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

For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

or

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

for the transition period from to .

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ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 752506390
(State of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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6 Zhongguancun South Street, Haidian District
Beijing 100086, China
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code +8610 6250 1658

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value
(Title of Class)

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

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

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

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Based on the closing sale price of the common stock on the Nasdaq National Market System on June 30, 2003, the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant was \$269,771,109.60.

The number of shares outstanding of the Registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value, was 45,416,754 at March 9, 2004.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Certain information is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement for the Registrant's 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

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Except for historical information, the statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act") contains certain safe harbors regarding forward-looking statements. Certain of the forward-looking statements include management's expectations, intentions and beliefs with respect to our growth, our future

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operating results, the nature of the industry in which we are engaged, our business strategies and plans for future operations, our needs for capital expenditures, capital resources and liquidity, and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the statements. All forward-looking statements included in this document are based on information available to us on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. These cautionary statements are being made pursuant to the provisions of the Reform Act with the intention of obtaining the benefits of the safe harbor provisions of the Reform Act. Among the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially are the factors discussed below under the heading "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation--Factors Affecting Our Operating Results and Our Common Stock."

In this report, "AsiaInfo," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

PART I

ITEM 1. Business

Overview

We are a leading provider of high-quality software and network solutions in China. We provide total customer solutions to some of China's largest companies, helping our customers to increase their business value in fast-growing and evolving markets. In the telecommunications market, our software products and network services enable our customers to build, maintain, operate, manage and continuously improve their communications infrastructure. Our largest customers are the major telecommunications carriers in China and their provincial subsidiaries, such as China Telecommunications Corporation, or China Telecom, China Network Communications Group Corporation, or China Netcom Group, China Mobile Communications Corporation, or China Mobile, and China United Telecommunications Corporation, or China Unicom. Recently, through our acquisition of a human resources management, or HRM, and business intelligence, or BI, software business, we have gained exposure to new customers in industries such as transportation, power and iron and steel.

We commenced our operations in the United States in 1993 and moved our major operations from the United States to China in 1995. We began generating significant network solutions revenues in 1996 and significant software revenues in 1998. We conduct the bulk of our business through our wholly-owned operating subsidiaries, AsiaInfo Technologies (China) Inc., or AsiaInfo Technologies, and AsiaInfo Management Software, Inc., or AsiaInfo Management, which are both Chinese companies.

In China, we have designed and implemented most of the nation's major commercial Internet backbone projects, including ChinaNET for China Telecom, UniNET for China Unicom and CMCCNET for China Mobile. Each of those projects included the carrier-class, meaning high performance, highly fault tolerant, software components that we develop and sell. Our software products can support millions of users, are designed with open architecture to facilitate customization, and are tailored for the specific needs of the China market. Because those software products, along with our network integration services, have a broad range of applications for our customers' businesses, including their fixed-line, wireless and Internet services, our business has grown from a pure Internet infrastructure developer to a total communications infrastructure software and services provider.

We believe that there are opportunities for us to expand into new business

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areas and to continue to grow our business both organically and through acquisitions. On December 4, 2003, we completed our acquisition of

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certain HRM and BI assets valued at approximately \$9 million from Pacific Software (China) Limited, a privately held, medium-sized software solutions company based in Hong Kong, and from its affiliate, New Century Pacific Software (Beijing) Limited, a wholly-foreign-owned enterprise based in Beijing, China. We expect that this acquisition will help us to expand into the HRM and BI software markets, and will expose us to customers in other industries, outside of our traditional telecommunications customer base.

Industry Background

According to China's Ministry of Information Industry, or MII, in 2003 China's fixed-line phone subscribers increased by 23% to 263 million and wireless phone users increased by approximately 30% to 268 million. During that period, total revenue generated by the telecommunications sector reached approximately \$55.54 billion, up 13.9% from the previous year. China's telecommunications sector continues to serve as a growth engine for the country's overall economy, in which GDP grew at a rate of 9.1% in 2003, according to the Ministry of Finance of China. The following table sets forth certain information relating to China's economic growth and the telecommunications industry in China as of the dates indicated:

	As of December 31,				Compound Annual
	2000	2001	2002	2003	Growth Rate (2000-2003)
China's population (in millions).....	1,267	1,276	1,286	1,303	1.3%
China's GDP per capita (RMB).....	7,081	7,543	7,930	8,300	4.7%
Fixed-line Telephone					
Access lines in service (in millions).	144.8	180.4	214.4	263.3	22.1%
Penetration rate /(1)/.....	11.4%	14.1%	16.7%	21.2%	23.0%
Wireless Telephone					
Subscribers (in millions).....	84.5	144.8	206.6	268.7	47.1%
Penetration rate /(1)/.....	6.7%	11.3%	16.1%	20.9%	46.1%
Internet					
Users (in millions).....	22.5	33.7	59.1	79.5	52.3%
Penetration rate /(1)/.....	1.8%	2.6%	4.6%	6.2%	51.0%

 (1) Determined by dividing the number of subscribers or users by the total population of China.

Sources: Data in respect of China's population and GDP per capita are derived from information published by the National Statistical Bureau of China; data in respect of mobile subscribers are derived from information published by the Ministry of Information Industry; data in respect of Internet users are derived from information published by China Internet Network Information Center.

China's government has set aggressive goals for the future growth of China's telecommunications industry. According to the MII's Tenth Five-Year Plan, the industry will continue to grow three times as fast as China's GDP during the period from 2001 through 2005. By 2005, the MII expects telecommunications

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service revenues to reach approximately \$110 billion, which is triple the figure in 2000. The capacity of fixed switching equipment is expected to reach 300 million lines, while mobile switching capacity is expected to reach 360 million lines. There will be approximately 200 million subscribers of data, multimedia and Internet services with a penetration rate of 15%. Based on preliminary calculations, a total of approximately \$150 billion will be invested in the telecommunications industry, which is 20-30% higher than the total investment under China's Ninth Five-Year Plan.

Over the past several years, the telecommunications industry in China has gone through several restructurings. These restructurings have been accompanied by industry deregulation and rapid growth in the market for telecommunications services. Prior to a major industry restructuring in 1999, the telecommunications market in China was dominated by the predecessor company of China Telecom. In 1999, the predecessor company of China Telecom was divided into the four companies, focusing on fixed line, mobile telephony, satellite communications and paging, respectively. In May 2002, the telecommunications industry was further restructured with the split of China Telecom into two independent companies. China Netcom Group was formed by merging the telecommunications assets of China Telecom in ten northern provinces of China with China

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Netcom Corporation Ltd., or China Netcom, and Jitong Communication Co., Ltd. The southern division of the original China Telecom continues to operate under the China Telecom name.

At the end of 2003, there were five major licensed telecommunications operators in China. China Telecom, China Netcom Group, China Unicom and China Railway Communications Corporation, or China Railcom, provide fixed-line services, while China Mobile and China Unicom are licensed to provide wireless services. China Satellite Communications Corporation, or China Satcom, the sixth licensed telecommunications operator in China, has smaller operations and specializes in satellite communications. All six operators are Internet service providers. In terms of total income in 2003, China Mobile held 37.4% of the market in China, followed by China Telecom with 31.1% and China Netcom Group with 16.6%. China Unicom ranked fourth with a market share of 13.4% while remaining operators together held the remaining 1.5%, according to MII.

With the introduction of more competition, telecommunications service providers are becoming more conscious of the return on their infrastructure investments. With the rapidly increasing number of subscribers and the restructuring of China's telecommunications industry, the competitive focus of carriers is moving from pricing to quality and product differentiation, while their investment focus is moving from network construction to operation support systems that help increase service quality and customer satisfaction, and reduce response time to market demands and trends.

According to MII, overall capital expenditure in the telecommunications sector increased by 8.6% to \$26.8 billion in 2003. We anticipate the expenditure level in 2004 to be at the same level as 2003, while the focus of the expenditure will be on data, value-added service platforms and support networks such as BOSS, CRM and billing, which are all solutions we offer.

Market Opportunities

China's telecommunications industry is expected to grow at a rate of 14% in 2004, according to MII. The number of fixed-line users is expected to reach 290 million, and the number of mobile phone users is expected to reach 320 million

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in 2004, according to MII. In the services area, China is expected to have approximately 60 million users of Personal Handy-Phone System, or PHS, 16.7 million subscribers of code division multiple access, or CDMA, mobile services, 10 million users of broadband and 100 million users of the Internet in 2004. At the same time, China's large state-owned enterprises are expected to increase their investment in human resources management and business intelligence software and solutions, according to the China Center for Information Industry Development, or CCID.

We believe that the principal market opportunities for us include the following:

Telecommunications business and operation support systems (BSS/OSS). With increased competition in China's telecommunications industry, China's telecommunications carriers are shifting their focus from capacity expansion to operation efficiency. As a result, we believe a well-developed BSS/OSS system for customer relations management will be the core competence and investment focus for carriers. We expect China's major telecommunications carriers to restructure their existing technology-oriented and network-based operational support systems and increase their investments in their customer-oriented and service-based BSS/OSS systems.

Value-added telecommunications services. Gartner Group, an independent research firm, predicts that revenues from traditional voice service will maintain a growth rate of 7% from 2004 to 2006. In the next two years, value-added telecommunications services are expected to be the main driving force in the development of China's telecommunications industry. Mobile data services are expected to grow at an annual rate of 96%, while Internet services are expected to maintain an annual growth rate of 38%. Investment in value-added services of the four largest telecommunications operators in China are expected to reach an annual growth rate of 78% in the next two years. Because of the diversity of services and technologies, investment in value-added services is expected to focus on interconnection among the operators and billing mechanisms for various services.

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Network construction, network optimization and network maintenance. Although network construction for the major telecommunications operators in China has largely been completed, the restructurings of China Telecom and China Netcom and the development of value-added services have brought new requirements for sophisticated functions on those networks. In particular, the increasing use of broadband presents opportunities for network optimization. In addition, outsourcing of network maintenance has become another growing market as telecommunications operators shift their investment focus from networks to services.

Human Resources Management (HRM) and Business Intelligence (BI). HRM and BI software is a developing market globally. According to a recent IDC research report on HRM systems, global enterprise expenditure on human resources services is expected to reach \$103.3 billion by 2007 and the global market for BI software solutions is expected to grow at an average annual rate of 27% to 2005. CCID predicts that more than 60% of Chinese enterprises will invest in HRM systems in the next two years, and 16% of Chinese enterprises will implement HRM programs in 2004. According to IDC, China's HRM market will reach a scale of \$100-150 million by 2005. Facing more and more market competition, many enterprises in China have adopted the strategy of utilizing thorough analysis of data regarding customers, markets and products to reduce operational costs and to increase profits, making BI a promising and growing market.

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Our Strategy

Our vision is to be the leading company providing world-class software and solutions to high profile customers in telecommunications and enterprise solutions markets.

Through the implementation of our business strategies since 2000, we have successfully transformed ourselves from a systems integrator of Internet networks to a total customer solutions provider of software and network services. Our strategy is to provide high quality software products and IT service for our customers to help them achieve sustainable development. The key aspects of our strategy include the following:

The escorting plan. We hold the leading positions in the markets for construction of BSS/OSS systems and Internet networks in China, which we believe are two of the most important areas for the future development of telecommunications operators. To further strengthen our leading position, and to better support telecommunications operators, in 2003 we announced what we refer to as our "escorting plan" for telecommunications operators. Through our escorting plan, we aim to build strong partnerships with telecommunications operators so as to better understand their requirements and to provide them with their most valued products and services. This, in turn, will bring us better opportunities to market our products and services.

New Service Provider (SP). Based on our software products and professional services, and our close relationships with telecommunications operators, we plan to establish a new business model with telecommunications operators to develop the market for value-added telecommunications services in China. Since the end of 2003, we have undertaken experimental programs with telecommunications operators, and have established a new business unit, called New Services, to address this market.

Enterprise market strategy. In December 2003, AsiaInfo acquired the HRM and BI software businesses of Pacific Software and integrated the acquired assets into a new business unit, Enterprise Information Solutions, or EIS. The current strategy of EIS is to develop and expand its HRM and BI businesses in the market for large enterprises in China, and to promote our strength in software, technology and services in that market.

Focus on high value information technology professional services. We focus on providing our customers with high value IT professional services, such as network planning, design and optimization, while gradually outsourcing lower end services, such as hardware installation. We believe the service components of our telecommunications solutions will become increasingly important as telecommunications networks become more complex and more customized. As such, we intend to continue to develop our services business to include provision of professional maintenance and support services to our existing customers.

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Attract and retain highly qualified personnel. We intend to continue our strategy to attract and retain the best and most qualified personnel in China's IT industry. In view of the specific needs of the China market, we target our recruitment effort on Chinese citizens who have information technology and professional competence and international exposure. We believe that we have been able to attract and retain qualified personnel by offering attractive compensation packages, a challenging and rewarding work environment, and the opportunity to work for a leading company in China.

Our Competitive Strengths

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Through ten years of development, we have become the largest telecommunications software and solutions provider in China. The key factors that contribute to our strong competitive position are:

The leading provider of telecom BSS/OSS solutions. We are the leading provider for China Mobile's operation support systems. We developed one of the largest telecommunications customer management systems in the world for Zhejiang Mobile, a subsidiary of China Mobile. Our successful work for China Mobile provides us with a solid position to support other telecommunications operators in their BSS/OSS systems construction.

The leader in Internet related markets. We are a leader in designing and implementing China's Internet infrastructure. We built first-class Internet backbones and provincial access networks, as well as user management systems and email systems, for China Mobile, China Telecom, China Netcom and China Unicom. As development of IP based value-added telecommunications services are becoming telecommunications operators' most important business strategy, we anticipate that the systems we constructed will help us to gain an advantageous market position.

Large-scale software development. Our software products, such as those for online billing solutions, e-mail solutions, business operation support systems solutions and CRM solutions, are capable of handling more than ten million telecommunications services users. Our large-scale software development capabilities will further help us to ensure efficiency and profitability in future development.

Customer-centric and cost-effective project management capability. Our project delivery time with key customers usually lasts between three to six months, and at times may last over a year. We believe customer satisfaction is essential to preserve customer loyalty. As such, we remain in close contact with our customers to meet their needs and demands during the course of these projects. Through experience and time, we have developed a unique project management system to achieve maximum customer satisfaction in a cost-effective manner. We believe our effective project management system distinguishes us from our competitors in China.

Established customer relationships. We have close relationships with all leading telecommunications service providers in China and have provided our services and products to most of them. Our in-depth understanding of their requirements allows us to successfully deliver customized solutions and maximize the opportunities created by investment in communications infrastructure in China. Moreover, we have strong customer service and research and development teams based in China, which allows us to respond quickly and efficiently to the needs of our customers.

Products and Solutions

We leverage our core strengths in information technology software and services into product and solution offerings to leading telecommunications service providers, as well as major enterprises in the power and transportation markets in China. Our offerings include seven categories of software products, each of which is given the name "Open" because the software installed is designed with open architecture to facilitate further development and customization for specific purposes. We integrate a combination of these products, together with our services, into solutions according to individual customer needs.

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AIOpenBOSS

AIOpenBOSS provides a flexible, expandable operation support platform for convergent billing solutions for mobile operators. AIOpenBOSS supports the business of mobile operators by providing a full line of integrated solutions including billing, account processing, operations management, customer services, settlements, as well as system monitoring and disaster recovery management. AIOpenBoss is capable of being developed into a full-service operations support system based on its core convergent billing function. Software products under this category include AsiaInfo Online Billing System, AsiaInfo Convergent Billing System, AI-BS Mobile Business Operating Support System and AsiaInfo Integrated Settlement System.

AIOpenCRM

AIOpenCRM is a leading customer relationship management solutions suite we launched for Chinese telecommunications operators. AIOpenCRM is an efficient system for operators to improve customer service quality and customer satisfaction. Our suite of customer relationship management solutions allows wireless and fixed-line telecommunications operators to improve customer service and establish strong customer relationships. Our AIOpenCRM products include solutions for AsiaInfo Customer Care and Relationship Management System and AsiaInfo Order Management System.

AIOpenBI

The core of the AIOpenBI solution is a carrier-class operating analysis & decision support system platform. With embedded technology such as data warehousing, online analytical process and data mining, AIOpenBI enables carriers to make management decisions based on analysis of customer behavior, competitive environment, business profitability and other parameters. The system is able to proactively generate business operation reports, which serve as a basis for top management decisions. Our main product under AIOpenBI is called AIOmniVision.

AIOpenXpert

AIOpenXpert, AsiaInfo's network management product suite, includes network access and backbone infrastructure design and implementation for telecommunications and Internet service providers. Our main product under AIOpenXpert is call AINetXpert. AIOpenXpert supports a wide array of network technologies and generally involves one or more of the following services:

- .. Network planning. We provide our customers with strategic and tactical reviews of their current network operations and future network requirements. We do much of this work before the customer awards a contract in order to assist them in developing an appropriate request for proposal and to improve our chances in winning the contract. The planning includes defining client business requirements, developing appropriate information architectures and selecting preferred technology.
- .. Network design. We detail the network specifications and implementation tactics necessary to achieve our customers' objectives. We also consider how the new technology will integrate with the customer's existing hardware and software and how it will be managed on an ongoing basis.
- .. Network implementation. We install recommended systems to meet our customers' network requirements. Key activities include project management, hardware and software procurement, configuration and field installation and testing, building network management centers and developing customized network and services management applications. We believe that our expertise in integrating new systems without disrupting our customers' ongoing

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business operations adds significant value and reduces risks.

- .. Network performance optimization. We maximize the efficiency of communications networks by improving network utilization. Examples of these services include network traffic analysis and identification of bottlenecks, recommendations for efficient allocation of bandwidth, fault detection and isolation, and performance audit and tuning.

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AIOpenAPP

We design and provide applications for Internet access, Internet protocol telephony and virtual private networks and allow our clients to provide commercial services to their customers. We also provide high volume messaging software and services, and Web-based as well as other Internet applications. Software products within our AIOpenAPP solutions include AsiaInfo Mail Center (AIMC), AsiaInfo Unified Messaging System (AIUM), AsiaInfo Internet Short Messaging Gateway (AIISMG) and AsiaInfo VisionXpert (AIVX).

AsiaInfo Mail Center (AIMC). Our flagship online messaging software, AIMC, is an integral part of our service application offerings. AIMC is carrier-scale messaging software designed to support electronic mail systems for the full range of email service providers, from small Internet service providers to large-scale mail hosting providers with millions of mailboxes and thousands of domains. Its flexible design allows service providers to offer Web-based free e-mail, basic e-mail service and premium business secure e-mail to end-users. The ability to scale both horizontally and vertically allows rapid expansion when more capacity is needed. The system is built to accommodate clustering technology and is highly fault tolerant. In addition to major telecommunications and Internet service providers, top Internet content providers in China are among the key customers for AIMC. To meet the demand for more efficient and secure electronic message exchanges, AIMC provides innovative functions and anti-spam control. The wireless application protocol, or WAP, and short messaging system, or SMS, functions allow the end user to access email at any time with a mobile connection. AIMC also enhances user experience with its stream-based video mail function.

AsiaInfo Unified Messaging System (AIUM). AIUM is an information-exchanging platform for wire, wireless and Internet networks providing customers complete access to message transmission and retrieval. AIUM gives the user freedom to choose among various media, such as e-mail, telephone, facsimile and mobile telephone, to send and retrieve messages.

AsiaInfo Internet Short Messaging Gateway (AIISMG). AIISMG is a business support platform for value-added short messaging services. AIISMG is the only one-layer short messaging gateway used by China Mobile (which facilitated more than 80 billion short messages in 2002) to achieve single-point access and provincial roaming within China. Furthermore, AIISMG supports multi-protocols to enable short messages transported between different carriers and different mobile networks, including digital mobile (global system for mobile communications, or GSM), CDMA, personal handy phone system, or PHS, and third generation, or 3G networks.

AsiaInfo VisionXpert (AIVX). AIVX is a support system for video-conferencing operations, providing the following functions:

- .. Conference management--scheduling user participation in conferences and booking meeting times and venues;

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- .. Resource management--carrying out deployment strategies over system resources, supporting products of different manufactures and providing inter-operator development and redundancy design;
- .. User management--managing users data and user' rights, and matching users and terminals;
- .. Billing management--collecting billing records, generating billing messages, answering billing inquiries and performing bill payment function.

