

SUITE 101 COM INC  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-QSB**

(Mark One)

Quarterly Report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2001; or

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Commission file Number: **0-25136**

**Suite101.com Inc.**

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

**Delaware**

**33-0464753**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation of organization)

(I.R.S. employer  
identification no.)

**Suite 210 - 1122 Mainland Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6B 5L1**

(Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

**604-682-1400**

(Issuer's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Check whether the issuer (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the issuer was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES  NO

State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common equity, as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Outstanding at October 31, 2001
Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share	13,155,046

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format

YES  NO

**SUITE101.COM, INC.**

**QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-QSB**

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**Item 1. Financial Statements**

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS REPORT**

**To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
Suite101.com, Inc.  
Vancouver, B.C., Canada**

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Suite101.com, Inc. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2001, the related consolidated statements of operations for the nine-month and three-month periods then ended, and the related consolidated statement of cash flows for the nine-month and three-month periods then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and of making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such consolidated financial statements for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

VANCOUVER, B.C.  
October 24, 2001

*/s/ N.I. Cameron Inc.*  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**Suite101.com, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(Expressed in U.S. dollars)

ASSETS

	September 30, 2001	December 31, 2000
	(Unaudited)	
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$4,366,103	\$5,671,211
Accounts receivable	26,782	34,458
Prepaid expenses and deposits	78,336	50,306
	4,471,221	5,755,975
<b>PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, at cost (Note 2)</b>		
Computer equipment	219,827	200,540
Furniture and fixtures	22,554	17,677
Leasehold improvements	8,063	11,401
	250,444	229,618
Less: accumulated amortization	(118,226)	(95,796)
	132,218	133,822
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,603,439</b>	<b>\$5,889,797</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS</b>		
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$190,887	\$220,874
<b>CAPITAL STOCK (Notes 4, 5 and 8)</b>		
Authorized: 40,000,000 common shares with a par value of \$0.001 each		
1,000,000 preferred shares with a par value of \$0.01 each		
Issued: 13,155,046 common shares	13,155	13,155
<b>DEFERRED COMPENSATION</b>	(18,773)	(41,775)
<b>ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL</b>	10,374,536	10,351,146
<b>DEFICIT</b>	(5,869,856)	(4,591,713)
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>4,504,680</b>	<b>5,708,764</b>

**ADJUSTMENT FROM FOREIGN  
CURRENCY TRANSLATION** (86,510) (61,890)

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**TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS  
EQUITY** 4,412,552 5,668,923

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**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND  
STOCKHOLDERS  
EQUITY** \$4,603,439 \$5,889,797

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**COMMITMENTS (Note 8)**

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



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**NET LOSS**\$(372,517)\$(321,462)\$(1,278,143)\$(1,771,189)

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**INCOME (LOSS) PER SHARE**Basic and Diluted\$(0.03)\$(0.02)\$(0.10)\$(0.14)

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Weighted average common shares outstanding13,155,04613,155,04613,155,04612,940,182

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

**Suite101.com, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For the Nine-Month and Three-Month Periods Ended**  
**September 30, 2001 and September 30, 2000**  
**(Unaudited)**

(Expressed in U.S. dollars)

	Three-months ended September 30,		Nine-months ended September 30,	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
<b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN)</b>				
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Net loss	\$(372,517)	\$(321,462)	\$(1,278,143)	\$(1,771,189)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:				
Stock-based compensation	15,393	19,417	46,392	319,882
Loss on disposal of leasehold improvements	7,210			
Amortization	12,605	11,712	31,795	34,043
	(344,519)	(290,333)	(1,192,746)	(1,417,264)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	7,045	(5,082)	6,313	(909)
Due from officer	20,801			
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(11,059)	(51,117)	(29,379)	(21,671)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(28,149)	8,390	(19,433)	53,910
Net cash used in operating activities	(376,682)	(317,341)	(1,235,245)	(1,385,934)
<b>CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Purchase of capital assets	(28,257)	(5,874)	(44,125)	(31,033)
Net cash used in investing activities	(28,257)	(5,874)	(44,125)	(31,033)

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**CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY FINANCING  
ACTIVITIES** Shares issued 4,717,814

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Net cash provided by financing activities 4,717,814

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**EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATES ON  
CASH**(25,578)(123,252)(25,738)(78,113)

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**NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN  
CASH**(430,517)(446,467)(1,305,108)3,222,734**CASH AT  
BEGINNING OF  
PERIOD**4,796,6206,516,6395,671,2112,847,438

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**CASH AT END OF  
PERIOD**\$4,366,103\$6,070,172\$4,366,103\$6,070,172

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

**Suite101.com, Inc.**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**September 30, 2001 and September 30, 2000**  
**(Unaudited)**

**(Expressed in U.S. dollars)**

**1. THE COMPANY**

Suite101.com, Inc. (the Company) was incorporated in the State of California, United States on May 20, 1991, and reincorporated in the State of Delaware, United States on December 31, 1993. By way of a reverse takeover on December 8, 1998, the Company acquired a wholly-owned subsidiary, i5ive communications inc. (i5ive). i5ive is engaged in the operation and maintenance of a World Wide Web based directory and on-line publishing community.

**Going Concern**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been presented assuming the Company will continue as a going concern. Based on the current level of expenditures, the Company has sufficient funds to meet expenses for at least one year. At September 30, 2001, the Company had accumulated \$5,869,856 in losses and had no material revenue producing operations. At the date of this report, the Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to raise additional capital or merge with a revenue producing venture partner. These matters raise doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. No adjustments have been made in the accompanying consolidated financial statements to provide for this uncertainty.

**Basis of Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Endovascular, Inc., a California corporation and i5ive, a Canadian company. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. As at September 30, 2001, there were no operations in Endovascular, Inc.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because a precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of financial statements for a period necessarily involves the use of estimates, which have been made using careful judgment by management.

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**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

The consolidated financial statements have, in management's opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the significant accounting policies summarized below:

**(a) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are capitalized at original cost and amortized over their estimated useful lives at the following annual bases and rates:

Computer equipment	30% declining balance
Furniture and fixtures	20% declining balance
Leasehold improvements	20% straight-line

One-half the normal amortization is taken in the year of acquisition.

**(b) Research and Development**

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred.

**(c) Foreign Exchange**

Unless otherwise stated, all amounts are in United States dollars. The functional currency of i5ive is the Canadian dollar. Hence, all asset and liability accounts have been translated using the exchange rate as at September 30, 2001 and September 30, 2000 and all revenues and expenses have been translated using the average exchange rate for each period. The rates used were as follows:

(equivalent CDN \$ per U.S.\$)	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
September 30 rate	.6335	.6651
Average rate for the three-month period.	.6468	.6747

**(d) Income Taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*, which requires the recognition of deferred tax liabilities and assets for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the financial statements or tax returns.

