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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, D.C. 20549

(Mark One)

Quarterly report pursuant Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2004.

Transition report pursuant Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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

Commission file number: 0-23687

Stockgroup Information Systems Inc.

(Exact name of small business issuer as specified in its charter)

Colorado

84-1379282

(State or other jurisdiction of

(I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

SUITE 500 - 750 W PENDER STREET

VANCOUVER BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA V6C 2T7

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Issuer's telephone number, (604) 331-0995

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

Check whether the issuer

(1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and

(2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes:  No:

Applicable only to issuers involved in bankruptcy  
proceedings during the preceding five years

Check whether the registrant filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Section 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by court. Yes  No

Applicable only to corporate issuers

State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common equity, as of the latest practicable date: 33,931,221

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (check one): Yes:  No:

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)**

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(UNAUDITED - Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

	September 30, 2004	December 31, 2003
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,624,141	\$ 1,400,195
Marketable securities	52,314	2,616
Accounts receivable [net of allowances for doubtful accounts of \$76,734; December 31, 2003 \$45,016] (note 4)	451,488	325,057
Prepaid expenses	111,669	79,648
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 2,239,612	\$ 1,807,516
Property and equipment, net (note 6)	\$ 386,268	\$ 311,632
	\$ 2,625,880	\$ 2,119,148
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 267,824	\$ 217,110
Accrued payroll liabilities	99,218	115,208
Deferred revenue	685,597	499,525
Capital lease obligation	-	38,920
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,052,639	\$ 870,763
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (note 5)		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (note 2)		
Common Stock, No Par Value		
Authorized shares 75,000,000		
Issued and outstanding shares 33,931,221 at September 30, 2004 [32,498,721 December 31, 2003]	\$ 13,568,499	\$ 13,218,924

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Additional paid-in capital	3,099,314	3,099,314
Accumulated deficit	(15,094,572)	(15,069,853)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,573,241	\$ 1,248,385
	\$ 2,625,880	\$ 2,119,148

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The balance sheet at December 31, 2003 has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements at that date.

The Accompanying Notes Are An Integral Part  
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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(UNAUDITED - Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	Three Months Ended September 30, 2003	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003
REVENUE				
Revenues (note 4)	\$ 1,226,986	\$ 745,801	\$ 3,458,171	\$ 2,036,044
Cost of revenues (note 4)	237,954	150,529	658,536	484,215
Gross profit	\$ 989,032	\$ 595,272	\$ 2,799,635	\$ 1,551,829
EXPENSES				
Sales and marketing	\$ 372,815	\$ 220,877	\$ 1,100,505	\$ 545,692
General and administrative	\$ 610,911	\$ 640,018	\$ 1,738,730	\$ 1,751,807
	\$ 983,726	\$ 860,895	\$ 2,839,235	\$ 2,297,499
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 5,306	\$ (265,623)	\$ (39,600)	\$ (745,670)
Interest income	4,581	134	14,939	134
Interest expense	(37)	(8,803)	(1,660)	(893,801)
Other income (expense)	1,599	(1,604)	1,602	1521
NET INCOME (LOSS) AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 11,449	\$ (275,896)	\$ (24,719)	\$ (1,637,816)
BASIC AND DILUTED INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE	\$ 0.00	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.07)

Fully diluted weighted average shares outstanding for the period	34,643,763	29,246,784	34,064,667	24,688,123
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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(UNAUDITED - Expressed in U.S. Dollars)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	Three Months Ended September 30, 2003	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net income (loss)	\$ 11,449	\$ (275,896)	\$ (24,719)	\$ (1,637,816)
Add (deduct) non-cash items				
Amortization	109,897	96,500	295,018	286,353
Effective interest on convertible notes and debentures	-	-	-	860,351
Bad debt expense (recovery)	(4,145)	13,003	31,718	65,656
Unrealized foreign exchange gain	-	-	-	23,761
	\$ 117,201	\$ (166,392)	\$ 302,017	\$ (401,695)
Net changes in non-cash working capital				
Marketable securities	(25,231)	1,603	(49,698)	(1,511)
Accounts receivable	124	(6,916)	(158,149)	(249,483)
Prepaid expenses	33,428	3,655	(32,021)	21,595
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	39,651	(9,369)	50,714	(28,874)
Accrued payroll liabilities	7,364	10,955	(15,990)	(42,556)
Accrued interest notes payable	-	(15,836)	-	(23,763)
Deferred revenue	87,955	14,181	186,072	6,120
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATIONS	\$ 260,492	\$ (168,119)	\$ 282,945	\$ (720,167)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Property and equipment (net)	\$ (41,742)	\$ (10,220)	\$ (78,954)	\$ (27,859)
CASH USED IN INVESTING	\$ (41,742)	\$ (10,220)	\$ (78,954)	\$ (27,859)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Issuance of common stock and warrants (net)	\$ -	\$ 215,278	\$ -	\$ 840,559
Proceeds on exercise of warrants	-	498,000	-	581,775
Proceeds on exercise of stock options	-	450	58,875	12,420
Repayment of (proceeds from) convertible debt	-	-	-	(35,332)