AIOpenEIS

EIS refers to Enterprise Information Solutions, and the main product under AIOpenEIS is Human Resources Management (HRM) Systems, which provides enterprises with a highly functional and efficient computerized system that enables the accurate, timely and standardized capturing, storage, analysis and maintenance of all HR-related information. Our HRM solution is also capable of facilitating all key HR management functions, from basic data collection, filing, analysis and reporting, to performance review and salary/incentives management, to

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organization development management. In particular, the HRM solution allows China's large enterprises, especially those former or existing state-owned enterprises, to comply with governmental requirements on human resources management and requirements of domestic labor laws on pension, housing and insurance. It also supports the management of career promotion systems for skilled workers based on numerous state-administered tests.

AIOpenPRM

AIOpenPRM is a system we recently developed that calculates, manages and reconciles payment for intercarrier network access, including settlement of roaming charges between mobile operators, as well as management of agreements and settlements between operators and their business partners. "PRM" refers to "partnership relationship management". AIOpenPRM solution also provides support to telecommunications operators in their services to large enterprise customers and high-end individual customers, as well as their relationship management with third-party sales channels. Our main product under AIOpenPRM is called AIBCBS. As of the date of this report, AIOpenPRM has recently become available for sale and we have not yet entered into any customer agreements for AIOpenPRM.

Services

An integral part of our total customer solutions business is providing customers with professional IT services including network planning, design and optimization, as well as technical training, while gradually outsourcing lower end services, such as hardware installation. In direct response to our customers' needs, we have recently expanded our services business to include the provision of professional maintenance and support services. This service component of our business will become increasingly important, particularly as telecom networks become more complex and Chinese carriers pay more attention to improving their efficiency.

Strategic Acquisitions and Alliances

From time to time we enter into strategic acquisitions and alliances in order to further our business objectives, including:

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- .. expanding our product and service offerings;
- .. entering vertical markets and obtaining complementary technology; and
- .. increasing our distribution channels and co-marketing opportunities.

Our strategic investments have included our acquisition of Bonson Information Technology Holdings Limited, or Bonson, a leading provider of operation support system solutions to China's wireless telecommunications carriers. We acquired Bonson in February of 2002 for a combination of cash and shares of our common stock valued at a total of approximately \$51.4 million.

In December 2003, we acquired certain human resources management and business intelligence assets valued at approximately \$9 million from Pacific Software (China) Limited, a privately held, medium-sized software solutions company based in Hong Kong, and from its affiliate New Century Pacific Software (Beijing) Limited, a wholly-foreign-owned enterprises based in Beijing, China. The acquisition has expanded our business into the fast-growing human resources management and business intelligence market, allowing significant cross-marketing of our expertise in software management and development outside our traditional telecommunications industry client base.

Pricing

We currently price our projects on the following basis:

- .. Third party hardware procurement. We sell hardware as part of our total solutions and price hardware together with the total contract price as a fixed-fee. To minimize exposure to hardware risk, we source equipment from hardware vendors against letters of credit from our customers.
- .. Software sales. We price our software products (except for AIOmniVision and AINetXpert) based on the number of user licenses which our customers purchase from us. We price AIOmniVision based on modules, functions and requirements for follow-on services, and price AINetXpert based on the number of networks we monitor using the software. In addition to these license fees, our customers purchase technology support services for which they pay a service fee comprised of a fixed percentage of the total contract amount. The pricing of our messaging software, AIMC, is based on the total number of mail boxes purchased by our

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customers. However, the unit price for each mail box differs among free Web-based e-mail service, basic ISP-provided Internet e-mail and business secure e-mail offerings.

- .. Services. We price our services internally on an estimated time and material basis. Services included in a solution offering are charged to customers as a percentage of the total contract amount while professional maintenance and support services are charged separately, usually on an annual basis.

Contracts for our projects are generally subject to competitive bidding processes.

Technology

We have developed core competencies in various advanced technologies that are used in our products and solutions. By utilizing technologies such as

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multi-tier architecture, object-oriented techniques, data mining and open application program interfaces, we are able to provide our customers with the flexibility required in a highly competitive, dynamic environment.

Our business and operation support system solution (AIOpenBOSS) is a flexible, expandable, and scalable operation support platform with multi-tier architecture. As a modularized software product, it has the following technical features:

- .. an architecture adaptable to various compatible commercial middleware.
- .. a unified rating engine providing flexible pricing mechanisms.
- .. dynamic component modules that can be modified separately when a new product is introduced and updated without any system down time.
- .. memory database technologies allowing high performance for rating and billing activities.
- .. a real-time accounting system satisfying more sophisticated business requirements.

Our analytical customer relationship management software (AIOpenCRM), solution uses data-warehousing technology, offering decision support and execution services. It has the following technical features:

- .. data mining and online application and processing analysis capabilities enhanced by the flexibility of data-warehouse modelling technologies.
- .. flexible and reliable scripting technologies independent of operating system and database.
- .. dynamic component modules that can be modified separately when a new product is introduced and updated without any system down time.
- .. proprietary extract, transfer and load (ETS) technologies.

The architecture of our partnership relations management software (AIOpenPRM) has three layers: the access layer, service layer, and data layer. The multi-tier design technology provides flexibility, scalability, and high performance. To facilitate the flexible configuration and integration with other systems, the following technologies are adopted:

- .. The Workflow Management System (WFMS) performs execution and monitoring by breaking down work activities into well-defined tasks, roles, rules and processes to improve the production organization and working efficiency. This technology allows operators to reconfigure the business process to improve service quality and flexibility.
- .. Bus-oriented architecture and implementation of communications crossing application systems allow centralized and integrated connection among various modules.

Research and Development

We are committed to researching, designing and developing information technology solutions and software products that will meet the future needs of our customers. We upgrade our existing software products to enhance scalability and performance and provide added features and functions.

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The focus of our network services research is on new network technology development and the evaluation of solutions based on multi-vendor products. The focus of our software research is on architecture study, software development platforms, commonly used libraries and other software management tools.

Customers

Our customers currently consist primarily of Chinese telecommunications service providers, including China Mobile, China Unicom, China Netcom Group and China Telecom. For the year ended December 31, 2003, China Mobile accounted for approximately 45% of our revenues net of hardware costs, while China Unicom accounted for approximately 25%, China Telecom and China Netcom Group each accounted for approximately 12% and other customers accounted for 6%. Our customer base is changing and diversifying as the overall China telecommunications market deregulates. For more information on restructurings and regulatory changes affecting our customers, please see the discussion above under the heading "Industry Background" and the discussion below under the heading "Government Regulation."

China Mobile. China Mobile was established in July 1999 to operate mobile telecommunications networks nationwide that had previously been operated by China Telecom. China Mobile is the largest telephony service provider in China, with over 176 million wireless voice service subscribers, and has various provincial subsidiaries throughout China which are responsible for local networks. China Mobile's digital mobile (GSM) network covers all of China's cities and 99% of its rural areas.

China Unicom. China Unicom was established in 1994 and is China's second largest mobile operator, providing services to over 92 million mobile customers through its digital mobile (GSM) network and since January 2002, its second generation, or 2G, CDMA network. In 2003, China Unicom had 90.6 million subscribers and is targeting to achieve 107 million subscribers by the end of 2004. China Unicom also provides a wide array of services, including long distance telephone services, local telephone services, Internet and data communications services, paging services, communications value-added services and other communications services. In 2003, China Unicom established joint ventures with Qualcomm and SK Telecom to promote its CDMA business. In the same year, its CDMA-IX system formally began operation. By the end of 2003, China Unicom's CDMA users had reached 19 million.

China Netcom Group. China Netcom was originally formed in 1999 to provide nationwide Internet broadband access and integrated telecommunications services. As part of the industry reorganization, China Netcom merged with the northern division of China Telecom and Jitong Communication, and the combined business now operates under the China Netcom Group name. In 2003, China Netcom completed its organizational restructuring and established the China Netcom Group, which consists of three main entities, CNC North (responsible for CNC's operations in northern China), CNC South (responsible for CNC's operations in southern China), and CNC International (responsible for CNC's toll switch business with international operators).

China Telecom. China Telecom is the leading provider of fixed-line telephone, data and Internet and leased line services in four of the most economically developed regions in China. Before the restructurings of the telecommunications industry in China that began in 1999, China Telecom, together with its various provincial subsidiaries, constituted our largest customer, accounting for almost all of our revenues in 1997 and 1998. As part of the industry reorganization completed in May 2002, the northern division of China Telecom (comprising ten provinces) merged with China Netcom and Jitong Communication to form China Netcom Group. The southern division (comprising twenty-one

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provinces) continues to operate under the China Telecom name.

Customers in the Enterprise Market

Through our acquisition of HRM and BI assets from Pacific Software, we have recently gained exposure to customers outside of our traditional telecommunications base. CCID predicts that more than 60% of Chinese enterprises will invest in HRM systems during the next two years, and 16% of Chinese enterprises will implement HRM programs in 2004. According to IDC, China's HRM market will reach a scale of \$100-150

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million by 2005. Facing increased competition, many enterprises have adopted a strategy of utilizing thorough analysis of data regarding customers, markets and products to reduce operational costs and to increase profits. Large-scale state-owned enterprises are the target customer base of our HRM and BI solutions business. Our key customers in this market primarily include Air China International Corporation, or Air China, and China Petrochemical Corporation, or Sinopec.

Air China. On October 11th, 2002, under the guideline of the System Reform Program for Chinese Civil Aviation Industry approved by the State Council, China National Aviation Holding Company was formally founded, consisting of Air China, China National Aviation Company and China Southwest Airlines. On October 28th, 2002, the new Air China was formed by consolidating the air transportation assets of the three companies. According to Air China, it has total asset of 50.89 billion RMB, total traffic volume of 5.17 ton kilometers and 23,000 staff. It operates 386 routes including 64 international and 322 domestic routes and offers 3,300 scheduled services weekly. It has extensive sales and operations networks throughout China and in major cities around the world.

Sinopec. Sinopec is a leading energy and chemical company in China. Its scope of business covers exploration, development, production and marketing of crude oil and natural gas, oil refining and marketing, production and sales of petrochemicals, chemical fibers, chemical fertilizers, and other chemicals, storage and pipeline transportation of crude oil and natural gas, import and export of its products, as well as research and development of related technologies. With one million employees, Sinopec is China's largest producer and seller of oil products, its largest supplier of major petrochemical products, and its second largest crude oil producer.

Sales and Marketing

Sales

We classify market segments and target opportunities on national and regional levels. This classification helps us determine our primary sales targets and prepare monthly and quarterly sales forecasts. Sales quotas are assigned to all sales personnel according to annual sales plans. We approve target projects, develop detailed sales promotion strategies and prepare reports on order forecast, technical evaluation, sales budgeting expense, schedules and competition analysis. After a report has been approved, a sales team is appointed consisting of sales personnel, system design engineers and a senior system architect.

In July 2003, we restructured our business units to create one point of sales contact for each major customer. Today our sales organizations are structured into four strategic customer accounts, namely China Telecom, China Mobile,

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China Netcom and China Unicom, to provide more integrated solutions and services. These accounts sell our solutions and services to the respective customers and manage our long-term relationship with them. We also have direct sales personnel in regional offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu and Guangzhou. As a result, we believe we have increased our organizational efficiency and improved the quality of our services to our clients.

Marketing

Through our organizational restructuring in July 2003, we consolidated our marketing personnel and established the department of Marketing and Strategy, focusing on corporate strategy planning, strategic alliance development, market analysis and software product development planning.

In addition to our department of Marketing and Strategy, we have a market communications, or Marcom, department, which engages in a number of activities aimed at increasing awareness of our products and services. These activities include:

- .. managing and maintaining our web site;
- .. producing corporate and product brochures and monthly customer newsletters;
- .. conducting seminars and media conferences;
- .. conducting ongoing public relations programs; and
- .. creating and placing advertisements.

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Competition

Our main domestic competitors in China are Digital China, Linkage, Neusoft, and Wholewise. Our international competitors include multinational companies such as IBM Global Services, HP Services, Oracle, Sibel, Convergys and SAP, who are establishing more active presences in the IT services market for China's telecommunications industry. In addition, top international consulting companies such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Ernst & Young, Accenture, and KPMG, have also entered China's IT services market.

In the human resources management and business intelligence software sector, our competitors include large international information technology companies such as SAP, Oracle, IBM and People Soft, as well as domestic players such as UFSOFT.

We believe that we have competitive advantages in our product and service segments due to our technology leadership, combined international and China expertise, high performance, scalable and flexible software, customer-centric and cost effective project management capability, and established customer relationships. Our competitors, some of whom have greater financial, technical and human resources than we have, may be able to respond more quickly to new and emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements or devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sale of new products or services. It is possible that competition in the form of new competitors or alliances, joint ventures or consolidation among existing competitors may decrease our market share. Increased competition could result in lower personnel utilization rates, billing rate reductions, fewer customer engagements, reduced gross margins and loss of market share, any one of which could materially and adversely affect our profits and overall financial

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condition.

Government Regulation

The Chinese government has generally encouraged the development of the IT industry, and the products and services we offer are not currently subject to extensive government regulations. The telecommunications industry in which most of our customers operate, however, is subject to extensive government regulation and control. Currently, all the major telecommunications and Internet service providers in China are primarily state owned or state controlled and their business decisions and strategies are affected by the government's budgeting and spending plans. In addition, they are required to comply with regulations and rules promulgated from time to time by MII, and other ministries and government departments.

In September 2000, China published the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Telecommunications, also known as the Telecommunications Regulations. The Telecommunications Regulations are the first comprehensive set of regulations governing the conduct of telecommunications businesses in China. In particular, the Telecommunications Regulations set out in clear terms the framework for operational licensing, network interconnection, the setting of telecommunications charges and standards of telecommunications services in China.

The Circular on the Structural Adjustment of Telecommunication Charges, issued in December of 2000, reduced telecommunications service and Internet service fees in China, such as Internet access fees and leased line renting fees, permitting Internet protocol telephony operators, paging business operators, web hosting service providers and certain other value added service providers to set their prices based on their own cost structure and competitive strategy. We believe this Circular has positively impacted our business because, with the decline in telecommunications and Internet services fees, China's Internet population and tele-density have grown, which in turn has generated more demand for our products and services. For example, the number of Internet users in China increased to 79.5 million in 2003 due in part to the decrease in Internet access fees. In addition, with declining leased line tariffs, more and more enterprises will be able to afford to use the Internet as a business tool.

Under regulations introduced in December of 2001, foreign investors are now permitted to invest in China's telecommunications industry through Sino-foreign joint ventures. The new regulations, known as the Provisions on the Administration of Foreign-Invested Telecommunications Enterprises, or the Provisions, were the result of China's accession to the WTO. Under the Provisions, foreign investors will ultimately be permitted to own up to

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49% of basic telecommunications businesses (with the exception of wireless paging businesses) in China, and up to 50% of value-added telecommunications businesses (which include Internet service providers and Internet content providers) and wireless paging businesses.

Notwithstanding the recent developments in China's telecommunications regulations, many laws and regulations applicable to the telecommunications industry in China are still evolving and unsettled. In September 2000, China's State Council approved the Administrative Measures on Internet Information Services. The Administrative Measures on Internet Information Services provide for control and censoring of information on the Internet. A restrictive regulatory environment for our customers could adversely affect our business. For a further discussion of the changing regulatory environment in China,

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please see the discussion below under "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation--Factors Affecting Our Operating Results and Our Common Stock--Laws and regulations applicable to the Internet in China remain unsettled and could have a material adverse affect on the Internet's growth and thereby have a material adverse affect on our business."

Intellectual Property

Our success and ability to compete depends in part upon our intellectual property rights, which we protect through a combination of confidentiality arrangements and copyright and trademark registrations. We have filed five trademark applications with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, three of which have been passed on to registration and two of which are currently pending. Our trademark application covering AsiaInfo's logo and design has been granted by the Trademark Bureau of the State Administration of Industry and Commerce in China. In addition, we have filed three trademark applications with the Hong Kong Trade Marks Registry for AsiaInfo's logo, all of which have been passed to registration. We have also completed the registration of the copyrights for 107 versions of our software products with the State Copyright Bureau in China. However, although we may apply for such protection in the future, we have not applied for copyright protection in other jurisdictions (including the United States, which does not require registration for protection of copyrights). We do not own any patents and have not filed any patent applications.

We enter into confidentiality agreements with most of our employees and consultants, and control access to and distribution of our documentation and other licensed information. Despite these precautions, it may be possible for a third party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our licensed services or technology without authorization, or to develop similar technology independently. Since the Chinese legal system in general, and the intellectual property regime in particular, is relatively weak, it is often difficult to enforce intellectual property rights in China. In addition, there are other countries where effective copyright, trademark and trade secret protection may be unavailable or limited. Policing unauthorized use of our licensed technology is difficult and there can be no assurance that the steps we take will prevent misappropriation or infringement of our proprietary technology. 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, which could result in substantial costs and diversion of our resources and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

A portion of our business involves the development and customization of software applications for customers. We generally retain significant ownership or rights to use and market such software for other customer projects, where possible. However, our customers sometimes retain co-ownership and rights to use the applications, processes, and intellectual property so developed. In some cases, we may have no right or only limited rights to reuse or provide these developments in projects involving other customers. To the extent that we are unable to negotiate contracts which permit us to reuse source-codes and methodologies, or to the extent that we have conflicts with our customers regarding our ability to do so, we may be unable to provide similar solutions to our other customers.

Employees

We have over 800 employees. We devote significant resources to recruiting professionals with relevant industry experience. Most of our senior management and technical employees are western educated Chinese professionals

with substantial expertise in information technologies systems integration and application software development. We believe that our success in attracting and retaining highly skilled technical employees and sales and marketing personnel is largely a product of our commitment to providing a motivating and interactive work environment that features continuous and extensive professional development opportunities, as well as frequent and open communications at all levels of the organization. As an incentive, we have created employee stock option plans that include vesting provisions designed to encourage long-term employment.

Our Code of Ethics

In 1999 we adopted a code of ethics, or Code, which applies to all of our employees. In 2003, we conducted a thorough review and updating of the Code in connection with the implementation of rules relating to codes of ethics under the U.S. Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. A copy of the Code and a brief description of any amendments to or waivers from the Code relating to any of our principal executive officers or senior financial officers is posted on our website at www.asiainfo.com.

SEC Reports Available on Website

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to reports filed pursuant to Sections 13(a) and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, are available on our website at www.asiainfo.com, when such reports are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission website.

ITEM 2. Properties

Our principal development facilities and administrative offices currently occupy approximately 7,300 square meters in a building located in the Beijing Zhongguancun Science Park. The lease has a term of five years, which expires in February 2005, subject to termination in 2003 if an agreement on the adjustment of rent cannot be reached at that time. Our sales and marketing offices occupy approximately 1,800 square meters in a building located in the Beijing financial street area. The lease has a term of three years, which expires in February 2007. In addition, we have regional field support offices in various cities in China, namely Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Hangzhou, Nanjing and Wuhan, as well as a regional office in Santa Clara, California.

ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings

On December 4, 2001, a securities class action case was filed in New York City against us, certain of our officers and directors and the underwriters of our initial public offering, or IPO. The lawsuit alleged violations of the federal securities laws and was docketed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York as *Hassan v. AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., et al.* The lawsuit alleged, among other things, that the underwriters of our IPO improperly required their customers to pay the underwriters excessive commissions and to agree to buy additional shares of our common stock in the aftermarket as conditions to their purchasing shares in our IPO. The lawsuit further claimed that these supposed practices of the underwriters should have been disclosed in our IPO prospectus and registration statement. The suit seeks rescission of the plaintiffs' alleged purchases of our common stock as well as unspecified damages. In addition to the case against us, various other plaintiffs have filed approximately 1,000 other, substantially similar class action cases against approximately 300 other publicly traded companies and

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their IPO underwriters in New York City, which along with the case against us have all been transferred to a single federal district judge for purposes of case management. On July 15, 2002, together with the other issuer defendants, we filed a collective motion to dismiss the consolidated, amended complaints against the issuers on various legal grounds common to all or most of the issuer defendants. The underwriters also filed separate motions to dismiss the claims against them. On October 9, 2002, the court dismissed without prejudice all claims against the individual defendants in the litigation. The dismissals were based on stipulations signed by those defendants and the plaintiffs' representatives. On February 19, 2003, the court issued its ruling on the motions to dismiss filed by the underwriter and issuer defendants. In that ruling the court granted in part

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and denied in part those motions. As to the claims brought against us under the anti-fraud provisions of the securities laws, the court dismissed all such claims without prejudice. As to the claims brought under the registration provisions of the securities laws, which do not require that intent to defraud be pleaded, the court denied the motion to dismiss such claims as to us and as to substantially all of the other issuer defendants. The court also denied the underwriter defendants' motion to dismiss in all respects.

