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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015

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 000-27548

LIGHTPATH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE **86-0708398**
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer)

incorporation or organization) Identification No.)
<http://www.lightpath.com>

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name, former address, and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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 and Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES NO

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

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
YES NO

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

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

15,239,775 shares of common stock, Class A, \$.01 par value, outstanding as of November 2, 2015.

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LIGHTPATH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

	(unaudited)	
	September 30, 2015	June 30, 2015
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,350,025	\$1,643,920
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$4,526 and \$6,282	2,894,902	3,048,754
Inventories, net	3,284,892	3,181,377
Other receivables	155,331	253,880
Prepaid expenses and other assets	211,734	244,075
Total current assets	8,896,884	8,372,006
Property and equipment, net	4,292,340	4,275,552
Other assets	66,964	66,964
Total assets	\$13,256,188	\$12,714,522
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$1,312,175	\$1,551,885
Accrued liabilities	86,175	84,039
Accrued payroll and benefits	1,099,172	842,506
Loan payable, current portion	—	51,585
Capital lease obligation, current portion	166,454	166,454
Total current liabilities	2,663,976	2,696,469
Capital lease obligation, less current portion	280,796	310,260
Deferred rent	547,730	512,679
Warrant liability	827,356	1,195,470
Total liabilities	4,319,858	4,714,878
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock: Series D, \$.01 par value, voting; 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock: Class A, \$.01 par value, voting; 40,000,000 shares authorized; 15,239,775 and 15,235,073 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	152,398	152,351
Additional paid-in capital	213,304,541	213,222,950
Accumulated other comprehensive income	62,755	50,680
Accumulated deficit	(204,583,364)	(205,426,337)
Total stockholders' equity	8,936,330	7,999,644
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$13,256,188	\$12,714,522

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated statements.

LIGHTPATH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Unaudited

	Three months ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Product sales, net	\$4,190,330	\$2,603,309
Cost of sales	1,938,762	1,625,675
Gross margin	2,251,568	977,634
Operating expenses:		
Selling, general and administrative	1,440,648	1,144,235
New product development	148,346	343,712
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	—	218
Total costs and expenses	1,588,994	1,488,165
Operating income (loss)	662,574	(510,531)
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense	(12,871)	(3,369)
Interest expense - debt costs	—	(12,645)
Change in fair value of warrant liability	368,114	(53,958)
Other expense, net	(174,844)	1,453
Total other income (expense), net	180,399	(68,519)
Net income (loss)	\$842,973	\$(579,050)
Income (loss) per common share (basic)	\$0.06	\$(0.04)
Number of shares used in per share calculation (basic)	15,239,366	14,312,061
Income (loss) per common share (diluted)	\$0.06	\$(0.04)
Number of shares used in per share calculation (diluted)	16,542,934	14,312,061
Foreign currency translation adjustment	12,075	(468)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$855,048	\$(579,518)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated statements.

LIGHTPATH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity

Three months ended September 30, 2015

Unaudited

	Class A Common Stock Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balances at June 30, 2015	15,235,073	\$152,351	\$213,222,950	\$50,680	\$(205,426,337)	\$7,999,644
Issuance of common stock for:						
Employee Stock Purchase Plan	4,702	47	8,181	—	—	8,228
Stock based compensation on stock options & RSU	—	—	73,410	—	—	73,410
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	12,075	—	12,075
Net income	—	—	—	—	842,973	842,973
Balances at September 30, 2015	15,239,775	\$152,398	\$213,304,541	\$62,755	\$(204,583,364)	\$8,936,330

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated statements.

LIGHTPATH TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Unaudited

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income (loss)	\$842,973	\$(579,050)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	181,202	129,323
Interest from amortization of debt costs	—	12,645
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	—	218
Stock based compensation	73,410	63,263
Provision for doubtful accounts receivable	(289)	(136)
Change in fair value of warrant liability	(368,114)	53,958
Deferred rent	35,051	(55,968)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade accounts receivables	154,141	429,964
Other receivables	98,549	4,722
Inventories	(103,515)	(191,382)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	32,341	(98,737)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	19,092	130,796
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	964,841	(100,384)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(197,990)	(303,442)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from sale of common stock from employee stock purchase plan	8,228	4,902
Net payments on loan payable	(51,585)	(9,163)
Payments on capital lease obligations	(29,464)	(1,848)
Net cash used in financing activities	(72,821)	(6,109)
Effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	12,075	(468)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	706,105	(410,403)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,643,920	1,197,080
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$2,350,025	\$786,677
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Interest paid in cash	\$12,870	\$3,369
Income taxes paid	2,056	1,036

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Basis of Presentation

References in this document to “the Company”, “LightPath”, “we”, “us”, or “our” are intended to mean LightPath Technologies Inc., individually, or as the context requires, collectively with its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Article 8 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and, therefore, do not include all information and footnotes necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company’s consolidated financial statements and related notes, included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Unless otherwise stated, references to particular years or quarters refer to the Company’s fiscal years ended June 30 and the associated quarters of those fiscal years.

These consolidated financial statements are unaudited, but include all adjustments, including normal recurring adjustments, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company for the interim periods presented. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year as a whole.

History:

We were incorporated in Delaware in 1992 as the successor to LightPath Technologies Limited Partnership, a New Mexico limited partnership, formed in 1989, and its predecessor, Integrated Solar Technologies Corporation, a New Mexico corporation, formed in 1985. On April 14, 2000, we acquired Horizon Photonics, Inc. (“Horizon”). On September 20, 2000, we acquired Geltech, Inc. (“Geltech”). We completed our initial public offering (“IPO”) during fiscal 1996. In November 2005, we formed LightPath Optical Instrumentation (Shanghai) Co., Ltd (“LPOI”), a wholly-owned subsidiary located in Jiading, People’s Republic of China. In December 2013, we formed LightPath Optical Instrumentation (Zhenjiang) Co., Ltd (“LPOIZ”), a wholly-owned subsidiary located in Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province, People’s Republic of China.