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**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**(d) Income Taxes (Continued)**

Under this method, deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and the tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

**(e) Stock Options**

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, encourages, but does not require, companies to record compensation cost for stock-based employee compensation plans at fair value. The Company has chosen to continue to account for stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method prescribed in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations. Accordingly, compensation cost for stock options is measured as the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of the Company's stock at the date of the grant over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock.

**(f) Net Loss Per Common Share**

The Company computes its loss per share in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 128, *Earnings Per Share* (EPS) issued in February 1997. SFAS No. 128 requires dual presentation of basic EPS and diluted EPS on the face of the income statement for entities with complex capital structures. Basic EPS is computed as net income divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur from common shares issuable through stock options, warrants and other convertible securities.

**3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

- (a) The Company has incurred salaries and consulting fees of \$103,579 (2000 \$91,148) to three directors of the Company. These items have been recorded at the exchange amount.
- (b) Accounts payable include \$132,689 (2000 \$0) due to a director for wages and expenses.

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**4. CAPITAL STOCK**

- (a) In April 1999, the Company completed a private placement of 1,000,000 units for \$5,000,000. Each unit was comprised of two common shares and one warrant entitling the holder to purchase an additional common share for \$4.50 on or before February 29, 2000. The Company incurred \$163,750 in expenses concerning this share issuance and issued 15,000 warrants entitling the holder to purchase an additional common share for \$5.50 on or before February 29, 2002.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2000, all 1,000,000 warrants were exercised to net the Company \$4,500,000.

- (b) During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2000, the Company issued 34,396 common shares for total proceeds of \$51,594 upon exercise of stock options.
- (c) During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2000, the Company issued 625,000 warrants as part of the private placement of Notes payable. Each warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at a price of \$5.00 up to July 15, 2002. In the event that at any time prior to July 15, 2002 (a) the shares of common stock issuable on exercise of the warrants have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and (b) the average of the closing bid and asked prices for the Company's common stock as quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board (or such other automated trading system or national securities exchange as is the principal market for the Company's common stock) exceeds (U.S.) \$9.00 per share for a period of ten (10) business days, then the warrants will expire at 5:00 PM, New York City time, on a date sixty (60) days thereafter.

**5. STOCK OPTIONS**

**The Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan**

In December 1998, the Company adopted the 1998 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Under the Plan, as amended, 3,900,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance on exercise of options granted under the Plan.

On the date of the closing of the transaction with i5ive, outstanding options granted under i5ive's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan were assumed by the Company under the Plan and no further option grants will be made under i5ive's Plan. The assumed options have substantially the same terms, subject to anti-dilution adjustment, as are in effect for grants made under the Company's Plan.

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**5. STOCK OPTIONS (Continued)**

**The Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan (Continued)**

The Board of Directors of the Company may amend or modify the Plan at any time, subject to any required stockholder approval. The Plan will terminate on the earliest of (i) 10 years after the Plan Effective Date, (ii) the date on which all shares available for issuance under the Plan have been issued as fully-vested shares or (iii) the termination of all outstanding options in connection with certain changes in control or ownership of the Company.

The following is a table of stock options under the Plan as at September 30, 2001:

Option Exercise Price	Expiry Date (mm/dd/yy)	Vesting Date (mm/dd/yy)	Balance December 31, 2000	Granted During the Period	Exercised (E) Cancelled (C)	Balance September 30, 2001	Balance September 30, 2001
012/04/0312/04/0036,114 6,558(C)29,55629,5561.5002/23/09(1/3) 02/23/0050,000 50,00033,334(1/3)	\$1.50	12/04/03	12/04/99	184,649	23,223(C)	161,426	161,426
23/01(1/3) 02/23/021.5004/27/09(1/3) 04/27/0050,000 50,00033,334(1/3) 04/27/01(1/3)							
27/021.5006/11/0906/11/0010,000 10,00010,0001.5010/25/05(1/2)							
25/00100,000 100,00050,000(1/2)							
25/011.5011/13/0411/13/99137,900 137,900137,9001.5011/13/0411/13/00720,000 50,100(C)669,900669,9003.5301/31/02(1/2)							
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17/00110,805 50,738(C)60,06730,04730,137 04/17/0130,133 04/17/0230,133							
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05/030.2512/21/05585,476 12/21/001,012,578 13,342(C)999,236578,559420,677							
21/011.5006/12/1006/12/0010,000 10,00010,0000.2501/04/06136,073							
04/01 569,50547,495(C)522,010134,773376,507 01/04/0250,000							
04/030.2505/10/0605/10/01 5,9391,671(C)4,2684,2680.2506/04/1106/04/01 10,000 10,00010,000							

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**(Unaudited)**

(Expressed in U.S. dollars)

**5. STOCK OPTIONS (Continued)**

**The Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan (Continued)**

Of the above options, the following options were originally granted with exercise prices are follows:

New Option Exercise Price	Original Exercise Date
1.50	02/23/98
1.5004/27/096.381.5006/11/094.131.5001/31/053.531.5003/21/057.881.5006/12/10 2.375	

The above options are granted for services provided to the Company. Of the above options, the following options are to non-employees and have been reflected on the financial statements and valued, using the Black-Scholes model with a risk-free rate of 5% and no expected dividends:

Number of Options	Exercise Price	Grant Date	Value	Volatility Assumption	Expected Options Life
100,000	1.50	October 25, 1999	\$ 99,750	272%	5 years
50,000	3.56	January 6, 2000	99,635	60%	5 years
4,000	3.53	January 31, 2000	5,120	60%	2 years
100,000	7.00	February 15, 2000	203,970	20%	5 years
20,000	7.88	March 21, 2000	45,922	20%	5 years
100,000	0.25	January 4, 2001	23,390	275%	5 years

The remaining options issued were to officers, directors and employees. As the options were granted at exercise prices based on the market price of the Company's shares at the dates of the grant, no compensation cost is recognized. However, under SFAS 123, the impact on net income and net income per share of the fair value of stock options must be measured and disclosed on a fair value based method on a pro forma basis. The fair value of the employees' purchase rights under SFAS 123 was estimated using the Black-Scholes model with the following assumptions used for options: risk-free rate was 5.0%, expected volatility of 279%, 272%, 263% and 257% for the \$1.50 options, and 275% for the \$0.25 options, an expected option life of 5 years and no expected dividends.

