grants. CNET Networks is cooperating, and will continue to cooperate fully with the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California and the SEC. CNET Networks cannot predict the outcome of these investigations.

### **Listing on the Nasdaq Stock Market**

On December 5, 2006, CNET Networks received notice that the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel granted CNET Networks' request for continued listing of its common stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market. The continued listing of its common stock is subject to the condition that on or before February 2, 2007, CNET Networks files with the SEC its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006 and any necessary restatements of prior financial statements. Although CNET Networks believes the filing of this Form 10-Q/A and our concurrent filings of our amended Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, for the year ended December 31, 2005, and the delinquent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006 satisfy the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel's requirements, there can be no assurance that the Panel will be satisfied with these filings.

### **Shareholder Derivative Suits**

On May 31, 2006, a purported shareholder derivative complaint was filed in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, by a party identifying itself as a shareholder of CNET Networks purporting to act on behalf of CNET Networks against the directors of CNET Networks and certain present and former officers of CNET Networks. CNET Networks is also named as a nominal defendant. The suit, captioned *Paskar v. Bonnie, et al.*, alleges breaches of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment arising from stock options granted between 1996 and 2004. The complaint seeks monetary damages, disgorgement, rescission of stock options and other relief against the defendants on behalf of CNET Networks. The complaint does not seek monetary damages from, or the imposition of equitable remedies on, CNET Networks. Subsequently, on June 2, 2006, June 19, 2006 and September 22, 2006, three additional purported shareholder derivative actions were filed in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco. These three complaints, captioned *Hutton v. Bonnie, et al.*, *Raniolo v. Bonnie et al.* and *Berger v. Bonnie, et al.*, contain substantially similar allegations as the aforementioned shareholder derivative complaint. These four shareholder derivative cases were consolidated on October 23, 2006 and the plaintiffs filed a consolidated complaint on November 16, 2006. CNET Networks filed a motion to stay these purported shareholder derivative actions pending before the California Superior Court. At a hearing on January 3, 2007, the Superior Court denied CNET Networks' motion to stay but ordered that no discovery or substantive motion practice shall proceed until further order of the Court.



On June 19, 2006, a purported shareholder derivative complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California by a party identifying itself as a shareholder of CNET Networks purporting to act on behalf of CNET Networks against the directors of CNET Networks and certain present and former officers of CNET Networks. CNET Networks is also named as a nominal defendant. The suit, captioned *Melzer v. Bonnie, et al.*, alleged violations of federal securities law, California securities law, as well as breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, and insider trading arising from stock options granted between 1997 and 2003. On July 13, 2006, another purported shareholder derivative complaint, captioned *Finn v. Bonnie et al.*, was filed in the same court containing identical allegations. These purported shareholder derivative actions pending before the United States District Court for the Northern District of California were consolidated on August 31, 2006 and the plaintiffs in those cases have subsequently filed a consolidated complaint on September 28, 2006. That consolidated complaint was amended on November 9, 2006. The complaint seeks monetary damages, disgorgement, rescission of stock options and other relief against the defendants on behalf of CNET Networks. The complaint does not seek monetary damages from, or the imposition of equitable remedies on, CNET Networks.

#### **Amendment of Exercise Prices**

On December 20, 2006, certain of CNET Networks' executive officers holding stock options which were granted with per share exercise prices below the fair market value of a share of CNET Networks common stock on the date of grant (referred to as discount stock options) each entered into agreements pursuant to which they agreed to amend the exercise price of the discount stock options to the extent not vested as of December 31, 2004 and still outstanding at December 20, 2006. These executive officers held approximately 1.0 million discount stock options with a weighted average exercise price of approximately \$9.03 per share which were re-priced to their fair market value. Under these agreements, the amended exercise prices of such options have been changed to and are equal to the fair market value of a share of CNET Networks' common stock on the date of grant of each option. Based on the re-pricing, the 1 million options had a revised weighted average exercise price of approximately \$9.92 per share.

The non-executive members of CNET Networks' board of directors each entered into similar agreements to those entered into by the executive officers described above except that each non-executive director also agreed to re-price any discount option, whether or not vested as of December 31, 2004. The non-executive directors also agreed, with respect to any discount options which were previously exercised, to repay to the company an amount equal to the difference between the original exercise price and the fair market value of CNET Networks' common stock on the date of grant of such options, net of taxes. Approximately 283,000 discount stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$9.40 per share held by non-executive members of CNET Networks' board of directors and were re-priced to their fair market value. The weighted average exercise price of these 283,000 shares after the re-pricing was \$10.07 per share. The estimated amount of repayment to the company for the difference between the original exercise price and the fair value of these approximately 27,000 options which were previously exercised by these directors is approximately \$16,000 before taxes.

The company's former Chairman and chief executive officer and a member of CNET Networks' board of directors, entered into a similar agreement to those entered into by the company's non-executive directors covering 700,000 discount options outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$3.96 per share and were re-priced to their fair market value. This agreement did not provide for the repayment of amounts related to previously exercised options because the former Chairman had not exercised any options. The weighted average exercise price of these 700,000 shares after the repricing was \$8.57 per share.

#### **Repayment of Debt**

On September 12, 2006, CNET Networks entered into a new one-year credit agreement. Under the terms of this agreement, CNET Networks can borrow up to an aggregate principal amount of \$60.0 million, which can be drawn down as revolving loans or term loans.

On September 13, 2006, CNET Networks announced that it had commenced a solicitation of consents from holders of its outstanding \$125.0 million principal, 0.75% Senior Convertible Notes due 2024. The consents were to waive and amend certain obligations under the indenture resulting from CNET Networks' failure to timely file with the SEC any required reports or filings. The prepared amendments and waivers pertained to CNET Networks' failure to timely file its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 and possible delisting of CNET Networks' stock from the Nasdaq Global Select Market. On October 11, 2006, CNET Networks modified and extended its solicitation of consents. The consent solicitation was modified to offer holders a two-year extension of the call protection period so that such period would end on April 20, 2011 rather than April 20, 2009. The solicitation expired on October 18, 2006 and CNET Networks did not receive a sufficient number of consents from holders to satisfy the 70% requisite consent threshold. On October 25, 2006, CNET Networks received a notice of acceleration under the indenture from Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, the trustee for the holders of the Notes. The acceleration letter declared the principal amount outstanding under the Notes, together with any accrued and unpaid interest were immediately due and payable.

On October 30, 2006, CNET Networks repaid the \$125.0 million of subordinated notes with existing cash and by fully drawing on the \$60.0 million, one-year credit facility. At December 31, 2006, CNET Networks' total long-term debt balance was approximately \$78.0 million.

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

This report contains forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. Further information about these forward-looking statements and risks associated with our business can be found in ITEM 1A. "Risk Factors."

### ***Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements***

#### **Stock Options**

##### ***Background***

On May 16, 2006, the Center for Financial Research and Analysis, or CFRA, issued an analysis of the stock option exercise prices relative to stock price ranges for certain companies during the period 1997 to 2002. The report identified CNET Networks as having granted stock options between 1998 and 2001 with exercise prices that matched or were close to a forty-day low for our stock price. On May 22, 2006, we announced that our Board of Directors appointed a Special Committee comprised of independent directors to conduct, with the assistance of legal counsel and outside accounting experts, an internal investigation relating to past option grants, the timing of such grants and related accounting matters.

On July 10, 2006, we announced that the Special Committee had reached the preliminary conclusion that the actual measurement dates for the grants identified in the CFRA report differed from the recorded measurement dates. Charges related to the changed measurement dates for these stock options were determined to be material and as a result, we announced that we expected to restate our financial statements. In October 2006, the Special Committee completed its review and announced its findings.

Management completed its review of CNET Networks' stock option grant activity in January 2007. The review conducted by management covered approximately 97% of option grants to all employees, directors and consultants for all grant dates during the period from CNET Networks' initial public offering in July 1996 through May 2006. Grants not reviewed by management related to promotion grants from 1996, 1997, 2000 and 2001 where less than 100,000 options were granted on a single day, which accounted for approximately 3% of options granted and thus, were not material to our overall evaluation of stock option measurement dates.

These corrections resulted in an increase of less than \$0.1 million to our previously reported net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

Although there were no option measurement dating issues found in 2006, our 2006 financial statements are impacted by option grants in prior years where measurement dates have been adjusted. These corrections resulted in an increase of less than \$0.1 million to our previously reported net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006.

##### ***Results of Findings***

Based on the separate reviews of management and the Special Committee, we identified instances where the grant date used by us as the measurement date for accounting purposes, differed from the measurement date as defined in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees and related interpretations ( APB 25 ), for more than the grants identified in the CFRA report. As a result, we corrected the measurement date for approximately 40.8 million options out of a total of 73.8 million options granted from July 1996 through December 2005, with substantially all these corrections relating to options granted prior to December 31, 2003. In addition to measurement date corrections, management also identified instances where we incorrectly accounted for certain option grants that were modified after the grant date.

A key finding of the Special Committee report was that there were deficiencies with the process by which options were granted at CNET Networks, including in some instances the backdating of option grants during the period from CNET Networks' initial public offering in 1996 through at least 2003, which resulted in accounting errors. The Special Committee report stated that a number of

executives of the Company, including the former CFO and the recently resigned CEO, General Counsel, and Senior Vice President of Human Resources, bear varying degrees of responsibility for the deficiencies in the process by which options were granted. The Special Committee did not conclude that any current employees or recently resigned employees of the Company engaged in intentional wrongdoing.

#### **Other Adjustments and Reclassifications in our Restated Financial Statements**

##### ***Other Adjustments***

In connection with the restatement, we made certain additional adjustments in our historical consolidated financial statements that were not previously recorded because in each case, and in the aggregate, the underlying errors were not considered by management to be material to our consolidated financial statements. These adjustments consisted of reclassifications of certain foreign transactional taxes on our consolidated statement of operations; other tax reclassifications on our consolidated balance sheets; a debt reclassification for debt due within one year; other adjustments to operating expenses for previously known errors and certain computational errors; and corrections to our provision for income tax resulting from computational errors. These adjustments resulted in reductions to previously reported income before income taxes of \$1.7 million and \$0.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively, and in reductions to previously reported loss before income taxes of \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The net effect of these adjustments on loss before income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2001 was negligible.

##### ***Reclassification of Foreign Transactional Tax***

In 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2001 we erroneously recorded a transactional tax in a foreign jurisdiction as a reduction of revenues. As part of this restatement, we are reclassifying these charges from revenues to sales and marketing expense. As a result of these reclassifications, our restated revenues increased by \$1.3 million, \$0.9 million, \$0.7 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively, representing an increase to revenues of less than one-half of one percent for each period. The net effect of this reclassification on previously reported income (loss) before income taxes was negligible with no impact on cash or accounts receivable for any period.