In June 2003, based on a decision made by a special independent committee of our board of directors, we elected to participate in a proposed settlement agreement with the plaintiffs in this litigation. If ultimately approved by the court, this proposed settlement would result in a dismissal, with prejudice, of all claims in the litigation against us and against any of the other issuer defendants who elect to participate in the proposed settlement, together with the current or former officers and directors of participating issuers who were named as individual defendants. The proposed settlement does not provide for the resolution of any claims against the underwriter defendants, and the litigation against those defendants is continuing. The proposed settlement provides that the class members in the class action cases brought against the participating issuer defendants will be guaranteed a recovery of \$1 billion by insurers of the participating issuer defendants. If recoveries totaling \$1 billion or more are obtained by the class members from the underwriter defendants, however, the monetary obligations to the class members under the proposed settlement will be satisfied. In addition, all participating issuer defendants will be required to assign to the class members certain claims that we may have against the underwriters.

The proposed settlement contemplates that any amounts necessary to fund the settlement or settlement-related expenses would come from participating issuers' directors and officers liability insurance policy proceeds as opposed to funds of the participating issuer defendants themselves. A participating issuer defendant could be required to contribute to the costs of the settlement if that issuer's insurance coverage were insufficient to pay that issuer's allocable share of the settlement costs. We expect that our insurance proceeds will be sufficient for these purposes and that we will not otherwise be required to contribute to the proposed settlement. Consummation of the proposed settlement is conditioned upon, among other things, negotiating, executing, and filing with the court final settlement documents, and final approval by the court. If the proposed settlement described above is not consummated, we intend to continue to defend the litigation vigorously. Moreover, if the proposed settlement is not consummated, we believe that the underwriters may have an obligation to indemnify us for the legal fees and other costs of defending this suit and that our directors' and officers' liability insurance policies would also cover the defense and potential exposure in the suit. While we cannot guarantee the outcome of these proceedings, we believe that the final result of

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these actions will have no material effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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

No matters were submitted during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year covered by this report to a vote of our security holders.

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PART II

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

Our common stock has been quoted on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "ASIA" since our initial public offering on March 2, 2000. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices per share of the common stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market.

	High	Low
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2003:		
Fourth Quarter.	7.9	6.15
Third Quarter..	12.12	6.01
Second Quarter.	8.69	4.00
First Quarter..	8.23	3.00
2002:		
Fourth Quarter.	8.90	2.04
Third Quarter..	13.78	3.22
Second Quarter.	13.88	9.80
First Quarter..	24.25	10.66

As of March 1, 2004, we had approximately 161 holders of record of our common stock.

We have never declared or paid any dividends on our capital stock, and do not intend to pay dividends on our shares of common stock in the foreseeable future. Instead, we intend to retain all earnings for use in our business. Future cash dividends, if any, will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our future operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, general financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors as the board of directors may deem relevant. Any dividends we declare will be paid in U.S. dollars.

As a holding company, our primary source of cash for the payment of dividends are distributions, if any, from our subsidiaries. Our principal operating subsidiaries were established in China and are able to make distributions of profits to us only if they satisfy certain conditions under Chinese law, including the satisfaction of tax liabilities, recovery of losses from previous years and mandatory contributions to statutory reserves. In addition, loan agreements and contractual arrangements we enter into in the future may also restrict our ability to pay dividends.

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ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table sets forth our selected consolidated financial data. You should read this information together with our consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements included in this report, and "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation" beginning on page 20 of this report. The selected consolidated balance sheet data and statements of operations data in the table below have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. Historical results are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in the future.

	Years Ended December 31,			
	2003	2002	2001	2000
	(Amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars except share and per share amounts)			
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:				
Revenues:				
Network solutions.....	\$ 84,686	88,253	161,131	158,696
Software revenue.....	31,488	33,013	27,875	17,367
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Total revenues.....	116,174	121,266	189,006	176,063
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Cost of revenues:				
Network solutions.....	67,675	67,839	129,712	141,668
Software revenue.....	14,546	13,161	3,821	3,030
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Total cost of revenues.....	82,221	81,000	133,533	144,698
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Gross profit.....	33,953	40,266	55,473	31,365
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Operating expenses:				
Sales and marketing.....	11,340	14,680	21,768	19,734
General and administrative/(1)/.....	10,827	9,907	14,905	12,893
Research and development.....	9,130	8,503	7,304	5,974
Amortization of deferred stock compensation.....	105	407	1,144	2,209
In-process research and development.....	169	350	--	--
Amortization of acquired intangible assets.....	209	1,749	--	--
Impairment of goodwill and acquired intangible assets.....	30,221	--	--	--
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Total operating expenses.....	62,001	35,596	45,121	40,810
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(Loss) income from operations.....	(28,048)	4,670	10,352	(9,445)
Other income (expenses):				
Interest income.....	1,576	2,272	7,135	7,919
Interest expense.....	(3)	(114)	(969)	(1,032)
Other income (expense), net.....	(133)	(708)	(59)	(22)
Total other income, net.....	1,440	1,450	6,107	6,865
(Loss) income before income taxes, minority interests and equity in loss of affiliate	(26,608)	6,120	16,459	(2,580)
Income tax benefit expenses.....	(978)	824	3,444	218
(Loss) income before minority interests.	(25,630)	5,296	13,015	(2,798)
Minority interests in (income) loss of consolidated subsidiaries.....	(12)	75	(396)	32
Equity in loss of affiliate.....	(2,477)	(2,465)	(885)	--

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Net (loss) income.....	\$ (28,119)	2,906	11,734	(2,766)
Net (loss) income per share:				
Basic.....	\$ (0.63)	0.07	0.28	(0.07)
Diluted/(2)/.....	\$ (0.63)	0.06	0.26	(0.07)
Shares used in computation				
Basic.....	44,459,010	43,583,420	41,525,159	37,239,649
Diluted/(2)/.....	44,459,010	45,961,545	45,924,724	37,239,649

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As of December 31,

2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
(amounts in thousands of US\$)				

Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:

Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$119,395	115,153	110,635	48,834	25,404
Total current assets.....	219,480	215,094	232,836	254,190	64,773
Total assets.....	240,022	263,430	245,860	264,003	71,427
Total liabilities (excluding minority interests)	53,365	52,955	60,460	95,206	31,639
Total stockholders' equity.....	186,657	210,158	184,790	168,609	39,788

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- (1) In 2002, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," and as a result we discontinued amortization of goodwill on January 1, 2002 (see note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report).
 - (2) In 2003, 2000 and 1999 the diluted net loss per share computation excludes shares of common stock issuable under stock option plans, upon the exercise of warrants and upon the automatic conversion of our convertible preferred stock which, if included, would have had an antidilutive effect on the net loss reported in those periods. In 2002 and 2001, we had options outstanding which could potentially dilute earnings per share in the future, but were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share in the year, as their exercise prices were above the average market values in the year. See Note 12 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report for a detailed explanation of the determination of the shares used in computing basic and diluted net income (loss) per share.

ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation

Overview

We are a leading provider of high-quality software and solutions in China. We provide total customer solutions to some of China's largest companies, and help our customers to increase their business value in fast-growing and evolving markets. In the telecommunications market, our software products and network services enable our customers to build, maintain, operate, manage and continuously improve their communications infrastructure. Our largest customers

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are the major telecommunications carriers in China and their provincial subsidiaries, such as China Telecommunications Corporation, or China Telecom, China Network Communications Group Corporation, or China Netcom Group, China Mobile Communications Corporation, or China Mobile, and China United Telecommunications Corporation, or China Unicom. Recently, through our acquisition of a human resources management, or HRM, and business intelligence, or BI, software business, we have gained exposure to new customers in industries such as transportation, power and iron and steel.

We commenced our operations in the United States in 1993 and moved our major operations from the United States to China in 1995. We began generating significant network solutions revenues in 1996 and significant software revenues in 1998. We conduct the bulk of our business through our wholly-owned operating subsidiaries, AsiaInfo Technologies (China) Inc., or AsiaInfo Technologies, and AsiaInfo Management Software, Inc., or AsiaInfo Management, which are both Chinese companies.

We believe that there are opportunities for us to expand into new business areas and to continue to grow our business both organically and through acquisitions. On December 4, 2003, we completed our acquisition of certain HRM and BI assets valued at approximately \$9 million from Pacific Software (China) Limited, a privately held, medium-sized software solutions company based in Hong Kong, and from its affiliate, New Century Pacific Software (Beijing) Limited, a wholly-foreign-owned enterprise based in Beijing, China. We expect that the acquisition will help us to expand into the HRM and BI software markets, and expose us to customers in other industries, outside of our traditional telecommunications customer base.

Reliance on key customers. We have derived, and believe that we will continue to derive, a significant portion of our revenues from a limited number of large customers, such as China Telecom, China Unicom, China Mobile and China Netcom Group. Sales to China Telecom and its subsidiaries amounted to approximately 9%, 21% and 31% of total revenues in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Sales to China Unicom and its subsidiaries amounted to approximately 38%, 22% and 45% of total revenues in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Sales to China Netcom Group and its subsidiaries amounted to approximately 13%, 6% and 9% of total revenues in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Sales to China Mobile and its subsidiaries amounted to approximately 38%, 42%

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and 10% of total revenues in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The sum of our top five receivable balances represented 96% and 95% of the total receivable balances for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. We have expanded our customer base recently through the acquisition of an HRM and BI software business with customers in sectors such as transportation and energy. However, our operating results are still dependent on our large customers in the telecommunications sector, and the loss of any of those customers could have a material adverse impact on us.

Impact of goodwill impairments. In connection with our acquisition of Bonson Information Technology Holdings Limited, we paid the former shareholders of that company \$32.76 million (net of acquisition costs) in cash and 1,031,686 shares of our common stock (which were valued at approximately \$18 million at the time the acquisition was announced). During the first quarter of 2003, we completed an annual impairment test as required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standard ("SFAS") No.142 and recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$29.84 million relating to the goodwill and acquired intangible assets attributable to our acquisition of Bonson. In December 2003, we conducted an impairment test in connection with our investment in Intrinsic Technology

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Holdings, Inc., in which we hold a minority stake, and recorded a charge of \$2.2 million. Although we do not presently anticipate any further impairment charges, any future deterioration of market conditions or other changes may require us to record additional impairment charges in the future, which would impact our net income (loss).

Impact of SARS outbreak. The outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, is believed to have started in Guangdong Province, China in late 2002 and to have later spread to Beijing. The SARS outbreak impacted our second quarter 2003 revenues by disrupting travel throughout China and causing delays in service delivery to our customers. In addition, the outbreak of SARS interrupted our collection efforts, causing our days sales outstanding to increase to 219 days at the end of the second quarter of 2003. Although the spread of SARS in China has been contained and our business activities resumed normal operations during the third quarter of 2003, the medical community worldwide has not fully understood the origin of SARS and has not found a well-recognized effective treatment for SARS. As a consequence, the potential long-term effects of SARS on economic growth in China are still unknown. Since January 5, 2004, a small number of new SARS cases have been reported in China. Any future worsening of the SARS epidemic could have an adverse impact on our business.

Revenues

We report our revenues on the basis of the two principal types of revenues derived from our business: network solutions revenues and software revenues.

Network solutions revenue. Network solutions revenue consists of hardware sales for equipment procured by us on behalf of our customers from hardware vendors, as well as services for network planning, design, systems integration and training. We procure for and sell hardware to our customers as part of our total solutions strategy. We minimize our exposure to hardware risks by sourcing equipment from hardware vendors against letters of credit from our customers. We believe that as the telecommunications-related market in China develops our customers will increasingly purchase hardware directly from hardware vendors and hire us for our professional services.

Software revenue. Software revenues include two types of revenues: software license revenue and software services revenue. Software license revenue consists of fees received from customers for licenses or sublicenses to use our software products as well as third party software products in perpetuity, typically up to a specified maximum number of users. In most cases, our customers must purchase additional user licenses from us when the number of users exceeds the specified maximum. Our software license revenue also includes the benefit of value added tax rebates on software license sales, which are part of the Chinese government's policy of encouraging China's software industry. Software services revenue consists of revenue from software installation, customization, training and other services.

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Net revenues. Although we report our revenues on a gross basis, inclusive of hardware acquisition costs that are passed through to our customers, we manage our business internally based on revenues net of hardware costs, which is consistent with our strategy of providing our customers with high value IT professional services and, where efficient, outsourcing lower-end services such as hardware acquisition and installation. This strategy may result in lower growth rates for total revenues as against prior periods, but will not adversely impact revenues net of hardware costs. The following table shows our revenue breakdown on this basis and reconciles our net revenues to our total

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revenues:

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
	(amount in thousands of US\$)				
Network solutions net of hardware costs.	25,982	31,720	43,516	27,211	18,727
Software revenue.....	31,488	33,013	27,875	17,367	6,494
Total revenues net of hardware costs.	57,470	64,733	71,391	44,578	25,221
Total hardware costs.....	58,704	56,533	117,615	131,485	35,059
Total revenues.....	116,174	121,266	189,006	176,063	60,280
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

The information on revenues net of hardware costs in the above table is a non-GAAP financial measure within the meaning of Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. We have provided a reconciliation of this non-GAAP financial measure to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, total gross revenues. We believe that the presentation of this non-GAAP measure provides useful information for investors regarding our regular financial performance. Our management uses this measure for the same purpose. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for our financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Cost of Revenues

Network solutions costs. Network solutions costs consist primarily of third party hardware costs, compensation and travel expenses for the professionals involved in designing and implementing projects, and hardware warranty costs. We recognize hardware costs in full upon delivery of the hardware to our customers. In order to minimize our working capital requirements, we generally obtain from our hardware vendors payment terms that are timed to permit us to receive payment from our customers for the hardware before our payments to hardware vendors are due. However, in large projects we sometimes obtain less favorable payment terms from our customers, thereby increasing our working capital requirements. We accrue hardware warranty costs upon final acceptance. We obtain manufacturers' warranties for hardware we sell, which cover a portion of the warranties that we give to our customers. We currently accrue 0.5% of hardware sales to cover potential warranty expenses. This estimate of warranty cost is based on our current experience with contracts for which the warranty period has expired.

Software costs. Software costs consist primarily of three components:

- .. packaging and written manual expenses for our proprietary software products;
- .. compensation and travel expenses for the professionals involved in modifying, customizing or installing our software products and in providing consultation, training and support services; and
- .. software license fees paid to third-party software providers for the right to sublicense their products to our customers as part of our solutions offerings.

The costs associated with designing and modifying the formulation of our

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proprietary software are classified as research and development expenses as incurred.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses are comprised of sales and marketing expenses, research and development expenses, general and administrative expenses, and amortization expenses for intangible assets and deferred stock compensation

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and impairment of goodwill and acquired intangible assets. Compensation expenses consistently comprise a significant portion of our total operating expenses.

Sales and marketing expenses include compensation expenses for employees in our sales and marketing departments, third party advertising expenses, as well as sales commissions and sales agency fees.

Research and development expenses relate to the development of new software and the modification of the formulation existing software. We expense such costs as they are incurred.

Taxes

Except for certain hardware procurement and resale transactions, we conduct substantially all of our business through our Chinese subsidiaries, which are generally subject to a 30% state corporate income tax and a 3% local income tax.

Under the income tax laws of China, foreign invested enterprises, or FIEs, satisfying certain criteria can enjoy preferential tax treatment. Our subsidiaries, AsiaInfo Technologies, AsiaInfo Management and AsiaInfo Technologies (Chengdu), Inc., are FIEs and enjoy certain preferential tax treatments in China. Please refer to Note 11 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report for details of the respective preferential treatments for each of these subsidiaries.

The unified Chinese corporate income tax laws for domestic enterprises and FIEs will likely take effect in 2005. It is anticipated that these unified tax laws will eliminate various preferential tax provisions in China. However, such unified tax laws should not affect the preferential tax treatments granted to FIEs in the previous years.

Sales of hardware procured in China are subject to a 17% value added tax. Most of our sales of hardware procured outside China are made through our U.S. parent company, AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and thus are not subject to the value added tax. We effectively pass value-added taxes on hardware sales through to our customers and do not include them in revenues reported in our financial statements. In addition, companies that develop their own software and have the software registered with the relevant authorities in China are generally entitled to a value added tax refund. If the net amount of the value added tax payable exceeds 3% of software sales, the excess portion of the value added tax is refundable immediately. This policy is effective until 2010.

We are also subject to U.S. income taxes on revenues generated in the United States, including revenues from our limited hardware procurement activities through our U.S. parent company, AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., and interest income earned in the United States.

Foreign Exchange

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A majority of our revenues and expenses relating to hardware sales are denominated in U.S. dollars, and substantially all of our revenues and expenses relating to the software and service components of our business are denominated in Renminbi. The value of our shares will be affected by the foreign exchange rate between U.S. dollars and Renminbi because the value of our business is effectively denominated in Renminbi, while our shares are traded in U.S. dollars. Furthermore, an increase in the value of the Renminbi may require us to exchange more U.S. dollars into Renminbi to meet the working capital requirements of our subsidiaries in China. Depreciation of the value of the U.S. dollar will also reduce the value of the cash we hold in U.S. dollars, which we may use for purposes of future acquisitions or other business expansion. We actively monitor our exposure to these risks and adjust our cash position in the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar when we believe such adjustments will reduce risks. For example, in February 2004 we exchanged approximately \$28 million cash in U.S. dollar into Renminbi.

Critical Accounting Policies

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and

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assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates and judgments, including those related to revenues and cost of revenues under customer contracts, warranty obligations, bad debts, income taxes, investment in affiliate, goodwill and other intangible assets, and litigation. We base our estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that we believe are reasonable. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe the following critical accounting policies affect the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

Revenue recognition. We generally charge a fixed price for all of our projects and recognize revenue based on the percentage of completion of the project. Software revenues from customer orders requiring significant production, modifications, or customization of the software are recognized over the installation and customization period. We use labor costs and direct project expenses to determine the stage of completion, except for revenue associated with the procurement of hardware, which we recognize upon delivery of the hardware to the customer. Since a large part of the cost of certain projects, particularly network solutions projects, often relates to hardware, the timing of hardware delivery can cause our quarterly gross revenue and inventory level to fluctuate significantly. However, those fluctuations do not significantly affect our gross profits because hardware-related revenues generally approximate the costs of the hardware. Recognized revenues and profit are subject to adjustments in current periods as the contract progresses to completion. Accordingly, any changes in our estimates would impact our future operating results.

Income taxes. We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that we believe is more likely than not to be realized. In the event we were to determine that we would be able to realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of their recorded amount, an adjustment to the deferred tax asset would increase income in the period such determination

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was made. Likewise, should we determine that we would not be able to realize all or part of our net deferred tax asset in the future, an adjustment to the deferred tax asset would be charged to income in the period such determination was made.

Goodwill and other intangible assets. We make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows and other factors to determine the fair value of goodwill and other intangible assets. If these estimates or their related assumptions change in the future, we may be required to record an impairment charge if the estimated fair value of goodwill and other intangible assets is less than its recorded amount. As required under SFAS No.142, during the first quarter of 2003 we completed an annual goodwill impairment test and recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$30.2 million relating to the goodwill and acquired intangible assets primarily attributable to our acquisition of Bonson in February of 2002. The impairment resulted primarily from the industry-wide equity devaluations of the past year. Continued deterioration of market conditions may require us to record additional impairment charges in the future.