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Repayment of notes payable		-	(208,158)		-	(255,158)
Repayment of capital lease obligation		-	(20,525)		(38,920)	(76,144)
CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING	\$	-	\$ 485,045	\$	19,955	\$ 1,068,120
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	218,750	\$ 306,706	\$	223,946	\$ 320,094
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		1,405,391	553,358		1,400,195	539,970
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	\$	1,624,141	\$ 860,064	\$	1,624,141	\$ 860,064

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004

(UNAUDITED)

### 1. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Stockgroup Information Systems Inc. (the "Company") provides various financial market data, software, tools, and content to its customers in media, corporate, and financial services companies. In addition, the Company provides advertising services and automated investor disclosure tools to companies through its Web site properties, including StockHouse.com, and through hosted services to its customers' Web sites. All services are delivered via the Internet.

The Company was incorporated under the laws of Colorado on December 6, 1994.

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-QSB and Item 310(b) of Regulation S-B. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2003. In the opinion of management, the adjustments considered necessary for fair presentation, all of which are of a normal and recurring nature have been included in these financial statements. Operating results for the three and nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2004.

The balance sheet at December 31, 2003 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for annual financial statements.

Certain of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current period. Such reclassifications had no effect on net income as previously reported.

## 2. SHARE CAPITAL

The Company is authorized to issue up to 75,000,000 shares of common stock and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock.

Issues of common shares for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 are summarized as follows:

On February 25, 2004, 150,000 common shares were issued to a director pursuant to an exercise of options at \$0.12 and \$0.15, for gross proceeds of \$19,500.

On March 23, 2004 4,500 common shares were issued to an employee pursuant to an exercise of options at \$0.15, for gross proceeds of \$675.

On April 27, 2004, 8,000 common shares were issued to an employee pursuant to an exercise of options at \$0.15, for gross proceeds of \$1,200.

On June 2, 2004, 1,020,000 common shares were issued to StockHouse Media Corporation pursuant to a buyout of the balance of assets under a Joint Venture Development and Operating Agreement dated June 24, 2002 (note 6).

On June 10, 2004, 250,000 common shares were issued to an employee pursuant to an exercise of options at \$0.15, for gross proceeds of \$37,500.



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## Stock Options

The Company's 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 Stock Option Plans (collectively the "Plans") authorize a total of 5,223,600 common shares for issuance. Activity under the Plans is set forth below.

	Shares Available For Grant #	Number of Shares #	Options Outstanding		
			Price Per Share \$	Weighted Average Exercise Price \$	
Balance at December 31, 2003	-	2,380,600	0.12	-	
2003 Stock Option Plan	3,300,000		0.59		0.20
Options granted	(1,538,500)	1,538,500	0.21	0.31	0.28
Options exercised	-	(412,500)	0.12	0.15	0.14
Options forfeited	153,000	(197,500)	0.15	0.31	0.29
Balance at September 30, 2004	1,914,500	3,309,100	0.12	0.59	0.24

The Company discontinued the granting of options under the 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 Stock Option Plans in December 2002. Options outstanding under these Plans continue to be exercisable as vested until exercised or forfeited, and if forfeited, they are no longer available for future grants. Stock options forfeited under the 2003 Plan are available for future grants.

## Warrants

As at September 30, 2004, common stock issuable pursuant to warrants outstanding is as follows:

Warrants Outstanding	Warrants Forfeited	Outstanding At	Exercise Price \$	Warrants	Expiry Date
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	At December 31, 2003 #	#	September 30, 2004 #		
Series 1	281,818	-	281,818	3.00	March 31, 2005
Series 3A	500,000	-	500,000	0.25	July 31, 2005
Series 3B	300,000	-	300,000	0.50	July 31, 2005
Series 8	1,871,400	-	1,871,400	C\$0.60	December 4, 2004 and January 16, 2005
Series 9	374,280	-	374,280	C\$0.37	June 4, 2005 and July 16, 2005
Series 10	187,140	187,140	-	C\$0.60	June 4, 2004 and July 16, 2004
	3,514,638	187,140	3,327,498		

### 3. ACCOUNTING FOR STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company measures compensation expense for all of its Plans using the intrinsic value method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25") and related interpretations and complies with the disclosure provisions of Statement of Accounting Standards No. 123 "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123"), as amended by Statement of Accounting Standards No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123" ("SFAS 148").