##### ***Income Tax Adjustments***

Income tax expense (benefit) changes resulted primarily from the correction of computational errors and certain reclassifications. We have adjusted previously recognized income tax benefits and net operating loss carryforwards as a result of certain stock options that were granted to certain executive officers with exercise prices that were less than the fair market value of our common stock on the actual date of grant, and therefore, did not qualify as deductible performance-based compensation in accordance with Internal Revenue Code section 162(m), or IRC 162(m). These adjustments were not material to either reported tax expense (benefit) or to net operating loss carryforwards.

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The following table sets forth the impact of the additional non-cash charges for stock compensation expense and other adjustments, income tax adjustments and reclassifications on our historical condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2006 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2006		
	As		
	previously reported	Adjustments	As restated
Revenues:	\$ 83,368	\$ 282	\$ 83,650
Operating expenses:			
Cost of revenues (1)	41,565	(146)	41,419
Sales and marketing (1)	23,174	(211)	22,963
General and administrative (1)	14,178	(149)	14,029
Depreciation	4,731	91	4,822
Amortization of intangible assets	2,721	18	2,739
Total operating expenses	86,369	(397)	85,972
Operating loss	(3,001)	679	(2,322)
Non-operating income (expense):			
Realized gains on investments	882	(382)	500
Interest income	1,152		1,152
Interest expense	(659)		(659)
Other, net	140		140
Total non-operating income (expense)	1,515	(382)	1,133
Loss from continuing operations before income taxes	(1,486)	297	(1,189)
Income tax expense	38	38	76
Loss from continuing operations	(1,524)	259	(1,265)
Discontinued Operations			
Loss from discontinued operations	422	(459)	(37)
Net loss	\$ (1,102)	\$ (200)	\$ (1,302)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.01)	\$	\$ (0.00)
Shares used in calculating basic and diluted net loss per share	149,116	(383)	148,733

(1) Stock compensation expense adjustments included in our restated statements of operations is as follows:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2006 (as restated)	
Stock compensation expense included in:		
Cost of revenues	\$	68
Sales and marketing		10

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General and administrative		(49)
Stock compensation expense	\$	29

(2) The following table summarizes all adjustments to net income for the quarter ended March 31, 2006:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>March 31, 2006</b>	
<b>Stock Compensation expense adjustments:</b>		
Additional stock compensation expense	\$	29
Related payroll		17
Total stock compensation expense adjustments		46
<b>Reclassification of foreign transactional tax:</b>		
Revenues		(301)
Sales and marketing		301
Other adjustments, net		133
Other income tax adjustments		38
Total increase to net loss	\$	200

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The following table sets forth the impact of the additional non-cash charges for stock compensation expense and other adjustments, income tax adjustments and reclassifications on our consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2006.

	As	March 31, 2006		As
	previously	Adjustments		restated
	reported			
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,158	\$		\$ 74,158
Investments in marketable debt securities	52,270			52,270
Accounts receivable, net	64,903	(525)		64,378
Other current assets	12,633	861		13,494
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>203,964</b>	<b>336</b>		<b>204,300</b>
Restricted cash	2,248			2,248
Investments in marketable debt securities	9,833			9,833
Property and equipment, net	60,289	772		61,061
Other assets	16,736	(775)		15,961
Intangible assets, net	33,947	249		34,196
Goodwill	130,187	(800)		129,387
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 457,204</b>	<b>\$ (218)</b>		<b>\$ 456,986</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 8,113	\$		\$ 8,113
Accrued liabilities	45,660	579		46,239
Current portion of long-term debt	2,629	2,000		4,629
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>56,402</b>	<b>2,579</b>		<b>58,981</b>
Non-current liabilities:				
Long-term debt	139,114	(2,000)		137,114
Other liabilities	761			761
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>196,277</b>	<b>579</b>		<b>196,856</b>
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock; \$0.0001 par value; 400,000 shares authorized; 149,334 outstanding at				
March 31, 2006 and 148,685 outstanding at December 31, 2005	15			15
Additional paid-in-capital	2,761,226	102,126		2,863,352
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(13,546)			(13,546)
Treasury stock, at cost	(30,453)			(30,453)
Accumulated deficit	(2,456,315)	(102,923)		(2,559,238)
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>260,927</b>	<b>(797)</b>		<b>260,130</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 457,204</b>	<b>\$ (218)</b>		<b>\$ 456,986</b>

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The non-cash charges for stock compensation expense and other adjustments, income tax adjustments and reclassifications had no impact on our cash balances. The following table sets forth the revised presentation resulting from the additional non-cash charges for stock compensation expense and other adjustments and reclassifications on our condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 (in thousands):

<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2006</b>			
<b>As</b>			
	<b>previously</b>		
	<b>reported</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>As restated</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net loss	\$ (1,102)	\$ (200)	\$ (1,302)
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:</b>			
Depreciation and amortization	7,452	109	7,561
Stock compensation expense	4,727	29	4,756
Asset disposals	86	(34)	52
Noncash interest expense	(126)		(126)
Provision for doubtful accounts	837		837
Gain on sale of business	(507)	(271)	(778)
Gain on sale of marketable securities and privately held investments	(882)	382	(500)
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:</b>			
Accounts receivable	19,202	525	19,727
Other assets	2,339	872	3,211
Accounts payable	(217)		(217)
Accrued liabilities	(3,526)	(484)	(4,010)
Other long-term liabilities	(33)		(33)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>28,250</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>29,178</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of marketable debt securities	(18,043)		(18,043)
Proceeds from sale of marketable debt securities	10,070		10,070
Proceeds from sales of investments in privately held companies	3,032	(470)	2,562
Investments in privately held companies	(31)		(31)
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(840)		(840)
Purchases of property and equipment	(8,228)	(483)	(8,711)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(14,040)</b>	<b>(953)</b>	<b>(14,993)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Issuance of stock	4,293		4,293
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>4,293</b>		<b>4,293</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>18,503</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>18,478</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(240)	25	(215)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	55,895		55,895
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>\$ 74,158</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 74,158</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>			
Interest paid	\$ 318		\$ 318
Taxes paid	\$ 489		\$ 489

**OVERVIEW**



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CNET Networks, Inc. is a worldwide media company and creator of authentic brand experiences in multiple categories. We operate industry leading websites, each with its own distinct brand, in four content categories: technology, entertainment, business and community.

### Explanation of Key Management Metrics

We evaluate our financial performance primarily on the following key measurements:

- Revenues
- Operating income
- Net income and earnings per share

We evaluate our liquidity primarily on the following key measurements:

- Operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense
- Net cash provided by operating activities
- Free cash flow

We had an average of 116.8 million unique users per month in the first quarter of 2006, compared to 105.9 million unique users in the first quarter of 2005, an increase of 10%. These users generated over 98.7 million Web page views per day during the first quarter 2006 compared to 94.7 million in the first quarter of 2005, a 4% increase. These increases reflect growth primarily from most of our properties excluding Webshots, which has experienced increasing competitive pressure. While increases or decreases in unique users and daily average page views are not necessarily indicative of increases or decreases in financial results, we believe that these statistics are helpful because they provide insight into the growth of the Internet as an advertising medium resulting from increased user adoption and into user demand for CNET Networks properties in particular.

We believe that operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense is useful to management and investors as a supplement to our U.S. GAAP (accounting principles generally accepted in the United States) financial measures for evaluating the ability of the business to generate cash from operations. Depreciation and amortization are non-cash items and include within them amounts related to past transactions and expenditures that are not necessarily reflective of the current cash or capital requirements of the business. Stock compensation expense is a non-cash item that does not impact our ability to generate cash from operations.

Management refers to operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense in making operating decisions and for planning and compensation purposes. A limitation associated with this measure is that it does not reflect the costs of certain capitalized tangible and intangible assets used in generating revenue. Management compensates for these limitations by relying primarily on our GAAP financial measures, such as capital expenditures, and using operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense only on a supplemental basis. Although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the capitalized assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense does not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements. This measure also does not take into account interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments on our debt. Nor does the measure reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs. Operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

### Revenues

We have determined that our business segments are U.S. Media and International Media. U.S. Media consists of an online network focused on four content categories: technology, games and entertainment, business and community. International Media includes the delivery of online technology information and several technology and gaming print publications in non U.S. markets. Within these business segments, we earn revenues from:

- Marketing Services: sales of advertisements on our Internet network through impression-based advertising (fees earned from the number of times an advertisement is viewed by users of our websites) and activity-based advertising (fees earned when our users click on an advertisement or text link to visit the websites of our merchant partners, or download a software application or a whitepaper); and sales of advertisements in our print publications.

- Licensing, Fees and Users: licensing our product database and online content, subscriptions to our online services and print publications, and other paid services.

#### **Expenses**

Operating expenses included in our operating income (loss) before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense consist of cost of revenues, sales and marketing and general and administrative costs, which are primarily cash related expense activities. The majority of our cash related expenses are costs associated with employee compensation, benefits and facilities, which represented approximately 55% and 52% of our total cash operating expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Non-cash related expenses consist of depreciation, amortization of intangible assets and stock compensation expense and are included in our operating income (loss).

Cost of revenues includes costs associated with the production and delivery of our Internet sites, print publications and creation of our product database and related technology. The principal elements of cost of revenues for our operations are compensation and associated expenses for the editorial, production and technology staff and related costs for facilities and equipment. A substantial portion of expenses included in our cost of revenues remain consistent from period to period and do not necessarily fluctuate proportionately with fluctuations in revenues.

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of compensation and related expenses including associated costs for facilities, consulting fees and advertising expenses.

General and administrative expenses consist of compensation and related expenses for executive, finance, legal and administrative personnel, professional fees and other general corporate expenses and associated costs for facilities and equipment.

#### **Changes in 2006**

On January 1, 2006, CNET Networks adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, ( SFAS 123(R) ) which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based awards made to employees and directors, including employee stock options and employee stock purchases, based on estimated fair values. Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R), CNET Networks accounted for stock-based awards to employees and directors using the intrinsic value method in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. Under the intrinsic value method, which had been allowed under the original provisions of Statement 123, no stock compensation expense was recognized in CNET Networks' statement of operations if the exercise price of CNET Networks' stock options granted to employees and directors equaled the fair market value of the underlying stock at the date of grant.

On February 2, 2006, we sold our Computer Shopper magazine business. In accordance with the provisions of SFAS 144, we have accounted for this disposal as a discontinued operation, and thus, all revenues and expenses, including the gain on sale, related to the Computer Shopper business have been presented as discontinued operations. This results in a reclassification of revenues and expenses in 2005 to conform to this presentation.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Revenues**

The following table sets forth our revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(as restated)</b>	
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Marketing services	\$ 71,233	\$ 59,787
Licensing, fees and user	12,417	11,618
	<b>\$ 83,650</b>	<b>\$ 71,405</b>
<b>As a Percentage of Revenues:</b>		
Marketing Services	85%	84%
Licensing, fees and user	15%	16%
	100%	100%

**Marketing Services:** sales of advertisements on our Internet network through impression-based advertising (fees earned from the number of times an advertisement is viewed by users of our websites) or activity-based advertising (fees earned when our users click on an advertisement or text link to visit the websites of our merchant partners, or download a software application or a whitepaper), and sales of advertisements in our print publications.