Consolidated Results Of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2003 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2002

Revenues. Total revenues, including hardware pass-through, decreased 4% to \$116.2 million in 2003, from \$121.3 million in 2002. Revenues net of hardware costs decreased approximately 11% to \$57.5 million in 2003. Software revenue was \$31.5 million, representing a 5% decrease from \$33 million in 2002. Network solution revenue net of hardware cost was \$26.0 million, representing an 18% decrease from \$31.7 million in 2002.

The decrease in our total revenues was primarily attributable to the business slowdown caused by the SARS outbreak in 2003, as well as our continued focus on providing software solutions (which effectively reduces our revenues from hardware pass through). Looking forward, we anticipate that our net revenues will increase 15 to 21% in 2004, driven by the growth we anticipate in revenues from our software solutions, including revenues related to the HRM and BI business we acquired in December 2003.

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Cost of revenues. Our cost of revenues was \$82.2 million in 2003, remaining at approximately the same level as 2002 due to the fixed nature of our compensation expenses.

Gross profit. Gross profit decreased 16% in 2003 to \$34.0 million. Gross profit as a percentage of gross revenues, or gross margin, decreased to 29% in 2003, as compared to 33% in 2002. Gross profit as a percentage of net revenues decreased to 59% in 2003, as compared to 62% in 2002. These decreases in margins were primarily attributable to the fixed nature of the compensation expenses that form a significant aspect of our costs of revenues.

Operating expenses. Total operating expenses increased 74% to \$62.0 million in 2003, from \$35.6 million in 2002, primarily as a result of our recording the impairment charges discussed below.

Sales and marketing expenses decreased 23% to \$11.3 million in 2003, from \$14.7 million in 2002. This decrease was partially attributable to our consolidation of sales operations and our increased sales efficiency as a result of our operations restructure effective July 1, 2003 that focuses our business operation on specific customers rather than product lines. Instead of selling our products and services through the two former strategic business units,

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Communications Solutions and Operation Support Systems Solutions, we now have one point of sales contact for each of our major customers, streamlining the relationships and interactions with our customers.

General and administrative expenses increased 9% to \$10.8 million in 2003, from \$9.9 million in 2002, largely as a result of increased bad debt expenses in the amount of \$1.6 million.

Research and development expenses increased 7% to \$9.1 million in 2003, from \$8.5 million in 2002, due to our continued focus on developing new software products and solutions for China's telecommunications carriers. We intend to continue to increase our investment in research and development to introduce new products and services in a timely manner to our customers.

In 2003, we conducted impairment tests regarding the goodwill recorded in our acquisition of Bonson in 2002. Based on these tests, we recorded approximately \$29.84 million in impairment charges in connection with our acquisition of Bonson.

Equity in loss of affiliates. Equity in loss of affiliate in 2003 of approximately \$2.5 million represented an impairment charge related to our investment in, as well as our proportionate share of losses incurred by, Intrinsic Holdings, in which we hold a minority stake. We recorded an impairment charge of approximately \$2.2 million in connection with our investment in Intrinsic based on an impairment test conducted in the fourth quarter of 2003.

Net income (loss). Our net loss was \$28.1 million in 2003, or a loss of \$0.63 per share on a fully-diluted basis, as compared to net income of \$2.9 million in 2002, or income of \$0.06 per share on a fully diluted basis. The impairment charges from our acquisition of Bonson and our investment in Intrinsic, described above, reduced our earnings in 2003 by \$0.72 per share. We expect net income in 2004 to be between \$5.0 million to \$7.0 million or \$0.12 to \$0.16 per basic share.

Year Ended December 31, 2002 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2001

Revenues. Total revenues, including hardware pass-through, decreased 36% to \$121.3 million in 2002, from \$189 million in 2001. Revenues net of hardware costs decreased approximately 9% to \$64.7 million in 2002. Network solutions revenues net of hardware costs were \$33 million in 2002, a 24% decrease from the previous year. Software solutions revenues were \$31.7 million in 2002, representing 49% of total revenues net of hardware costs and a 14% increase over software solutions revenues from the previous year.

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The decrease in total revenues was primarily attributable to a shift in our customer's focus from increasing network capacity to increasing network productivity through the provision of more advanced applications, as well as our shift in focus to high-end systems integration projects involving less hardware pass-through revenue. The decrease in net revenues was attributable to the prolonged telecommunications industry restructuring in China resulting in an estimated 20% decrease of total capital expenditure in 2002 on the part of telecommunications carriers in China.

Cost of revenues. Our cost of revenues decreased 39% to \$81 million in 2002, partially as a result of more customers purchasing hardware directly from hardware vendors. Our cost of revenues net of hardware costs increased 54% to \$24.5 million in 2002 while our revenues net of hardware cost decreased 9%.

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This was primarily due to the increased number of employees in our (former) BSS/OSS Solutions business unit and lower margins on hardware pass-through.

Gross profit. Gross profit decreased 27% in 2002 to \$40.3 million. Gross profit as a percentage of gross revenues, or gross margin, increased to 33% in 2002, as compared to 29% in 2001. The increase in gross margin is primarily attributable to the smaller amount of low margin hardware pass-through revenue recognized in 2002. Gross profit as a percentage of net revenues decreased to 62% in 2002, as compared to 78% in 2001, primarily due to the increased number of employees in our (former) BSS/OSS Solutions business unit and lower margins on hardware pass-through.

Operating expenses. Total operating expenses decreased 21% to \$35.6 million in 2002, from \$45.1 million in 2001. These decreases resulted from cost cutting measures implemented during the year, including a 10% headcount decrease and a 10% salary cut for employees at the manager level and above.

Sales and marketing expenses decreased 33% to \$14.7 million in 2002, from \$21.8 million in 2001. This decrease was partially attributable to the integration of our sales teams within our (former) Communications Solutions business unit, the integration of Bonson's sales team into our (former) BSS/OSS Solutions business unit, reductions in staff, reduced efforts in international and channel sales, and tighter control of our marketing expenses.

General and administrative expenses decreased 34% to \$9.9 million in 2002, from \$14.9 million in 2001.

Research and development expenses increased 16% to \$8.5 million in 2002, from \$7.3 million in 2001, due to our continued focus on developing new software products and solutions for China's telecommunications carriers.

We recognized a charge of \$1.7 million for amortization of intangible assets in 2002 related to our acquisition of Bonson.

Other income (expenses). Other income (expenses), consisting primarily of net interest income and expense, decreased from income of approximately \$6.1 million in 2001 to income of \$1.5 million in 2002, partially due to a decrease in interest rates and our having less cash on our balance sheet as a result of our acquisition of Bonson. The decrease was also due to our recording a provision of \$0.75 million against a promissory note receivable the collection of which we determined to be not reasonably assured.

Minority interest. In 2002, minority interest of \$0.08 million represented the portion of our loss before minority interests attributable to the minority shareholders of two of our subsidiaries, Marsec and Guangdong Wangying Information Technology Co. Ltd., or Guangdong Wangying.

Equity in loss of affiliates. Equity in loss of affiliate in 2002 of approximately \$2.5 million included our proportionate share of the loss incurred by Intrinsic, in which we held a 14.25% equity interest, as well as an impairment charge of approximately \$2.0 million we recorded in connection with that investment.

Net income (loss). Net income decreased 75% to \$2.9 million in 2002, or \$0.06 per share on a fully diluted basis, from \$11.7 million, or \$0.26 per share on a fully diluted basis in 2001. Bonson contributed 35% of total net income in 2002.

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The following table sets forth unaudited quarterly statements of operations data for the four quarters ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. We believe this unaudited information has been prepared substantially on the same basis as the annual audited combined financial statements appearing elsewhere in this report.

We believe this data includes all necessary adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation. You should read the quarterly data together with the consolidated financial statements and the notes to those statements appearing elsewhere in this report. The consolidated results of operations for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for any future period. We expect that our quarterly revenues may fluctuate significantly.

	Three Months Ended				
	December 31, 2003	September 30, 2003	June 30, 2003	March 31, 2003	December 31, 2002
	(Amounts in thousands of U.S.)				
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:					
Revenues:					
Network solutions.....	21,081	19,543	20,562	23,500	16,350
Software revenue.....	9,531	8,441	6,342	7,174	7,240
	30,612	27,984	26,904	30,674	23,590
Total revenues.....					
Total cost of revenues.....	21,362	17,988	19,702	23,169	16,150
	9,250	9,996	7,202	7,505	7,440
Gross profit.....					
Operating expenses:					
Sales and marketing.....	3,075	2,820	2,930	2,515	3,220
General and administrative.....	2,428	3,116	2,966	2,317	2,170
Research and development.....	1,882	2,037	2,666	2,545	1,790
Amortization of deferred stock compensation expense.....	--	--	37	68	70
In-process research and development.....	169	--	--	--	--
Amortization of acquired intangible assets.....	81	41	40	47	47
Impairment of goodwill and acquired intangible assets.....	--	--	--	30,221	--
	7,635	8,014	8,639	37,713	7,740
Total operating expenses.....					
Income (loss) from operations.....	1,615	1,982	(1,437)	(30,208)	(30,000)
Other income (expenses):					
Interest income.....	394	362	366	454	510
Interest expense.....	(1)	--	(1)	(1)	(3)
Other (expense) income, net.....	(100)	(1)	(31)	(1)	(75)
Total other income (expenses), net.....	293	361	334	452	(27)
Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests and equity in loss of affiliate.....	1,908	2,343	(1,103)	(29,756)	(57)
Income tax (benefit) expense.....	(20)	--	(134)	(824)	(4)
Income (loss) before minority interests.....	1,928	2,343	(969)	(28,932)	(53)

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Minority interests in (income) loss of consolidated subsidiaries.....	--	--	(12)	--	1
Equity in loss of affiliate.....	(2,196)	(94)	(72)	(115)	(2,08)
Net (loss) income.....	(268)	2,249	(1,053)	29,047	2,60
Net (loss) income per share					
Basic.....	(0.01)	0.05	(0.02)	(0.66)	(0.0)
Diluted.....	(0.01)	0.05	(0.02)	(0.66)	(0.0)
Shares used in computing per share amounts					
Basic.....	44,846,989	44,521,025	44,261,401	44,206,625	44,170,75
Diluted.....	44,846,989	46,971,126	44,261,401	44,206,625	44,170,75
Segment information					
Network solutions net of hardware costs.....	6,624	7,399	6,414	5,545	6,11
Software revenue.....	9,531	8,441	6,342	7,174	7,24
Total revenues net of hardware costs.....	16,155	15,840	12,756	12,719	13,36
Total cost of sales net of hardware costs.....	6,905	5,844	5,554	5,214	5,91
Gross profit.....	9,250	9,996	7,202	7,505	7,44

March 31,
2002

Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:

Revenues:	
Network solutions.....	21,243
Software revenue.....	7,294

Total revenues.....	28,537
Total cost of revenues.....	17,249

Gross profit.....	11,288

Operating expenses:	
Sales and marketing.....	3,569
General and administrative.....	3,545
Research and development.....	2,264
Amortization of deferred stock compensation expense.....	152
In-process research and development.....	350
Amortization of acquired intangible assets.....	318
Impairment of goodwill and acquired intangible assets.....	--

Total operating expenses.....	10,198

Income (loss) from operations.....	1,090
Other income (expenses):	
Interest income.....	734
Interest expense.....	(44)
Other (expense) income, net.....	1
Total other income (expenses),	

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net.....	691
Income (loss) before income taxes, minority interests and equity in loss of affiliate.....	1,781
Income tax (benefit) expense.....	267
Income (loss) before minority interests.....	1,514
Minority interests in (income) loss of consolidated subsidiaries.....	35
Equity in loss of affiliate.....	(127)
Net (loss) income.....	1,422
Net (loss) income per share	
Basic.....	0.03
Diluted.....	0.03
Shares used in computing per share amounts	
Basic.....	44,430,509
Diluted.....	45,884,452
Segment information	
Network solutions net of hardware costs.....	9,780
Software revenue.....	7,294
Total revenues net of hardware costs.....	\$ 17,074
Total cost of sales net of hardware costs.....	\$ 5,786
Gross profit.....	\$ 11,288

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our capital requirements are primarily working capital requirements related to hardware sales and costs associated with the expansion of our business, such as research and development and sales and marketing expenses. We recognize hardware costs in full upon delivery of the hardware to our customers. In order to minimize our working capital requirements, we generally obtain from our hardware vendors payment terms that are timed to permit us to receive payment from our customers for the hardware before our payments to hardware vendors are due. However, we sometimes obtain less favorable payment terms from our customers, thereby increasing our working capital requirements. We have historically financed our working capital and other financing requirements through careful management of our billing cycle, private placements of equity securities, our initial public offering in March of 2000 and, to a limited extent, bank loans.

Our accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2003 was \$51.9 million, consisting of \$20 million in billed receivables and \$31.9 million in unbilled receivables. Our billed receivables are based on revenue we have booked and billed. Our unbilled receivables are based on revenue we have booked through the percentage completion method, but for which we have not yet billed the customer. For example, we recognize revenues for hardware pass-through at the time the hardware is accepted by the customer, based on the cost of the underlying hardware. However, our contracts with our customers will often allow the customers to withhold 10-20% of the total contract payments until final project acceptance, which on average is eight to nine months after hardware delivery. As a result, revenues from hardware pass-through generally represent a significant portion of our unbilled receivables and can cause the aging of these receivables to be relatively long.

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At December 31, 2003, our days sales outstanding were 161 days, as compared to 177 days as of the end of the third quarter. Our billed receivables were 62 days sales outstanding and our unbilled receivables were 99 days sales outstanding. The lower days sales outstanding was attributable to our increased collection efficiency.

As of December 31, 2003, we had short-term credit facilities for working capital purposes totaling \$40.54 million, expiring in December 29, 2005, which were secured by bank deposits of \$14 million. The unused portion of these facilities was \$28.76 million, with \$11.78 million having been used as security for issuing standby letters of credit and notes payable to hardware suppliers and customers. Additional bank deposits of \$0.83 million were used for issuing standby letters of credit and bank acceptance drafts as of December 31, 2003. One of our subsidiaries, AsiaInfo Management, has outstanding borrowings of \$0.06 million in RMB, for which its assets are pledged as security. The loan to AsiaInfo Management bears interest at a rate of 4.8% per annum and is repayable within one year. Bank deposits pledged as security for our bank loans and short-term credit facilities totaled \$14.83 million as of December 31, 2003, and are presented as restricted cash in our consolidated balance sheets.

As of December 31, 2003, we were committed under certain operating leases, requiring annual minimum rentals of approximately \$2.12 million, \$0.89 million and \$0.53 million in 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

We ended the year with a cash position of \$147.44 million, of which \$13.22 million was in short term investments, \$14.83 million was in restricted cash and \$119.39 million was in cash and cash equivalents. Restricted cash consists of \$14 million used to secure our \$40.54 million credit facility, \$0.39 million used as security for issuing standby letters of credit and bank acceptance drafts and \$0.44 million held by AsiaInfo Management and pledged as security for bank guarantees. Our short-term investments feature fixed income, liquidity and low risk. The cash equivalents include investments in cash management accounts to enhance our interest income.

Our inventory position at the end of 2003 was approximately \$3 million, down \$7.7 million as compared to the beginning of the year. This decrease was attributable our strategy of increasing our focus on our software solutions business, which typically does not involve hardware pass through.

We anticipate that the net proceeds of our initial public offering in March 2000, together with available funds and cash flows generated from operations, will be sufficient to meet our anticipated needs for working capital, capital

expenditures and business expansion through 2004. We may need to raise additional funds in the future, however, in order to fund acquisitions, develop new or enhanced services or products, respond to competitive pressures to compete successfully for larger projects involving higher levels of hardware purchases, or if our business otherwise grows more rapidly than we currently predict. If we do need to raise additional funds, we expect to raise those funds through new issuances of shares of our equity securities in one or more public offerings or private placements, or through credit facilities extended by lending institutions.

In the event that we decide to pay dividends to our shareholders, our ability to pay dividends will depend in part on our ability to receive dividends from our operating subsidiaries in China. Foreign exchange and other regulations in China may restrict our ability to distribute retained earnings from our

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operating subsidiaries in China or convert those payments from Renminbi into foreign currencies.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of December 31, 2003, we have not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements with any individuals or entities.

Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations

The following table presents a breakdown of our outstanding contractual obligations by maturity as of December 31, 2003:

	Payment due by period				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
Contractual Obligations					
Operating Lease Obligations	3,533,000	2,119,000	1,414,000	N/A	N/A

Accounting Pronouncements Recently Adopted

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Our adoption of the following recently issued accounting pronouncements did not have a material impact on our financial position, cash flows or results of operations. We have reflected all disclosure requirements of these pronouncements in our financial statements.

- .. SFAS No. 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities."
- .. Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation Number, (FIN) No. 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others."
- .. Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 00-21, "Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables."
- .. SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure." As allowed by SFAS No. 148, we have elected to continue to utilize the accounting method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees."
- .. SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity," for instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003.

We have not yet adopted the following recently issued accounting pronouncements because they are not yet applicable in part or in total; however, we do not expect their adoption to have a material effect on our financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

- .. FIN No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities", applicable December 31, 2004.
- .. SFAS No. 150, applicable January 1, 2004 for instruments existing at May

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31, 2003 and not subsequently modified.

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Certain Risks That May Affect Our Operating Results and Our Common Stock

In addition to the other information in this report, the following factors should be considered in evaluating our business and our future prospects:

The growth of our business is dependent on government telecommunications infrastructure and budgetary policies, particularly the allocation of funds to sustain the growth of the telecommunications industry in China.

Most of our large customers are directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the government of China. Accordingly, their business strategies, capital expenditure budgets and spending plans are largely decided in accordance with government policies, which, in turn, are determined on a centralized basis at the highest level by the National Development and Reform Commission of China. As a result, the growth of our business is heavily dependent on government policies for telecommunications and Internet infrastructure. Insufficient government allocation of funds to sustain the growth of China's telecommunications industries in the future could reduce the demand for our products and services and have a material adverse effect on our ability to grow our business.

On December 11, 2001, in an effort to increase the efficiency of telecommunications service providers through competition, the State Council of China announced that it would split China Telecom geographically into a northern division (comprising ten provinces) and a southern division (comprising 21 provinces). Under the State Council's plan, the northern division of China Telecom has merged with China Netcom and Jitong Communication, and has been renamed China Network Communications Group Corporation, or China Netcom Group, while the southern division operates under the China Telecom name. As a result of the restructuring, new orders for telecommunications infrastructure expansion and improvement projects have decreased over the past several quarters, adversely affecting our backlog and our net revenue. Although we expect that the restructuring will have a positive impact on growth in the telecommunications industry in China in the long-term, continued delays in capital expenditure projects could continue to negatively affect our growth in the near-term. In addition, similar restructurings of this nature could cause our operating results to vary unexpectedly from quarter to quarter in the future.

Our customer base is concentrated and the loss of one or more of our customers could cause our business to suffer significantly.

We have derived, and believe that we will continue to derive, a significant portion of our revenues from a limited number of large customers, such as China Telecom, China Unicom, China Mobile and China Netcom Group. China Mobile accounted for 38% of our revenues in 2003. The loss, cancellation or deferral of any large contract by any of our large customers would have a material adverse effect on our revenues, and consequently our profits. Our recent acquisition of the human resources management and business intelligence assets of Pacific Software is part of our strategy to further diversify our business and, therefore, gradually reduce such concentration risk in the future. However, in the near term, the expected revenue to be generated by our business outside the telecommunications industry is still limited compared to our overall revenues. Moreover, we cannot provide any assurance that a material proportion of our revenues will be derived from other industries in the future.

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The long and variable sales cycles for our products and services can cause our revenues and operating results to vary significantly from period to period and may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock.

Our revenues and operating results will vary significantly from quarter to quarter due to a number of factors, many of which are outside of our control and any of which may cause our stock price to fluctuate. A customer's decision to purchase our services and products involves a significant commitment of its resources and an extended evaluation. As a result, our sales cycle tends to be lengthy. We spend considerable time and expense educating and providing information to prospective customers about features and applications of our services and

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products. Because our major customers operate large and complex networks, they usually expand their networks in large increments on a sporadic basis. The combination of these factors can cause our revenues and results of operations to vary significantly and unexpectedly from quarter to quarter.