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**(Unaudited)**

(Expressed in U.S. dollars)

**5. STOCK OPTIONS (Continued)**

**The Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan (Continued)**

If compensation expense had been determined pursuant to SFAS 123, the Company's net loss and net loss per share for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2001 would have been as follows:

Net loss
As
reported\$(1,771,189)Pro
forma\$(1,994,938)Basic
net loss per
shareAs
reported\$(0.10)Pro
forma\$(0.15)

**6. INCOME TAXES**

At September 30, 2001, there were deferred income tax assets resulting primarily from operating loss carryforwards for Canadian tax purposes totaling approximately \$1,720,000 less a valuation allowance of \$1,720,000. The valuation allowance on deferred tax assets increased by \$170,000 during the period ended September 30, 2001.

At September 30, 2001, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards for Canadian tax purposes of approximately \$4,295,000. These carryforwards begin to expire in 2003.

At September 30, 2001, there were deferred income tax assets resulting from operating loss carryforwards for U.S. income tax purposes totaling approximately \$548,000 less a valuation allowance of \$548,000. The valuation allowance on deferred tax assets increased by \$68,000 during the period ended September 30, 2001. The Company has approximately \$1,280,000 available in operating loss carryforwards, which may be carried forward and applied against U.S. operating income.

**7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK**

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable. It is management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

**Suite101.com, Inc.**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
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**(Unaudited)**

**(Expressed in U.S. dollars)**

**8. COMMITMENTS**

- (a) On March 23, 1999, the Company entered into a twelve-month agreement with a consultant, which provided for fees of \$5,000 per month. In addition, the consultant was issued a one-year warrant to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$3.06 per share. This warrant has been valued at \$33,420 using the Black-Scholes model as described earlier and is reflected as compensation on these financial statements. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2000, this warrant was exercised to net the Company \$153,000. Subsequent to December 31, 1999, this agreement was amended to increase the fees to \$20,900 for the six-month period beginning August 23, 1999, extend the period of services by six-months, and to issue a warrant to purchase 25,440 shares of common stock of the Company at a price of \$5.50 per shares expiring February 28, 2002. This warrant has been valued at \$11,750 using the Black-Scholes model and is reflected as compensation on these financial statements.
- (b) During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2000, the Company entered into a one-year agreement with a consultant. The consultant was issued a warrant to purchase 14,000 shares of common stock of the Company at a price of \$5.50 per share, expiring on February 26, 2002. This warrant has been valued at \$9,562 using the Black-Scholes model as described earlier and is reflected as compensation on these financial statements.
- (c) The Company has entered into an agreement dated February 17, 2000 for consulting and corporate finance services which provides for the issue of 2-year warrants at the following milestones:

Upon execution of consulting agreement	- 25,000 (issued)
On signed letter of intent with target customer-	25,000
On signed agreement with target customer-	25,000
On signed agency agreement to market similar program	
to others in same industry in North America-	25,000

In addition, the agreement provides for additional warrants to be issued over 3 years based on 10% of any payout to participants under the plan developed with customer(s) resulting from the agency agreement. The warrants to be issued are based on the average price of the Company's stock for the 10-day period prior to the issuance of the warrants, less a 20% discount.

The initial 25,000 warrants issued have an exercise price of \$4.96 per share and expire February 17, 2002. They have been valued at \$115,060 using the Black-Scholes model as described earlier and have been reflected as compensation on these financial statements.

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**8. COMMITMENTS (Continued)**

- (d) During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2001, the Company entered into an operating lease for its office space. The lease expires March 31, 2003 and provides for monthly payments commencing May 1, 2001 of \$1,914 plus the Company's proportionate share of operating costs and taxes (currently \$1,049 per month). Under the terms of the lease, the Company has an option to renew the lease for a further period of three years.

**9. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

	<u>September 30, 2001</u>	<u>September 30, 2000</u>
Net loss as reported	\$(1,278,143)	\$(1,771,189)
Add (deduct) Foreign currency translation adjustments	(24,620)	(83,529)
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Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$(1,302,763)	\$(1,854,718)
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Accumulated other comprehensive income Foreign currency translation adjustments		
Balance at beginning of period	\$(61,890)	\$9,357
Change during the period	(24,620)	(83,529)
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Balance at end of period	\$(86,510)	\$(74,172)
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## **Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operations**

### **General**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by, the more detailed information including our Financial Statements and the Notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2000. This Quarterly Report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that may cause or contribute to such differences include the Risk Factors set forth below as well as the Risk Factors contained in our Annual Report. See Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the Safe Harbor Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 herein.

### **A Comparison of Our Operating Results for the Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2001 and the Nine-Month Period Ended September 30, 2000**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2001, our sales were \$12,043 (gross profit of \$5,029) compared with sales (and gross profit) of \$1,223 during the nine months ended September 30, 2000. Virtually all of our sales revenue earned during the first nine months of 2001 is attributable to revenue generated from two service contracts that we entered into with Barnes&Noble.com to provide introductions for a series of e-books and to provide proofreading services for the related digitized e-books. During 2001, \$260 in sales and all our sales during 2000 were attributable to software licensing revenues, these licenses have expired and therefore this source of revenue has ceased.

General and administrative expenses were \$1,241,494 in the nine months ended September 30, 2001 compared with \$1,569,059 during the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This decrease was primarily the result of a decrease in consulting fees paid to third parties, a decrease in professional fees paid and a decline in software purchases. Marketing expenses were \$201,125 during the nine months ended September 30, 2001 compared with \$448,250 during the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This decrease was primarily due to the decrease in our marketing activities focused at increasing our membership. Since the end of 2000, we have refocused our marketing programs to aim at developing our brand and repositioning the Company as an online publishing community. As a consequence, our marketing expenses have declined.

Our Loss From Operations was \$1,437,590 during the nine months ended September 30, 2001 compared with \$2,016,086 during the nine months ended September 30, 2000. The decrease in our Loss From Operations during the nine months ended September 30, 2001 compared with that of the nine months ended September 30, 2000 was the result of the decrease in our general, administrative and marketing expenditures.

Other income was \$159,447 during the nine months ended September 30, 2001 compared with \$244,897 during the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This decrease was the result of

decreased interest earned on bank balances and the write-off of the leasehold improvements of our former office premises.

Our Net Loss was \$1,278,143 during the nine months ended September 30, 2001 compared with \$1,771,189 during the nine months ended September 30, 2000. The decrease in our Net Loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2001 compared with the nine months ended September 30, 2000 was the result of the decrease in our general, administrative and marketing expenditures.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The report of our independent auditors on their audit of our financial statements as of December 31, 2000 contains an explanatory paragraph that describes an uncertainty as to our ability to continue as a going concern due to our recurring losses. In February 2000, we realized gross proceeds of \$4.5 million from the exercise of warrants issued in a 1999 private sale of securities. Also, in February 2000, we realized gross proceeds of \$2.5 million from a private sale of our securities. During 2000, we realized gross proceeds of approximately \$218,000 on the exercise of stock options and from the exercise of warrants. At September 30, 2001, we had cash of \$4,366,103. We believe these funds will be sufficient to meet our anticipated needs for working capital and capital expenditures for the next 12 months.