We are a manufacturer and integrator of families of precision molded aspheric optics, high-performance fiber-optic collimator, GRADIUM glass lenses and other optical materials used to produce products that manipulate light. We design, develop, manufacture and distribute optical components and assemblies utilizing the latest optical processes and advanced manufacturing technologies. We also engage in research and development for optical solutions for the traditional optics markets and communications markets.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in the bank and temporary investments with maturities of 90 days or less when purchased.

Allowance for accounts receivable, is calculated by taking 100% of the total of invoices that are over 90 days past due from the due date and 10% of the total of invoices that are over 60 days past due from the due date for U.S. based accounts and 100% of invoices that are over 120 days past due for China based accounts without an agreed upon payment plan. Accounts receivable are customer obligations due under normal trade terms. We perform continuing credit evaluations of our customers' financial condition. Recovery of bad debt amounts which were previously written off is recorded as a reduction of bad debt expense in the period the payment is collected. If our actual collection experience changes, revisions to our allowance may be required. After attempts to collect a receivable have failed, the receivable is written off against the allowance.

Inventories, which consist principally of raw materials, tooling, work-in-process and finished lenses, collimators and assemblies are stated at the lower of cost or market, on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventory costs include materials, labor and manufacturing overhead. Acquisition of goods from our vendors has a purchase burden added to cover customs, shipping and handling costs. Fixed costs related to excess manufacturing capacity have been expensed. We look at the following criteria for parts to consider for the inventory reserve: items that have not been sold in two years or that have not been purchased in two years or of which we have more than a two-year supply. These items as identified are reserved at 100%, as well as reserving 50% for other items deemed to be slow moving within the last twelve months and reserving 25% for items deemed to have low material usage within the last six months. The parts identified are adjusted for recent order and quote activity to determine the final inventory reserve.

Property and equipment are stated at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets ranging from one to ten years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful lives of the related assets using the straight-line method. Construction in process represents the accumulated costs of assets not yet placed in service and primarily relates to manufacturing equipment.

Long-lived assets, such as property, plant, and equipment and purchased intangibles subject to amortization, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to its estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated future cash flows, an impairment charge is recognized in the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the fair value of the asset. Assets to be disposed of would be separately presented in the balance sheet and reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell, and are no longer depreciated. The assets and liabilities of a disposed group classified as held for sale would be presented separately in the appropriate asset and liability sections of the balance sheet.

Deferred rent relates to certain of our operating leases containing predetermined fixed increases of the base rental rate during the lease term being recognized as rental expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, as well as applicable leasehold improvement incentives provided by the landlord. We have recorded the difference between the amounts charged to operations and amounts payable under the leases as deferred rent in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed on the basis of differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based upon enacted tax laws and rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances have been established to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

We have not recognized a liability for uncertain tax positions. A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits or penalties has not been provided since there has been no unrecognized benefit or penalty. If there were an unrecognized tax benefit or penalty, we would recognize interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expenses.

We file U.S. Federal income tax returns, and various states and foreign jurisdictions. Our open tax years subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and the Florida Department of Revenue generally remain open for three years from the date of filing.

Our cash, cash equivalents totaled approximately \$2.4 million at September 30, 2015. Of this amount, approximately 55% was held by our foreign subsidiaries in China. These foreign funds were generated in China as a result of foreign earnings. Before any funds can be repatriated, the retained earnings in China must equal at least 150% of the registered capital. As of September 30, 2015, we have retained earnings of approximately \$1.7 million and we need to have approximately \$11.3 million before repatriation will be allowed. We currently do not anticipate that we will need funds generated from foreign operations to fund our domestic operations. In the event that funds from foreign operations are needed to fund operations in the United States, if United States taxes have not been previously provided on the related earnings, we would provide for and pay additional United States taxes at the time we change our intention with regard to the reinvestment of those earnings.

Revenue is recognized from product sales when products are shipped to the customer, provided that we have received a valid purchase order, the price is fixed, title has transferred, collection of the associated receivable is reasonably assured, and there are no remaining significant obligations. Revenues from product development agreements are recognized as milestones are completed in accordance with the terms of the agreements and upon shipment to the customer for products, reports or designs to the customer. Invoiced amounts for sales for value-added taxes (“VAT”) are posted to the balance sheet and not included in revenue.

Value added tax is computed on the gross sales price on all sales of the Company's products sold in the People's Republic of China. The VAT rates range up to 17%, depending on the type of products sold. The VAT may be offset by VAT paid by us on raw materials and other materials included in the cost of producing or acquiring its finished products. We recorded a VAT receivable net of payments in the accompanying financial statements.

New product development costs are expensed as incurred.

Stock-based compensation is measured at grant date, based on the fair value of the award, and is recognized as an expense over the employee's requisite service period. We estimate the fair value of each restricted stock unit or stock option as of the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton pricing model. Most awards granted under our Amended and Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan") vest ratably over two to four years and generally have four to ten-year contract lives. The volatility rate is based on historical trends in common stock closing prices and the expected term was determined based primarily on historical experience of previously outstanding awards. The interest rate used is the U.S. Treasury interest rate for constant maturities. The likelihood of meeting targets for option grants that are performance based are evaluated each quarter. If it is determined that meeting the targets is probable then the compensation expense will be amortized over the remaining vesting period.