**Licensing, Fees and User:** licensing our product database and online content, subscriptions to online services and print publications, and other paid services.

**Total Revenues.** Total revenues were \$83.6 million and \$71.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Total revenues increased 17% for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 as compared to the corresponding periods in 2005 primarily due to growth in our marketing services revenues.

For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, approximately \$3.5 million and \$2.9 million of our revenues were derived from barter transactions, respectively. Barter transactions occur when we deliver marketing services for the marketing services of other companies. These revenues and marketing expenses were recognized at the fair value of the advertisements delivered.

**Marketing Services Revenues.** Marketing services revenues were \$71.2 million and \$59.8 million and represented 85% and 84% of total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Marketing services revenues increased by \$11.4 million, or 19%, for the three months ended March 31, 2006 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2005. The increase in marketing services revenues was driven by growth in branding advertising in the categories where we have traditionally seen demand, such as computing, consumer electronics and games, and to a lesser extent from increased advertising from new categories, such as automobiles, consumer packaged goods, movies and music, reflecting the expansion of our content offerings and broadening user audiences. The growth in branding advertising revenue was partially offset by a decrease in transactional activity among our users, resulting in lower revenue from leads to merchants, as well as a decrease in advertising in our international print publications.

In the first quarter of 2006, we gained further insight into two industry transitions that are occurring this year, one in our technology category and one in our gaming category, that have impacted our outlook for our growth rates for the year, as communicated to the investment community in our earnings release furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 8-K on April 24, 2006. The personal computing industry is experiencing a transition to a new Microsoft operating system, and a delay in that transition to 2007 was announced in March of 2006. This created uncertainty in the marketing and product development plans of several companies in the personal computing industry who are advertisers in our technology category, which we expect to result in the delay or reduction of some spending on our properties. In addition, a transition is occurring in the video games industry, as two large video game hardware manufacturers are expected to launch new

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platforms toward the end of 2006. During hardware transitions, game publishers launch fewer games as they wait for new platform availability, resulting in a reduction in marketing expenditures and fewer video game sales. While our games and entertainment category continues to exhibit strong growth, the reduction in gaming-related marketing has resulted in lower expected growth in our game-related revenues in 2006 compared to 2005.

*Licensing, Fees and User.* Licensing, fees and user revenues were \$12.4 million and \$11.6 million and represented 15% and 16% of total revenues for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The \$800,000, or 7% increase in the three months ended March 31, 2006 reflects growth from existing operations.

**Operating Expenses**

(in thousands)	2006 (as restated)			Three Months Ended March 31, 2005		
	Operating Expense	Noncash expense	Cash expense	Operating Expense	Noncash expense	Cash expense
Operating expenses:						
Cost of revenues	\$ 41,419	\$ 1,964	\$ 39,455	\$ 36,953	\$ 558	\$ 36,395
Sales and marketing	22,963	896	21,952	18,605	225	18,380
General and administrative	14,029	1,896	12,249	10,811	153	10,658
Depreciation	4,822	4,822		4,004	4,004	
Amortization	2,739	2,739		2,109	2,109	
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>\$ 85,972</b>	<b>\$ 12,317</b>	<b>\$ 73,656</b>	<b>\$ 72,482</b>	<b>\$ 7,049</b>	<b>\$ 65,433</b>

*Cost of Revenues, Sales and Marketing, General and Administrative.* We refer to cost of revenues, sales and marketing, and general and administrative expenses (excluding non-cash stock compensation expense) as cash related expenses. We incurred cash-related expenses in aggregate of \$73.7 million and \$65.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, representing approximately 88% and 92% of total revenues, respectively. The majority of our cash-related expenses were costs associated with employee compensation, benefits and facilities, which represented over 55% of our total cash operating expenses in the first quarter. Total cash-related expenses increased approximately 13% for the three months ended March 31, 2006 when compared to the prior year. The increase related primarily to higher compensation and benefit costs resulting from an approximate 14% increase in our headcount from first quarter 2005 to first quarter 2006.

Non-cash stock compensation expense was \$4.8 million and \$0.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The increase in 2006 was due to the adoption of SFAS 123R. Non-cash stock compensation expense included in cost of revenues was \$2.0 million and \$0.6 million, in sales and marketing was \$0.9 million and \$0.2 million and in general and administrative expenses was \$1.9 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

*Depreciation and Amortization.* Depreciation expense was \$4.8 million and \$4.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The increase in depreciation expense is due to increased capital expenditure spending related to the launch of new products and to accommodate growth in users and usage.

Intangible asset amortization expense was \$2.7 million and \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Our amortization expense increased due to the amortization of intangible assets that were acquired in 2005.

**Operating Loss**

Operating loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006 was \$2.3 million compared to an operating loss of \$1.1 million in 2005.

Management also considers operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense in evaluating performance. The following table sets forth operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense for the periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2006 (as restated)	2005 (as restated)
Operating loss	\$ (2,322)	\$ (1,077)
Stock compensation expense	4,756	936
Depreciation	4,822	4,004
Amortization	2,739	2,109
<b>Operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense</b>	<b>\$ 9,995</b>	<b>\$ 5,972</b>

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The lower revenue growth rates expected in 2006 compared to 2005, combined with our continued focus on investing in the business and adding new products, services and content categories in order to expand our audience and customer bases, are expected to translate into lower incremental profit margins in 2006 compared to 2005. Incremental margin is another non-GAAP financial measurement that our management uses to evaluate our results. This measure reflects the change in the current periods operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation as compared to the same period in the prior year, divided by the change in revenues for the corresponding period.

### **Nonoperating Income and Expense**

*Realized Gain/Loss on Sale of Investments.* We recognized gains of \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million during the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, from sales of certain privately-held investments. Our investments in these companies were purchased by third parties.

*Interest Income and Interest Expense.* Interest income is earned on our cash and cash equivalents and investments in marketable debt securities. Interest income increased by approximately \$0.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2005 due to higher cash and investment balances and an increase in interest rates.



**Discontinued Operations**

Discontinued operations represents the results of operations for our Computer Shopper business which was sold on February 2, 2006. Current year results include a \$0.8 million gain on sale gain on sale. Our net operating loss from discontinued operations was \$0.8 million through the date of sale. Net operating income from discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2005 was \$0.2 million.

**Segment Revenues and Operating Expenses**

For the three months ended March 31, 2006 as compared to prior year, revenues have increased for both the U.S. Media segment and the International Media segment. The increase in revenues for the U.S. Media segment is related to an increase in marketing services revenue. The increase in revenues for the International Media segment is from growth due to an increase in interactive advertising revenue and from acquisitions, offset by lower publishing revenues and the impact of changes in exchange rates on revenues denominated in certain foreign currencies.

For the three months ended March 31, 2006, the U.S. Media segment cash-related expenses as a percentage of revenues were relatively flat as compared to the prior year. The International Media segment cash related expenses were 108% of revenues in the three months ended March 31, 2006, compared to 125% of revenues in the three months ended March 31, 2005.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

When evaluating our overall cash position for the purpose of assessing our liquidity, we consider our cash and cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments in marketable debt securities and restricted cash.

<b>(in thousands)</b>	<b>March 31, 2006</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 74,158	\$ 55,895
Short-term marketable debt securities	52,270	41,591
Long-term marketable debt securities	9,833	12,432
Restricted cash	2,248	2,248
<b>Total cash and investments</b>	<b>\$ 138,509</b>	<b>\$ 112,166</b>

We evaluate our liquidity primarily on the following key measurements:

Net cash provided by operating activities

Operating income (loss) before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense

Free cash flow

Other key factors that impact our liquidity include:

Capital expenditures

Cash used for investments and acquisitions

Debt obligations or debt retirement

Proceeds from sales of our stock through stock option and employee stock purchase plan.

**Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

Net cash provided by operating activities of \$29.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 included a net loss of \$1.3 million and non-cash depreciation and amortization charges totaling \$7.6 million, as well as non-cash stock compensation expense of \$4.8 million. Net cash provided by operating activities also included cash generated by a decrease in working capital requirements, primarily accounts receivable of \$19.7 million. Net cash provided by operating activities of \$8.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 included net loss of \$0.8 million, depreciation and amortization totaling \$6.2 million, non-cash stock compensation expense of \$0.9 million and an increase in working capital primarily from accounts receivable. We may from time-to-time require cash for working capital purposes as our business expands.

### **Net Cash Used in Investing Activities**

Net cash used in investing activities of \$15.0 million and \$5.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, was primarily due to capital expenditures, purchases of marketable debt securities and acquisitions and investments.

*Acquisitions of property and equipment.* Capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2006 were \$8.7 million. Capital expenditures for the full year 2006 are expected to be between \$35.0 million and \$38.0 million, an increase over the prior year due to the continued launch of new products and growth in users and usage.

*Acquisitions and Investments.* Cash used for acquisitions in the first quarter of 2006, represents payment of deferred consideration for the 2004 ZOL acquisition. In the first quarter of 2005, we acquired TVTome, a television guide site. Under the terms of the agreement, we paid \$3.0 million in cash and \$2.0 million in deferred consideration payable in January 2007. We routinely evaluate new business opportunities and ventures, including acquisitions, in a broad range of areas and expect to fund such investments through our existing cash and marketable debt securities, cash generated from operations and available bank borrowings.

*Operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense.* Excluding non-cash charges consisting of depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense, our operating income was \$10.0 million and \$6.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Operating income before depreciation, amortization and stock compensation expense is a key liquidity measurement as it can be one of the primary drivers of the cash provided by operating activities.

*Free cash flow.* Free cash flow is defined as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures. Free cash flow for the three months ended March 31, 2006 was \$20.5 million (cash provided by operating activities of \$29.2 million, less capital expenditures of \$8.7 million). This compares to free cash flow for the three months ended March 31, 2005 of \$4.4 million (cash provided by operating activities of \$8.6 million, less capital expenditures of \$4.2 million).

We believe that free cash flow provides useful information about the ability of our business operations to generate cash after the purchase of property and equipment. A limitation of free cash flow is that it does not represent the total increase or decrease in the cash balance for the period which would include activities such as acquisitions and debt or equity transactions. Free cash flow should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

### **Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities**

Cash provided by financing activities of \$4.3 million and \$2.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, was primarily due to the issuance of common stock through the exercise of stock options and the employee stock purchase plan.