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The following table provides pro forma disclosures of the effect on net income and earnings per share as if the fair value-based method using the Black-Scholes option pricing model had been applied in measuring compensation expense:

	For the three months ended		For the nine months ended	
	September 30, 2004	September 30, 2003	September 30, 2004	September 30, 2003
Net income (loss)				
as reported	\$ 11,449	\$ (275,896)	\$ (24,719)	\$ (1,637,816)
Deduct: Stock-based employee compensation expense determined under the fair value-based method for all awards	(51,989)	(4,213)	(136,458)	(17,113)
Net loss pro forma	\$ (40,540)	\$ (280,109)	\$ (161,177)	\$ (1,654,931)
Basic and diluted loss per share				
As reported	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.07)
Pro forma	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.07)

For purposes of the pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the stock options is amortized over the stock options' vesting period.

The pro forma effects of applying SFAS 123 for the periods presented are not likely to be representative of the pro forma effects of future periods as the number of stock options, their fair value at the date of grant and the vesting schedules thereof, vary widely from quarter to quarter.

The weighted average assumptions used and the resulting estimates of weighted average fair value of stock options granted are as follows:

	For the three months ended September 30		For the nine months ended Sept 30	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0%	0%
Weighted average expected life (years)	3.49	4.06	3.44	4.06
Risk-free interest rate	3.88%	4.30%	3.47%	4.30%
Expected volatility	67%	121%	73%	121%

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

On March 31, 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board published an Exposure Draft, "Share-Based Payment, an Amendment of FASB Statements No. 123 and 95." The proposed change in accounting would replace the existing requirements under FAS 123 and APB 25. Under the proposal, all forms for share-based payments to employees, including employee stock options and employee stock purchase plans, would be treated the same as other forms of compensation by recognizing the related cost in the statement of operations. This proposed Statement would eliminate the ability to account for stock-based compensation transactions using APB 25 and generally would require instead that such transactions be accounted for using a fair-value based method, with a binomial or lattice model preferred to the Black-Scholes valuation model. The comment period for the exposure draft ended June 30, 2004. The Company is investigating what impact the adoption of the exposure draft will have on its financial position and results of operations. The effective date for small business issuers would be for awards that are granted, modified, or settled in cash in interim or annual fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2005.

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## 4. SEGMENTED INFORMATION

SFAS No. 131, Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, requires a public business enterprise to report financial and descriptive information about its reportable operating segments. The Company has concluded that its business activities fall into one identifiable business segment with the following sources of revenue:

	For the three months ended		For the nine months ended	
	September 30, 2004	September 30, 2003	September 30, 2004	September 30, 2003
Financial Software and Content Systems	\$ 431,145	\$ 302,025	\$ 1,200,338	\$ 826,307
Public Company Disclosure and Awareness Products	795,841	443,776	2,257,833	1,209,737
	\$ 1,226,986	\$ 745,801	\$ 3,458,171	\$ 2,036,044

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, the Company had no customers from whom revenue received by the Company represented greater than 10% of total revenue. It had one customer which constituted 15% of accounts receivable and no other customers which constituted greater than 10% of accounts receivable at September 30, 2004, and one customer which constituted 14% of accounts receivable and no other customers which constituted greater than 10% of accounts receivable at December 31, 2003.

In the normal course of business, the Company entered into a barter transaction with a bandwidth provider on March 27, 2003, in which the Company received bandwidth in exchange for advertising services on the Company's Web sites. The barter transaction resulted in revenue of \$12,622 for the three months ended September 30, 2004 [2003 - \$12,541] and \$37,281 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 [2003 - \$24,341], with a corresponding expense included in cost of revenues in each period. The barter pricing was at fair market prices based on equivalent services paid for in cash during the same period.