Management estimates. Management makes estimates and assumptions during the preparation of our consolidated financial statements that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Such estimates and assumptions could change in the future as more information becomes available, which in turn could impact the amounts reported and disclosed herein.

Fair value of financial instruments. We account for financial instruments in accordance with ASC 820, which provides a framework for measuring fair value and expands required disclosure about fair value measurements of assets and liabilities. ASC 820 defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. ASC 820 also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

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

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are either directly or indirectly observable.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing.

Fair value estimates discussed herein are based upon certain market assumptions and pertinent information available to management as of September 30, 2015.

The respective carrying value of certain on-balance-sheet financial instruments approximated their fair values. These financial instruments which include cash, receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Fair values were assumed to approximate carrying values for these financial instruments since they are short term in nature and their carrying amounts approximate fair values or they are receivable or payable on demand. The fair value of our loan payable approximates its carrying value based upon current rates available to us.

We value our warrant liabilities based on open-form option pricing models which, based on the relevant inputs, render the fair value measurement at Level 3. We base our estimates of fair value for warrant liabilities on the amount it would pay a third-party market participant to transfer the liability and incorporates inputs such as equity prices, historical and implied volatilities, dividend rates and prices of convertible securities issued by comparable companies maximizing the use of observable inputs when available. See further discussion at Note 8.

We do not have any other financial or non-financial assets or liabilities that would be characterized as Level 2 or Level 3 instruments.

Derivative financial instruments. We account for derivative instruments in accordance with ASC 815, which requires additional disclosures about our objectives and strategies for using derivative instruments, how the derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for, and how the derivative instruments and related hedging items affect the financial statements.

We do not use derivative instruments to hedge exposures to cash flow, market or foreign currency risk. Terms of convertible debt instruments are reviewed to determine whether or not they contain embedded derivative instruments that are required under ASC 815 to be accounted for separately from the host contract, and recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. The fair value of derivative liabilities, if any, is required to be revalued at each reporting date, with corresponding changes in fair value recorded in current period operating results.

Freestanding warrants issued by us in connection with the issuance or sale of debt and equity instruments are considered to be derivative instruments. Pursuant to ASC 815, an evaluation of specifically identified conditions is made to determine whether the fair value of warrants issued is required to be classified as equity or as a derivative liability.

Comprehensive income (loss) is defined as the change in equity (net assets) of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. It includes all changes in equity during a period except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. Comprehensive income (loss) has two components, net income (loss) and other comprehensive income (loss), and is included on the statement of comprehensive income (loss). Our other comprehensive income (loss) consists of foreign currency translation adjustments made for financial reporting purposes.

Business segments are required to be reported by us. As we only operate in principally one business segment, no additional reporting is required.

Recent accounting pronouncements. There are new accounting pronouncements issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") which are not yet effective. Management does not believe any of these accounting pronouncements will have a material impact on our financial position or operating results.

In July 2015, the FASB issued No. 2015-11, Inventory - Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory (ASU 2015-11). ASU 2015-11 provides additional guidance regarding the subsequent measurement of inventory by requiring inventory to be measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. This guidance is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is permitted. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Interest -Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs (ASU 2015-03). The amendments in ASU 2015-03 require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts and the accounting for debt issue costs under the International Financial Reporting Standards. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments in ASU 2015-03. Given the absence of authoritative guidance within ASU 2015-03 for debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements, in August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-15, Interest

-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30), which clarifies ASU 2015-03 by stating that the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) would not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of-credit arrangement. ASU 2015-03 is effective for the annual period ending after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption of the amendments in ASU 2015-03 is permitted for financial statements that have not been previously issued. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASU 2014-09), which supersedes nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The core principle of ASU 2014-09 is to recognize revenues when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled for those goods or services.

ASU 2014-09 provides that an entity should apply a five-step approach for recognizing revenue, including (1) identifying the contract with a customer; (2) identifying the performance obligations in the contract; (3) determining the transaction price; (4) allocating the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (5) recognizing revenue when, or as, the entity satisfies a performance obligation. Also, the entity must provide various disclosures concerning the nature, amount and timing of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The effective date will be the first quarter of our fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, using one of two retrospective application methods. We are currently analyzing the impact of this new accounting guidance.

3. Inventories

The components of inventories include the following:

	September 30, 2015	June 30, 2015
Raw materials	\$1,516,875	\$1,730,153
Work in process	1,248,557	919,444
Finished goods	841,275	812,643
Reserve for obsolescence	(321,815)	(280,863)
	\$3,284,892	\$3,181,377

The value of tooling in raw materials was approximately \$1.00 million at September 30, 2015 and approximately \$1.06 million at June 30, 2015.

4. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are summarized as follows:

	Estimated Life (Years)	September 30, 2015	June 30, 2015
Manufacturing equipment	5 - 10	\$6,245,066	\$5,796,913
Computer equipment and software	3 - 5	325,185	327,920
Furniture and fixtures	5	109,733	105,402
Leasehold improvements	5 - 7	1,696,930	1,711,018
Construction in progress		607,781	886,624
Total property and equipment		8,984,695	8,827,877
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		4,692,355	4,552,325
Total property and equipment, net		\$4,292,340	\$4,275,552

5. Accounts Payable

The accounts payable balance as of September 30, 2015 and June 30, 2015 includes approximately \$71,500 and \$56,500, respectively, which represents earned but unpaid board of directors' fees.

6. Compensatory Equity Incentive Plan and Other Equity Incentives

Share-Based Compensation Arrangements—The Plan includes several available forms of stock compensation of which incentive stock options and restricted stock awards have been granted to date.