Our promissory notes due on June 30, 2000 in the principal amount of \$2.5 million issued in the February 2000 private sale of our securities were repaid in April 2000, together with accrued interest.

As a result of our limited operating history, we have limited meaningful historical financial data upon which to base planned operating expenses. Accordingly, our anticipated expense levels in the future are based in part on our expectations as to future revenue from proposed revenue programs, and anticipated growth in visitor traffic and membership. We expect that these expense levels will become, to a large extent, fixed. Revenues and operating results generally will depend on the volume of, timing of and ability to enter into third-party contracts and to complete transactions, which are difficult to forecast. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to accurately predict our net revenue, particularly in light of the early stages of our revenue model, the intense competition among Internet businesses and competition in the publishing industry, our limited operating history and the uncertainty as to the broad acceptance of the Web as a publishing medium and, in general, adverse developments in the Internet industry and adverse economic developments and stock market conditions. We may be unable to adjust spending in a timely manner to compensate for any unexpected failure of revenue to materialize or revenue shortfall or other unanticipated changes in the epublishing industry. Any failure by us to accurately make such predictions would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may seek to raise additional funds in order to fund more aggressive promotions and more rapid expansion, to develop newer or enhanced services, to enter into strategic alliances, to respond to competitive pressures or to acquire complementary businesses, technologies or services. There can be no assurance that any additional financing will be available on terms favorable to us, if at all. If adequate funds are not available or not available on acceptable terms, we may not be

able to fund our operations, promote our revenue programs as we desire, or, develop and enhance services or respond to competitive pressures. Any such inability could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Additional funds raised through the issuance of equity or convertible debt securities, will result in reducing the percentage ownership of our stockholders, and stockholders may experience additional dilution and such securities may have rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of the rights of our Common Stock.

**Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the Safe Harbor Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995**

With the exception of historical matters, the matters discussed above and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report are forward-looking statements as defined under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that involve risks and uncertainties. We intend that such forward-looking statements be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in that act and we are including this statement for purposes of complying with these safe harbor provisions. The forward-looking statements discussed in this Quarterly Report appear in various places including: Item 2 Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operations, Liquidity and Capital Resources, as well as in Risk Factors. We caution readers that the risk factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-KSB, as well as those described elsewhere in this Quarterly Report, or in our other filings with the Commission, in some cases have affected, and in the future could affect our actual results, could cause our actual results during 2001, 2002 and beyond, to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements, and could cause our development and the development of our business plans to be different than expressed in those statements. Important factors that could impact our business development and cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report include, among others, the accuracy of assumptions made by management as to the future growth, anticipated revenues, and business direction of the Internet, the development of e-publishing through the facilities of the Internet and the marketability of our distributed management capabilities of our Enabling Platform, our early stage of development and absence of material revenues, the usual unforeseeable risks encountered by any new enterprise, our inability to attract readership to our Community, our potential need for additional capital and our possible inability to attract such capital on acceptable terms or at all, the uncertainties of the levels of our future operating expenses, fluctuations in our quarterly revenues, the level of consumer acceptance of ecommerce, our inability to enter into service contracts and other relationships to develop our revenue programs, intense competition among Internet portals and ecommerce participants, our inability to manage our growth, the impact of possible future government regulation, the possible volatility of the market price for our Common Stock, and the impact of additional shares possibly coming onto the market for sale.

## **RISK FACTORS**

*An investment in shares of our Common Stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider the following factors, in addition to the other information contained in this Quarterly Report, in evaluating our business and proposed activities. You should also see the Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the Safe Harbor Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1996 regarding risks and uncertainties relating to us and to forward looking statements herein.*

### ***Risks We Face Arising Out of the Early Stage of Our Business***

#### **Early Development Stage**

We are in the early stage of developing our business plan and operations. We have realized no material revenues to date from our Internet operations activities. From April 1996 through September 30, 2001, our total revenues from our Internet operations activities were negligible. During that period, we accumulated losses of \$5,869,856. We have not achieved profitability on a quarterly or annual basis to date, and anticipate that we will continue to incur net losses for the foreseeable future. The extent of our losses will be dependent, in part, on the amount and rates of our expenditures and our ability to grow our Internet revenue from ecommerce transactions and services that we provide. We expect we will continue to incur material operating expenses, especially in the areas of business development, public relations, brand marketing and in promoting our revenue programs. As a result, we will need to create and continue to generate material revenue if we are to achieve profitability and maintain our financial condition. We believe that period-to-period comparisons of our financial condition and operating results will not be meaningful and that you should not rely on the results for any period as an indication of our future performance. To the extent that our revenues do not grow at anticipated rates or that increases in our operating expenses precede or are not subsequently followed by commensurate increases in revenue, or that we are unable to adjust operating expense levels accordingly, our business, results of operations and financial condition will be materially and adversely affected. There can be no assurance that our operating losses will not increase in the future or that we will ever achieve or sustain profitability.

#### **Limited Operating History; Anticipated Losses; No Assurance of Profitability**

i5ive, our wholly-owned subsidiary through which we conduct our Internet operations, was founded in April 1996 and has had no material revenues to date. Accordingly, our current business plans and prospects are not able to be evaluated on the basis of our operating history. Our business plans and prospects must be considered in light of the risks, expenses and problems frequently encountered by companies in the early stages of development. This must be considered, particularly as to companies entering new and rapidly developing markets like the Internet. These risks include:

The absence of a recurring source of material revenues

The recent adverse developments in the Internet industry

Our inability to develop and commercialize strategic relationships that produce material revenues

Our inability to penetrate and develop material revenues from the e-publishing industry

The possibility that the Internet will fail to achieve broad acceptance as a commercial medium

The lack of acceptance by potential partners of our distributive intellect and management (our Enabling Platform)

Our inability to continue to attract visitors, or retain Senior Managing, Managing and Contributing Editors (our Editorial Team )

Our inability to generate significant revenues from utilizing the potentials of our Enabling Platform

Risks associated with a new and unproven business concept

Our ability to anticipate and adapt to a developing market

The failure of our network infrastructure (including our servers, hardware and software) to efficiently handle our Internet traffic

Changes in laws and taxes that adversely affect our business

The possibility that we will be unable to manage effectively any rapid expansion of our operations, including the amount and timing of capital expenditures and other costs relating to any expansion of our operations

The introduction and development of different or more extensive communities by direct and indirect competitors, including those with greater financial, technical and marketing resources

Our inability to maintain and increase levels of traffic on our Web site

Our inability to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel

Our inability to successfully deal with technical difficulties, system downtime or Internet brownouts

The amount and timing of operating costs and capital expenditures relating to development of our business, operations and infrastructure, and

General economic conditions.