## **Debt and Cash Balances**

As of March 31, 2006, we had long-term obligations outstanding under notes payable totaling \$137.1 million. Notes payable at March 31, 2006 included \$125.0 million of 0.75% Convertible Senior Notes due in 2024. These notes were convertible, under certain circumstances, for shares of CNET Networks, Inc. common stock based on an initial effective conversion price of approximately \$15.00 per share. Additionally, we have \$11.5 million in notes payable related to acquisitions, all of which are due in 2007.

On September 12, 2006, we entered into a new one-year credit agreement. Under the terms of this agreement, CNET Networks can borrow up to an aggregate principal amount of \$60.0 million, which can be drawn down as revolving loans or term loans. Interest rates applicable to amounts outstanding under this facility are at variable rates based on either the Federal Funds rate plus 0.5% or the LIBOR plus an applicable margin based on a ratio of our consolidated debt to earnings as defined in the agreement. Covenants under this credit facility require that we maintain certain liquidity ratios and minimum earnings before depreciation, amortization, interest, taxes, stock compensation expense and certain other charges.

On September 13, 2006, we announced that we had commenced a solicitation of consents from holders of our outstanding \$125.0 million principal, 0.75% Senior Convertible Notes due 2024. The consents were to waive and amend certain obligations under the indenture resulting from our failure to timely file with the SEC any required reports or filings. The prepared amendments and waivers pertained to our failure to timely file our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006 and possible delisting of our stock from the Nasdaq Global Select Market.

On October 11, 2006, we modified and extended the solicitation of consents. The consent solicitation was modified to offer holders a two-year extension of the call protection period so that such period would end on April 20, 2011 rather than April 20, 2009. The solicitation expired on October 18, 2006 and we did not receive a sufficient number of consents from holders to satisfy the 70% requisite consent threshold. On October 25, 2006, we received a notice of acceleration under the indenture from Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, the trustee for the holders of the Notes. The acceleration letter declared the principal amount outstanding under the Notes, together with any accrued and unpaid interest were immediately due and payable. On October 30, 2006, we retired all the Notes in response to the notice of acceleration with existing cash and by fully drawing on the \$60.0 million credit facility.

As of March 31, 2006, our aggregate cash and investment balances totaled \$138.5 million, consisting of \$74.2 million cash and equivalents, \$62.1 million of short-term and long-term investments in marketable debt securities as well as \$2.2 million of restricted cash. We believe that existing funds will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash needs to cover operations and for working capital fluctuations and for capital expenditures for the 12 months commencing May 9, 2006. However, any significant acquisitions completed in the future or declines in the operating performance of our business or interest rate increases on our variable-rate debt could reduce our cash balances and may affect our liquidity and funding needs. As a result, we may determine to raise proceeds for potential acquisitions through the issuance of debt or equity securities. Our ability to raise such additional capital, however, will depend on market conditions at the time. In addition, our one year credit facility prohibits further borrowings which could impact our ability to fund acquisitions, support cash needed to fund our operations or to pay for capital purchases. Additionally, we cannot predict what our aggregate cash balances will be in the future when our existing debt obligations become due, and we may need to raise additional capital to repay these obligations. Our ability to raise additional capital will depend on our financial performance and market conditions at the time.

## ***CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES***

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our consolidated financial statements. The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate these estimates, including those related to collectibility of receivables, investments, goodwill and intangible assets and contingencies. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results could differ from those estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe the following critical accounting policies affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

### **Revenue recognition**

We recognize revenues once the following criteria are met:

- Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists
- Delivery of our obligation to our customer has occurred
- The price to be charged to the buyer is fixed or determinable
- Collectibility of the fees to be charged is reasonably assured

We have several revenue streams. For each revenue stream, evidence of the arrangement, delivery and pricing may be different. For all revenue streams, we determine that collectibility is reasonably assured through a standardized credit review to determine each customer's credit worthiness.

*Marketing Services.* We recognize revenues from the sale of impression-based advertisements on our online network in the period in which the advertisements are delivered. The arrangements are evidenced either by insertion orders or contracts that stipulate the types of advertising to be delivered and pricing. Our customers are billed based on pricing as determined on the insertion order or contract, which may include certain discounts from list price. No amounts are subject to refund. When recognizing revenues, any discounts granted are applied to each type of advertisement purchased on a pro-rata basis.

We refer to the fees charged to merchants based on the number of users who click on an advertisement or text link to visit the websites of our merchant, download, search or white paper partners as activity-based advertising. The arrangements for activity-based advertising are evidenced by a contract that stipulates the fee per activity. The fee becomes fixed and determinable upon a user clicking on an advertisement. These revenues are recognized in the period in which the activity occurs, and are not subject to refund.

In certain arrangements, we sell multiple deliverables to customers as part of a multiple-element arrangement. We consider these arrangements single units of accounting, and revenue is recognized in these arrangements on a proportional performance basis as we deliver on our obligation.

We trade advertising on our Internet sites in exchange for marketing services of other companies, referred to as barter revenue. These revenues are recognized in the period in which the advertisements are delivered based on the fair market value of the services delivered. We determine the fair market value of the service delivered based upon amounts charged for similar services in non-barter arrangements within the previous six-month period. We also ensure that the value of barter delivered in each brand does not exceed the value of cash based revenue in any period.

*Licensing, Fees and User.* Revenues for subscriptions to our Internet sites and product databases are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the subscription. CNET Networks completes our obligation to customers for these arrangements by granting them password access to our sites or databases. Upon execution of a contract, billing and commencement of the services, we record deferred revenue for the fee charged. This deferred revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the period of the arrangement. The amounts under contract are not refundable after the customer has used the service.

### **Collectibility of receivables**

We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. We base our allowances on periodic assessment of our customers' liquidity and financial condition through credit rating agencies reports, financial statement reviews and historical collection trends. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate and thereby result in an inability to make payments, additional allowances would be required. As of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, our allowance for doubtful accounts was \$7.7 million and \$7.5 million, respectively.

### **Stock compensation expense**

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On January 1, 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, (SFAS 123(R)) which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based awards made to our employees and directors including employee stock options and employee stock purchases based on estimated fair values.

We use the Black-Scholes pricing model in our determination of the compensation expense associated with share-based awards. Our determination of estimated fair value of share-based awards is affected by our stock price as well as assumptions regarding certain highly complex and subjective variables. These variables include, but are not limited to our expected stock price volatility over the expected term of the awards, and actual and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors. The use of an option pricing model requires the use of extensive actual employee exercise behavior data and the use of a number of complex assumptions including expected volatility, risk-free interest rate, expected dividends, and expected life of options.

Our computation of expected volatility is based on a combination of historical and implied stock price volatility consistent with SFAS 123(R) and SAB 107. Prior to the first quarter of 2006, we had used our historical stock price volatility in accordance with SFAS 123 for purposes of our pro forma information. The selection of the implied volatility approach was based upon our assessment that a mix of historical and implied volatility is more representative of future stock price trends than historical volatility.

The risk-free interest rate assumption is based upon U.S. Treasury bond rates appropriate for the term of our employee stock options. The dividend yield assumption is based on our history and current expectation of no dividend payouts.

The expected term of employee stock options represents the weighted-average period the stock options are expected to remain outstanding and is based on the historical average holding period of exercised options and the expected holding period of outstanding shares.

If factors change and we employ different assumptions in the application of SFAS 123(R) in future periods, the compensation expense that we record under SFAS 123(R) may differ significantly from what we have recorded in the current period.

### **Determining Stock Option Grant Dates**

In connection with our restatement of our consolidated financial statements, we applied judgment in choosing whether to revise measurement dates for prior option grants and in choosing the correct measurement dates for certain prior option grants. Information regarding the restatement, including ranges of possible additional stock-based compensation expense if other measurement dates had been selected for certain grants, is set forth in Part I, Item 1, Note 2.

### **Goodwill and intangibles impairment**

Goodwill of a reporting unit is reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of its goodwill or intangible assets may not be recoverable. Conditions that indicate that impairment of goodwill should be evaluated include a sustained decrease in our market value or an adverse change in business climate for CNET Networks as a whole or a particular reporting unit of CNET Networks. Impairment of reporting unit goodwill is evaluated based on a comparison of the reporting unit's carrying value to the fair value of the reporting unit. The evaluation is prepared based on CNET Networks' current and projected performance for each identified reporting unit. Even if there has not been an indicator of impairment, we review goodwill for impairment on at least an annual basis with a valuation date of August 31 having been established as the date on which this annual review takes place.

### **Contingencies**

We evaluate whether a liability must be recorded for contingencies based on whether a liability is probable and estimable. Our most significant contingency is related to our lease guarantee for office space in New York City (as described in Note (11) of Item 8 "Financial Statements" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005). If the financial condition of any of the sublessees or the primary lessee were to deteriorate and thereby result in an inability to make their lease payments, we would be required to make additional lease payments under the guarantee. As of September 30, 2006, the total lease payments remaining until the end of the lease term were \$150.8 million, excluding the amounts attributable to our sublease with respect to the floor we occupy.

### **ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk**

We are exposed to the impact of interest rate changes and changes in the market values of our investments.

**Interest Rate Risk.** As of October 2006, we have interest rate risk with respect to our credit facility under which we can borrow up to \$60.0 million. Interest rates applicable to amounts outstanding under this facility are at variable rates based on the Federal Funds rate plus 0.5% or the LIBOR plus an applicable margin based on our leverage. A change in interest rates on this variable rate debt impacts the interest incurred and cash flows but does not impact the fair value of the instrument.

We also have exposure to market rate risk for changes in interest rates as those rates relate of our investment portfolio. We have not used derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio. We invest our excess cash in debt instruments of the United States Government and its agencies, and in high-quality corporate issuers that, by policy, limit the amount of credit exposure to any one issuer. We protect and preserve our invested funds by limiting default, market and reinvestment risk. Investments in both fixed rate

and floating rate interest earning instruments carry a degree of interest rate risk. Fixed rate securities may have their fair market value adversely impacted due to a rise in interest rates, while floating rate securities may produce less income than expected if interest rates fall. Accordingly, our future investment income may fluctuate due to changes in interest rates, or we may suffer losses in principal if forced to sell securities that have declined in market value due to changes in interest rates.

**Investment Risk.** We invest in equity instruments of privately held, information technology companies for business and strategic purposes. These investments are included in other long-term assets and are accounted for under the cost method, as we do not have the ability to exert significant influence over the investee or their operations. For these non-quoted investments, our policy is to regularly review the assumptions underlying the operating performance and cash flow forecasts in assessing the carrying values. We identify and record impairment losses on investments when events and circumstances indicate that such assets might be impaired.