A large part of the contract amount of our projects usually relates to hardware procurement. Since we recognize most of the revenues relating to hardware plus a portion of services and software revenues at the time of hardware delivery, the timing of hardware delivery can cause our quarterly gross revenues to fluctuate significantly. Due to the foregoing factors, we believe that quarter to quarter comparisons of our operating results are not a good indication of our future performance and should not be relied upon. It is likely that our operating results in some periods may be below the expectations of public market analysts and investors. In this event, the price of our common stock will probably decline, perhaps significantly more in percentage terms than any corresponding decline in our operating results.

Our working capital requirements may increase significantly.

We typically purchase hardware for our customers as part of our turn-key total solutions services. We generally require our customers to pay 80 to 90% of the invoice value of the hardware upon delivery. We typically place orders for hardware against back-to-back orders from customers and seek favorable payment terms from hardware vendors. This policy has historically minimized our working capital requirements. However, for certain large and strategically important projects, we have agreed to payment of less than 80 to 90% of the invoice value of the hardware upon delivery in order to maintain competitiveness. Wider adoption of less favorable payment terms or delays in hardware deliveries will require us to increase our working capital needs significantly.

We have sustained losses in prior years and may incur slower earnings growth, earnings declines or net losses in the future.

Although we had net income in 1998, 2001 and 2002, we sustained net losses in 1999, 2000 and 2003. There are no assurances that we can sustain profitability or avoid net losses in the future. We continue to expect that certain of our operating expenses will increase as our business grows. The level of these expenses will be largely based on anticipated organizational growth and revenue trends and a high percentage will be fixed. As a result, any delays in expanding sales volume and generating revenue could result in substantial operating losses.

Our high level of fixed costs, as well as increased competition in the software market, could result in reduced operating margins.

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We maintain a relatively stable work force of software and network engineers engaged in all phases of planning and executing projects on behalf of our customers. As a result, our operating costs are relatively fixed from quarter to quarter, regardless of fluctuations in our revenues. In recent periods, this has resulted in our gross profit decreasing as a percentage of our net revenues. For example, during the second quarter of 2003 our revenues were impacted by the outbreak of SARS and our gross profit as a percentage of net revenue decreased to 56% as compared to 66% in the comparable period of 2002. Future fluctuations in our net revenues could result in similar decreases in our operating margins. In addition, enhanced competition in the software market and other markets in which we operate could result in reduced prices, which, together with our relatively fixed operating costs, could also result in reduced operating margins.

Business acquisitions we undertake may be challenging, and we may realize losses on our investments.

In February of 2002, as a key component of our business and growth strategy, we acquired Bonson, a leading provider of operation support system solutions in China. On December 4, 2003, we completed our acquisition of certain human resources management and business intelligence assets valued at approximately \$9 million from Pacific Software (China) Limited, a privately held, medium-sized software solutions company based in Hong Kong, and from its affiliate, New Century Pacific Software (Beijing) Limited, a wholly-foreign-owned enterprise

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based in Beijing, China. In the future, we may acquire other companies or assets that we feel will enhance our revenue growth, operations and profitability. Such acquisitions could result in the use of significant amounts of cash and dilutive issuances of our common stock. Such acquisitions involve other significant risks, including:

- .. the difficulties of integrating, assimilating and managing the operations, technologies, intellectual property, products and personnel of the acquired business;
- .. the diversion of management attention from other business concerns;
- .. the additional expense associated with acquired contingent liabilities;
- .. the loss of key employees in acquired businesses; and
- .. the risk of being sued by terminated employees and contractors.

We will need to integrate and manage any businesses we determine to acquire in the future. Our failure to do so successfully could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Asset impairment reviews may result in future periodic write-downs.

Effective January 1, 2002, we adopted SFAS No. 142 which requires us, among other things, to review goodwill and intangible assets for impairment annually. In connection with our business acquisitions, we make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows and other factors to determine the fair value of goodwill and intangible assets. In assessing the related useful lives of those assets, we have to make assumptions regarding their fair value, our recoverability of those assets and our ability to successfully develop and ultimately commercialize acquired technology. If those assumptions change in

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the future when we conduct our periodic reviews in accordance with applicable accounting standards, we may be required to record impairment charges.

We recorded a non-cash impairment charge of \$30.2 million as a result of an independent valuation during the first quarter of 2003 of the goodwill and acquired intangible assets mainly attributable to our acquisition of Bonson in February 2002. In December 2003 we recorded an impairment charge of US\$2.2 million related to our investment in Intrinsic. There is no assurance that future reviews will not result in further write-downs to goodwill and other intangible assets.

Severe acute respiratory syndrome may have an impact on our business

The outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, is believed to have started in Guangdong Province, China in late 2002 and to have later spread to Beijing. The SARS outbreak impacted our second quarter revenues by disrupting travel throughout China and causing serious delays in service delivery to our customers. The outbreak also interrupted our collection efforts, causing accounts receivable and days sales outstanding to increase. Although the spread of SARS in China appears to have been contained and our business activities resumed normal operations throughout the third and fourth quarters of 2003, the medical community worldwide has not fully understood the origin of SARS and has not found a well-recognized effective treatment for SARS. As a consequence, the potential long-term effects of SARS on economic growth in China are still unknown. Since January 5, 2004, a small number of new SARS cases have been reported in China. Any worsening of the SARS epidemic could have an adverse impact on our business.

We are highly dependent on our executive officers.

Each of our executive officers is responsible for an important segment of our operations. Although we believe that we have significant depth at all levels of management, the loss of any of our executive officers' services could be detrimental to our operations. We do not have, and do not plan to obtain, "key man" life insurance on any of our employees.

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We face a competitive labor market in China for skilled personnel and therefore are highly dependent on the skills and services of our existing key skilled personnel and our ability to hire additional skilled employees.

Competition for highly skilled software design, engineering and sales and marketing personnel is intense in China. Our failure to attract, assimilate or retain qualified personnel to fulfill our current or future needs could impair our growth. Competition for skilled personnel comes primarily from a wide range of foreign companies active in China, many of which have substantially greater resources than we have. Limitations on our ability to hire and train a sufficient number of personnel at all levels would limit our ability to undertake projects in the future and could cause us to lose market share.

We extend warranties to our customers that expose us to potential liabilities.

We customarily provide our customers with one to three year warranties, under which we agree to maintain installed systems at no additional cost to our customers. The maintenance services cover both hardware and our proprietary and third party software products. Although we seek to arrange back-to-back warranties with hardware and software vendors, we have the primary responsibility to maintain the installed hardware and software. Our contracts do not have disclaimers or limitations on liability for special, consequential

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and incidental damages, nor do we cap the amounts our customers can recover for damages. In addition, we do not currently maintain any insurance policy with respect to our exposure to warranty claims. The failure of our installed projects to operate properly could give rise to substantial liability for special, consequential or incidental damages, that in turn could materially and adversely affect us.

We sell our services on a fixed-price, fixed-time basis which exposes us to risks associated with cost overruns and delays.

We sell most of our services on a fixed-price, fixed-time basis. In contracts with our customers, we typically agree to pay late completion fines of up to 5% of the total contract value. In large scale telecommunications infrastructure projects, there are many factors beyond our control which could cause delays or cost overruns. In this event, we would be exposed to cost overruns and liable for late completion fines.

We may become less competitive if we are unable to develop or acquire new products, or enhancements to our existing products, that are marketable on a timely and cost-effective basis.

Our future operating results will depend, to a significant extent, upon our ability to enhance our existing products and services and to introduce new products and services to meet the requirements of our customers in a rapidly developing and evolving market. For example, we continually develop new services and software products for our customers in the telecommunications market. If we do not enhance our existing products and services or introduce new successful products and services in a timely manner, our products and services may become obsolete, and our revenues and operating results may suffer. Moreover, unexpected technical, operational, distribution or other problems could delay or prevent the introduction of any products or services that we may plan to introduce in the future. We cannot be sure that any of these products and services will achieve widespread market acceptance or generate incremental revenues.

Our proprietary rights may be inadequately protected and there is a risk of poor enforcement of intellectual property rights in China.

Our success and ability to compete depend substantially upon our intellectual property rights, which we protect through a combination of confidentiality arrangements and copyright and trademark registrations. We have registered some marks and filed trademark applications for other marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Trademark Bureau of the State Administration of Industry and Commerce in China and the Trade Marks Registry in Hong Kong. We have also registered copyrights with the State Copyright Bureau in China with respect to certain of our software products, although we have not applied for copyright protection elsewhere (including the United States). Despite these precautions, the legal regime protecting intellectual

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property rights in China is weak. Moreover, Bonson, which we acquired in February, 2002, had never registered copyrights for its software products prior to the acquisition. Because the Chinese legal system in general, and the intellectual property regime in particular, are relatively weak, it is often difficult to enforce intellectual property rights in China. In addition, there are other countries where effective copyright, trademark and trade secret protection may be unavailable or limited.

We do not own any patents and have not filed any patent applications, as we do

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not believe that the benefits of patent protection outweigh the costs of filing and updating patents for our software products. We enter into confidentiality agreements with most of our employees and consultants, and control access to, and distribution of, our documentation and other licensed information. Despite these precautions, it may be possible for a third party to copy or otherwise obtain and use our licensed services or technology without authorization, or to develop similar technology independently. Policing unauthorized use of our licensed technology is difficult and there can be no assurance that the steps we take will prevent misappropriation or infringement of our proprietary technology. In addition, litigation may be necessary to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets or to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others, which could result in substantial costs and diversion of our resources.

A portion of our business involves the development and customization of software applications for customers. We generally retain significant ownership or rights to use and market such software for other customer projects, where possible. However, our customers sometimes retain co-ownership and rights to use the applications, processes, and intellectual property so developed. In some cases, we may have no right or only limited rights to reuse or provide these developments in projects involving other customers. To the extent that we are unable to negotiate contracts which permit us to reuse source-codes and methodologies, or to the extent that we have conflicts with our customers regarding our ability to do so, we may be unable to provide similar solutions to our other customers.

We are exposed to certain business and litigation risks with respect to technology rights held by third parties.

We currently license technology from third parties and intend to do so increasingly in the future as we introduce services that require new technology. There can be no assurance that these technology licenses will be available to us on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. Our inability to obtain any of these licenses could delay or compromise our ability to introduce new services. In addition, we may or may allegedly breach the technology rights of others and incur legal expenses and damages, which could be substantial.

Investors may not be able to enforce judgments by united states courts against certain of our officers and directors.

We are incorporated in the State of Delaware. However, a majority of our directors and executive officers, and certain of our principal shareholders, live outside of the United States, principally in Beijing and Hong Kong. As a result, you may not be able to:

- .. effect service of process upon those persons within the United States; or
- .. enforce against those persons judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments relating to the federal securities laws of the United States.

We do not intend to pay and may be restricted from paying dividends on our common stock.

We have never declared or paid dividends on our capital stock and we do not intend to declare any dividends in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain future earnings to fund our growth. Furthermore, if we decide to pay dividends, foreign exchange and other regulations in China may restrict our ability to distribute retained earnings from China or convert those payments from Renminbi into foreign currencies.

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The fact that our business is conducted in both U.S. dollars and Renminbi may subject us to currency exchange rate risk due to fluctuations in the exchange rate between those two currencies.

Substantially all of our revenues, expenses and liabilities are denominated in either U.S. dollars or Renminbi. As a result, we are subject to the effects of exchange rate fluctuations between those currencies. Because of the unitary exchange rate system introduced in China on January 1, 1994, the official bank exchange rate for conversion of Renminbi to U.S. dollars experienced a devaluation of approximately 50%. We report our financial results in U.S. dollars, therefore, any future devaluation of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar may have an adverse effect on our reported net income. Substantially all our revenues and expenses relating to hardware sales are denominated in U.S. dollars, and substantially all our revenues and expenses relating to the software and services component of our business are denominated in Renminbi. The value of our shares may be affected by the foreign exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the Renminbi because the value of our business is effectively denominated in Renminbi, while our shares are traded in U.S. dollars. Furthermore, an increase in the value of the Renminbi may require us to exchange more U.S. dollars into Renminbi to meet the working capital requirements of our subsidiaries in China. Depreciation of the value of the U.S. dollar will also reduce the value of the cash we hold in U.S. dollars, which we may use for purposes of future acquisitions or other business expansion.

The markets in which we sell our services and products are competitive and we may not be able to compete effectively.

Our main domestic competitors in China are Digital China, Linkage, Neusoft, and Wholewise. Our international competitors include multinational companies such as IBM Global Services, HP Services, Oracle, Sibel, Convergys and SAP, who are establishing more active presences in the IT services market for China's telecommunications industry. In addition, top international consulting companies such as PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Ernst & Young, Accenture, and KPMG, have also entered China's IT services market.

In the human resources management and business intelligence software sector, our competitors include large international information technology companies such as SAP, Oracle, IBM and PeopleSoft, as well as domestic players such as UFSOFT.

Our competitors, some of whom have greater financial, technical and human resources than we have, may be able to respond more quickly to new and emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements or devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sale of new products or services. It is possible that competition in the form of new competitors or alliances, joint ventures or consolidation among existing competitors may decrease our market share. Increased competition could result in lower personnel utilization rates, billing rate reductions, fewer customer engagements, reduced gross margins and loss of market share, any one of which could materially and adversely affect our profits and overall financial condition.

Political and economic policies of the Chinese government could affect our industry in general and our competitive position in particular.

Since the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 1949, the Communist Party has been the governing political party in China. The highest bodies of leadership are the Politburo of the Communist Party, the Central Committee and the National People's Congress. The State Council, which is the

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highest institution of government administration, reports to the National People's Congress and has under its supervision various commissions, agencies and ministries, including The Ministry of Information Industry, the telecommunications regulatory body of the Chinese government. Since the late 1970s, the Chinese government has been reforming the Chinese economic system. Although we believe that economic reform and the macroeconomic measures adopted by the Chinese government have had and will continue to have a positive effect on economic development in China, there can be no assurance that the economic reform strategy will not from time to time be

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modified or revised. Such modifications or revisions, if any, could have a material adverse effect on the overall economic growth of China and investment in the Internet and the telecommunications industry in China. Such developments could reduce, perhaps significantly, the demand for our products and services. Furthermore, changes in political, economic and social conditions in China, adjustments in policies of the Chinese government or changes in laws and regulations could adversely affect our industry in general and our competitive position in particular.

High technology and emerging market shares have historically experienced extreme volatility and may subject you to losses.

The trading price of our shares may be subject to significant market volatility due to investor perceptions of investments relating to China and Asia, as well as developments in the telecommunications industry. In addition, the high technology sector of the stock market frequently experiences extreme price and volume fluctuations, which have particularly affected the market prices of many software companies and which have often been unrelated to the operating performance of those companies.

If our stock price is volatile, we may become subject to securities litigation, which is expensive and could result in a diversion of resources.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a particular company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been brought against that company. Many companies in our industry have been subject to this type of litigation in the past, and we are currently involved in this type of litigation as a result of allegedly improper allocation procedures relating to the sale of our common stock in connection with our initial public offering in March of 2000. For more information on that litigation, please see the discussion under the heading "Item 3. Legal Proceedings" in Part I of this report. Litigation is often expensive and diverts management's attention and resources, which could materially and adversely affect our business.

Future sales of shares by existing shareholders could cause the market price of our common stock to fall.

If our stockholders sell substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market, including shares issued upon the exercise of outstanding options, the market price of our common stock could fall. Such sales also might make it more difficult for us to sell equity or equity-related securities in the future at a time and price that we deem appropriate.

A small number of shareholders controls us.

A small number of shareholders, including Warburg-Pincus Ventures, and their affiliates, as well as Edward Tian, one of our directors, James Ding, our

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Chairman, and several of our other directors and officers control approximately 50% of our voting stock. As a result, these shareholders collectively are able to control all matters requiring shareholder approval, including election of directors and approval of significant corporate transactions, such as a sale of our assets and the terms of future equity financings. The combined voting power of our large shareholders could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change in control.

We are subject to anti-takeover provisions that could prevent a change of control and prevent our shareholders from realizing a premium on their common stock.

Our board of directors has the authority to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of our preferred stock. Without any further vote or action on the part of our stockholders, the board of directors has the authority to determine the price, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of the preferred stock. This preferred stock, if it is ever issued, may have preference over and harm the rights of the holders of our common stock. Although the issuance of this preferred stock will provide us with flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, such an issuance may make it more difficult for a third party to acquire a majority of our outstanding voting stock.

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We currently have authorized the size of our board of directors to be not less than three nor more than nine directors. The terms of the office of the nine-member board of directors have been divided into three classes: Class I, whose term will expire at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held in 2006; Class II, whose term will expire at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2004; and Class III, whose term will expire at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2005. This classification of the board of directors may have the effect of delaying or preventing changes in our control or management.

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. In general, the statute prohibits a publicly-held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years after the date when the person became an interested stockholder unless, subject to exceptions, the business combination or the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder is approved in a prescribed manner. Generally, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale, or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the stockholder; and an "interested stockholder" includes any person that is the owner of 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock or is an affiliate or associate of ours.

Our change of control severance agreements with executive officers may discourage a change of control

Recently we have entered into change of control severance agreements with several of our executive officers. These agreements provide, among other things, that the executive officers would be entitled to various benefits upon the occurrence of either a covered termination (as defined therein) or a change of control (as defined therein), including payment of one year of base salary and bonus, immediate vesting of 50% of any outstanding unvested stock options held by the executive officer and provisions of medical benefits and housing allowance. The potential obligations to pay the executive officers the above amounts may discourage a potential acquiror from effecting a change of control.

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ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are exposed to interest-rate risk primarily associated with our cash, short-term investments and short-term bank loans. To date, we have not entered into any types of derivatives to hedge against interest-rate changes.

We are exposed to exchange rate risk in connection with the relative value of the U.S. dollar and the Renminbi. Substantially all of our revenues and expenses relating to hardware sales are denominated in U.S. dollars, and substantially all of our revenues and expenses relating to the service and software components of our business are denominated in Renminbi. We maintain a significant portion of our cash deposits in U.S. dollars to avoid currency risk related to Renminbi. A portion of these U.S. dollar deposits are used to collateralize Renminbi denominated loans from Chinese banks.

The value of our shares will be affected by the foreign exchange rate between U.S. dollars and Renminbi because the value of our business is effectively denominated in Renminbi, while our shares are traded in U.S. dollars. Furthermore, an increase in the value of the Renminbi may require us to exchange more U.S. dollars into Renminbi to meet the working capital requirements of our subsidiaries in China. Depreciation of the value of the U.S. dollar will also reduce the value of the cash we hold in U.S. dollars, which we may use for purposes of future acquisitions or business expansion. We actively monitor our exposure to these risks and adjust our cash position in the Renminbi and the U.S. dollar when we believe such adjustments will reduce our risk. For example, in February 2004 we exchanged approximately \$28 million cash in U.S. dollar into Renminbi.

There have been no significant changes in our exposure to changes in either interest rates or foreign currency exchange rates for the year ended December 31, 2003. Our exposure to interest rates is limited as we do not have variable rate and long-term borrowings. We are subject to variable interest rates on our bank deposits that are short-term investments. As there are no significant market price movements, such investments are held at cost. As of December 31, 2003, a hypothetical 10% immediate increase or decrease in interest rates would increase our annual interest expense by approximately \$300 or decrease our annual interest income by approximately \$157,600, respectively.

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ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The independent auditor's report, consolidated financial statements and notes to consolidated financial statements begin on Page F-1.

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

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Within 90 days prior to the filing date of this annual report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-14 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective. There were no significant changes in our internal controls or in

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other factors that could significantly affect those controls subsequent to the date of our evaluation.

PART III

ITEM 10. Directors and Executive Officers of The Registrant

Information concerning our directors and executive officers is incorporated by reference to the sections entitled "Proposal No. 1: Election of Directors--Nominees for Class II Directors" and "Management--Executive Officers" contained in our definitive proxy statement with respect to our 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K (the "Proxy Statement"). Information concerning compliance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is incorporated by reference to the section entitled "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" contained in our Proxy Statement.