To address these risks, we must, among other things:

Attract and enter into partnerships, strategic relationships, agreements and service contracts with third parties

Successfully develop and implement our revenue models

Preserve our cash

Form and maintain relationships with strategic partners

Attract and respond to competitive developments

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Attract visitors and members of our Editorial Team

Retain the members of our Editorial Team

Retain and motivate qualified personnel

Develop and upgrade our technologies and commercialize our services incorporating such technologies, and

Be successful in attracting additional substantial capital at the times, in the amounts and on the terms required.

There can be no assurance that we will be successful in addressing these risks. Any failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Because of the foregoing factors, our quarterly net revenue and operating results are difficult to forecast. Consequently, we believe that period to period comparisons of our operating results will not necessarily be meaningful and should not be relied upon as an indication of our future performance. It is likely that in some future quarter or quarters our operating results or financial condition may fall below our expectations or the expectations of securities analysts and investors. In such event, the trading price of our Common Stock would likely be materially and adversely affected.

### **Unproven Business**

The success of our business depends upon our ability to expand upon and develop our Enabling Platform of distributed intellect and management and to generate multiple revenue streams. Currently, we have no source of significant revenues. The potential success of our business concept is unproven, and, to be successful, we must, among other things, develop and market concepts that achieve broad market acceptance by the publishing industry and Internet users. We are and will be substantially dependent upon our Member-generated content, the promotional efforts of our Editorial Team and their ability to attract Web users to our site and to reduce the demands on our personnel. Our business concept has existed for only a limited period of time and has continued to evolve and be developed since our inception. As a result, it is relatively unproven and may be considered to be not fully developed.

There can be no assurance that our Member-generated content or the promotional efforts of our Members will continue to attract visitors to our Web site. There can also be no assurance that our Members and our Editorial Team will continue to devote time voluntarily to improving our community. Given the fact that we provide free disk space to our Members and we support the involvement of our Editorial Team, third parties may attempt to hold us responsible for their content and/or any of their actions or omissions. There can be no assurance that our business, results of operations and financial condition would not be materially and adversely affected if a substantial number of visitors, Members or members of our Editorial Team became dissatisfied with our services or our intention to commercialize those services or that the members of our Editorial Team become dissatisfied with the amounts of compensation we pay to them.

Moreover, considering the modest level of compensation paid to our Contributing Editors (between \$15 and \$25 per month based on the number of articles written per month), there can be no assurance that consistent levels of high quality Member-generated content will be maintained. These levels of compensation may also hinder our efforts in the future to attract members of our

Editorial Team. Further, there can be no assurance that our community on the Internet or our services will achieve broad market or commercial acceptance. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that our business will be successful, that we will achieve material revenues or that we can sustain revenue growth or generate significant profits.

### **Future Capital Needs; Uncertainty of Additional Financing**

The report of our independent auditors on their audit of our financial statements as of December 31, 2000 contains an explanatory paragraph that describes an uncertainty as to our ability to continue as a going concern due to our recurring losses. In February 2000, we realized gross proceeds of \$4.5 million from the exercise of warrants issued in a 1999 private sale of securities. Also in February 2000, we realized gross proceeds of \$2.5 million from a private sale of our securities. We anticipate expending a substantial portion of these funds in connection with entering into strategic alliances to promote the Suite101.com community and to further develop and promote our revenue models. At September 30, 2001, we had cash of \$4,366,103. We believe these funds will be sufficient to meet our anticipated needs for working capital and capital expenditures for the next 12 months. Our promissory notes due on June 30, 2000 in the principal amount of \$2.5 million issued in the February 2000 private sale of our securities were repaid in April 2000, together with accrued interest.

We may seek to raise additional funds in order to fund more aggressive promotions and more rapid expansion, to develop newer or enhanced services, to respond to competitive pressures or to acquire complementary businesses, technologies or services. There can be no assurance that any additional financing will be available to us on favorable terms, or at all. If adequate funds are not available or not available on acceptable terms, we may not be able to fund our expansion, promote our revenue programs as we desire, or, develop and enhance services or respond to competitive pressures. Any such inability could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Additional funds raised through the issuance of equity or convertible debt securities, will result in reducing the percentage ownership of our stockholders, and our stockholders may experience additional dilution and such securities may have rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of the rights of our Common Stock.

As a result of our limited Internet operating history, we have limited meaningful historical financial data upon which our planned operating expenses can be based. Accordingly, our anticipated expense levels in the future are based in part on our expectations as to future revenue from our proposed revenue programs, and anticipated growth in visitor traffic and in Membership and will become, to a large extent, fixed. Revenues and operating results generally will depend on the volume of, timing of and ability to complete transactions, which are difficult to forecast.

In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to accurately predict our net revenue, particularly in light of the unproven manner in which we intend to derive our Internet revenue, the intense competition for the sale of products and services on the Web, our limited operating history and the uncertainty as to the broad acceptance of the Web as an publishing medium. We may be unable to adjust our spending in a timely manner to compensate for disappointing results of our marketing efforts and efforts to develop revenue, any unexpected revenue shortfall or other unanticipated changes in the publishing industry. Our failure to

accurately make such predictions or adjustments in our spending would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**Potential Fluctuations In Membership Growth and Quarterly Results; Seasonality; Unpredictability Of Future Net Revenue**

We are currently developing our community through efforts to attract visitors, Members and Contributing Editors to our Web-based publishing community. Our business plan is to implement our business-to-business revenue program while continuing to expand our numbers of visitors, Members and our Editorial Team. We have not, to date, realized material revenues. Currently, we have nineteen (19) full-time personnel. There can be no assurance that our business plan can be successfully developed or that we will realize any material revenues. We cannot assure you that the growth of our Membership and our Editorial Team, an increase in the number of visitors to our site or other increases will ensure the success of our business plans and our ability to realize material revenues.

Our operating expenses will continue to be material in connection with our brand marketing and our promotional efforts, our funding of site development, technology and operating infrastructure, and the general and administrative staff needed to support our growth. We anticipate that we will incur net losses for the foreseeable future. The extent of these losses will be contingent, in part, on the amount and rates of growth in our revenue from entering into business-to-business contracts implementing our Enabling Platform and from epublishing. We believe that period-to-period comparisons of our operating results are not meaningful and that the results for any period should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance. There can be no assurance that our operating losses will not increase in the future or that we will ever achieve or sustain profitability.