## 5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is currently involved in litigation with a customer to collect amounts owing pursuant to a contract entered into in September 2000. The defendant provided a \$100,000 deposit and contracted the Company to provide certain advertising services. The Company delivered the requested services throughout October and November 2000; however, the defendant defaulted on all additional payments. The Company is suing the defendant for the \$351,800 balance owing, plus interest and costs. The defendant has filed a statement of defense and counterclaim to recover the \$100,000 deposit. No court date has been set at this time. Although management currently believes the outcome of the litigation will be in the Company's favor, they have not elected to aggressively pursue the litigation at this time. The Company has made no provision for the counterclaim in the financial statements and any settlement or final award will be reflected in the statement of operations in the period the litigation is resolved.

In addition, the Company is subject to various other legal matters in the ordinary course of business. It is not possible at this time to predict with any certainty the outcome of such litigation. Management believes that the ultimate resolution of these matters would not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

## 6. ASSET ACQUISITION

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On June 24, 2002, the Company acquired certain website and related software assets of Stockhouse Media Corporation ("StockHouse"). Under the terms of the agreement, the Company purchased a 65% interest in the assets by issuing 2,080,000 shares of unregistered common stock with a fair value of \$424,320. The assets acquired were program source codes underlying the website, which are classified as software, for \$347,122, and prepaid operating costs of \$77,198.

On June 2, 2004, the Company acquired the remaining 35% interest in the StockHouse assets for 1,020,000 shares of unregistered common stock with a fair value of \$290,700. The full amount was classified as software assets on the balance sheet and is being amortized over the 13 months ended June, 2005, to coincide with the amortization of the original 65% of the assets.

## 7. ACCOUNTING FOR AND DISCLOSURE OF GUARANTEES

The Company from time-to-time enters into certain types of contracts that contingently require the Company to indemnify parties against third party claims. These contracts primarily relate to: (i) service agreements, under which the Company may be required to indemnify clients for liabilities relating to data transmission and dissemination; (ii) certain agreements with the Company's officers, directors and employees and third parties, under which the Company may be required to indemnify such persons for liabilities arising out of their duties to the Company.

The Company regularly enters into service level agreements with clients, under which the Company guarantees consistent streaming of data within certain pre-defined tolerances.

The terms of such obligations vary. Generally, a maximum obligation is not explicitly stated. Because the obligated amounts of these types of agreements often are not explicitly stated, the overall maximum amount of the obligations cannot be reasonably estimated. Historically, the Company has not been obligated to make significant payments for these obligations, and no liabilities have been recorded for these obligations on its balance sheet as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003.



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

This report includes forward-looking statements relating to, among other things, projections of future results of operations, our plans, objectives and expectations regarding our future services and operations and general industry and business conditions applicable to us. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. You can find many of these forward-looking statements by looking for words such as "may", "should", "believes", "expects", "anticipates", "estimates", "intends", "projects", "goals", "objectives", or similar expressions in this document or in documents incorporated herein. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements. Such risks, uncertainties and assumptions include, but are not limited to, the factors that we describe in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2003. We claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS THREE MONTH PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

While our services can be categorized into two major divisions - Financial Software and Content Systems and Public Company Disclosure and Awareness Products -- there are basic commonalities between them. All of our services relate to the financial markets and all of our services are currently delivered over the Internet.

Our sales are driven by popular interest in the stock markets. Our Financial Software and Content Systems business is driven by the demand for market information by our clients' customers. Our Public Company Disclosure and Awareness Products are in greater demand when there is greater overall interest in the stock of small publicly traded companies. Our audience levels on our StockHouse Web site are closely correlated with the popularity of the stock market. We believe that greater audience levels on StockHouse will translate into larger advertising revenues for us over the long term.

The Internet is the delivery vehicle for all of our products. We believe the Internet has not yet reached maturity and continues to reach new levels of sophistication. Increasing numbers of people are using the Internet as a source of stock market information. As a result, financial content is becoming an expected standard offering for media and financial services companies. Our Financial Software and Content Systems clients, including large news Web sites, brokerages, banks, and other media are encountering competitive pressures to improve their financial content offering.



This market expansion has driven demand for our services and has resulted in continued sales growth over the past 12 months.

## Revenue and Gross Profits

## Revenue Summary

	2004	2003	Change (\$)	Change (%)
For the 3 months ended September 30				
Total revenues	\$ 1,226,986	\$ 745,801	\$ 481,185	64%
Breakdown of major categories:				
Financial Software and Content	431,145	302,025	129,120	43%
Public Company Disclosure	795,841	443,776	352,065	79%
For the 9 months ended September 30				
Total revenues	\$ 3,458,171	\$ 2,036,044	\$ 1,422,127	70%
Breakdown of major categories:				
Financial Software and Content	1,200,338	826,307	374,031	45%
Public Company Disclosure	2,257,833	1,209,737	1,048,096	86%

Financial Software and Content Systems (FSCS) revenue has grown by 43% and 45% when comparing the three and nine month periods respectively ended September 30, 2004 and 2003.