**Foreign Currency Risk.** The revenues and expenses associated with our overseas operations are exposed to foreign currency risk. Changes in value of the U.S. dollar against the currencies in which those operations are conducted causes increases or decreases in the ongoing financing of those operations, and results in an increase or decrease in our recorded revenues and expenses and may impact our operating income. We monitor our foreign currency exposures regularly to assess our risk and to determine if we should hedge our currency positions.

#### **ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures**

a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. Our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of our "disclosure controls and procedures", as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as of the end of the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that are filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that as of March 31, 2006, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

b) Changes in internal controls over financial reporting. There have not been any changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) during the most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

Given the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, which we may have detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and that benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. The design of any system of controls is also based in part on certain assumptions regarding the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

## **PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings.**

Two shareholder class action lawsuits were filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on August 16, 2001 and September 26, 2001, against Ziff-Davis, Eric Hippeau and Timothy O'Brien, and investment banks that were the underwriters of the public offering of ZDNet series of Ziff-Davis stock (the ZDNet Offering). One of the complaints also names CNET Networks as a defendant, as successor in liability to Ziff-Davis. The complaints are similar and allege violations of the Securities Act of 1933, and one of the complaints also alleges violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The complaints allege the receipt of excessive and undisclosed commissions by the underwriters in connection with the allocation of shares of common stock to certain investors in the ZDNet Offering and agreements by those investors to make additional purchases of stock in the aftermarket at pre-determined prices. Plaintiffs allege that the prospectus for the ZDNet Offering was false and misleading and in violation of the securities laws because it did not disclose the arrangements. A Consolidated Amended Complaint, which is now the operative complaint, was filed in the Southern District of New York on April 19, 2002. The action seeks damages in an unspecified amount. The action is being coordinated with over 300 nearly identical actions filed against other companies and their underwriters. On February 19, 2003, the Court granted our motion to dismiss the Section 10(b) claim with leave to replead, and denied the motion to dismiss the Section 11 claim. Plaintiffs did not replead the Section 10(b) claim, and the time to replead that claim has expired.





On October 13, 2004, the Court certified a class in six of the approximately 300 other nearly identical actions (the "focus cases") and noted that the decision is intended to provide strong guidance to all parties regarding class certification in the remaining cases. The Underwriter Defendants appealed the decision and the Second Circuit vacated the district court's decision granting class certification in those six cases on December 5, 2006. Plaintiffs have not yet moved to certify a class in the CNET Networks case.

The majority of the issuers, including CNET Networks, and their insurers have approved a settlement agreement and related agreements. The agreements set forth the terms of a settlement between CNET Networks, the plaintiff class and the vast majority of the other approximately 300 issuer defendants. It is unclear what impact the Second Circuit's decision vacating class certification in the six focus cases will have on the settlement, which has not been finally approved by the Court. Plaintiffs are expected to file a petition for rehearing and rehearing *en banc*. On November 14, 2006, Judge Scheindlin held a hearing and stayed all proceedings, including a decision on final approval of the settlement and any amendments of the complaints, pending the Second Circuit's decision on Plaintiffs' expected petition for rehearing.

Pursuant to the settlement and related agreements, if the settlement receives final approval by the Court, our insurers would participate in an undertaking to guarantee a minimum recovery by the plaintiffs as described below. Among other provisions, the settlement provides for a release of CNET and the individual defendants for the conduct alleged in the action to be wrongful. We would agree to undertake certain responsibilities, including agreeing to assign away, not assert, or release certain potential claims we may have against its underwriters. The settlement agreement also provides a guaranteed recovery of \$1 billion to plaintiffs for the cases relating to all of the approximately 300 issuers. To the extent that the underwriter defendants settle all of the cases for at least \$1 billion, no payment will be required under the issuers' settlement agreement. To the extent that the underwriter defendants settle for less than \$1 billion, the issuers are required to make up the difference. On April 20, 2006, JPMorgan Chase and the plaintiffs reached a preliminary agreement for a settlement for \$425 million. The JPMorgan Chase settlement has not yet been approved by the Court. In an amendment to the issuers' settlement agreement, the issuers' insurers agreed that the JP Morgan settlement will only offset the insurers' obligation to cover the remainder of plaintiffs' guaranteed \$1 billion recovery by 50% of the value of the JP Morgan settlement, or \$212.5 million. Therefore, if the JP Morgan settlement is finally approved, then the maximum amount that the issuers' insurers will be potentially liable for is \$787.5 million. However, future settlements with other underwriters would further reduce that liability. It is unclear what impact the Second Circuit's decision vacating class certification in the focus cases will have on the JP Morgan Chase preliminary agreement.

It is anticipated that any potential financial obligation of the Company to plaintiffs pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement and related agreements will be covered by existing insurance. Therefore, we do not expect that the settlement will involve any payment by the Company. Based on the amount of our insurance and the agreement of the insurers to cover legal expenses after June 1, 2003, we do not anticipate additional expenses or liability if the settlement is approved. The Company currently is not aware of any material limitations on the expected recovery of any potential financial obligation to plaintiffs from its insurance carriers. The Company believes its carriers are solvent, and the Company is not aware of any uncertainties as to the legal sufficiency of an insurance claim with respect to any recovery by plaintiffs. Therefore, we do not expect that the settlement will involve any payment by the Company. If material limitations on the expected recovery of any potential financial obligation to the plaintiffs from the Company's insurance carriers should arise, the Company maximum financial obligation to plaintiffs pursuant to the settlement agreement would be less than \$3.4 million. However, if the JPMorgan Chase settlement is finally approved, the Company's maximum financial obligation to the plaintiffs pursuant to the settlement agreement would be less than \$2.7 million.

There is no assurance that the court will grant final approval to the settlement. If the settlement is not approved and we are found liable, it is anticipated that any potential financial obligation of CNET Networks to plaintiffs will be covered by existing insurance.

Regardless of whether the settlement is approved, and even if material limitations arise with respect to our expected recovery of any potential obligations to plaintiffs from our insurance carriers, we do not expect that any payments required to be made by us will be material.

On August 3, 2004, two private citizens filed an action, *Cisneros, et al. v. Yahoo! Inc., et al.*, San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC 04433518, against CNET Networks, and a number of other defendants claiming that the defendants posted website advertisements for Internet gambling sites in violation of California Business and Professions Code Section 17200. The plaintiffs

sought a variety of remedies including disgorgement, restitution, and an injunction. In preliminary hearings, the court has ruled that disgorgement or restitution claims are limited. On December 1, 2005, plaintiffs filed a motion seeking a preliminary injunction. The case is at the preliminary stage and little discovery has been conducted. Accordingly, it is not possible to predict the impact of this litigation on our financial results.

#### **United States Attorney and SEC Inquiries**

On June 26, 2006, we received a grand jury document subpoena from the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California requesting records pertaining to the granting of stock options. In addition in May 2006, we received notice that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) was conducting an informal inquiry into our stock option grants. We are cooperating, and will continue to cooperate fully with the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California and the SEC. We cannot predict the outcome of these investigations.

#### **Listing on the Nasdaq Stock Market**

On December 5, 2006, we received notice that the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel granted CNET Networks' request for continued listing of our common stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market. The continued listing of our common stock is subject to the condition that on or before February 2, 2007, we file with the SEC our delinquent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006 and any necessary restatements of our prior financial statements. Although we believe the filing of this Form 10-Q/A and our concurrent filings of our amended Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, for the year ended December 31, 2005, and the delinquent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006 satisfy the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel's requirements, there can be no assurance that the Panel will be satisfied with these filings.

#### **Shareholder Derivative Suits**

On May 31, 2006, a purported shareholder derivative complaint was filed in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, by a party identifying itself as a shareholder of CNET Networks purporting to act on behalf of CNET Networks against the directors of CNET Networks and certain present and former officers of CNET Networks. CNET Networks is also named as a nominal defendant. The suit, captioned *Paskar v. Bonnie, et al.*, alleges breaches of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment arising from stock options granted between 1996 and 2004. The complaint seeks monetary damages, disgorgement, rescission of stock options and other relief against the defendants on behalf of CNET Networks. The complaint does not seek monetary damages from, or the imposition of equitable remedies on, CNET Networks. Subsequently, on June 2, 2006, June 19, 2006 and September 22, 2006, three additional purported shareholder derivative actions were filed in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco. These three complaints, captioned *Hutton v. Bonnie, et al.*, *Raniolo v. Bonnie et al.* and *Berger v. Bonnie, et al.*, contain substantially similar allegations as the aforementioned shareholder derivative complaint. These four shareholder derivative cases were consolidated on October 23, 2006 and the plaintiffs filed a consolidated complaint on November 16, 2006. We filed a motion to stay these purported shareholder derivative actions pending before the California Superior Court. At a hearing on January 3, 2007, the Superior Court denied our motion to stay but ordered that no discovery or substantive motion practice shall proceed until further order of the Court.

On June 19, 2006, a purported shareholder derivative complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California by a party identifying itself as a shareholder of CNET Networks purporting to act on behalf of CNET Networks against the directors of CNET Networks and certain present and former officers of CNET Networks. CNET Networks is also named as a nominal defendant. The suit, captioned *Melzer v. Bonnie, et al.*, alleged violations of federal securities law, California securities law, as well as breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, and insider trading arising from stock options granted between 1997 and 2003. On July 13, 2006, another purported shareholder derivative complaint, captioned *Finn v. Bonnie et al.*, was filed in the same court containing identical allegations. These purported shareholder derivative actions pending before the United States District Court for the Northern District of California were consolidated on August 31, 2006 and the plaintiffs in those cases have subsequently filed a consolidated complaint on September 28, 2006. That consolidated complaint was amended on November 9, 2006. The complaint seeks monetary damages, disgorgement, rescission of stock options and other relief against the defendants on behalf of CNET Networks. The complaint does not seek monetary damages from, or the imposition of equitable remedies on, CNET Networks.

There are no other legal proceedings to which we are a party that are reasonably expected to be material to our business or financial condition.

#### **ITEM 1A. Risk Factors**

##### ***SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND RISK FACTORS***

This Report on Form 10-Q/A contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements are any statements other than statements of historical fact. Examples of forward-looking statements include projections of earnings, revenues or other financial items, statements of the plans and objectives of management for future operations, and statements concerning proposed new products and services, and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as may, will, expects, should, believes, plans, anticipates, estimates, predicts, potential, or continue, and any other words having similar meaning.

Any or all of our forward-looking statements in this report and in any other public statements we make may turn out to be wrong and may cause our actual results to differ materially from forecasted or historical results. They can be affected by inaccurate assumptions we might make or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties, including those outlined below. Consequently, no forward-looking statement can be guaranteed. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Also note that we provide cautionary discussion of risks, uncertainties and possibly inaccurate assumptions relevant to our businesses. These are factors that we think could cause our actual results to differ materially from expected and historical results. Other factors besides those listed here could also adversely affect us. This discussion is provided as permitted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

You should carefully consider the risks described below before making an investment decision regarding CNET Networks securities. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our common stock could decline due to any of these risks. The risks described below are not the only ones we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations.