We expect our operating results may fluctuate significantly in the future as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control. These factors include:

The demand for the products and services we intend to market to other businesses (the distributive intellect and management of our Enabling Platform)

Our Members and Editors acceptance of our involvement in the publishing industry

The level of traffic on our Suite101.com site

The amount and timing of capital expenditures and other costs relating to the expansion of our operations

The introduction of new or enhanced services by us or our competitors

The timing and number of new hires

Our loss of a key strategic or marketing relationship

Changes in our marketing policy or those of our competitors

Engineering or development fees that may be paid in connection with new Web site development and new publishing tools

Technical difficulties with our Suite101.com site

General economic conditions, and

Economic conditions specific to the Internet or all or a portion of the technology market.

As a strategic response to changes in the competitive environment, we may from time to time make certain pricing, service or marketing decisions or business combinations that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. We expect to experience seasonality in our business, with user traffic on our Suite101.com site potentially being lower during the summer and year-end vacation and holiday periods when overall usage of the Web is lower. Any seasonality is likely to cause quarterly fluctuations in our operating results. There can be no assurance that such patterns will not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### **Management of Growth and Relationships; Brief Tenure of Management; Dependence on Key Personnel**

In developing our business plan, we expect to be required to establish and manage multiple relationships with various strategic partners, distributors, providers of services, technology licensors, Members, marketers and other third parties. To date, only a limited number of such relationships have been established in order to implement our day-to-day business operations. These requirements to enter into these relationships will be exacerbated in the event of our material growth or in the number of third party relationships, and there can be no assurance that our systems, procedures or controls will be adequate to enable us to establish and enter into these relationships, to support any substantial growth in our operations or that our management will be able to implement or manage any growth effectively.

To effectively manage growth, we must establish, implement and improve operational, financial and management information systems and expand, train and manage our employee base. Our development is and will continue to be substantially dependent on the abilities and performance of our executive officers and other key employees. The loss of the services of any of our executive officers or other key employees could have a material adverse effect on our prospects, business development, and results of operations and financial condition. Competition for senior management, experienced sales and marketing personnel, qualified Web engineers and other employees is and is expected to continue to be intense. There can be no assurance that we will be successful in attracting and retaining such personnel. There can be no assurance that we may not experience difficulty from time to time in hiring and retaining the personnel necessary to support the growth of our business. Our failure to successfully manage our personnel requirements would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

## Intense Competition

The market for community based publishing and ecommerce on the Internet is relatively new and rapidly evolving. Competition is expected to increase in the future. Barriers to entry into the Internet business are relatively insubstantial. We believe that the principal competitive factors for companies seeking to create community on the Internet are content, critical mass, functionality, brand recognition, Member affinity and loyalty, broad demographic focus and open access for visitors. Other companies who are primarily focused on online publishing, online directories or community on the Internet are About.com, Fatbrain.com, MightyWords.com, iPublish.com and Abuzz. Some of these competitors are significantly larger than us and more well-established and well-known in the Internet industry and have greater capital resources.

We will also experience competition in the future from Web directories, search engines, shareware archives, content sites, commercial online service providers, sites maintained by Internet service providers ( ISPs ) and other entities that attempt to establish epublishing communities on the Internet by developing their own community or acquiring one of our competitors. In addition, we could face competition in the future from traditional media companies, a number of which, including AOL Time Warner, CBS and NBC, have substantial investments in Internet companies. Further, there can be no assurance that our competitors and potential competitors will not develop communities or epublishing opportunities that are equal or superior to ours or that achieve greater market acceptance than ours.

We also compete for visitors and Members with many Internet content providers and ISPs, including Web directories, search engines, shareware archives, content sites, commercial online services and sites maintained by Internet service providers, as well as thousands of Internet sites operated by individuals and government and educational institutions. These competitors include free information, search and content sites or services, such as AOL Time Warner, Inc., CNET, Inc. ( CNET ), Microsoft Corporation ( Microsoft ), About.com Inc., Yahoo! Inc. ( Yahoo! ), Powered Inc., Hungry Minds and Coursebridge. We also compete with traditional forms of media, such as newspapers, magazines, radio and television. We believe that the principal competitive factors in attracting strategic partners and third-party contracts include the amount of traffic on our Web site, name recognition, customer service and our ability to manage our Enabling Platform. We will likely face increased competition which could, in turn, have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Substantially all of our existing and potential competitors, including Internet content publishers, Web directories, search engines and large traditional media companies, have longer operating histories in the Web market, greater name recognition, larger customer bases and significantly greater financial, technical and marketing resources. Such competitors are able to undertake more extensive marketing campaigns for their brands and services, adopt more aggressive advertising pricing policies and make more attractive offers to potential employees, visitors, Members, marketers and third party content providers.

In addition, we may experience difficulty in establishing the strategic relationships needed to produce material revenues or our strategic partners may sever or elect not to renew their agreements with us. There can also be no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully in the Internet or that competition will not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### **Growth Will Depend On Our Ability to Develop Our Brand**

We believe that establishing broader brand recognition of the Suite101.com brand is vitally important to our future success. Accordingly, we will continue our brand-enhancing campaign that includes promotional programs targeted at Members and visitors, and public relations activities. If our brand building strategy is unsuccessful, these expenses may never be recovered and we may be unable to increase our future revenues.

### **Risk of Reliance On Internally and Externally Developed Systems**

We use and intend to use an internally developed system for our Web site, as well as systems licensed from others. A key element of our strategy is to generate a higher volume of traffic to our Web site. Our inability to further develop and modify our system as necessary to accommodate increased levels of traffic on our Web site may cause unanticipated system disruptions, slower response times, degradation in Member and visitor satisfaction and service leading to a possible loss of Members and Contributing Editors, and delays in reporting accurate financial information. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### ***Risks We Face Arising Out of the Nature of the Internet***

#### **Government Regulation and Legal Uncertainties**

We are not currently subject to direct regulation by any government agency, other than regulations applicable to businesses generally. There are currently few laws or regulations directly applicable to access to or commerce on the Internet. However, due to the increasing popularity and use of the Internet, a number of legislative and regulatory proposals are under consideration by U.S. and Canadian federal, state, provincial, local and foreign governmental organizations. It is possible that a number of laws or regulations may be adopted with respect to the Internet relating to such issues as user privacy, user screening to prevent inappropriate uses of the Internet by, for example, minors or convicted criminals, taxation, infringement, pricing, content regulation, quality of products and services and intellectual property ownership and infringement. The adoption of any such laws or regulations may decrease the growth in the use of the Internet, which could, in turn, decrease the demand for our community, increase our cost of doing business, or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Moreover, the applicability to the Internet of existing laws governing issues such as property ownership, copyright, trademark, trade secret, obscenity, libel and personal privacy is uncertain and developing. Any new legislation or regulation, or application or interpretation of existing laws, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. There can be no assurance that any legislation will not be enacted in the future that could expose us to substantial liability. Legislation could also dampen the growth in the use of the Web generally and decrease the acceptance of the Web as a communications and commercial medium. The result could, thereby, have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