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The growth is attributable to a growing number of monthly agreements, and the expansion of our services to existing clients.

Our Public Company Disclosure and Awareness Products (PCDAP) revenue includes general advertising on StockHouse and our licensed IntegrateIR service. The 79% and 87% growth between the three and nine month periods ending September 30, 2003 and 2004 respectively is due in part to increased market demand for public company advertising and in part to improved marketing efforts and product development. We have developed a certain level of access to the investment community through our StockHouse and Smallcapcenter Web sites, and through interactive contact with investors. Our access and StockHouse brand name give us the ability to provide a range of advertising services for companies. This exposure is highly valued, and is normally sold as a comprehensive monthly program which gives the client sustained and multi-faceted exposure to potential investors. Commercial advertising on StockHouse consists of various types of banner and box ads which appear on a set rotation on the StockHouse and Smallcapcenter Web sites.

#### Cost of Revenues and Gross Profit Summary

	2004	2003	Change (\$)	Change (%)
For the 3 months ended September 30				
Total cost of revenues	\$ 237,954	\$ 150,529	\$ 87,425	58%
Gross profit	989,032	595,274	393,758	66%
Gross margin %	81%	80%		
For the 9 months ended September 30				
Total cost of revenues	\$ 658,536	\$ 484,215	\$ 174,321	36%
Gross profit	2,799,635	1,551,829	1,247,806	80%
Gross margin %	81%	76%		

Our cost of revenues consists of bandwidth, data feeds, and direct production labor. Bandwidth costs are correlated with our StockHouse traffic, which has increased from fiscal 2003 to fiscal 2004. We have incurred a number of incremental increases in our data feed costs as we have procured higher quality data from our vendors over the past

twelve months, which account for part of the 58% and 36% increases in the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2003 and 2004 respectively. In addition, the various stock exchanges have recently charged new or increased fees for data access. To date the stock exchange fees have not had a material impact on our overall costs. Overall, the increases in cost of revenue we have experienced have been small compared to our sales growth, as evidenced by our gross margin percentage which has gone from 80% and 76% in the three and nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to 81% for both the three and nine month periods respectively ended September 30, 2004.

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## Operating Expenses

## Operating Expenses Summary

	2004	2003	Change (\$)	Change (%)
For the 3 months ended September 30				
Total operating expenses	\$ 983,726	\$ 860,895	\$ 122,831	14%
Breakdown:				
Sales and marketing	372,815	220,877	151,938	69%
General and administrative	610,911	640,018	(29,107)	(5%)
For the 9 months ended September 30				
Total operating expenses	\$ 2,839,235	\$ 2,297,499	\$ 541,736	24%
Breakdown:				
Sales and marketing	1,100,505	545,692	554,813	102%
General and administrative	1,738,730	1,751,807	(13,077)	(1%)

Sales and marketing expenses increased by \$151,938 and \$554,813 for the three and nine month periods respectively ended September 30, 2004 when compared with the same periods in fiscal 2003. The increases are due primarily to an increase in the number of sales staff between September 30, 2003 to September 30, 2004. The compensation and training expense arising from this increase in sales staff accounts for the increase in sales and marketing expense year over year, and we believe this will increase revenue in the long term. In addition, we experienced increased commissions expense due to increased sales year over year.

General and administrative expense decreased by a total of \$29,107 and \$13,077 for the three and nine month periods respectively ended September 30, 2004 compared to the same period in fiscal 2003. This decrease is due to several factors, most notably reduced bad debts expense. The reduction in bad debt expense is due to a more proactive approach on collections of account receivables and stronger credit policies.

Other Income (Expense)

## Interest and Other Income (Expense) Summary

	2004	2003
For the 3 months ended September 30		
Total interest and other income (expenses)	\$ 6,143	\$ (10,273)
Breakdown:		
Interest income	4,581	134
Cash interest expense	(37)	(8,803)
Other income (expense)	1,599	(1,604)
For the 9 months ended September 30		
Total interest and other income (expenses)	\$ 14,881	\$ (892,146)
Breakdown:		
Interest income	14,939	134
Cash interest expense	(1,660)	(33,450)
Non-cash interest expense on conversion of 8% convertible notes	-	(860,351)
Other income	1,602	1,521

We earn interest income from our cash reserves which are held in major banks, either in demand accounts or term deposits. Cash interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 consists of interest on capital leases, and in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003 it consisted of interest on capital leases and notes payable. The \$860,351 of non-cash interest for 2003 arose out of the conversion of our 8% convertible notes in January 2003 and May 2003 and the related acceleration of the

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amortization of the debt discount. Other income consists of gains on marketable securities.