The 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (“ESPP”) permitted employees to purchase common stock through payroll deductions, not to exceed 15% of an employee’s compensation, at a price not less than 85% of the market value of the stock on specified dates (June 30 and December 31). In no event could any participant purchase more than \$25,000 worth of shares of Class A common stock in any calendar year and an employee could purchase no more than 4,000 shares on any purchase date within an offering period of 12 months and 2,000 shares on any purchase date within an offering period of six months. The ESPP expired on December 6, 2014, and was replaced by the LightPath Technologies, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (“2014 ESPP”), which was adopted by our Board of Directors on October 30, 2014 and approved by our stockholders on January 29, 2015.

The 2014 ESPP permits employees to purchase common stock through payroll deductions, which may not exceed 15% of an employee’s compensation, at a price not less than 85% of the market value of the stock on specified dates (June 30 and December 31). In no event can any participant purchase more than \$25,000 worth of shares of Class A common stock in any calendar year and an employee cannot purchase more than 8,000 shares on any purchase date within an offering period of 12 months and 4,000 shares on any purchase date within an offering period of six months. This discount of \$846 and \$502 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, is included in the selling, general and administrative expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss).

These two plans are summarized below:

	Award Shares	Award Shares	Available for Issuance
Equity Compensation Arrangement	Authorized	at Sept. 30, 2015	at Sept. 30, 2015
Amended and Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan	3,915,625	1,792,545	1,484,016
Employee Stock Purchase Plan	400,000	—	395,298
	4,315,625	1,792,545	1,879,314

Grant Date Fair Values and Underlying Assumptions; Contractual Terms— We estimate the fair value of each stock option as of the date of grant. We use the Black-Scholes-Merton pricing model. The ESPP or the 2014 ESPP fair value is the amount of the discount the employee obtains at the date of the purchase transaction.

There were no stock options or restricted stock units granted in the three month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Most options granted under the Plan vest ratably over two to four years and are generally exercisable for ten years. The assumed forfeiture rates used in calculating the fair value of options and restricted stock unit grants with both performance and service conditions were 20% for each of the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. The volatility rate and expected term are based on seven-year historical trends in Class A common stock closing prices and actual forfeitures. The interest rate used is the U.S. Treasury interest rate for constant maturities.

Information Regarding Current Share-Based Compensation Awards—A summary of the activity for share-based compensation awards in the three months ended September 30, 2015 is presented below:

	Stock Options			Restricted	
	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price (per share)	Weighted Average Remaining Contract Life (YRS)	Stock Units (RSUs)	Weighted Average Remaining Contract Life (YRS)
June 30, 2015	722,483	\$2.08	5.3	1,075,300	0.9
Granted	—	—	—	—	—
Exercised	—	—	—	—	—
Cancelled/Forfeited	(5,238)	\$2.80	—	—	—
September 30, 2015	717,245	\$2.08	5.1	1,075,300	0.8
Awards exercisable/ vested as of September 30, 2015	492,745	\$2.44	3.6	671,430	—
Awards unexercisable/ unvested as of September 30, 2015	224,500 717,245	\$1.29	8.3	403,870 1,075,300	0.8

The total intrinsic value of options outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$45,590 and \$31,529, respectively.

The total intrinsic value of RSUs exercised during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$0 and \$0, respectively.

The total intrinsic value of RSUs outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$1,000,431 and \$737,936, respectively.

The total fair value of RSUs vested during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$0 and \$0, respectively.

The total fair value of option shares vested during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$0 and \$0, respectively.

As of September 30, 2015, there was \$389,138 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements (including share options and restricted stock units) granted under the Plan. We expect to recognize the compensation cost as follows:

	Stock Options	Restricted Stock Share/ Units	Total
Nine months ended June 30, 2016	\$31,193	\$151,753	\$182,946
Year ended June 30, 2017	34,682	120,513	155,195
Year ended June 30, 2018	20,915	24,906	45,821
Year ended June 30, 2019	5,176	—	5,176
	\$91,966	\$297,172	\$389,138

Restricted stock unit awards vest immediately or from two to four years from the date of grant.

We issue new shares of Class A common stock upon the exercise of stock options. The following table is a summary of the number and weighted average grant date fair values regarding our unexercisable/unvested awards as of September 30, 2015 and changes during the three months then ended:

Unexercisable/unvested awards	Stock Options Shares	RSU Shares	Total Shares	Weighted-Average
				Grant Date Fair Values
				(per share)
June 30, 2015	224,500	403,870	628,370	\$ 1.23
Granted	—	—	—	—
Vested	—	—	—	—
Cancelled/Forfeited	—	—	—	—
September 30, 2015	224,500	403,870	628,370	\$ 1.23

Financial Statement Effects and Presentation—The following table shows total stock-based compensation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 included in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income (loss):

	(Unaudited) Quarter ended September 30, 2015	(Unaudited) Quarter ended September 30, 2014
Stock options	\$ 13,232	\$ 13,313
RSU	60,178	49,950
Total	\$ 73,410	\$ 63,263

The amounts above were included in:

General & administrative	\$ 70,143	\$ 60,869
Cost of sales	79	—
New product development	3,188	2,394
	\$ 73,410	\$ 63,263

7. Foreign Operations

Assets and liabilities denominated in non-U.S. currencies are translated at rates of exchange prevailing on the balance sheet date, and revenues and expenses are translated at average rates of exchange for the period. Gains or losses on the translation of the financial statements of a non-U.S. operation, where the functional currency is other than the U.S. dollar, are reflected as a separate component of equity. The foreign exchange translation adjustment reflects a net gain of approximately \$12,075 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and a loss of approximately \$500 for the three months ended September 30, 2014. As of September 30, 2015, we had approximately \$9,120,000 in assets and \$7,524,000 in net assets located in China. As of June 30, 2015, we had approximately \$8,862,000 in assets and \$7,305,000 in net assets located in China.