ITEM 11. Executive Compensation

Information concerning executive compensation is incorporated by reference to the sections entitled "Proposal No. 1: Election of Directors--Director Compensation," "Executive Compensation--Summary Compensation Table," "Executive Compensation--Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year," "Executive Compensation--Aggregated Option Exercises in Last Fiscal Year and Fiscal Year-End Option Values," "Executive Compensation--Employment Agreements," "Executive Compensation--Pension Plans," "Compensation Committee Report," and "Stock Price Performance" contained in our Proxy Statement.

ITEM 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

Information concerning the security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management is incorporated by reference to the section entitled "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" contained in our Proxy Statement.

ITEM 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Information concerning certain relationships and related transactions is incorporated by reference to the section entitled "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" contained in our Proxy Statement.

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ITEM 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Information concerning principal accountant fees and services is incorporated by reference to the sections entitled "Audit Fees", "Audit-Related Fees", "Tax Fees", "All Other Fees" and "Audit Committee's Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures" contained in our Proxy Statement.

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

(a) 1. Financial Statements

The financial statements as set forth under Item 8 of this report on Form 10-K are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Financial Statement Schedule

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The information required is either not applicable or is included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

We furnished a Current Report on Form 8-K on January 20, 2004 relating to our earnings announcement for the year ended December 31, 2003 and a Current Report on Form 8-K on February 13, 2004 relating to certain presentation slides delivered by our management to investors on February 16, 2004.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as a part of this Report.

Exhibit

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- 2.1 Share Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of Bonson Information Technology Holdings Limited***
- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., dated June 8, 1998*
- 3.2 Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., dated 27, 1999*
- 3.3 Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., dated November 15, 2000**
- 3.4 Certificate of Correction to Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Holdings, Inc., dated January 18, 2001**
- 3.5 By-Laws of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., dated December 19, 2000**
- 4.1 Specimen Share Certificate representing AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. shares of common stock*
- 10.1 2002 Stock Option Plan, approved and adopted as of April 18, 2003****
- 10.2 Lease of AsiaInfo's headquarters at 6 Zhongguancun South Street, Beijing, China, dated August 1999*
- 10.3 Agreement for the Establishment of a Limited Liability Company (Guangdong Wangying Communications Technology Company Limited) and Capital Contribution**
- 10.4 Employment Agreement between AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and Xingsheng Zhang dated January 27, 2003/#!/
- 10.5 Change of Control Severance Agreement between AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and Xingsheng Zhang dated May 30, 2003/#!/
- 10.6 Master Executive Employment Agreement between AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and Ying Han dated May 30, 2003/#!/
- 10.7 Change of Control Severance Agreement between AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and Ying Han dated May 30, 2003/#!/
- 10.8 Master Executive Employment Agreement between AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and James Li dated May 30, 2003/#!/

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- 10.9 Change of Control Severance Agreement between AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. and James Li dated May 30, 2003/#!/
- 11.1 Statement regarding computation of per share earnings (included in note 9 to condensed consolidated financial statements)

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- 21.1 Subsidiaries of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc.
- 23.1 Consent of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page to this report)
- 31.1 Certification of Principal Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley 2002 (filed herewith)
- 31.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer required by Rules 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley 2002 (filed herewith)
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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- * Incorporated by reference to our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No.333-93199).
 - ** Incorporated by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000.
 - *** Incorporated by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 21, 2002.
 - **** Incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement for the 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed on March 21, 2003.
 - /#/ Incorporated by reference to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on August 14, 2003.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on March 15, 2004.

ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Ying Han

Name: Ying Han

Title: Chief Financial Officer (duly
authorized officer and
Principal financial officer)

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW BY ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints James Ding his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all Amendments hereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this Report has been signed by the following persons in the capacities

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and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ James Ding James Ding	Board Member and Chairman of the Board	March 15, 2004
/s/ Xingsheng Zhang Xingsheng Zhang	Board Member, President and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	March 15, 2004
/s/ Ying Han Ying Han	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer and principal accounting officer)	March 15, 2004
/s/ Michael Zhao Michael Zhao	Board Member	March 15, 2004
/s/ Alan Bickell Alan Bickell	Board Member	March 15, 2004
/s/ Weiyong Zhang Weiyong Zhang	Board Member	March 15, 2004

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/s/ Tao Long Tao Long	Board Member	March 15, 2004
/s/ Chang Sun Chang Sun	Board Member	March 15, 2004
/s/ Edward Tian Edward Tian	Board Member	March 15, 2004
/s/ Ying Wu Ying Wu	Board Member	March 15, 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No.142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," effective January 1, 2002.

/s/ Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
Hong Kong
January 20, 2004

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ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In US dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

December 31

2003 2

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ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$119,395	\$119,395
Restricted cash.....	14,827	14,827
Short-term investments.....	13,218	13,218
Notes receivable.....	3,832	3,832
Accounts receivable (net of allowances of \$3,095 in 2003 and \$1,133 in 2002)....	51,923	51,923
Inventories.....	3,235	3,235
Other receivables.....	8,528	8,528
Deferred income taxes--current.....	1,842	1,842
Prepaid expenses and other current assets.....	2,680	2,680
	-----	-----
Total current assets.....	219,480	219,480
Property and equipment-net.....	2,348	2,348
Goodwill.....	15,368	15,368
Other acquired intangible assets-net.....	2,341	2,341
Investment in affiliate.....	331	331
Deferred income taxes.....	154	154
	-----	-----
Total Assets.....	\$240,022	\$240,022
	=====	=====
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term bank loans.....	\$ 60	\$ 60
Notes payable.....	2,609	2,609
Accounts payable.....	13,945	13,945
Accrued expenses.....	12,822	12,822
Deferred revenue.....	11,738	11,738
Accrued employee benefits.....	5,971	5,971
Other payables.....	2,776	2,776
Other taxes payable.....	2,212	2,212
Income taxes payable.....	1,232	1,232
	-----	-----
Total current liabilities.....	53,365	53,365
	-----	-----
Minority interest.....	--	--
	-----	-----
Commitments and contingencies (Note 14)		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock, 100,000,000 shares authorized, \$0.01 par value, shares issued and outstanding: 2003: 45,112,278; 2002: 44,193,474.....	451	451
Additional paid-in capital.....	205,154	205,154
Deferred stock compensation.....	--	--
(Accumulated deficit) Retained earnings.....	(19,009)	(19,009)
Accumulated other comprehensive income.....	61	61
	-----	-----
Total stockholders' equity.....	186,657	186,657
	-----	-----
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity.....	\$240,022	\$240,022
	=====	=====

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (In US dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31		
	2003	2002	2001
Revenues:			
Network solutions.....	\$ 84,686	\$ 88,253	\$ 88,253
Software revenue.....	31,488	33,013	33,013
Total revenues.....	116,174	121,266	121,266
Cost of revenues:			
Network solutions.....	67,675	67,839	67,839
Software revenue.....	14,546	13,161	13,161
Total cost of revenues.....	82,221	81,000	81,000
Gross profit.....	33,953	40,266	40,266
Operating expenses:			
Sales and marketing (excluding stock-based compensation: 2003: \$43; 2002: \$95; 2001: \$380).....	11,340	14,680	14,680
General and administrative (excluding stock-based compensation: 2003: \$51; 2002: \$242; 2001: \$584).....	10,827	9,907	9,907
Research and development (excluding stock-based compensation: 2003: \$11; 2002: \$70; 2001: \$180).....	9,130	8,503	8,503
In-process research and development.....	169	350	350
Impairment of goodwill and acquired intangible assets.....	30,221	--	--
Amortization of deferred stock compensation.....	105	407	407
Amortization of acquired intangible assets.....	209	1,749	1,749
Total operating expenses.....	62,001	35,596	35,596
(Loss) income from operations.....	(28,048)	4,670	4,670
Other income (expense):			
Bank interest income.....	1,576	2,272	2,272
Bank interest expense.....	(3)	(114)	(114)
Other expense, net.....	(133)	(708)	(708)
Total other income, net.....	1,440	1,450	1,450
(Loss) income before income taxes, minority interests and equity in loss of affiliate.....	(26,608)	6,120	6,120
Income tax (benefit) expense.....	(978)	824	824
(Loss) income before minority interests and equity in loss of affiliate.....	(25,630)	5,296	5,296
Minority interests in (income) loss of consolidated subsidiaries...	(12)	75	75
Equity in loss of affiliate.....	(2,477)	(2,465)	(2,465)
Net (loss) income.....	\$ (28,119)	\$ 2,906	\$ 2,906
Net (loss) income per share:			
Basic.....	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07
Diluted.....	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06

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Shares used in computation:			
Basic.....	44,459,010	43,583,420	41
Diluted.....	44,459,010	45,961,545	45

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(In US dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Deferred Stock Compensation
	Shares	Amount		
Balance at January 1, 2001.....	40,822,940	\$408	\$175,370	\$ (1,656)
Comprehensive income:				
Net income.....	--	--	--	--
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments.....	--	--	--	--
Comprehensive income.....				
Stock option exercises and other.....	1,309,878	13	3,279	--
Amortization of deferred stock compensation.....	--	--	--	1,144
Balance at December 31, 2001.....	42,132,818	421	178,649	(512)
Comprehensive income:				
Net income.....	--	--	--	--
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments.....	--	--	--	--
Comprehensive income.....				
Issuance of common stock on acquisition of a business	1,031,686	11	17,992	--
Stock option exercises and other.....	1,028,970	10	2,748	--
Income tax benefit from exercise of stock options....	--	--	1,260	--
Amortization of deferred stock compensation.....	--	--	--	407
Balance at December 31, 2002.....	44,193,474	442	200,649	(105)
Comprehensive loss:				
Net loss.....	--	--	--	--
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments.....	--	--	--	--
Comprehensive loss.....				
Issuance of common stock on acquisition of a business	349,315	3	2,547	--

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Stock option exercises.....	507,267	5	1,220	--
Stock issued for services and other.....	62,222	1	299	--
Income tax benefit from exercise of stock options....	--	--	439	--
Amortization of deferred stock compensation.....	--	--	--	105
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Balance at December 31, 2003.....	45,112,278	\$451	\$205,154	\$ --
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	Total Stockholders' Equity	Comprehensive Income (Loss)
	-----	-----
Balance at January 1, 2001.....	\$168,609	
Comprehensive income:		
Net income.....	11,734	\$ 11,734
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments.....	11	11

Comprehensive income.....		\$ 11,745
		=====
Stock option exercises and other.....	3,292	
Amortization of deferred stock compensation.....	1,144	

Balance at December 31, 2001.....	\$184,790	
	=====	
Comprehensive income:		
Net income.....	2,906	\$ 2,906
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments.....	34	34

Comprehensive income.....		\$ 2,940
		=====
Issuance of common stock on acquisition of a business	18,003	
Stock option exercises and other.....	2,758	
Income tax benefit from exercise of stock options....	1,260	
Amortization of deferred stock compensation.....	407	

Balance at December 31, 2002.....	210,158	
	=====	
Comprehensive loss:		
Net loss.....	(28,119)	\$ (28,119)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments.....	(1)	(1)

Comprehensive loss.....		\$ (28,120)
		=====
Issuance of common stock on acquisition of a business	2,550	
Stock option exercises.....	1,225	
Stock issued for services and other.....	300	
Income tax benefit from exercise of stock options....	439	
Amortization of deferred stock compensation.....	105	

Balance at December 31, 2003.....	\$186,657	
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ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In US dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December	
	2003	2002
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net (loss) income.....	\$ (28,119)	\$ 2,906
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash generated from operating activities:		
Depreciation.....	1,950	2,936
Amortization of goodwill.....	--	--
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets.....	209	1,749
Impairment of goodwill and other acquired intangible assets.....	30,221	--
In-process research and development.....	169	350
Amortization of deferred stock compensation.....	105	407
Deferred income taxes.....	(147)	(438)
Minority interest in income (loss) of consolidated subsidiaries.....	12	(75)
Equity in loss of affiliate.....	2,477	2,465
Loss on disposal of property and equipment.....	72	185
Provision for doubtful accounts.....	2,366	762
Stock issued for services and other.....	179	--
Provision for short-term investment.....	100	750
Changes in operating assets and liabilities net of effects of business acquisition:		
Restricted cash.....	(369)	3,544
Notes receivable.....	(3,768)	(64)
Accounts receivable.....	(4,858)	27,846
Inventories.....	7,699	(8,523)
Other receivables.....	213	(4,201)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets.....	761	822
Notes payable.....	162	2,447
Accounts payable.....	(5,316)	(6,865)
Deferred revenue.....	6,682	(796)
Other payables.....	(790)	652
Accrued employee benefits.....	888	(4,557)
Accrued expenses.....	(404)	1,533
Income taxes payable.....	(1,090)	(723)
Other taxes payable.....	(367)	(1,030)
Net cash generated from operating activities.....	9,037	22,082
Cash flows from investing activities:		
(Increase) decrease in short-term investments.....	(2,058)	15,174
Purchases of property and equipment.....	(351)	(1,004)
Proceeds on disposal of property and equipment.....	29	57
Increase in other receivable.....	--	(3,572)
Purchase of business.....	(3,006)	--
Purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired.....	(205)	(26,063)
Investment in affiliates.....	--	--
Net cash (used in) generated from investing activities.....	\$ (5,591)	\$ (15,408)

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ASIAINFO HOLDINGS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS--(Continued)
(In US dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Increase in short-term bank loans.....	\$ --	\$ 2,984	\$ 43,46
Repayment of short-term bank loans.....	--	(7,708)	(61,18
Proceeds on exercise of stock options.....	1,225	2,758	3,29
Distribution to minority shareholder of consolidated subsidiaries.	(427)	(218)	-
Net cash generated from (used in) financing activities.....	798	(2,184)	(14,43
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents.....	4,244	4,490	61,79
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year.....	115,153	110,635	48,83
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents.....	(2)	28	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year.....	\$119,395	\$115,153	\$110,63
Supplemental cash flow information:			
Cash paid during the year:			
Interest.....	\$ 3	\$ 59	\$ 93
Income taxes.....	\$ 152	\$ 1,519	\$ 57

Non-cash investing activities:

In December 2003, the Company acquired certain assets from Pacific Software (China) Limited for cash of \$4,180, of which \$266 represented acquisition costs, and the issuance of 349,315 shares of common stock with a fair market value at the time the acquisition was announced of approximately \$2,550. Of the cash amount, \$3,006 was paid in December 2003. In connection with the acquisition, the Company acquired tangible assets and intangible assets with a fair value of \$93 and \$2,355, respectively.

In February 2002, the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding equity shares of Bonson for cash of \$33,387, of which \$624 represented acquisition costs, and the issuance of 1,031,686 shares of common stock with a fair market value at the time the acquisition was announced of approximately \$18,003. Of the cash amount, \$20,433 was paid on April 4, 2002 and the holdback of \$105 was paid in 2003. In connection with the acquisition, the Company acquired tangible assets with a fair value of \$28,364 and assumed liabilities of \$18,171.

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ASIANFO HOLDINGS, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001
(In US dollars thousands, except per share amounts)

1. Organization and Principal Activities

AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") is incorporated in the State of Delaware, in the United States of America (the "US"). The Company principally operates through the following directly owned subsidiaries, or their respective subsidiaries: AsiaInfo Technologies (China), Inc. ("AsiaInfo Technologies") (100% owned), incorporated in the People's Republic of China ("China" or the "PRC"), Marsec System, Inc. ("Marsec System"), the former wholly-owned subsidiary of Marsec Holdings, Inc. ("Marsec") (100% owned), and Bonson Information Technology Holdings Limited, ("Bonson") (100% owned), both incorporated in the Cayman Islands.

The Company and its subsidiaries are leading providers of network and software solutions in China. The software products and network services of the Company enable its customers to build, maintain, operate, manage and continuously improve their telecommunications infrastructure. The main customers of the Company are the major telecommunications carriers in China and their provincial subsidiaries.

The Company acts as a holding company and, through certain subsidiaries, sources network-related equipment in the United States for sale to customers in the PRC.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of presentation--These financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Principles of consolidation--The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. All significant inter-company transactions and balances are eliminated in consolidation. Investments in 50% or less owned affiliates over which the Company exercises significant influence, but not control, are accounted for using the equity method. The Company's share of earnings (losses) of these companies is included in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

Cash and cash equivalents--Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and highly liquid investments, which are unrestricted as to withdrawal or use, and which have maturities of three months or less when purchased.

Short-term investments--Short-term investments are classified as available for sale and consist principally of certificates of deposit issued by major financial institutions that have maturities of 6 to 12 months. As there are no significant market price movements for such investments, they are held at cost and accrued interest. There were no realized or unrealized gains or losses on such investments as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001.

Notes receivable--At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the balances of notes receivable of \$3,832 and \$64, respectively, represented bank and commercial acceptance drafts that are non-interest bearing and due within six months.

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Inventories--Inventories are stated at the lower of cost, determined principally by the specific identification method, or market price.

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Property and equipment, net--Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Furniture, fixtures and electronic equipment	5 years
Motor vehicles.....	5 years
Leasehold improvements.....	Shorter of the lease term or 5 years
Accounting software.....	3 years

Goodwill--Beginning in 2002, with the adoption of SFAS 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," goodwill is no longer amortized, but instead tested for impairment at least annually. Prior to 2002, goodwill was amortized using straight-line method over its economic life of 5 years. Accumulated amortization recorded through December 31, 2001 was \$2,971. The latest goodwill impairment tests were performed in the first and second quarter of 2003 for Bonson and AI Zhejiang, respectively. Subsequently, the Company decided to change the date of annual goodwill impairment test and perform all the goodwill impairment tests during the fourth quarter of 2003. The change did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Other acquired intangible assets, net--Other acquired intangible assets with definite lives are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful economic lives as summarized at Note 6. The Company periodically evaluates the recoverability of these intangible assets and takes into account events or circumstances that warrant revised estimates of useful lives or that indicate that impairment exists.

Impairment--The Company reviews its long-lived assets, including goodwill, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may no longer be recoverable. An impairment loss, measured based on the fair value of the asset, is recognized if expected future undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the assets.

Revenue recognition--The Company's revenue is derived from the procurement of hardware on behalf of customers, software license fees, and professional services for systems design, planning, consulting, and system integration, and is recognized based on the percentage of completion method. Revenues from customer orders requiring significant production, modifications, or customization of the software are recognized over the installation and customization period. Labor costs and direct project expenses are used to determine the stage of completion, except for revenues associated with the procurement of hardware. Such hardware-related revenues are recognized upon delivery. Estimates of hardware warranty costs are included in determining project costs. Revenue from packaged software license fees through reseller arrangements is recorded when the related products are shipped and installed. Costs related to insignificant obligations for a period of up to one year, which include telephone support, are accrued at the time the revenue is recorded.

Software revenue includes the benefit of the rebate of value added taxes on

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sales of software received from the Chinese tax authorities as part of the PRC government's policy of encouragement of software development in the PRC. The rebate was \$1,805, \$2,218 and \$2,950 in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Revisions in estimated contract profits are made in the period in which the circumstances requiring the revision become known. Provisions, if any, are made currently for anticipated losses on uncompleted contracts. Revenue in excess of billings is recorded as unbilled receivables and included in trade accounts receivable, and amounted to \$31,927 at December 31, 2003 and \$28,767 at December 31, 2002. Billings in excess of revenues recognized are recorded as deferred revenue. Billings are rendered based on agreed milestones included in the contracts with customers.

At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the balance of trade accounts receivable of \$19,996 and \$20,606, respectively, represented amounts billed but not yet collected. All billed and unbilled amounts are expected to be collected within 1 year.

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Software development costs--Costs for the development of new software products and substantial enhancements to existing software products are expensed as incurred until technological feasibility has been established, at which time any additional costs would be capitalized. To date, the Company has essentially completed its software development concurrently with the establishment of technological feasibility, and, accordingly, no costs have been capitalized.