#### Net Income

The net income for the three months and the net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 were \$11,449 and (\$24,719). Net loss figures for the same periods in 2003 were \$275,896 and \$1,637,816 respectively. As noted above, the net income and loss for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 was improved in each case due to increased revenue and the non-recurrence of a non-cash interest expense in 2003 of \$860,351.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As at September 30, 2004 we had cash and cash equivalents of \$1,624K, an increase of \$219K from June 30, 2004. Our cash from (used in) operations for the past 4 quarters is as follows:

Q4 2003	\$	288K
Q1 2004		127K
Q2 2004		(105K)
Q3 2004		260K

We currently have no debt or capital lease obligations. We repaid \$15K of capital lease obligation in Q2 2004 and \$24K in Q1 2004, and we have received \$39K and \$20K from the exercise of stock options in Q2 and Q1 2004 respectively.

We have invested \$79K in property and equipment in the first nine months of 2004. In June 2004, we acquired the balance of the Stockhouse assets for shares valued at \$290,700 and no cash.

Our cash balance is expected to provide enough liquidity to help us through the next twelve months of our growth and to finance any planned asset acquisitions, including computer hardware upgrades.

We do not foresee declaring any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

You should be cautioned that there can be no assurance that revenue, margins, and profitability will increase. There is a risk that our current cash balance will not be adequate for our long term needs, in which case we would need to raise additional financing through equity or debt issues.

#### ACCOUNTING FOR AND DISCLOSURE OF GUARANTEES

From time-to-time we enter into certain types of contracts that contingently require us to indemnify parties against third party claims. These contracts primarily relate to: (i) service agreements, under which we may be required to indemnify clients for liabilities relating to data transmission and dissemination; (ii) certain agreements with our officers, directors and employees and third parties, under which we may be required to indemnify such persons for liabilities arising out of their duties to us,

We regularly enter into service level agreements with clients, under which we guarantee consistent streaming of data within certain pre-defined tolerances.

The terms of such obligations vary. Generally, a maximum obligation is not explicitly stated. Because the obligated amounts of these types of agreements often are not explicitly stated, the overall maximum amount of the obligations cannot be reasonably estimated. Historically, we have not been obligated to make significant payments for these obligations, and no liabilities have been recorded for these obligations on our balance sheet as of September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003.





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#### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements at September 30, 2004 or December 31, 2003.

#### RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS

See note 3 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements in this quarterly report on Form 10-QSB.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations discusses our unaudited consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these unaudited consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. We believe the following critical accounting policies require significant judgments, estimates and assumptions used in the preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

##### Revenue

Financial Software and Content Systems services consist of managing, licensing, and delivering financial market information. Examples of financial market information are real time stock quotes, stock charts, public company profiles, investment information and technical stock analysis. We use formal service agreements, which are typically for 24-month terms. Under the service agreements we normally charge our clients a set up fee, a fixed monthly fee, and additional fees for usage beyond the threshold specified in the agreement. Usage usually refers to Web site page views by the client's end users. Revenue from set up fees and fixed monthly licensing fees for ongoing use of financial tools and content is recognized ratably over the agreement term.

All Financial Software and Content Systems services are delivered via the Internet from our Web servers to the clients' Web sites on a continuous real time basis. Revenue is earned starting on the day the service is delivered to the customer. We monitor usage from the day the service is activated and record any usage-based revenue on a monthly basis as it occurs. Many agreements contain service level agreements which specify minimum service standards and remedies, such as billing reductions, for deficiency of service. In cases where a billing adjustment occurs due to a service level deficiency, we reverse the applicable revenue in the month where the deficiency occurred.

Public Company Disclosure and Awareness Products consist of investor relations Web page tools, client advertising on our investment-oriented Web sites, e-mail services, sponsorships and Internet advertising services. These services are sold either individually or bundled together into comprehensive programs.