It is also possible that our use of cookies to track demographic information and user preferences may become subject to laws limiting or prohibiting their use. A cookie is a bit of information keyed to a specific server, file pathway or directory location that is stored on a user's

hard drive, possibly without the user's knowledge. A user is generally able to remove cookies. Germany, for example, has imposed laws limiting the use of cookies, and a number of Internet commentators, advocates and governmental bodies in the United States and other countries have urged the passage of laws limiting or abolishing the use of cookies. In addition, a number of legislative proposals have been made at the U.S. and Canadian federal, state, provincial and local level that would impose additional taxes on the sale of goods and services over the Internet and certain jurisdictions have taken measures to tax Internet-related activities. The U.S. Congress enacted the Internet Tax Freedom Act on October 21, 1998 which imposes a national three year moratorium in the United States on state and local taxes on Internet access services, online services, and multiple or discriminatory taxes on electric commerce effective October 1, 1998. This moratorium ended on September 30, 2001 and we are uncertain of the future impact that the cessation of this moratorium will have. There can be no assurance, with the lifting of this moratorium, that some type of U.S. federal and/or state taxes will be imposed upon Internet commerce, and there can be no assurance that such legislation or other attempts at regulating commerce over the Internet will not substantially impair the growth of commerce on the Internet. As a result, our opportunity to derive financial benefit from these activities may be adversely affected.

Due to the global nature of the Web, it is possible that, although our transmissions over the Internet originate primarily in British Columbia, Canada, the governments of various states in the United States and foreign countries might attempt to regulate our transmissions or prosecute us for violations of their laws. There can be no assurance that violations of local laws will not be alleged or charged by state or foreign governments, that we might not unintentionally violate such laws or that such laws will not be modified, or new laws enacted, in the future. Any of the foregoing developments could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, as our services are available over the Internet in multiple foreign countries, provinces, states and other jurisdictions, such jurisdictions may claim that we are required to qualify to do business as a foreign corporation in each of those jurisdictions or are subject to taxation in those jurisdictions. We are qualified to do business only in British Columbia, and our failure to qualify as a foreign corporation in a jurisdiction where we are required to do so could subject us to taxes and penalties and could result in our inability to enforce contracts in such jurisdictions. Any such new legislation or regulation, the application of laws and regulations from jurisdictions whose laws do not currently apply to our business, or the application of existing laws and regulations to the Internet and other online services could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### **Liability for Information Retrieved from the Web; Absence of Liability Insurance**

Because materials may be downloaded by Members and other users of our Web site and subsequently distributed to others, there is a potential that claims will be made against us for defamation, negligence, copyright or trademark infringement, personal injury or other theories based on the nature, content, publication and distribution of these materials. Such claims have been brought, and sometimes successfully pressed, against OSPs for example, in the past. We have received inquiries from time to time from third parties regarding such matters, all of which have been resolved to date without any payments or other material adverse effect on us.

In addition, the increased attention focused upon liability issues as a result of these lawsuits and legislative proposals could impact the overall growth of Internet use. We could also be exposed to liability with respect to the offering of third party content that may be accessible through our Web site, or through content and materials that may be posted by Members on their personal Web sites or chat rooms, or online discussions offered by us. Such claims might include, among others, that by directly or indirectly hosting the personal Web sites of third parties, we are liable for copyright or trademark infringement, or other wrongful actions by such third parties through such Web sites.

It is also possible that if any third party content information provided on our web site contains errors, third parties could make claims against us for losses incurred in reliance on such information. Even to the extent that such claims do not result in liability to us, we could incur significant costs in investigating and defending against such claims. The imposition on us of potential liability for information carried on or disseminated through our systems could require us to implement measures to reduce our exposure to such liability, which may require the expenditure of substantial resources and limit the attractiveness of our services to Members and visitors and others.

We may enter into agreements with electronic vendors and sponsors whereby we may be entitled to receive affiliate rewards or share in the revenue from the purchase of goods and services through direct links from our Web site. Such arrangements may expose us to additional legal risks and uncertainties, including potential liabilities to consumers of such products and services by virtue of our involvement in providing access to such products or services, even if we do not provide such products or services. While we will seek to be indemnified against such liabilities, there can be no assurance that such indemnification, if available, will be adequate.

Currently, we do not carry general liability insurance intended to protect us from any liability arising out of the foregoing. In any event, however, insurance may not cover all potential claims to which we are exposed or may not be adequate to indemnify us for all liability that may be imposed. Any imposition of liability that is not covered by insurance or is in excess of our insurance coverage would have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, the increased attention focused upon liability issues as a result of these lawsuits and legislative proposals could impact the overall growth of Internet use.

## **Security Risks**

There can be no assurance that experienced programmers or hackers may not from time to time attempt to penetrate our network security. To date, none of this activity has occurred. However, in the event any such attempts should occur and be successful, such a penetration may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. A party who is able to penetrate our network security could misappropriate proprietary information or cause interruptions in our Web site.

In addition, in offering certain payment services, we could become increasingly reliant on encryption and authentication technology licensed from third parties to provide the security and authentication necessary to effect secure transmission of confidential information, such as customer credit card numbers. We may be required to expend significant capital and resources to protect against the threat of such security, encryption and authentication technology breaches or to alleviate problems cause by such breaches.

Concerns over the security of Internet transactions and the privacy of users may also inhibit the growth of the Internet generally, particularly as a means of conducting commercial transactions. Security breaches or the inadvertent transmission of computer viruses could expose us to a risk of loss or litigation and possible liability. There can be no assurance that contractual provisions attempting to limit our liability in such areas will be successful or enforceable, or that other parties will accept such contractual provisions as part of our agreements, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### **Reliance on Intellectual Property and Proprietary Rights**

We regard our technology as proprietary and attempt to protect it by relying on trademark, service mark, copyright and trade secret laws and restrictions on disclosure and transferring title and other methods. We have applied for trademarks for the following: Suite101.com, Real People Helping Real People and Best-of-Web Directory. We currently have no patents or patents pending and do not anticipate that patents will become a significant part of our intellectual property in the foreseeable future. We also generally enter into confidentiality or license agreements with our employees and consultants, and generally control access to and distribution of our documentation and other proprietary information. Despite these precautions, it may be possible for a third party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our proprietary information without authorization or to develop similar technology independently.