Foreign currency translation--The Company uses the United States dollar as its reporting currency. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than United States dollars are translated into United States dollars at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in currencies other than United States dollars during the year are converted into United States dollars at the rates of exchange ruling at the transaction dates. Transaction differences are recognized in the statement of operations and amounted to exchange (gains) losses of \$(1) in 2003, \$(2) in 2002, and \$59 in 2001.

The financial records of the Company's PRC subsidiaries are maintained in Renminbi, their functional currency and the currency of the PRC. Their balance sheets are translated into United States dollars based on the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Their statements of operations are translated using a weighted average rate for the period. Translation adjustments are reflected as cumulative translation adjustments in stockholders' equity.

The Renminbi is not fully convertible into United States dollars or other foreign currencies. The rate of exchange quoted by the People's Bank of China on December 31, 2003 was US\$1.00 = RMB8.2767. No representation is made that the Renminbi amounts could have been, or could be, converted into United States dollars at that rate or at any other rate.

Income taxes--Deferred income taxes are provided using the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred income taxes are recognized for tax credits and net operating losses available for carry-forwards and significant temporary differences. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as current or non-current based upon the classification of the related asset or liability in the financial statements or the expected timing of their reversal if they do not relate to a specific asset or liability. A valuation allowance is provided to reduce the amount of deferred tax assets if it is considered more likely than not that some portion of, or all of, the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

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Use of estimates--The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Stock-based compensation--The Company grants stock options to its employees. The Company accounts for employee stock-based compensation in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 ("APB 25"), "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," which requires the Company to record a compensation charge for the excess of the fair value of the stock at the grant date or any other measurement date over the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. The compensation expense is recognized over the applicable service period, which is usually the vesting period. The Company's disclosures are in accordance with SFAS 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation--Transition and Disclosure."

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Had compensation cost for options granted and shares issued to employees under the Company's stock option plans (the "Plans") been determined based on the fair value at the grant and issue dates, as prescribed in SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock- Based Compensation," the Company's pro forma net loss would have been as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Net (loss) income as reported.....	\$(28,119)	\$ 2,906	\$ 11,734
Add: Stock compensation as reported.....	105	407	1,144
Less: Stock compensation determined using the fair value method	(10,210)	(18,018)	(19,962)
Pro forma loss.....	\$(38,224)	\$(14,705)	\$ (7,084)
Basic and diluted net (loss) income per share:			
Basic, as reported.....	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.28
Diluted, as reported.....	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.26
Basic and diluted--pro forma.....	\$ (0.86)	\$ (0.34)	\$ (0.17)

The fair value of each option grant and share granted is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions used for grants and no dividends declared during the applicable period.

Option Grants	2003	2002	2001
Average risk-free rate of return.....	4.2%	3.7%	4.4%

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Weighted average expected option life	7 years	7 years	7 years
Volatility rate.....	109%	103%	78%

Net income (loss) per share ("EPS")--Basic EPS excludes dilution and is computed by dividing net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock (convertible preferred stock, warrants to purchase common stock and common stock options and warrants using the treasury stock method) were exercised or converted into common stock. Potential common shares in the diluted EPS computation are excluded in net loss periods, as their effect would be antidilutive.

Comprehensive income (loss)--Comprehensive income is defined to include all changes in equity except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. Comprehensive income (loss) for the periods presented has been disclosed within the consolidated statements of stockholders' equity and comprehensive income (loss).

Financial instruments--The carrying value of financial instruments, which consist of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, short-term investments, accounts receivable, notes receivable, accounts payable, notes payable, other payables and short-term bank loans are carried at cost that approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The Company does not use derivative investment to manage risks.

Accounting standards recently adopted--In June 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities", which requires companies to recognize costs associated with exit or disposal activities when they are incurred rather than at the date of a commitment to an exit or disposal plan. Such costs covered by the statement include lease termination costs and certain employee severance costs that are associated with a restructuring, discontinued operations, plant closing, or other exit or disposal activity. SFAS No. 146 replaces the previous accounting guidance provided by the Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 94-3, "Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination

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Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring)." SFAS No. 146 is to be applied prospectively to exit or disposal activities initiated after December 31, 2002 and adoption of this statement did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation--Transition and Disclosure." SFAS No. 148 amends FASB Statement No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," to provide alternative methods of transition to SFAS No. 123's fair value method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. Statement 148 also amends the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123 and APB Opinion No. 28, "Interim Financial Reporting," to require disclosure in the summary of significant accounting policies of the effects of an entity's accounting policy with respect to stock-based employee compensation on reported net income and earnings per share in annual and interim financial statements. While SFAS No. 148 does not amend SFAS No. 123 to require companies to account for employee stock options using the fair value method, the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 148 are applicable to all companies with stock-based employee compensation, regardless of whether they account for that compensation using the fair value method of SFAS No. 123

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or the intrinsic value method of APB Opinion No. 25. As allowed by SFAS No. 123, the Company has elected to continue to utilize the accounting method prescribed by APB Opinion No. 25 and has adopted the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 148 as of December 31, 2003.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity." The Statement establishes standards for how an issuer classifies and measures certain financial instruments. This Statement is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. The Statement requires that certain financial instruments that, under previous guidance, issuers could account for as equity, be classified as liabilities (or assets in some circumstances) in statement of positions or consolidated balance sheets, as appropriate. The financial instruments within the scope of this Statement are: (i) mandatorily redeemable shares those that an issuer is obligated to buy back in exchange for cash or other assets; (ii) financial instruments that do or may require the issuer to buy back some of its shares in exchange for cash or other assets; and (iii) financial instruments that embodies obligation that can be settled with shares, the monetary value of which is fixed, tied solely or predominantly to a variable such as a market index, or varies inversely with the value of the issuer's shares (excluding certain financial instruments indexed partly to the issuer's equity shares and partly, but not predominantly, to something else). This Statement does not apply to features embedded in a financial instrument that is not a derivative in its entirety. The Statement also requires disclosures about alternative ways of settling the instruments and the capital structure of entities, all of whose shares are mandatorily redeemable. The adoption of SFAS No. 150 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

In November 2002, the FASB issued Interpretation Number ("FIN") No. 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Other". This interpretation requires certain disclosures to be made by a guarantor in its interim and annual financial statements about its obligations under certain guarantees that it has issued. It also requires a guarantor to recognize, at the inception of a guarantee, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee. The disclosure requirements of FIN No. 45 are effective for interim and annual periods ending after December 15, 2002 and have been adopted in the financial statements. The initial recognition and initial measurement requirements of FIN No. 45 are effective prospectively for guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. The adoption of the recognition and initial measurement requirements of FIN No. 45 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" ("FIN 46"). FIN 46 clarifies the application of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, "Consolidated Financial Statements" and provides guidance on the identification of entities for which control is achieved through means other than voting rights ("variable interest entities" or "VIEs") and on the determination of when and which

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business enterprise should consolidate the VIEs. This new model for consolidation applies to an entity in which either: (1) the equity investors (if any) lack one or more characteristics deemed essential to a controlling financial interest or (2) the equity investment at risk is insufficient to

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finance that entity's activities without receiving additional subordinated financial support from other parties. FIN 46 was applicable for periods ended December 15, 2003. In December 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46R which defers the implementation date to the end of the first reporting period after March 15, 2004 unless the Company has a special purpose entity in which case the provisions must be applied for fiscal years ended December 31, 2003. The Company does not have a special purpose entity. Therefore, it will adopt the provisions in December 2004.

In November 2002, the Emerging Issue Task Force ("EITF") reached a consensus on Issue No. 00-21 ("EITF 00-21"), "Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables". EITF No. 00-21 addresses certain aspects of the accounting by a vendor for arrangements under which the vendor will perform multiple revenue generating activities. EITF No. 00-21 is effective for fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of EITF No. 00-21 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, cash flows or results of operations.

Reclassifications--Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year's presentation.

3. Accounting Change

Net income and earnings per share for 2001 adjusted to exclude goodwill amortization expense (net of taxes) are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2001 -----
Reported net income.....	\$11,734
Add back: Goodwill amortization.....	1,083
Goodwill amortization recorded within equity in loss of affiliate.....	751

Adjusted net income.....	13,568
	=====
Basic earnings per share:	
Reported net income.....	0.28
Goodwill amortization.....	0.03
Goodwill amortization recorded within equity in loss of affiliate.....	0.02

Adjusted basic earnings per share.....	0.33
	=====
Diluted earnings per share:	
Reported net income.....	0.26
Goodwill amortization.....	0.02
Goodwill amortization recorded within equity in loss of affiliate.....	0.02

Adjusted diluted earnings per share.....	0.30
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4. Acquisition

(a) On October 20, 2003 (the "date of acquisition"), the Company acquired certain human resources management and business intelligence assets from Pacific Software (China) Limited ("Pacific"), a software solutions company, in exchange for cash of \$4,180 and 349,315 shares of the Company's common stock valued at \$2,550. There is an additional contingent payment of \$2,270 which is payable by the Company upon attaining certain milestones which management

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expects to occur in 2004. The value of the shares issued was determined based on the average market price of the Company's common shares over the 5-day period before and after the terms of the acquisition were agreed to and announced. This acquisition was treated as a purchase and, accordingly, the acquired assets were recorded at their fair market values at the date of acquisition.

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The aggregate purchase price of \$6,730 has been allocated as follows:

		Economic Life

Current assets.....	\$ 58	
Equipment.....	35	
Completed technology.....	1,945	5 years
Contract backlog.....	326	2 years
Trade mark.....	60	2 years
Customer list.....	24	5 years
In-process technology.....	169	None
Goodwill.....	4,113	Indefinite

Net Assets Acquired.....	\$6,730	
	=====	

The Company recorded a charge of \$169 at the date of acquisition in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 4, "Applicability of FASB Statement No. 2 to Business Combinations Accounted for by the Purchase Method," for purchased in-process technology related to a development project that had not reached technological feasibility, had no alternative future use, and for which successful development was uncertain. The conclusion that the in-process development effort, or any material sub-component, had no alternative future use was reached in consultation with the Company's management and Pacific's management.

The following unaudited pro forma information summarizes the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 of the Company and Pacific. It has been prepared on the assumption that the acquisitions occurred as of January 1, 2002. The following pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of the results that would have occurred had the acquisition been completed at the beginning of the periods indicated, nor is it indicative of future operating results:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002
	-----	-----
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Total revenue.....	\$ 116,174	\$ 121,266
Net (loss) income.....	(28,496)	2,319
Net (loss) income per share.....		
--Basic.....	\$ (0.64)	\$ 0.05

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--Diluted.....	\$	(0.64)	\$	0.05

Shares used in calculation of net (loss) income per share (unaudited)				
--Basic.....		44,781,747		43,932,735
--Diluted.....		44,781,747		46,310,860

The pro forma results of operations give effect to certain adjustments, including amortization of purchased intangibles with definite lives, associated with the acquisition. The charge for purchased in-process research and development of \$169 has been excluded from the pro forma results, as it is a material non-recurring charge.

(b) On February 6, 2002 (the "date of acquisition"), the Company acquired all of the outstanding common shares of Bonson, a provider of operations support system solutions and other services in China. This acquisition was treated as a purchase and, accordingly, the acquired assets were recorded at their fair market values at the date of acquisition.

The aggregate purchase price was \$51,390, including \$32,763 in cash, \$624 of acquisition costs and common stock valued at \$18,003. The value of the 1,031,686 common shares issued was determined based on the average market price of the Company's common shares over the 5-day period before and after the terms of the acquisition were agreed to and announced.

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The aggregate purchase price of \$51,390 has been allocated as follows:

		Economic Life

Current assets.....	\$ 27,517	
Equipment.....	843	
Deferred tax assets.....	4	
Core technology.....	1,280	3.5 years
Trade name.....	700	Indefinite
Contract backlog.....	2,700	2 years
Favorable lease.....	400	2.1 years
License.....	700	Indefinite
In-process technology.....	350	None
Goodwill.....	35,067	Indefinite
Current liabilities.....	(17,737)	
Deferred tax liabilities....	(434)	

Net assess required.....	\$ 51,390	
	=====	

The Company recorded a charge of \$350 at the date of acquisition in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 4, "Applicability of FASB Statement No. 2 to Business Combinations Accounted for by the Purchase Method," for purchased in-process technology related to a development project that had not reached technological feasibility, had no alternative future use, and for which successful development was uncertain. The conclusion that the in-process development effort, or any material sub-component, had no alternative future use was reached in consultation with the Company's management and Bonson's

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management.

5. Property and Equipment, Net

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
Furniture, fixtures and electronic equipment...	\$ 6,236	\$ 6,645
Motor vehicles.....	329	460
Leasehold improvements.....	2,499	2,340
Accounting software.....	1,814	1,809
	10,878	11,254
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	8,530	7,208
Property and equipment, net.....	\$ 2,348	\$ 4,046

6. Goodwill

As described in Note 4(a), the Company acquired Pacific which resulted in goodwill of \$4,113.

In 2003, the Company acquired the remaining equity interests from the minority shareholders of Marsec which resulted in goodwill of \$380.

In 2002, the Company acquired Bonson which resulted in goodwill of \$35,067 (Note 4(b)).

In 1999, the Company acquired Zhejiang AsiaInfo Telecommunication Technology Co., Ltd. which resulted in goodwill of \$4,666 that had been amortized based on the estimated economic life of 5 year until January 1, 2002 when the Company discontinued amortization of goodwill upon its adoption of SFAS No. 142 (see Note 2). The carrying value of that goodwill on January 1, 2002 was \$2,188, which included amortization recorded through December 31, 2001 of \$2,478.

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During the quarter ended March 31, 2003, the Company completed the annual impairment test for the goodwill and other acquired intangible assets of Bonson and concluded that an impairment of \$29,836 of the recorded goodwill and other acquired intangible assets of Bonson was necessary due to the industry-wide equity devaluation of the past year. Both an income (discounted cash flow) approach and a market (guideline company) approach were employed to determine the fair value of the net assets of Bonson. The fair value was then allocated among all the assets of Bonson at their fair values, including previously unrecognized intangible assets. The residual value after the allocation was then compared to the carrying value of goodwill to determine the amount of impairment loss. The impaired goodwill of \$26,000 and other acquired intangible assets of \$3,836 are related to the Company's software revenue segment. After the impairment is recorded, the remaining goodwill and other acquired intangible assets of Bonson were \$9,067 and \$148, respectively.

There was an impairment charge recorded in the amount of \$380 related to the acquisition of the remaining equity interests of Marsec.

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Subsequently, the Company decided to change the date of annual goodwill impairment test and perform all the goodwill impairment tests during the fourth quarter of every year as it is easier for the Company to engage and work with third party valuation firm once a year for all the goodwill impairment tests. Based on the impairment test performed during the fourth quarter of 2003, impairment charge was not necessary.

7. Other Acquired Intangible Assets, Net

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
Core technology.....	\$2,280	\$1,280
Trade name.....	60	700
Contract backlog.....	1,574	2,700
Favorable lease.....	361	400
Customer list.....	24	--
License.....	--	700
	4,299	5,780
Less: Accumulated amortization.....	1,958	1,749
	\$2,341	\$4,031
	=====	=====

Amortization expense for the net carrying amount of intangible assets with definite lives will be \$614 in 2004, \$579 in 2005 and \$394 in 2006.

8. Investment in Affiliate

In April 2001, the Company invested \$6,157 in Intrinsic Technology (Holdings), Ltd. ("Intrinsic") for a 14.25% equity interest. Intrinsic and its wholly owned subsidiaries are engaged in wireless Internet application and development. The investment in Intrinsic is recorded using the equity method because the Company is able to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial policies of Intrinsic through its representation on the Board of Directors. The excess of purchase price over the Company's percentage interest in the recorded amount of the net assets of Intrinsic as of the acquisition date is \$5,631. The period of amortization for that goodwill was five years based on its estimated economic life. On January 1, 2002, the Company discontinued amortization of goodwill upon its adoption of SFAS No. 142 (see Note 2).

The Company determined that their investment in Intrinsic had suffered an other-than-temporary decline in value in December 2003 and 2002, respectively. As a result, the Company reduced its carrying amount of that investment to its estimated fair value by recording a charge of \$2,150 and \$2,000, which is included in equity in loss of affiliates for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The share of loss is also included in equity in loss of affiliates for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 in the amount of \$327 and \$465, respectively. The Company's net investment in affiliate at December 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$331 and \$2,808, respectively.

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9. Short-Term Bank Loans

As of December 31, 2003, the Company had total short-term credit facilities for working capital purposes totaling \$40,540 expiring by December 2005. The facilities were secured by bank deposits of \$14,000 as of December 31, 2003. At December 31, 2003, unused short-term credit facilities were \$28,759 and used facilities totaled \$11,781. The used facilities were pledged as security for issuing standby letters of credit and notes payable to hardware suppliers and customers. Additional bank deposits of \$827 were used for issuing standby letters of credit and bank acceptance drafts as of December 31, 2003. Bank deposits pledged as security for these credit facilities totaled \$14,827 as of December 31, 2003 and are presented as restricted cash in the consolidated balance sheets. As of December 31, 2002, the Company had total short-term credit facilities totaling \$20,000 which expired in October 2003.

In addition, as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Company had short-term borrowings of \$60 in RMB, the currency of the PRC, bearing an interest rate of 4.8% per annum and secured by AsiaInfo Management's assets.

10. Notes Payable

At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the balances of notes payable of \$2,609 and \$2,447, respectively, represented commercial notes of \$945 and \$1,245, and bank acceptance drafts of \$1,664 and \$1,202, respectively, that are non-interest bearing and due within six months.

11. Other Taxes Payable

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
Individual income tax.....	\$1,150	\$ 994
Business tax payable.....	540	259
Value added taxes payable, net	522	1,326
	-----	-----
	\$2,212	\$2,579
	=====	=====

The Company's PRC subsidiaries are subject to business tax at the rate of 5% on other service revenues.

The Company is also required to withhold PRC individual income tax on employees' payroll for remittance to the tax authorities.

The Company's PRC subsidiaries are subject to value added tax at a rate of 17% on revenue from procurement of hardware on behalf of customers and revenues from software licenses. Value added tax payable on revenues is computed net of value added tax paid on purchases. In respect of revenue on software license, however, if the net amount of value added tax payable exceeds 3% of software sales, the excess portion of value added tax can be refunded immediately. The Company therefore enjoys an effective net value added tax burden of 3% from software license revenues. This government policy is effective until 2010.

12. Income Taxes

The components of (loss) income before income taxes, minority interests and equity in loss of affiliates are as follows:

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	Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
United States	\$ (1,969)	\$ (477)	\$ 2,543
Foreign.....	(24,639)	6,597	13,916
	-----	-----	-----
	\$ (26,608)	\$ 6,120	\$ 16,459
	=====	=====	=====

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The Company is subject to US federal and state income taxes. The Company's subsidiaries incorporated in the PRC are subject to PRC income taxes.

The provision for income taxes (benefit) expense consists of the following:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Current			
United States:			
Federal.....	\$ (1,138)	\$ 192	\$ 4,006
State.....	(20)	15	212
Foreign.....	325	1,055	797
	-----	-----	-----
Total current income taxes.....	(831)	1,262	5,015
	-----	-----	-----
Deferred			
United States:			
Federal.....	396	119	(1,931)
State.....	(1)	42	(94)
Foreign.....	(542)	(599)	454
	-----	-----	-----
Total deferred income taxes.....	(147)	(438)	(1,571)
	-----	-----	-----
Total income tax (benefit) expense	\$ (978)	\$ 824	\$ 3,444
	=====	=====	=====

The components of deferred income tax assets (liabilities) are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
Deferred tax assets (liabilities):		
Allowances and reserves.....	\$ 2,072	\$ 1,834

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Depreciation.....	272	236
Net operating loss carry forwards.	990	436
Acquired intangible assets.....	24	(327)
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Total gross deferred tax assets.....	3,358	2,179
Valuation allowance.....	(1,362)	(330)
	-----	-----
Total net deferred tax assets.....	\$ 1,996	\$1,849
	=====	=====

Deferred income taxes result principally from differences in the recognition of certain assets and liabilities for tax and financial reporting purposes and the tax effect of tax loss carry forwards. At December 31, 2003, tax loss carry forwards amounted to approximately \$2.2 million for federal and \$0.7 million for California, which will begin to expire in year 2023 and 2008, respectively. A valuation allowance of \$1,075 for tax losses generated in various tax jurisdictions during 2003 has been established. An additional valuation allowance of \$287 has been established for the provision of short-term investment as it is considered more likely than not that the relevant deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Except for certain hardware procurement and resale transactions, the Company conducts substantially all of its business through its PRC operating subsidiaries. The PRC subsidiaries are generally subject to a 30% state corporate income tax and a 3% local income tax.