Investor relations Web page tools, sold under the name IntegrateIR, are delivered to the client's investor relations page of their Web site via an Internet data feed, in real time and on a continuous basis for an agreed period of time, normally 12 months. Revenue is recognized evenly, according to the agreed fixed rate, on a monthly basis once the IntegrateIR data feed has been activated. Setup fees, if any, are recognized ratably over the initial term of the agreement, on a monthly basis.

Client advertising on our investment-oriented Web sites consists of continuous or rotating client profiles on various specialized Web pages within StockHouse.com, Smallcapcenter.com and Investormarketplace.com. Delivery of these profiles is based either on a certain number of days appearing on the Web pages or a certain quantity of page views, profile views or click-throughs, depending on the agreement. A page view is a single instance of an Internet user viewing the page which contains the client's name and/or logo. A profile view is a single instance of an Internet user clicking on the client's profile link. A click-through is a single instance of an Internet user clicking on the client's profile

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and being redirected to the client's Web site. Revenue is recognized on such client profile programs based on delivery, and delivery is organized and measured to equal the agreed monthly fee in each month the client is profiled on the Web pages.

E-mail services are mailings to a targeted list of e-mail addresses, with delivery consisting solely of transmitting the mailing to the e-mail targets. E-mail services may be bought on a per-transmittal basis, for which revenue is recorded when the transmittal occurs, or on a fixed-fee monthly basis in which the client receives access to a fixed number of transmittals per month. We record the revenue on the fixed-fee monthly e-mail services on a pro rata basis over the term of the agreement.

Internet advertising on our Web sites is delivered, and revenue is earned, on a page-view basis, as this term is defined above. Advertising insertion orders are obtained from clients and advertisements are delivered in a set rotation on [www.stockhouse.com](http://www.stockhouse.com), [www.stockhouse.ca](http://www.stockhouse.ca), and others. At the end of certain specified period, usually monthly, the client is given a page-view delivery report and billed according to the number of page-views delivered.

All sources of revenue are recorded pursuant to SAB 104 Revenue Recognition, when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery of services has occurred, the fee is fixed or determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. Pursuant to EITF 00-21 Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables, when the services are provided in a multiple elements arrangement, revenue is allocated to each respective deliverable based on its relative fair value and recognized when the criteria under SAB 104 have been met.

Payments received in advance of services provided, including deposits, are recorded as deferred revenue.

Cost of Revenues

Cost of revenues is recorded if the cost relates directly to the services we sell or to our revenue-generating Web sites such as StockHouse, Smallcapcenter, and InvestorMarketPlace. Cost of revenues consist of subscription fees for access to data feeds of financial and business databases, Internet bandwidth, direct advertising purchases, and direct labor. Data feeds are a key component of many of our Financial Software and Content Systems services, as well as a key input into our revenue-generating Web sites. Bandwidth is consumed by our revenue-generating Web sites, by our Financial Software and Content Systems services, by our IntegrateIR service, and by our e-mail mailing services.

Direct labor is the hourly labor cost of certain programmers and designers who implement or maintain licensed client feeds, design advertising for clients, and produce e-mail mailings for clients. Direct labor costs are fully recognized as cost of revenues in the period in which the associated revenue is recognized. All other costs of revenues are recognized in the period incurred.

#### Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

We evaluate our accounts receivable and make judgments as to the collectibility of each account. In general, accounts over 90 days overdue are allowed for fully, with certain exceptions where prior special arrangements are agreed to with the customer. In some cases an allowance is made before 90 days if we have a reasonable belief that the collection of the account is doubtful.

#### Property and Equipment

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We evaluate, on a periodic basis, our property and equipment, to determine whether any events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. We base our evaluation on certain impairment indicators, such as the nature of the assets, the future economic benefit of the assets, any historical or future profitability measurements, as well as other external market conditions or factors that may be present. If these impairment indicators are present or other factors exist that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable, we then use an estimate of the undiscounted value of expected future operating cash flows to determine whether the asset is recoverable and measure the amount of any impairment as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and its estimated fair value. The fair value is estimated using valuation techniques such as market prices for similar assets or discounted future operating cash flows.

Amortization of property and equipment is on a straight-line basis over the asset's estimated useful life.

#### Contingencies

From time to time, we are subject to proceedings, lawsuits and other claims related to labor and other matters. We are required to assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes to these contingencies as well as potential ranges of probable losses and establish reserves accordingly. We use professional judgment, legal advice, and estimates in the assessment of outcomes of contingencies. The amounts of reserve required, if any, may change in future periods due to new developments in each matter or changes in approach to a matter such as a change in settlement strategy.