***The matters relating to the Special Committee's and Management's review of our past stock option granting practices and the restatement of our consolidated financial statements have resulted in expanded litigation and regulatory proceedings and may result in future litigation which could harm our financial results.***

On May 22, 2006, we announced that our Board of Directors had appointed a Special Committee comprised of independent directors to conduct, with the assistance of legal counsel and outside accounting experts, an internal investigation relating to past option grants, the timing of such grants and related accounting matters. As described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005 in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8, Financial Statements and Supplementary Data, the Special Committee reached a preliminary conclusion in July 2006 concluding that the actual measurement dates for certain stock options granted between 1998 and 2001 differed from the recorded measurement dates. Charges related to the change in these stock option measurement dates were determined to be material and, as a result, we announced that we expected to restate our financial statements for 2005, 2004 and 2003 and possibly the first quarter of 2006. We announced the findings of the Special Committee's review of our option granting practices on October 11, 2006, and management concluded its review in January 2007. As a result of these reviews, we have recorded substantial additional non-cash stock compensation expense, and related tax effects, related to stock option grants.

Our review of our past stock option granting practices has required us to incur substantial expenses for legal, accounting, tax and other professional services, has diverted our management's attention from our business, and could in the future harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our past stock option granting practices and the restatement of our prior financial statements have exposed us to greater risks associated with litigation and regulatory proceedings. In June 2006, we received a grand jury document subpoena from the United

States Attorney for the Northern District of California requesting records pertaining to the granting of stock options. In addition, in May 2006 we received notice that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) was conducting an informal inquiry into our stock option grants. We are cooperating, and will continue to cooperate fully with the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California and the SEC. We cannot predict the outcome of these investigations. In addition, as described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005 Part II, Item 3, Legal Proceedings, several derivative complaints have been filed against our directors and certain of our executive officers pertaining to allegations relating to stock option grants. We cannot predict the outcome of any litigation or regulatory proceeding against CNET Networks or our directors or officers.

As a result of our delayed filing of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006, we will be ineligible to register our securities on Form S-3 for sale by us or resale by others until we have timely filed all periodic reports under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 for a period of twelve months and any portion of a month from the due date of our last untimely report. We may use Form S-1 to raise capital or complete acquisitions, but doing so could increase transaction costs and adversely impact our ability to raise capital or complete acquisitions of other companies in a timely manner.

On August 14, 2006 and November 13, 2006, we received Nasdaq Staff Determination notices stating that we were not in compliance with Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(14). The notices were issued in accordance with Nasdaq procedures because we did not timely file our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006. We requested and were granted a hearing on September 26, 2006 with the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel. On December 5, 2006, we received notice that the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel granted our request for continued listing of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market. The continued listing of our common stock is subject to the condition that on or before February 2, 2007, we must file with the SEC our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended June 30, 2006 and September 30, 2006 and any necessary restatements of our prior financial statements. Although we believe the filing of our Form 10-K/A and our concurrent filings of this Form 10-Q/A and the delinquent Form 10-Qs satisfy the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel's requirements, we cannot assure you that the Panel will be satisfied with these filings.

While we believe that we have made appropriate judgments in determining the correct measurement dates for option grants, the SEC may disagree with the manner in which we have accounted for and reported, or not reported, the financial impact of past option grant measurement date errors, and there is a risk that any SEC inquiry could lead to circumstances in which we may have to further restate our prior financial statements, amend prior filings with the SEC, or otherwise take other actions not currently contemplated. In addition, the SEC may issue additional guidance on disclosure requirements related to the financial impact of past option grant measurement date errors that may require us to amend this filing or prior filings with the SEC to provide additional disclosures pursuant to this guidance. Any such circumstance could also lead to future delays in filing our subsequent SEC reports and delisting of our common stock from the Nasdaq Global Market. Furthermore, if we are subject to adverse findings in any of these matters, we could be required to pay damages or penalties or have other remedies imposed upon us which could harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. See Note 2, Restatement of Consolidated Financial Statements of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005 for further information.

***Our revenues might not grow, and they might decrease.***

Several factors, many of which are outside of our control, contribute to our revenue growth. Some scenarios that might impede our revenue growth in the future are listed below.

- our failure to maintain existing marketing customers and to attract new marketing customers due to competition from other media outlets, dissatisfaction with our services, reduced advertising budgets;
- our loss of advertising and other marketing opportunities to competitors, especially as other media companies increase their online presence in areas where we focus;
- our inability to attract advertisers for our newer websites;
- our inability to respond to ad-blocking technology might decrease the effectiveness of online advertising;

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- a loss of revenues from our publishing operations, as more advertising dollars shift from publishing to the Internet;
- weakness in corporate and consumer spending may lead to a decline in advertising, which is the primary source of our revenues;
- a decline in general economic conditions, which could occur as a result of currency fluctuations, rising interest rates, or other factors;
- disruption of our operations due to technical difficulties, system downtime, Internet brownouts or denial of service or other similar attacks; and
- disruption to our operations, employees, partners, customers and facilities caused by natural disasters, international or domestic terrorist attacks or armed conflict.

*We may not be able to achieve our targeted incremental profit margins and accordingly we may fail to make expected improvements in our overall profit margins.*

We have identified incremental profit margins as a useful performance measure. Incremental profit margin is the percent of each dollar of new revenue that we earn in current periods as compared to prior periods that flows to operating income before depreciation, amortization, asset impairment and stock compensation expense. We may fail to achieve our incremental profit margin targets. Some of the factors that could cause us not to achieve these targets include:

- greater than expected expenses due to a decision to invest in new products, services or websites;
- acquisitions of businesses that cannot immediately achieve these profit margins;
- greater than expected compensation expenses due to competition for qualified employees;
- a failure to achieve projected revenue growth, as described in the first risk factor above; or
- a failure to manage the costs associated with innovation and growth.

*We have generated significant losses in the past and cannot assure you that we will report positive net income in the future. If our revenues do not increase, we may not be able to adjust spending in a timely manner to maintain positive net income.*

We have generated an operating loss in eight of the past ten years and have generated a net loss in seven of the past ten years. Although we generated positive net income in 2005, our ability to generate positive net income in 2006 or subsequent periods may be negatively impacted by:

- the implementation of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 123R, Revised Share-Based Payments (SFAS 123R ), which requires us to recognize expenses for stock options for periods beginning after January 1, 2006;
- an inability to decrease expenses in a timely manner to offset any revenue shortfalls or expenses associated with cost-reduction measures, such as severance, lease termination payments, contract termination costs or impairment charges;
- payments associated with contingent liabilities, such as litigation or our guarantee of the New York lease of Ziff-Davis, Inc., as described in more detail in a subsequent risk factor; or
- any unusual transactions such as impairments or losses on investments.

*Competition is intense and we might not compete successfully.*

The media industry is intensely competitive and rapidly evolving. We compete for advertisers, users and business partners with numerous companies throughout the world that offer information and content in our primary areas of focus.

- Traditional offline media. We have always competed for consumers and advertisers in our areas of focus with the traditional offline media, such as television, radio, cable and print. For instance, mainstream business publications, such as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Forbes, and Business Week and other publications devoted to certain content areas such as games or technology, offer content that competes with ours. Increasingly, these traditional offline media companies are developing broader

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reach by creating alternative channels of distribution for their content by building more robust Internet sites, acquiring online companies, and partnering with other media outlets. As the traditional offline media continues to introduce more multi-media offerings into the market, we will continue to compete with them for consumers and advertisers in the areas where we focus.

- Internet sites. Large general purpose portals, such as AOL, MSN and Yahoo! are also competitors, especially as these properties expand their content offerings in our areas of expertise. We also compete with niche sites focused on the same vertical markets on which we focus. For example, our gaming properties compete with other gaming sites such as IGN Entertainment, and our business technology properties compete with smaller, niche sites such as TechTarget. In addition, many traditional media companies are increasing their online offerings.
- Search engines. Search engines such as Google and Yahoo! compete with us by attracting users looking for goods, services and content similar to those offered on our websites. They also compete with us by attracting marketing dollars from companies trying to reach those users.
- Online comparison shopping services. Specialized online comparison shopping services such as Shopping.com and PriceGrabber.com and the online shopping services operated by large general purpose portals have sought to expand the reviews and information offerings on their sites. They compete with us for users and the companies trying to reach those users.



- Online retail and auction companies. These companies, such as Amazon.com and eBay, offer goods and services similar to those that can be obtained through our websites. They compete with us for users and the companies trying to reach those users.

*We may have difficulties with our acquisitions, investments and new product developments.*

We intend to pursue new business opportunities and ventures, including acquisitions, in a broad range of areas. Any decision by us to pursue a significant business expansion or a new business opportunity would be accompanied by risks, including, among others:

- investment of a substantial amount of capital, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and our ability to implement our existing business strategy;
- issuance of additional equity interests, which would be dilutive to current stockholders;
- additional burdens on our management personnel and financial and operational systems;
- difficulty assimilating the operations, technology and personnel of the new businesses;
- potential disruption of our ongoing business;
- possible inability to retain key technical and managerial personnel;
- additional expenses associated with amortization of purchased intangible assets;
- additional operating losses and expenses associated with the activities and expansion of acquired businesses;
- possible impairment of relationships with existing employees and advertising customers;
- the impact of our stock option investigation and related lawsuits on our ability to attract business partners;
- potential undisclosed liabilities associated with new or acquired businesses; and
- for foreign acquisitions and investments, additional risks related to the integration of operations across different cultures and languages, currency risks, and the particular economic, political, and regulatory risks associated with specific countries.

In addition, our one-year credit facility prohibits further borrowings which could impact our ability to fund acquisitions or to pay for capital purchases.

*Acceptance of our brands, content and services may not continue.*

Our future success depends upon the strength of our brands and our ability to deliver original and compelling content and services that attract and retain users. We will endeavor to continue building existing brands such as CNET.com and GameSpot, and introducing new brands, that resonate with their audiences, but we may not be successful. The specialized nature of certain of our sites may limit those sites' potential user base. Our content and services might not be attractive to a sufficient number of users to generate revenues consistent with our estimates. In

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addition, we might not develop new content or services in a timely or cost-effective manner. If we are not successful in growing our user base, then our ability to attract the advertisers who seek to market to the demographic represented by our user base may be affected which would in turn impact our revenue. Our ability to successfully develop and produce content and services is subject to numerous uncertainties, including the ability to:

- anticipate and successfully respond to rapidly changing consumer tastes and preferences;
- fund new program development;
- attract and retain qualified editors, producers, writers, and technical personnel; and
- successfully expand our content offerings into new platform and delivery mechanisms.