We pursue the registration of our trademarks and service marks in the United States and Canada and internationally, and intend to apply for the registration in the United States and Canada for a number of our service marks. There can be no assurance that such registration will be granted or, if granted, that we will derive any material commercial benefit from such registration. Effective trademark, service mark, copyright and trade secret protection may not be available in every country in which our services are distributed or made available through the Internet, and policing unauthorized use of our proprietary information is difficult.

Legal standards relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of certain proprietary rights in Internet-related businesses are uncertain and still evolving. No assurance can be given as to the future viability or value of any of our proprietary rights or other companies within this market. There can be no assurance that the steps taken by us will prevent misappropriation or infringement of our proprietary information. Any such infringement or misappropriation, should it occur, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, litigation may be necessary in the future to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets or to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others. Such litigation might result in substantial costs and diversion of resources and management attention and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition and we may not have available the resources necessary to pursue such litigation.

Furthermore, there can be no assurance that our business activities will not infringe upon the proprietary rights of others, or that other parties will not assert infringement claims against us. It can be expected that we will be subjected to claims in the ordinary course of our business, including claims of alleged infringement of the trademarks, service marks and other intellectual property rights of third parties by us and the content generated by our Members. Such claims and any resultant litigation, should it occur, might subject us to significant liability for damages and might

result in invalidation of our proprietary rights and even if not meritorious, could be time consuming and expensive to defend and could result in the diversion of management time and attention, any of which might have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We currently license from third parties certain technologies incorporated into our Web site. As we continue to introduce new services that incorporate new technologies, we may be required to license additional technology from others. There can be no assurance that these third party technology licenses will continue to be available to us on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. Our inability to obtain any of these technology licenses could result in delays or reductions in the introduction of new services or could adversely affect the performance of our existing services until equivalent technology could be identified, licensed and integrated.

### **Dependence on Continued Growth in the Use of the Internet; Dependence on Web Infrastructure**

Our Company's future success is substantially dependent upon continued growth in the use of the Internet in order to support ecommerce development on our Web site and in the acceptance and volume of ecommerce transactions on the Internet. There can be no assurance that the number of Internet users will continue to grow or that ecommerce over the Internet will become more accepted and widespread.

As is typical in the case of a new and rapidly evolving industry, demand and market acceptance for recently introduced services are subject to a high level of uncertainty. We cannot predict the extent to which we will be able to engage our services to third-party contractors. The Internet may not prove to be viable for our epublishing goals for a number of reasons, including lack of acceptable security technologies, lack of access and ease of use, congestion of traffic, inconsistent quality of service and lack of availability of cost-effective, high-speed service, potentially inadequate development of the necessary infrastructure, excessive governmental regulation, uncertainty regarding intellectual property ownership or timely development and commercialization of performance improvements, including high-speed modems.

The success of our Web site will depend in large part upon the continued development of a Web infrastructure, such as a reliable network backbone with the necessary speed, data capacity and security, and timely development of complementary products, such as high-speed modems for providing reliable Web access and services. Because global ecommerce and online exchange of information on the Web and other similar open wide area networks are new and evolving, it is difficult to predict with any assurance whether the Web will support increasing use.

The Web has experienced, and is expected to continue to experience, significant growth in the number of users and the amount of content. To the extent that the Web continues to experience increased numbers of users, frequency of use or increased band width requirements of users, there can be no assurance that the Web infrastructure will continue to be able to support the demands placed on it by this continued growth or that the performance or reliability of the Web will not be adversely affected by this continued growth. In addition, the Web could lose its viability or effectiveness due to delays and the development or adoption of new standards and protocols to handle increased levels of activities or due to increased government regulation.

### **Sales Tax Collection**

One or more states, provinces or countries may seek to impose sales tax collection obligations on out-of-state or out-of-province or foreign companies such as us which engage in online commerce. Any new operation or facilities in the United States or Canada or elsewhere could subject shipments into such states or provinces to state or provincial or foreign sales taxes. A successful assertion by one or more states or provinces or any foreign country that we should collect sales or other similar taxes on the sale of merchandise could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Other Risks We Face***

#### **Control by Directors, Executive Officers, Northfield Capital Corporation and 284085 BC Ltd.**

As of October 31, 2001, our Directors, Executive Officers and Northfield Capital Corporation, and their respective affiliates, in the aggregate, beneficially owned (including shares that they, he or she has the right to acquire the beneficial ownership within 60 days following October 31, 2001) approximately 5,479,076 shares or 38.87% of our outstanding Common Stock. As a result, these stockholders possess significant influence over us, giving them the ability, among other things, to elect a majority of our Board of Directors and approve significant corporate transactions. Such share ownership and control may also have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control of us, impeding a merger, consolidation, takeover or other business combination involving us, or discourage a potential acquiror from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us which could have a material adverse effect on the market price of our Common Stock.

#### **No Active Prior Public Market For Common Stock; Possible Volatility Of Stock Price**

Since December 30, 1998, our Common Stock has been quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board. There can be no assurance that an active trading market for our Common Stock will be sustained or that the market price of our Common Stock will not decline based upon market or other conditions. The market price may bear no relationship to our revenues, earnings, assets or potential and may not be indicative of our future business performance. The trading price of our Common Stock has been and can be expected to be subject to wide fluctuations in response to variations in our quarterly results of operations, the gain or loss of significant strategic relationships, unanticipated delays in our development, changes in estimates by analysts, announcements of technological innovations or new solutions by us or our competitors, general conditions in the technology and Internet sectors and in Internet-related industries, other matters discussed elsewhere in this annual report and other events or factors, many of which are beyond our control.

In addition, the stock market in general and the technology and Internet sectors in particular have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations which have affected the market price for many companies in industries similar or related to us and which have been unrelated to the

operating performance of these companies. These market fluctuations, as well as general economic, political and market conditions, may have a material adverse effect on the market price of our Common Stock.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against such companies. Such litigation, if instituted, and irrespective of the outcome of such litigation, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of management's attention and resources and have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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

- (a) Exhibits  
None
  
- (b) Reports on Form 8-K  
We did not file any Current Reports on Form 8-K during the quarter ended September 30, 2001.

**SIGNATURES**

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

**Suite101.com, Inc.**

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(Registrant)

Date: November 6, 2001/s/ Peter L. Bradshaw

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Peter L. Bradshaw  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer, and Director) /s/  
Cara M. Williams

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Cara M. Williams  
Vice President - Finance  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)