We are currently involved in litigation with a customer to collect amounts owing pursuant to a contract entered into in September 2000. The defendant provided a \$100,000 deposit and contracted us to provide certain advertising services. We delivered the requested services throughout October and November 2000; however, the defendant defaulted on all additional payments. We are suing the defendant for the \$351,800 balance owing, plus interest and costs. The defendant has filed a statement of defense and counterclaim to recover the \$100,000 deposit. No court date has been set at this time. Although our management currently believes the outcome of the litigation will be in our favor, they

have not elected to aggressively pursue the litigation at this time. We have made no provision for the counterclaim in the financial statements and any settlement or final award will be reflected in the statement of operations in the period the litigation is resolved.

In addition, we are subject to various other legal matters in the ordinary course of business. It is not possible at this time to predict with any certainty the outcome of such litigation. Our management believes that the ultimate resolution of these matters would not have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

### **Item 3. Controls and Procedures**

#### **(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.**

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

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Our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all errors and all fraud. Because of inherent limitations on any systems of disclosure controls and procedures, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all errors or fraud, if any, within a Company may be detected.

(b) Changes in internal controls.

There were no significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## **Part II. OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We are currently involved in litigation in British Columbia Supreme Court with a former customer, Pacific Capital Markets Inc. or PCMI, to collect amounts owing pursuant to a contract entered into in September, 2000. The defendant provided a \$100,000 deposit and contracted us to provide certain lead generation services. We delivered the requested services throughout October and November, 2000, however, the defendant defaulted on all additional payments. We are suing the defendant for the \$351,800 balance owing, plus interest and costs. The defendant has filed a statement of defense and counterclaim to recover the \$100,000 deposit. As of the date of this filing no further action had been taken by either party and no court date has been set. Although we currently believe the outcome of the

litigation will be in our favor, we have not elected to aggressively pursue the litigation at this time. We have made no provision for the counterclaim in the financial statements and any settlement or final award will be reflected in our statement of operations in the period the litigation is resolved.

We have been named as a defendant in a lawsuit in Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench by plaintiffs Black Strap Hospitality, Harold Lane and Derek Neis. The plaintiffs have brought the action seeking damages for defamation in the amount of C\$100,000 plus pre-judgment interest. The alleged defamation was caused by certain members of our Bull Boards investment discussion forum on [www.stockhouse.com/ca](http://www.stockhouse.com/ca). We have responded to the action by providing, under court order, information on the Bull Boards members specified in the court order. We expect to be released from this litigation without incurring significant expense.

## **Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

No unregistered securities were issued during the period covered by this report. There were no changes to any class of our securities.

## **Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

None



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**Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K**

1. Reports on Form 8-K (incorporated by reference only)

No reports on form 8-K have been filed in the three month period ended September 30, 2004.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

STOCKGROUP INFORMATION SYSTEMS INC.

(Registrant)

Date: November 9, 2004

By: /s/ Marcus New

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Marcus New, Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ David Gillard

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David Gillard, CGA, Chief Financial Officer



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Exhibit 31. Section 302 Certifications

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Marcus New, Chief Executive Officer, certify that:

1.

I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-QSB of Stockgroup Information Systems Inc. (the “Company”);

2.

Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3.

Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4.

The Company's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in the Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Company and have:

a)

designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b)

designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financials statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c)

evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d)

disclosed in this report any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting; and

5.

The Company's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the Company's auditors and the audit committee of the Company's board of directors:

a)

all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b)

any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2004

/s/ Marcus New

Marcus New

Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit 31. Section 302 Certifications (continued)

**CERTIFICATION**

I, David Gillard, Chief Financial Officer, certify that:

1.

I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-QSB of Stockgroup Information Systems Inc. (the “Company”);

2.

Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3.

Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as

of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4.

The Company's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in the Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the Company and have:

a)

designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b)

designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c)

evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d)

disclosed in this report any change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting; and

5.

The Company's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the



Company's auditors and the audit committee of the Company's board of directors:

a)

all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b)

any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2004

/s/ David Gillard

David Gillard, CGA

Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 32. Section 906 Certification

CERTIFICATION

We, Marcus New, Chief Executive Officer, and David Gillard, Chief Financial Officer of Stockgroup Information Systems Inc. (the "Company"), certify, pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 18 U.S.C. § 1350, that:

(1) The Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB of the Company for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of § 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m); and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Marcus New

Marcus New  
Chief Executive Officer

November 9, 2004

/s/ David Gillard

David Gillard  
Chief Financial Officer

November 9, 2004

A signed original of this written statement required by § 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.