8. Derivative Financial Instruments (Warrant Liability)

On June 11, 2012, we executed a Securities Purchase Agreement with respect to a private placement of an aggregate of 1,943,852 shares of our Class A common stock at \$1.02 per share and warrants to purchase 1,457,892 shares of our Class A common stock at an initial exercise price of \$1.32 per share, which was subsequently reduced to \$1.26 (“June 2012 Warrants”). The June 2012 Warrants are exercisable for a period of five years beginning on December 11, 2012. We accounted for the June 2012 Warrants issued to investors in accordance with ASC 815-10. ASC 815-10 provides guidance for determining whether an equity-linked financial instrument (or embedded feature) is indexed to an entity’s own stock. This applies to any freestanding financial instrument or embedded feature that has all the characteristics of a derivative under ASC 815-10, including any freestanding financial instrument that is potentially settled in an entity’s

own stock.

Due to certain adjustments that may be made to the exercise price of the June 2012 Warrants if we issue or sell shares of our Class A common stock at a price which is less than the then-current warrant exercise price, the June 2012 Warrants have been classified as a liability, as opposed to equity, in accordance with ASC 815-10 as it was determined that the June 2012 Warrants were not indexed to our Class A common stock.

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The fair value of the outstanding June 2012 Warrants was re-measured on September 30, 2015 to reflect their fair market value at the end of the current reporting period. The June 2012 Warrants will be re-measured at each subsequent financial reporting period until warrant exercise or expiration. The change in fair value of the June 2012 Warrants is recorded in the statement of comprehensive income (loss) and is estimated using the Lattice option-pricing model using the following assumptions:

Inputs into Lattice model for warrants:	9/30/2015	
Equivalent volatility	72.26	%
Equivalent interest rate	0.56	%
Floor	\$1.1500	
Greater of estimated stock price or floor	\$1.1500	
Probability price < strike price	62.90	%
Fair value of call	\$0.6900	
Probability of fundamental transaction occurring	5	%

All warrants issued by us, other than the above noted June 2012 Warrants, are classified as equity.

The warrant liabilities are considered a recurring Level 3 fair value measurement, with a fair value of approximately \$827,000 and \$1.20 million at September 30, 2015 and June 30, 2015, respectively.

The following table summarizes the activity of Level 3 inputs measured on a recurring basis for the three months ended September 30, 2015:

	9/30/2015	
	Warrant Liability	
Fair value, beginning balance	\$1,195,470	
Exercise of common stock warrants	—	
Change in fair value of warrant liability	(368,114)
Fair value, ending balance	\$827,356	

9. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing the weighted-average number of shares of Class A common stock outstanding, during each period presented. Diluted earnings per share is computed similarly to basic earnings per share except that it reflects the potential dilution that could occur if dilutive securities or other obligations to issue shares of Class A common stock were exercised or converted into shares of Class A common stock. The computations for basic and diluted earnings per share are described in the following table:

	(unaudited)	
	Three months ended	
	September 30,	
	2015	2014
Net income (loss)	\$842,973	\$(579,050)
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	15,239,366	14,312,061
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Options to purchase common stock	49,614	—
Restricted stock units	876,189	—
Common stock warrants	377,765	—
Diluted	16,542,934	14,312,061
Earnings (Loss) per common share:		
Basic	\$0.06	\$(0.04)
Diluted	\$0.05	\$(0.04)
Excluded from computation:		
Options to purchase common stock	672,869	654,158
Restricted stock units	199,111	856,300
Common stock warrants	1,167,236	2,127,230
	2,039,216	3,637,688

10. Capital Lease Commitments

We have operating leases for office space. At September 30, 2015, we have a lease agreement for our manufacturing and office facility in Orlando, Florida (the "Orlando Lease"). The Orlando Lease, which is for a seven-year original term with renewal options, expires April 2022 and expands our space to 25,847 square feet, including space added in July 2014. Minimum rental rates for the extension term were established based on annual increases of two and one half percent starting in the third year of the extension period. Additionally, there are two 3-year extension options exercisable by us. The minimum rental rates for such additional extension options will be determined at the time an option is exercised and will be based on a "fair market rental rate" as determined in accordance with the sixth lease

amendment.

We received \$420,014 in a leasehold improvement allowance in fiscal 2015. This amount is included in the property and equipment and deferred rent on the consolidated balance sheets. Amortization of leasehold improvements was \$20,242 as of September 30, 2015.

As of September 30, 2015, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, LPOI, have a lease agreement for a manufacturing and office facility in Shanghai, China (the "China Lease"). The China Lease, which was extended for an additional two years after the expiration of the original five-year term, expires April 2016.

As of September 30, 2015, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, LPOIZ, have a lease agreement for a manufacturing and office facility in Zhenjiang, China (the “Zhenjiang Lease”). The Zhenjiang Lease, which is for a five-year original term with renewal options, expires March 2019.

During fiscal 2014 and 2015, we entered into four capital lease agreements, with three to five year terms, for computer and manufacturing equipment, which are included as part of Property and Equipment. Assets under capital lease include approximately \$547,000 in computer equipment and software and manufacturing equipment, with accumulated amortization of approximately \$100,000 as of September 30, 2015. Amortization related to capital leases is included in depreciation expense.