*Some of our sites may have limited user bases which will affect our ability to attract advertisers.*

We believe that our success depends on our ability to continue to grow our user base and increase user interaction with our sites.

*We may not innovate at a successful pace.*

Our industry is rapidly adopting new technologies and standards to create and satisfy consumer demand. It is critical that we continue to innovate, anticipate and adapt to these changes to ensure that our content delivery platforms, services and products remain interesting to our users, advertisers and partners. In addition, we may discover that we must make significant expenditures to achieve this goal. If we fail to accomplish these goals, we may lose users and the advertisers that seek to reach those users.

***We depend in part on third parties for traffic who may sever their relationships with us or fail to perform.***

We depend in part on third parties for Internet traffic to our websites and changes to their operations or our failure to develop and maintain relationships with them could result in decreased traffic. Any reduction in users of our websites could negatively impact our ability to earn revenue. A significant portion of our users visit our websites by conducting a search on a search engine, such as Google, MSN or Yahoo! and following a link displayed in the search results. Changes in the methodologies used by these search engines to display results could result in our websites receiving less favorable placements, which could reduce the number or users who link to our sites from these search engines.

In addition, we rely on the cooperation of owners and operators of other Internet sites with whom we have syndication and other arrangements to generate traffic for our Internet sites. Our ability to maintain these relationships will continue to be critical to the success of our Internet operations. If we are unable to develop and maintain satisfactory relationships with such third parties on acceptable commercial terms, or if our competitors are better able to capitalize on these relationships, we could see a reduction in the numbers of users of our websites.

***Most of our revenue is derived from short-term contracts which may not be renewed.***

Our revenues are derived in large part from the sale of advertising and we expect that this will continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. Most of our advertising contracts are short-term and are subject to termination by the customer at any time on thirty-day prior written notice. Advertisers who have longer-term contracts may fail to honor their existing contracts or fail to renew their contracts. If a significant number of advertisers or a few large advertisers decided not to continue advertising on our websites, we could experience a rapid decline in our revenues over a relatively short period of time.

***We depend on, and receive, a significant percentage of our revenue from a relatively small number of advertisers.***

A relatively small number of advertisers contribute a significant percentage of our revenue. Our top one hundred customers contributed approximately 67% of our U.S. revenue in 2005. These customers may not continue to use our services to the same extent, or at all, in the future. A significant reduction in advertising by one or more of our largest customers could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operation.

***A significant percentage of our revenues are derived from activity-based fees generated from our commerce Internet sites and we might not be able to attract qualified users for which merchants are willing to pay us activity-based fees.***

We earn fees when users visit the sites of our merchant partners to view products that are listed on our commerce sites. There are currently many other businesses that offer similar services, often at lower prices than the ones we charge. It is very easy for new businesses to begin operations in this space. In addition, users may prefer to contact merchants directly rather than return to our commerce sites to make future purchases. If we are unable to continue to attract users to our shopping services or to maintain the fees we charge merchants for sending users to their sites, then our business, operating results and financial condition may be adversely affected. Most of our agreements with merchants under which activity-based fees are earned are terminable by either party on ten to thirty days notice. In addition, the amount of activity based fees that we earn is highly dependent upon consumer purchasing activity and trends. A decrease in consumer purchasing activity could result in a decrease in our activity-based fees.

***Our advertising and other operating revenues may be subject to fluctuations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.***

We believe that advertising spending on the Internet, as in traditional media, fluctuates significantly with economic conditions. Because a majority of our revenues are derived from advertising, fluctuations in advertising spending generally, or with respect to Internet-based spending specifically, could adversely impact our revenue. In addition, marketing spending follows seasonal consumer behavior throughout the calendar year to reflect trends during the calendar year, with spending historically weighted towards the fourth quarter. Consistent with industry trends, our revenues in 2005 were weighted toward the end of the year, with 30% of our revenues being earned in the fourth quarter.

***Our business may be affected by events that draw users away from our content.***

Our business may be impacted by any event that decreases the amount of the time that users spend on CNET properties. During these times, our traffic and revenues may decrease. Some of these factors include geopolitical events and natural disasters.

***An inability to attract and retain key personnel could adversely affect our operations.***

Our success depends to a large extent on the continued services of our senior management team and qualified skilled employees. Our success also depends on our ability to identify, attract, develop, retain and motivate other highly skilled officers, key employees and personnel in a competitive job environment. We currently have several key executive positions open, and we cannot assure you that we will find qualified candidates in a timely manner. Our inability to do so may adversely affect our ability to operate our business. We do not have employment agreements with any of our executive officers and do not maintain key person life insurance policies on any of our officers or other employees. As the overall industry for interactive content and Internet advertising grows, our employees are increasingly sought after by competitors. In order to remain competitive in the employment market, we may need to increase compensation to retain or attract qualified employees, which could have an adverse effect on our financial condition or operating results. Our inability to attain shareholder approval of equity compensation plans may affect our ability to attract and retain key employees.

***We have limited protection of our intellectual property and could be subject to infringement claims that may result in costly litigation, the payment of damages or the need to revise the way we conduct our business.***

Our success and ability to compete are dependent in part on the strength of our proprietary rights, on the goodwill associated with our trademarks, trade names, service marks, and on our ability to use U.S. and foreign laws to protect them. Our intellectual property includes our original content, our editorial features, logos, brands, domain names, the technology that we use to deliver our products and services, the various databases of information that we maintain and make available through our Internet sites or by license, and the appearance of our Internet sites. We claim common law protection on certain names and marks that we have used in connection with our business activities. While we have applied for and obtained registration of many of our marks in countries outside of the U.S. where we do business, we have not been able to obtain registration of all of our key marks in such jurisdictions, in some cases due to opposition by people employing similar marks. In addition to U.S. and foreign laws, we rely on confidentiality agreements with our employees and third parties, and protective contractual provisions to protect our intellectual property.

Policing our intellectual property rights worldwide is a difficult task and we might not be able to identify infringing users. We cannot be certain that third party licensees of our content will always take actions to protect the value of our proprietary rights and reputation. Intellectual property laws, our agreements and our patents may not be sufficient to prevent others from copying or otherwise obtaining and using our content or technologies. Others may develop technologies that are similar or superior to ours. In seeking to protect our trademarks, copyrights and other proprietary rights, or defending ourselves against claims of infringement brought by others, with or without merit, we could face costly litigation and the diversion of our management's attention and resources.

Notwithstanding the efforts that we have taken to ensure that we have sufficient rights to the intellectual property that we use, we could still be subject to claims of infringement. For instance, there has been a recent increase in the granting and attempted enforcement of business process patents that cover practices that may be widely employed in the Internet industry. We have, on occasion, been approached by holders of patents alleging that our services infringe on their patents. Many companies that offer services similar to ours have been approached and, in some cases, sued by other patent holders alleging patent infringement. We could be required to enter into costly royalty arrangements with the holders of these patents or to revise our services to ensure non-infringement or to avoid litigation. If we are unsuccessful in avoiding litigation, we would incur significant expenses and could be subject to damage awards, including damages for past infringement and royalties for future use of the patented method or technology. If we are found to violate any such patent, and we are unable to enter into a license agreement on reasonable terms, our ability to offer services could be materially and adversely affected. We do not have insurance for patent infringement.

In seeking to protect our trademarks, copyrights and other proprietary rights, or defending ourselves against claims of infringement brought by others, with or without merit, we could face costly litigation and the diversion of our management's attention and resources. These claims could result in the need to develop alternative trademarks, content or technology or to enter into costly royalty or licensing agreements, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***Our business involves risks of liability claims for Internet and print content, which could result in significant costs.***

As a publisher and a distributor of content through the Internet and print publications, we may face potential liability for:

- defamation/libel;
- negligence;

- copyright, patent or trademark infringement; or

- other claims based on the nature and content of the materials published or distributed.

These types of claims have been brought, sometimes successfully, against online services and publishers of print publications. In addition, we could be exposed to liability in connection with material posted to our Internet sites by third parties. For example, many of our sites offer users an opportunity to post profiles, software, videos, photos, reviews and opinions. Some of this user-generated content, and the content that appears in our indexes and directories, may infringe on third party intellectual property rights or privacy rights or may otherwise be subject to challenge under copyright laws. Although we do not believe that our listing of any such material should expose us to liability, it is possible that such a claim may be successfully brought.

Our insurance may not cover potential claims of defamation, libel, negligence and similar claims, and it may or may not apply to a particular claim or be adequate to reimburse us for all liability that may be imposed. Any imposition of liability that is not covered by insurance or is in excess of insurance coverage could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

***There are a number of risks associated with international operations that could adversely affect our business.***

We maintain an international presence through a variety of international structures and business operations. We have wholly-owned operations in Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Russia, Singapore, Switzerland and the United Kingdom and majority-owned joint ventures in Korea. We also have license arrangements in various other countries throughout the world. We operate our operations in China through a variety of entities some of which are owned by local employees in order to comply with local ownership and regulatory licensing requirements. We believe our current ownership structure complies with all existing Chinese laws. It is possible; however, that the Chinese government may change the applicable laws or take a different interpretation of existing laws. If we were found to be in violation of any existing or future Chinese laws or regulations, we could be subject to fines and other financial penalties, have our licenses revoked, or be forced to discontinue our business entirely.

There are additional risks inherent in doing business in international markets, such as the following:

- weak economic conditions in foreign markets, especially in the business sector;
- uncertainty of product acceptance in different countries,
- longer collection cycles in some countries;
- current, and unforeseen changes in, legal and regulatory requirements;
- difficulties in staffing and managing multi-national operations;
- currency exchange rate fluctuations, which could reduce our revenues as determined under U.S. GAAP, increase our expenses, and dilute our operating margins;
- difficulties in finding appropriate foreign licensees or joint venture partners;
- potential adverse tax requirements;
- distance, language and cultural differences in doing business with foreign entities; and

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- foreign political and economic uncertainty.  
*Changes in regulations could adversely affect the way that we operate.*

It is possible that new laws and regulations in the U.S. and elsewhere will be adopted covering issues affecting our business, including:

- privacy and use of personally identifiable information;
  - copyrights, trademarks and domain names;
  - obscene or indecent communications;
  - pricing, characteristics and quality of Internet products and services;
  - marketing practices, such as direct marketing or adware;
  - the ability of children to access our services; and
  - taxation of Internet usage and transactions.
- Increased government regulation, or the application of existing laws to online activities, could:

- decrease the growth rate of the Internet;
- reduce our revenues;
- increase our operating expenses; and
- expose us to significant liabilities.

We cannot be sure what effect any future material noncompliance by us with these laws and regulations or any material changes in these laws and regulations could have on our business, operating results and financial condition.