Rent expense totaled \$152,720 and \$83,902 during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The approximate future minimum lease payments under capital and operating leases at September 30, 2015 were as follows:

Fiscal year ending June 30,	Capital Leases	Operating Lease
2016	\$ 126,992	\$ 268,000
2017	169,322	356,000
2018	167,335	371,000
2019	39,000	371,000
2020	6,825	357,000
2021 and beyond	—	676,000
Total minimum payments	509,474	\$ 2,399,000
Less imputed interest	(62,224)	
Present value of minimum lease payments included in capital lease obligations	447,250	
Less current portion	166,454	
Non-current portion	\$ 280,796	

11. Loan Payable

On September 30, 2013, we entered into a Loan and Security Agreement (the “LSA”) with Avidbank Corporate Finance, a division of Avidbank (“Avidbank”). Pursuant to the LSA, Avidbank would lend to us under a revolving credit facility an aggregate principal outstanding amount not to exceed the lesser of (i) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)

(the "Revolving Line") or (ii) an amount equal to eighty percent (80%) of eligible accounts, as determined by Avidbank in accordance with the LSA. Amounts borrowed under the Revolving Line could have been repaid and re-borrowed at any time prior to December 30, 2014, at which time all amounts were immediately due and payable. The advances under the Revolving Line bore interest, on the outstanding daily balance, at a per annum rate equal to one percent (1%) above the Prime Rate. Interest payments were due and payable on the last business day of each month.

Pursuant to the LSA, Avidbank also could make equipment advances to us, each in a minimum amount of \$100,000, and in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). Equipment advances during any particular three month draw period were due and repayable in thirty-six (36) equal monthly payments. All amounts due under outstanding equipment advances made during any particular draw period were due on the tenth (10th) day following the end of such draw period, and in any event, no later than September 30, 2017. The equipment advances bore interest, on the outstanding daily balance, at a per annum rate equal to one and half percent (1.5%) above the Prime Rate. Interest payments were due and payable on the tenth day of each month so long as any equipment advance is outstanding.

As of December 23, 2014, approximately \$142,000 was outstanding under the LSA as equipment advances and \$280,000 was outstanding under the Revolving Line, for a total of \$422,000. Our obligations under the LSA were secured by a first priority security interest (subject to permitted liens) in substantially all of our assets. In addition, our wholly-owned subsidiary, Geltech, guaranteed our obligations under the LSA.

On December 23, 2014, we entered into an Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement (the "Amended LSA") with Avidbank for an invoice-based working capital revolving line of credit (the "Invoiced Based Line"). The Amended LSA amends and restates that certain LSA between us and Avidbank dated September 30, 2013. Pursuant to the Amended LSA, Avidbank will, in its discretion, make loan advances to us up to a maximum aggregate principal amount outstanding not to exceed the lesser of (i) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) or (ii) eighty percent (80%) (the "Maximum Advance Rate") of the aggregate balance of our eligible accounts receivable, as determined by Avidbank in accordance with the Amended LSA.

Avidbank may, in its discretion, elect to not make a requested advance, determine that certain accounts are not eligible accounts, change the Maximum Advance Rate or apply a lower advance rate to particular accounts and terminate the Amended LSA. The outstanding balance due to Avidbank as of December 23, 2014, in the amount of \$422,000, was transferred from the LSA to the Invoiced Based Line of the Amended LSA. As of September 30, 2015, the principal outstanding on the Invoiced Based Line was \$0.

Amounts borrowed under the Invoiced Based Line may be repaid and re-borrowed at any time prior to December 23, 2015, at which time all amounts shall be immediately due and payable. The advances under the Invoiced Based Line bear interest, on the outstanding daily balance, at a per annum rate equal to three percent (3%) above the Prime Rate (6.25% at September 30, 2015). Interest payments are due and payable on the last business day of each month. Payments received with respect to accounts upon which advances are made will be applied to the amounts outstanding under the Amended LSA.

Our obligations under the Amended LSA are secured by a first priority security interest (subject to permitted liens) in cash, U.S. inventory and accounts receivable. In addition, our wholly-owned subsidiary, Geltech, has guaranteed our obligations under the Amended LSA.

The Amended LSA contains customary covenants, including, but not limited to: (i) limitations on the disposition of property; (ii) limitations on changing our business or permitting a change in control; (iii) limitations on additional indebtedness or encumbrances; (iv) restrictions on distributions; and (v) limitations on certain investments.

Late payments are subject to a late fee equal to the lesser of five percent (5%) of the unpaid amount or the maximum amount permitted to be charged under applicable law. Amounts outstanding during an event of default accrue interest at a rate of five percent (5%) above the interest rate applicable immediately prior to the occurrence of the event of default. The Amended LSA contains other customary provisions with respect to events of default, expense reimbursement, and confidentiality.

12. Pudong Private Placement

On January 20, 2015, we issued and sold securities to Pudong Science & Technology Investment (Cayman) Co. Ltd. (“Pudong Investment”) in accordance with that certain Securities Purchase Agreement with Pudong Science & Technology (Cayman) Co., Ltd. (“Pudong”). Prior to the closing, the Securities Purchase Agreement was amended (as amended, the “SPA”) and assigned by Pudong to its affiliate, Pudong Investment.

In connection with the closing, we sold to Pudong Investment 930,790 shares of Class A common stock at a price of \$1.40 per share, which was adjusted from the initial per share purchase price of \$1.62 pursuant to the terms of the SPA. We received gross cash proceeds from the issuance of the Class A common stock in the amount of approximately \$1,303,000. We used the sale proceeds of the sale to provide working capital in support of its continued growth, particularly new product development, sales and marketing of its infrared product line, and capital expenditures related to the acquisition of new equipment.