*We may be subject to system disruptions, which could adversely affect our revenues.*

Our ability to attract and maintain relationships with users, advertisers, and strategic partners will depend on the satisfactory performance, reliability and availability of our Internet infrastructure. Our Internet advertising revenues relate directly to the number of advertisements and other marketing opportunities delivered to our users. System interruptions or delays that result in the unavailability of Internet sites or slower response times for users would reduce the number of impressions and leads delivered. This could reduce revenue as the attractiveness of our sites to users, strategic partners and advertisers decreases. Our insurance policies provide only limited coverage for service interruptions and may not adequately compensate us for any losses that may occur due to any failures or interruptions in our systems. Further, we do not have multiple site capacity for all of our services in the event of any such occurrence. We may experience service disruptions for the following reasons:

- occasional scheduled maintenance;
  - equipment failure;
  - when traffic volumes to our sites increase beyond our infrastructure's capacity;
  - due to natural disasters, telecommunications failures, power failures, other system failures, maintenance, viruses, hacking or other events.
- Our networks may be vulnerable to unauthorized persons accessing our systems, which could disrupt our Internet operations and result in the theft of our proprietary information.*

A party who is able to circumvent our security measures could misappropriate either our proprietary information or the personal information of our users and customers or cause interruptions or malfunctions in our Internet operations. We may be required to expend significant capital and resources to protect against the threat of security breaches or to alleviate problems caused by breaches in security. For example, so-called "spiders" have and can be used in efforts to copy our databases, including our database of technology products and prices.

Our activities and the activities of third party contractors involve the storage and transmission of proprietary and personal information, such as computer software or credit card numbers. Accordingly, security breaches could expose us to a risk of loss or litigation and possible liability. We cannot assure you that contractual provisions attempting to limit our liability in these areas will be successful or enforceable, or that other parties will accept such contractual provisions as part of our agreements.

*Our business, operating results and financial condition may be impacted by certain contingencies related to our guarantee of certain lease obligations.*

In conjunction with the ZDNet acquisition in 2000, we assumed a guarantee of the obligations of Ziff Davis Media Inc., an unaffiliated company and primary lessee, under a New York City office lease for a total of 399,773 square feet. This lease expires in 2019. The annual average cost per square foot is approximately thirty dollars over the remaining term of the lease. Ziff Davis Media Inc. currently occupies 144,682 square feet of this space. Ziff Davis Media Inc. subleases 205,951 square feet to The Bank of New York, FOJP Risk Management and Softbank, collectively. In addition, we currently sublease and occupy 49,140 square feet of the office space from Ziff Davis Media Inc. These leases and subleases fully cover the current monthly lease payments.

As of September 30, 2006, the total lease payments remaining until the end of the lease term were \$150.8 million, excluding the amounts attributable to our sublease with respect to the floor we occupy. If the financial condition of any of the sublessees or the primary lessee were to deteriorate and thereby result in their inability to make lease payments, we would be required to make their lease payments under the guarantee. In addition, any expiration of any sublease, the potential resulting vacancy and the inability of Ziff Davis Media Inc. to make the primary lease payments could result in us being required to make lease payments on these vacancies.

In connection with that guarantee, we have a letter of credit for \$15.0 million outstanding as a security deposit. As there is no present obligation to make any payments in connection with this guarantee, we have not recorded any liability for this guarantee in our financial statements.





***Our business could be adversely impacted if we have deficiencies in our disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting.***

The design and effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting may not prevent all errors, misstatements or misrepresentations. As part of management's review of our accounting policies and internal control over financial reporting for the year ended December 31, 2004 pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, management concluded that there was a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting related to the lack of adequate staffing in the area of financial reporting resulting in management's inability to consistently follow some of its internal control over financial reporting related to (a) the timely preparation of comprehensive documentation supporting management's analysis of the appropriate accounting treatment for non-routine and complex items and (b) the conducting of a critical secondary review of this supporting documentation by internal staff or outside advisors to determine its completeness and the accuracy of the conclusions. We concluded that we have remediated this material weakness as of December 31, 2005. As discussed in Item 9A in the Annual Report on Form 10K/A for the year ended December 31, 2005, Controls and Procedures, and in connection with the restatement of our financial statements, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer reevaluated our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2005 and concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting were effective. While management will continue to review the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, we cannot assure you that our disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will be effective in accomplishing all control objectives all of the time. Other deficiencies, particularly a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting, which may occur in the future could result in misstatements of our results of operations, restatements of our financial statements, a decline in our stock price, or otherwise materially adversely affect our business, reputation, results of operation, financial condition or liquidity.

***Accounting rules regarding goodwill could make our reported results more volatile.***

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or when an event occurs indicating the potential for impairment. The evaluation is prepared based on our current and projected performance for the identified reporting units. The fair value of our reporting units is determined using a combination of the cash flow and market comparable approaches. If we conclude at any time that the carrying value of our goodwill and other intangible assets for any of our reporting units exceeds its implied fair value, we will be required to recognize an impairment, which could materially reduce operating income and net income in the period in which such impairment is recognized.

In the application of these methodologies, we were required to make estimates of future operating trends and judgments on discount rates and other variables. Actual future results and other assumed variables could differ from these estimates, including changes in the economy, the business environment in which we operate, and/or our own relative performance. Any differences in actual results compared to our estimates could result in further future impairments. Accordingly, our future earnings may be subject to significant volatility, particularly on a period-to-period basis.

***We will record substantial expenses related to our stock compensation which may have a material negative impact on our operating results for the foreseeable future.***

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the SFAS 123R for stock-based employee compensation. Our stock compensation expenses are expected to be significant in future periods, which will have an adverse impact on our operating income and net income. Our option-pricing model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the option's expected life and the price volatility of the underlying stock. Changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the amount of our stock compensation expense. Our estimated stock compensation expenses may also be greater than expected if the fair value of our stock increases. In addition, an increase in the competitiveness of the market for qualified employees could cause us to issue more stock compensation than expected, which would increase our expenses.

***Our debt obligations expose us to risks that could adversely affect our financial condition.***

We have a substantial level of debt and interest expense. At December 31, 2006 we had approximately \$78 million of outstanding indebtedness. The level of our indebtedness, among other things, could:

- make it difficult for us to make payments on our debt as described below;
- make it difficult for us to obtain any necessary financing in the future for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service, acquisitions or general corporate purposes;



- limit our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in our business;
- reduce funds available for use in our operations;
- place us at a possible competitive disadvantage relative to less leveraged competitors and competitors that have better access to capital resources;
- impair our ability to incur additional debt because of financial and other restrictive covenants; and
- make us more vulnerable in the event of a downturn in our business or an increase in interest rates.

In October 2006, we received a notice of acceleration declaring the principal amount of our \$125.0 million, 0.75% Senior Convertible Notes Due 2024 and any accrued and unpaid interest immediately due and payable. We retired the entire \$125.0 million balance with existing cash and by fully drawing on a \$60.0 million, one-year credit facility.

If we experience a decline in revenues due to any of the factors described in this Risk Factors section or otherwise, we could have difficulty paying interest and principal amounts due on our indebtedness. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flow or otherwise obtain funds necessary to make required payments, or if we fail to comply with the various covenants of our \$60.0 million, one-year credit facility, we would be in default, which would permit our lender to accelerate the maturity of the indebtedness and could cause defaults under our other indebtedness. Any default under our indebtedness could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition. If we do not achieve and sustain positive net income, we could have difficulty repaying or refinancing our outstanding debt, including the \$60.0 million due under our one-year credit facility which matures in October 2007.

***Changes in our tax rate could affect our future results.***

Our future effective tax rates could be unfavorably affected by changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities, changes in the mix of earnings in countries with differing statutory tax rates, or by changes in tax laws or their interpretations. In addition, we are subject to the continuous examination of our tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service and other tax authorities. We regularly assess the likelihood of adverse outcome resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of our provision for income taxes. The outcomes from examinations may have an adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

***The trading value of our common stock may be volatile and decline substantially.***

The trading price of our common stock is subject to wide fluctuations, which are a result of a number of events and factors, including:

- quarterly variations in operating results;
- announcements of innovations requiring significant expenditures;
- new products, strategic developments or business combinations by us or our competitors;
- changes in our financial estimates or that of securities analysts;
- restatements of previously issued financial results;

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- our sale of common stock or other securities in the future;
- changes in recommendations of securities analysts;
- developments in litigations or other governmental proceedings against us, or new litigations or governmental proceedings;
- the operating and securities price performance of other companies that investors may deem comparable to us; and
- news reports, including those relating to trends in the Internet.

In addition, the stock market in general, and the market prices for Internet-related companies in particular, have experienced extreme volatility that often has been unrelated to the operating performance of these companies. These broad market and industry fluctuations may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock. These fluctuations may make it more difficult to use stock as currency to make acquisitions that might otherwise be advantageous, or to use stock options as a means to attract and retain employees.

Any shortfall in revenue or earnings compared to our or analysts' or investors' expectations could cause, and has in the past caused an immediate and significant decline in the trading price of our common stock. In addition, we may not learn of such shortfalls or delays until late in the fiscal quarter, which could result in an even more immediate and greater decline in the trading price of our common stock.

***Provisions of our certificate of incorporation, bylaws and Delaware law could deter takeover attempts.***

Some provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could delay, prevent or make more difficult a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or change of control. Our stockholders might view any transaction of this type as being in their best interest since the transaction could result in a higher stock price than the current market price for our common stock. Among other things, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws:

- authorize our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock with the terms of each series to be fixed by our Board of Directors;
- divide our Board of Directors into three classes so that only approximately one-third of the total number of directors is elected each year;
- permit directors to be removed only for cause; and
- specify advance notice requirements for stockholder proposals and director nominations

In addition, with some exceptions, the Delaware General Corporation Law restricts or delays mergers and other business combinations between us and any stockholder that acquires 15% or more of our voting stock.

***A substantial number of shares of common stock may be sold, which could affect the trading price of our common stock.***

We have a substantial number of shares of common stock subject to stock options. As of September 30, 2006, we had 9,492,527 shares of common stock available for future grant under our employee stock option plans and 18,978,378 issuable upon the future conversion of outstanding stock options. In addition, as of September 30, 2006, we have approximately 250 million shares of authorized but unissued shares of our common stock that are available for future sale. We cannot predict the effect, if any, that future sales of shares of our common stock, or the availability of shares of our common stock for future sale, will have on the market price of our common stock. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock, including shares issued in connection with acquisitions or upon the exercise of stock options or warrants or the conversion of debt securities, or the perception that such sales could occur, may adversely affect prevailing market prices for our common stock.

**ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.**

None.

**ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.**

None.

**ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

None.

**ITEM 5. Other Information.**

None.

**ITEM 6. Exhibits.**

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CNET Networks, Inc.  
*(Registrant)*

/s/ George E. Mazzotta  
George E. Mazzotta  
*Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer*

Dated: January 29, 2007



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