Immediately following the issuance of the shares of Class A common stock pursuant to the SPA, Pudong Investment beneficially owned 14.9% of our outstanding shares of Class A common Stock.

The shares of Class A common stock issued were exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"). The shares of Class A common stock are restricted securities that have not been registered under the Act and may not be offered or sold absent registration or applicable exemption from the registration requirements.

13. Technology Transfer and License Agreement

On April 28, 2015, we entered into a Technology Transfer and License Agreement ("License Agreement") with one of our specialty products customers (the "Customer") regarding the granting of an irrevocable license of certain technology, to be used by the Customer to manufacture specific fiber collimator assemblies used by the Customer. We have agreed to provide process work instructions, training, inventory and access to intellectual property specifically related to the manufacturing process of that Customer's fiber collimator assemblies. Pursuant to the License Agreement, the Customer paid to us an aggregate of \$200,000 in fees, in consideration of our disclosure of the technology and the granting of a license to the Customer to use the technology to manufacture such fiber collimator assemblies. The first installment of \$100,000 was received in May 2015 and the second installment of \$100,000 was received in August 2015. Pursuant to the License Agreement, the Customer also agreed to order and purchase from us a certain number of fiber collimator assemblies. Costs associated with the License Agreement are estimated to be approximately \$33,000. The License Agreement has been recognized into revenue over the training period. Revenue of approximately \$71,000, which includes the amortization of the license fee, was included in product sales on the accompanying consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended September 30, 2015. The remaining \$5,000 for the license fee will be recognized as revenue during fiscal 2016.

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

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of the LightPath. All statements in this "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 (the "Quarterly Report"), other than statements of historical facts, which address activities, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will or may occur in the future, including such things as future capital expenditures, growth, product development, sales, business strategy and other similar matters are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based largely on our current expectations and assumptions and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. Actual results could differ materially from the forward-looking statements set forth herein as a result of a number of factors, including, but not limited to, limited cash resources and the need for additional financing, our dependence on a few key customers, our ability to transition our business into new markets, our ability to increase sales and manage and control costs and other risks described in our reports on file with the SEC. In light of these risks and uncertainties, all of the forward-looking statements made herein are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any of the forward-looking statements contained herein.

The discussions of our results as presented in this Quarterly Report include use of the non-GAAP term gross margin." Gross margin is determined by deducting the cost of sales from operating revenue. Cost of sales includes manufacturing direct and indirect labor, materials, services, fixed costs for rent, utilities and depreciation, and variable overhead. Gross margin should not be considered an alternative to operating income or net income, which are determined in accordance with GAAP. We believe that gross margin, although a non-GAAP financial measure is useful and meaningful to investors as a basis for making investment decisions. It provides investors with information that demonstrates our cost structure and provides funds for our total costs and expenses. We use gross margin in measuring the performance of our business and have historically analyzed and reported gross margin information publicly. Other companies may calculate gross margin in a different manner.

Overview

Historical:

We are in the business of manufacturing optical components and higher level assemblies including precision molded glass aspheric optics, proprietary high performance fiber optic collimators, GRADIUM glass lenses and other optical materials used to produce products that manipulate light. All the products we produce enable lasers and imaging devices to function more effectively.

In November 2005, we formed LPOI, a wholly-owned subsidiary, located in Jiading, People's Republic of China. Over time, we transitioned a substantial portion of our manufacturing to LPOI, which until recently, operated as our primary manufacturing facility in China.

In December 2013, we formed LPOIZ, a wholly-owned subsidiary located in the New City district, of the Jiangsu province, of the People's Republic of China. LPOIZ built out a 25,833 square foot manufacturing facility and production at LPOIZ's new facility commenced in April 2014. We have now shifted our manufacturing operations from LPOI to LPOIZ, as LPOIZ's facility provides a lower cost structure for production of larger volumes of optical components and assemblies, and further strengthens our partnerships within the Asia/Pacific region. The LPOI facility is now primarily used for sales and engineering functions.

Product Groups and Markets:

During fiscal 2015, we started evaluating our business based on five product groups: low volume precision molded optics ("LVPMO"), high volume precision molded optics ("HVPMO"), specialty products, infrared products, and non-recurring engineering ("NRE"). Our LVPMO product group consists of precision molded optics with a sales price greater than \$10 per lens and is usually sold in smaller lot quantities. Our HVPMO product group consists of precision molded optics with a sales price of less than \$10 per lens and is usually sold in larger lot quantities. Our infrared product group is comprised of both molded lens and assemblies. Our specialty product group is comprised of value added products such as optical subsystems, assemblies, GRADIUM lenses, and isolators. Our NRE product group consists of those products we develop pursuant to product development agreements we enter into with customers. Typically, customers approach us and request that we develop new products or applications for our existing products to fit their particular needs or specifications. The timing and extent of any such product development is outside of our control.

We currently serve the following major markets: distribution and catalog, laser, industrial, instrumentation, telecommunications, and defense. Within our product groups, we have various applications that serve these major markets. For example, our HVPMO lenses are typically used in industrial tools, especially in China. Our HVPMO and LVPMO lenses are also used in applications for the telecommunications market, such as cloud computing, video distribution via digital technology, wireless broadband, and machine to machine connection, and, the laser market, such as laser tools, scientific and bench top lasers, and bar code scanners. Our infrared products can also be used in various applications within our major markets. Currently, sales of our infrared products are primarily for customers in the industrial market that use thermal imaging cameras. Our infrared products can also be used for gas sensing devices, spectrometers, night vision systems, automotive driver systems, thermal weapon gun sights, and infrared counter measure systems, among others. Within the larger overall markets, which are estimated to be in the multi-billions of dollars, we believe there is a market of approximately \$355 million for our current products and capabilities. We continue to believe our products will provide significant growth opportunities over the next several years and, therefore, we will continue to target specific applications in each of these major markets. Our strategy is to leverage our technology, know-how, established low cost manufacturing capability and partnerships to grow our business.

How we operate:

We have continuing sales of two basic types: occasional sales via ad-hoc purchase orders of mostly standard product configurations (our “turns” business) and the more challenging and potentially more rewarding business of customer product development. In this latter type of business we work with customers to help them determine optical specifications and even create certain optical designs for them, including complex multi-component designs that we call “engineered assemblies.” This is followed by “sampling” small numbers of the product for the customers’ test and evaluation. Thereafter, should a customer conclude that our specification or design is the best solution to their product need; we negotiate and “win” a contract (sometimes called a “design win”) – whether of a “blanket purchase order” type or a supply agreement. The strategy is to create an annuity revenue stream that makes the best use of our production capacity as compared to the turns business, which is unpredictable and uneven. This annuity revenue stream can also generate low-cost, high-volume type orders. A key business objective is to convert as much of our business to the design win and annuity model as is possible. We face several challenges in doing so:

- Maintaining an optical design and new product sampling capability, including a high-quality and responsive optical design engineering staff;

- The fact that as our customers take products of this nature into higher volume, commercial production (for example, in the case of molded optics, this may be volumes over one million pieces per year) they begin to work seriously to reduce costs – which often leads them to turn to larger or overseas producers, even if sacrificing quality; and

· Our small business mass means that we can only offer a moderate amount of total productive capacity before we reach financial constraints imposed by the need to make additional capital expenditures – in other words, because of our limited cash resources and cash flow, we may not be able to service every opportunity that presents itself in our markets without arranging for such additional capital expenditures.

Despite these challenges to winning more “annuity” business, we nevertheless believe we can be successful in procuring this business because of our unique capabilities in optical design engineering that we make available on the merchant market, a market that we believe is underserved in this area of service offering. Additionally, we believe that we offer value to some customers as a source of supply in the United States should they be unwilling to commit their entire source of supply of a critical component to foreign merchant production sources. We also continue to have the proprietary GRADIUM lens glass technology to offer to certain laser markets.

Our key indicators:

Usually on a weekly basis, management reviews a number of performance indicators. Some of these indicators are qualitative and others are quantitative. These indicators change from time to time as the opportunities and challenges in the business change. They are mostly non-financial indicators such as units of shippable output by product line, production yield rates by major product line and the output and yield data from significant intermediary manufacturing processes that support the production of the finished shippable product. These indicators can be used to calculate such other related indicators as fully yielded unit production per-shift, which varies by the particular product and our state of automation in production of that product at any given time. Higher unit production per shift means lower unit cost and therefore improved margins or improved ability to compete where desirable for price sensitive customer applications. The data from these reports is used to determine tactical operating actions and changes. We believe that our non-financial production indicators, such as those noted, are proprietary information.

Financial indicators that are usually reviewed at the same time include the major elements of the micro-level business cycle:

- sales backlog;
- revenue dollars and units by product group;
- inventory levels;
- accounts receivable levels and quality; and
- other key indicators.

These indicators are similarly used to determine tactical operating actions and changes and are discussed in more detail below.

Sales Backlog:

Sales growth has been and continues to be our best indicator of success. Our best view into the efficacy of our sales efforts is in our “order book.” Our order book equates to sales “backlog.” It has a quantitative and a qualitative aspect: quantitatively, our backlog’s prospective dollar value and qualitatively, what percent of the backlog is scheduled by the customer for date-certain delivery. We define our “12-month backlog” as that which is requested by the customer for delivery within one year and which is reasonably likely to remain in the backlog and be converted into revenues. This includes customer purchase orders and may include amounts under supply contracts if they meet the aforementioned criteria. Generally, a higher 12-month backlog is better for us.

Our 12-month backlog at September 30, 2015 was approximately \$5.06 million compared to \$6.49 million as of June 30, 2015. Backlog growth rates for the last five fiscal quarters are:

Quarter

	Backlog (\$ 000)	Change From Prior Year End	Change From Prior Quarter End		
Q1 2015	\$ 5,340	25 %	25 %		
Q2 2015	\$ 5,592	31 %	5 %		
Q3 2015	\$ 6,153	44 %	10 %		
Q4 2015	\$ 6,493	52 %	6 %		
Q1 2016	\$ 5,064	-22 %	-22 %		

Our order intake softened in the first quarter of fiscal 2016 due to the delay and certain requirement changes for some larger projects we quoted within our specialty products group. However, our quote activity remained strong during the first quarter of fiscal 2016. We provided quotes for products totaling approximately \$3.4 million, which we expect will be delivered by the end of fiscal 2016. We are seeing recovery in the industrial tools sector in China, which impacts our HVPMO product group, and the telecommunications sector is continuing to have strong design, quote and order activity.

We have diversified our business by developing new applications for our products in markets such as digital imaging, laser tools, telecommunications, digital projectors, industrial equipment, weapon sights and green lasers. Examples of these new applications are: 2D scanning, fiber laser delivery systems, disposable medical instruments, and infrared sensor applications.

Based on recent quote activity, we expect to show increases in revenue of our LVPMOs, HVPMOs, specialty products and infrared products for the remainder of fiscal 2016.

Revenue Dollars and Units by Product Group:

The following table sets forth revenue dollars and units for our five product groups for the three month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

(unaudited)