Pursuant to the income tax laws of the PRC, foreign invested enterprises meeting certain criteria set out by the relevant tax authorities can enjoy various preferential tax treatments. AsiaInfo Technologies is registered and operates in the Beijing Zhongguancun Science Park, and is classified as a "new technology enterprise." The

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effective income tax rate for "new technology enterprises" registered and operating in the Beijing Zhongguancun Science Park is 15%, and there is an exemption from local income tax as long as the enterprise holds the "new technology enterprise" status. "New technology enterprises" are exempted from Chinese state corporate income tax for three years, beginning with their first year of operations, and are entitled to a 50% tax reduction at the rate of 7.5% for the subsequent three years. The tax exemption for AsiaInfo Technologies expired on December 31, 1997 and the 50% tax reduction expired on December 31, 2000. However, AsiaInfo Technologies received a continuation of its preferential tax treatment as an "advanced technology enterprise" for a three-year period from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003, resulting in an effective income tax rate of 10%. Beginning from January 1, 2004, as a "new technology enterprise" set up in Beijing Zhongguancun Science Park, the effective income tax rate for AsiaInfo Technologies is 15%. Under current law, as long as AsiaInfo Technologies maintains the "new technology enterprise" status, it will be exempted from Chinese local corporate income tax.

AsiaInfo Management is registered and operates in the High and New Technology Industry Development Zone in Guangzhou, China, and is classified as a "high and new technology enterprise." The effective income tax rate, subject to the approval of the relevant tax authorities, for "high and new technology enterprises" registered in High and New Technology Industry Development Zones is 15%. "High and new technology enterprises" are also exempt from Chinese state and local corporate income tax for two years, beginning with their first profitable year of operations, and are entitled to a 50% tax reduction at the

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rate of 7.5% for the subsequent three years. The tax exemption for AsiaInfo Management expired on December 31, 2001 and the 50% tax reduction will expire on December 31, 2004.

AsiaInfo Technologies (Chengdu), Inc., or AsiaInfo Chengdu, is registered in the High and New Technology Industry Development Zone in Chengdu and is classified as a "high and new technology enterprise." Subject to the approval of the relevant tax authorities, "high and new technology enterprises" registered in the Chengdu High and New Technology Industry Development Zone are exempt from Chinese state and local corporate income tax for two years, beginning with their first year of operations (which was year 2002 for AsiaInfo Chengdu), and are entitled to a tax reduction at the rate of 15% in subsequent years.

The Company is also subject to U.S. income taxes on revenues generated in the United States, including revenues from its limited hardware procurement activities and interest income earned in the United States.

Income tax of AsiaInfo Technologies in 2003, 2002 and 2001 was nil, \$853 and \$797, respectively. In the absence of such income tax exemptions or preferential tax treatment, income tax of nil in 2003, \$2,092 in 2002 and \$615 in 2001 would otherwise have been payable and the effect on net (loss) income per share would be to increase basic and diluted loss per share or decrease basic and diluted income per share by nil in 2003, \$0.05 in 2002 and \$0.01 in 2001, respectively.

Undistributed foreign earnings amounted to approximately \$12,910 at December 31, 2003. Those earnings are considered to be indefinitely reinvested and, accordingly, no provision for US federal and state income tax or foreign withholding taxes has been made. Upon distribution of those earnings, the Company would be subject to US income taxes (subject to a reduction for foreign tax credits) and withholding taxes payable to China, if any.

A reconciliation between the (benefit of) provision for income taxes computed by applying the US federal tax rate to (loss) income before income taxes and the actual provision for income taxes is as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
	----	----	----
US federal statutory rate.....	(35)%	35%	35%
Difference between statutory rate and foreign effective tax rate	31	(27)	(20)
Amortization of goodwill.....	--	--	2
Other.....	--	6	4
	(4)%	14%	21%
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13. Net (loss) income per share

The following is a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted net (loss) income per share computations:

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	Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Net (loss) income (numerator):			
Net (loss) income			
Basic and diluted.....	\$ (28,119)	\$ 2,906	\$ 11,734
	=====	=====	=====
Shares (denominator):			
Weighted average common stock outstanding			
Basic.....	44,459,010	43,583,420	41,525,159
Options.....	--	2,378,125	4,399,565
	-----	-----	-----
Diluted.....	44,459,010	45,961,545	45,924,724
	=====	=====	=====
Net (loss) income per share:			
Basic.....	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.28
	=====	=====	=====
Diluted.....	\$ (0.63)	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.26
	=====	=====	=====

In 2003, the Company had 9,657,883 outstanding common stock options shares that could have potentially diluted basic earnings per share ("EPS") in the future, but were excluded in the computation of diluted EPS in such period, as their effect would have been antidilutive due to the net loss reported in the period.

In 2002 and 2001, the Company had 4,716,680 and 1,326,180 common stock options outstanding, respectively, that could have potentially diluted EPS in the future, but were excluded in the computation of diluted EPS in those periods, as their exercise prices were above the average market values in such periods.

14. Commitments and Contingencies

Operating Leases--As of December 31, 2003, the Company was committed under certain operating leases, requiring annual minimum rentals as follows:

2004	\$2,119
2005	886
2006	528

	\$3,533
	=====

The leased properties are principally located in the PRC and are used for administration and research and development purposes. The leases are renewable subject to negotiation. Rental expense for the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003 was \$1,952, \$2,314 and \$2,190, respectively.

Letters of Credit--At December 31, 2003, the Company had outstanding standby letters of credit to customers of \$10,426, in which \$10,045 were collateralized by credit facilities and \$381 were secured by bank deposit.

Product Warranty--The Company's product warranty accrual reflects management's best estimate of probable liability under its product warranties. Management determines the warranty based on historical experience and other currently

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available evidence.

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Changes in the product warranty accrual for the year ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 are as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002
	-----	-----
Balance at beginning of year	2,229	1,273
Current year provision.....	449	1,142
Payments.....	(83)	(186)
Provision reversal.....	(535)	--
	-----	-----
Balance at end of year.....	2,060	2,229
	=====	=====

The reversal of warranties of \$535 is related to projects of warranty period that had expired during the year of 2003.

Litigation--On December 4, 2001, a securities class action case was filed in New York City against the Company, certain of its current officers and directors and the underwriters of the Company's initial public offering, or IPO. The lawsuit alleged violations of the federal securities laws and was docketed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, or the Court, as Hassan v. AsiaInfo Holdings, Inc., et al. The lawsuit alleged, among other things, that the underwriters of the Company's IPO improperly required their customers to pay the underwriters excessive commissions and to agree to buy additional shares of the Company's common stock in the aftermarket as conditions to their purchasing shares in the Company's IPO. The lawsuit further claimed that these supposed practices of the underwriters should have been disclosed in the Company's IPO prospectus and registration statement. The suit seeks rescission of the plaintiffs' alleged purchases of the Company's common stock as well as unspecified damages. In addition to the case against the Company, various other plaintiffs have filed approximately 1,000 other, substantially similar class action cases against approximately 300 other publicly traded companies and their IPO underwriters in New York City, which along with the case against the Company have all been transferred to a single federal district judge for purposes of case management.

On July 15, 2002, together with the other issuer defendants, the Company filed a collective motion to dismiss the consolidated, amended complaints against the issuers on various legal grounds common to all or most of the issuer defendants. The underwriters also filed separate motions to dismiss the claims against them. On October 9, 2002, the Court dismissed without prejudice all claims against the individual defendants in the litigation. The dismissals were based on stipulations signed by those defendants and the plaintiffs' representatives. On February 19, 2003, the Court issued its ruling on the motions to dismiss filed by the underwriter and issuer defendants. In that ruling the Court granted in part and denied in part those motions. As to the claims brought against the Company under the anti-fraud provisions of the securities laws, the Court dismissed all such claims without prejudice. As to the claims brought under the registration provisions of the securities laws, which do not require that intent to defraud be pleaded, the Court denied the

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motion to dismiss such claims as to the Company and as to substantially all of the other issuer defendants. The Court also denied the underwriter defendants' motion to dismiss in all respects.

In June 2003, the Company elected to participate in a proposed settlement agreement with the plaintiffs in this litigation. If ultimately approved by the Court, this proposed settlement would result in a dismissal, with prejudice, of all claims in the litigation against the Company and against any of the other issuer defendants who elect to participate in the proposed settlement, together with the current or former officers and directors of participating issuers who were named as individual defendants. The proposed settlement does not provide for the resolution of any claims against the underwriter defendants, and the litigation against those defendants is continuing. The proposed settlement provides that the class members in the class action cases brought against the participating issuer defendants will be guaranteed a recovery of \$1 billion by insurers of the participating issuer defendants. If recoveries totaling \$1 billion or more are obtained by the class members from the underwriter defendants, however, the monetary obligations to the class members under the proposed settlement will be satisfied. In addition, all participating issuer defendants will be required to assign to the class members certain claims that the Company may have against the underwriters.

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The proposed settlement contemplates that any amounts necessary to fund the settlement or settlement-related expenses would come from participating issuers' directors and officers liability insurance policy proceeds as opposed to funds of the participating issuer defendants themselves. A participating issuer defendant could be required to contribute to the costs of the settlement if that issuer's insurance coverage were insufficient to pay that issuer's allocable share of the settlement costs. The Company expects that its insurance proceeds will be sufficient for these purposes and that it will not otherwise be required to contribute to the proposed settlement. Consummation of the proposed settlement is conditioned upon, among other things, negotiating, executing, and filing with the Court final settlement documents, and final approval by the Court. If the proposed settlement described above is not consummated, the Company intends to continue to defend the litigation vigorously. Moreover, if the proposed settlement is not consummated, the Company believes that the underwriters may have an obligation to indemnify the Company for the legal fees and other costs of defending this suit and that the Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance policies would also cover the defense and potential exposure in the suit. While the Company cannot guarantee the outcome of these proceedings, the Company believes that the final result of these actions will have no material effect on the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

15. Employee Retirement Benefits

The Company's employees in the PRC are entitled to retirement benefits calculated with reference to their basic salaries on retirement and their length of service in accordance with a government managed benefits plan. The PRC government is responsible for the benefit liability to these retired employees. The Company is required to make contributions to the state retirement plan at 20% to 25.5% of the monthly basic salaries of the current employees.

In addition, the Company is required by law to contribute approximately 16% to 27% of basic salaries of the PRC employees for staff welfare, housing, medical and education benefits representing expense of \$2,832, \$1,806 and \$3,443 for 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

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Employees who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States and who have been employed for more than six months are entitled to retirement benefits under a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (the "Plan"). The Company contributes 5% of employees' monthly salaries to the Plan. The expense of such arrangements to the Company for the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003 was \$780, \$1,183 and \$754, respectively.

16. Distribution of Profits

As stipulated by the relevant laws and regulations applicable to PRC foreign investment enterprises, the Company's PRC subsidiaries are required to make appropriations from net income as determined under accounting principles generally accepted in the PRC ("PRC GAAP") to non-distributable reserves which include a general reserve, an enterprise expansion reserve and an employee welfare and bonus reserve. Wholly-foreign-owned PRC subsidiaries are not required to make appropriations to the enterprise expansion reserve but appropriations to the general reserve are required to be made at not less than 10% of the profit after tax as determined under PRC GAAP. The employee welfare and bonus reserve is determined by the Company's Board of Directors.

The general reserve is used to offset future extraordinary losses. The subsidiaries may, upon a resolution passed by the stockholders, convert the general reserve into capital. The employee welfare and bonus reserve is used for the collective welfare of the employees of the subsidiaries. The enterprise expansion reserve is used for the expansion of the subsidiaries' operations and can be converted to capital subject to approval by the relevant authorities. These reserves represent appropriations of retained earnings determined according to PRC law. Appropriations to general reserves by the Company's PRC subsidiaries were \$990 and \$591 in 2003 and 2002, respectively. There were no appropriations to reserves prior to 2001.

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17. Certain Significant Risks and Uncertainties

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Company to concentration of credit risk, consist principally of temporary cash investments and trade accounts receivable.

The Company places its temporary cash investments with various financial institutions in the PRC and the United States. At December 31, 2003 the amounts were placed principally with financial institutions in the United States.

The Company's business activities and accounts receivable are principally in the PRC with a limited number of large customers, principally China Telecommunications Corporation ("China Telecom") and its provincial subsidiaries, and China United Telecommunications Corporation ("China Unicom"). Sales to China Telecom and its subsidiaries amounted to approximately 9%, 21%, and 31% of total revenues in 2003, 2002, and 2001, respectively. In 2003, 2002 and 2001, no individual provincial entity represented more than 10% of total revenues. Sales to China Unicom accounted for 38% of total revenue in 2003, 22% of total revenues in 2002, 45% in 2001. Sales to China Netcom Corporation accounted for 13% of total of revenue in 2003, 6% in 2002, and 9% in 2001. Sales to China Mobile Corporation accounted for 38% of total revenue in 2003, 42% in 2002, and 10% in 2001.

Details of the amounts receivable from the customers with the largest receivable balances at December 31, 2003 and 2002 are as follows:

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	Percentage of accounts receivable December 31, -----	
	2003	2002
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Five largest receivables balances	96%	95%

The Company maintains allowances for estimated potential bad debt losses and revises its estimates of collectibility on a periodic basis. Activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is as follows:

	Years Ended December 31, -----		
	2003	2002	2001
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Balance at beginning of year	1,133	1,094	545
Bad debt expense.....	2,366	762	2,782
Write-offs and other.....	(404)	(723)	(2,233)
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Balance at end of year.....	3,095	1,133	1,094
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There were no other movements in the provision for doubtful accounts.

The Company's business growth is indirectly dependent on government budgetary policy for the telecommunications and Internet industries in China. The laws and regulations applicable to the telecommunications and Internet industry in China remain unsettled and could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business. The Company's customer base is concentrated and the loss of one or more customers could cause the Company's business to suffer.

18. Stock Option Plans

General--Under the Company's 2002 Stock Option Plan, the Company may grant options to purchase up to 4.5 million shares of common stock to employees, directors and consultants at prices not less than the fair market value at the date of grant for incentive stock options ("ISO") and nonqualified options ("NQO"). Prior to adoption of the 2002 Stock Option Plan, the Company adopted annual stock option plans for each of 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 (such plans, together with the 2002 Stock Option Plan, are referred to hereinafter as the "Plans").

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The vesting periods of the options under the Plans are determined based on individual stock option agreements. Options granted prior to 1998 generally vest and become exercisable over three one-year cliffs at an equal rate. Exercise terms of options granted in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2002 are substantially comparable to options granted prior to 1998 except that the vesting and exercise periods are generally over four one-year cliffs at a rate of 20%, 20%, 30% and 30% for the 1999 plan and are generally over four one-year cliffs at a rate of 25%, 25%, 25% and 25% for the 2000 plan, and are generally

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no more than five years from the date of grant for 2002 plan.

Option activity for the Plans is summarized as follows:

	Outstanding Options	
	Number of shares	Weighted average exercise price per share
Outstanding, January 1, 2001.....	8,781,865	\$ 9.43
Granted (weighted average fair value of \$7.02)	2,476,840	9.50
Cancelled.....	(1,639,659)	15.21
Exercised.....	(1,309,878)	2.51

Outstanding, December 31, 2001.....	8,309,168	9.40
Granted (weighted average fair value of \$3.56)	3,346,917	4.27
Cancelled.....	(741,550)	12.46
Exercised.....	(1,028,970)	2.68

Outstanding, December 31, 2002.....	9,885,565	8.14
Granted (weighted average fair value of \$5.24)	2,289,590	6.02
Cancelled.....	(2,010,005)	10.87
Exercised.....	(507,267)	2.42

Outstanding, December 31, 2003.....	9,657,883	7.37
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The exercise price of all options granted during the periods was equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the dates of grant. The fair value of the common stock underlying the issue of the options under the Plans is based on valuations by independent appraisers or by reference to stock sales prices, as appropriate.

Additional information on options outstanding at December 31, 2003 is as follows:

	Options Outstanding as of December 31, 2003			Options Exercisable as of December 31, 2003	
Range of average exercise price	Number outstanding	Weighted average remaining contractual life (yrs.)	Weighted average exercise price	Number exercisable	Weighted average exercise price
\$0.01 to 1.25.....	563,167	2.75	\$ 1.09	563,167	\$ 1.00
\$1.50 to 2.50.....	128,265	3.74	2.31	128,265	2.30
\$2.75 to 3.00.....	770,950	4.17	2.81	770,950	2.80
\$3.35 to 4.22.....	3,197,861	8.62	4.06	670,481	4.00
\$6.51 to 7.36.....	1,335,897	9.63	7.01	69,562	7.20
\$7.59 to 7.75.....	1,104,745	6.09	7.61	1,009,700	7.60
\$8.00 to 9.63.....	1,277,714	7.22	9.12	862,300	9.10
\$10.00 to 19.63.....	486,164	6.93	12.54	372,004	12.50
\$24.00 to 47.03.....	793,120	6.16	24.66	572,170	24.70
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Total.....	9,657,883	7.24	\$ 7.37	5,018,599	\$ 8.10

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Total number of options exercisable and the weighted average exercise price were 4,037,745 and 3,775,807, and \$7.89 and \$5.44, as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

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Deferred stock compensation--As discussed in Note 2, the Company accounts for its stock-based awards to employees using the intrinsic value method in accordance with APB No. 25. Accordingly, the Company recorded deferred compensation expense equal to the difference between the grant price and deemed fair value of the Company's common stock for options granted prior to December 31, 1997, which were all fixed awards. Accordingly, the Company recorded compensation expense of \$105, \$407 and \$1,144 for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

19. Segment Information

During 2003, the Company reorganized its operations structure so that its business operations focus on specific customers rather than product lines. Instead of selling its products and services through its two former strategic business units, Communications Solutions and Operation Support Systems Solutions, the Company now has one point of sales contact for each of its major customers, streamlining the relationships and interactions with its customers.

The new customer-based structure is designed to offer customers a "one window" shopping solution for all of their needs, including all the business lines from the Company such as network solutions, software license and services and service applications solutions. The new structure benefits from cost efficiencies gained from combined sales and marketing as well as research and development staff and offer more integrated quality services to the Company's customers. As a result, the financial reporting structure that the Company has adopted is based on network solutions and software revenue.

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Revenues net of hardware costs:			
Network solutions.....	\$25,982	\$31,720	\$43,516
Software revenue.....	31,488	33,013	27,875
	57,470	64,733	71,391
Total revenues net of hardware costs	57,470	64,733	71,391
Cost of sales net of hardware costs.	23,517	24,467	15,918
	\$33,953	\$40,266	\$55,473
Gross profit.....	\$33,953	\$40,266	\$55,473
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The information of 2002 and 2001 has been reclassified to conform to the current operating segments.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures

A reconciliation table of Total Revenues Net of Hardware Costs and Total

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Revenues for the three years ended December 31, 2003 is as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Total revenues net of hardware costs (a)			
Network solutions.....	\$ 25,982	\$ 31,720	\$ 43,516
Software revenue.....	31,488	33,013	27,875
	\$ 57,470	\$ 64,733	\$ 71,391
	=====	=====	=====
Total cost of hardware sales			
Network solutions.....	\$ 58,704	\$ 56,533	\$117,615
Software revenue.....	--	--	--
	\$ 58,704	\$ 56,533	\$117,615
	=====	=====	=====
Total revenues			
Network solutions.....	\$ 84,686	\$ 88,253	\$161,131
Software revenue.....	31,488	33,013	27,875
	\$116,174	\$121,266	\$189,006
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(a) The Company believes that the presentation of this non-GAAP measure provides useful information for investors regarding the Company's financial performance. The presentation of this additional information is not meant to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the Company's financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP.

For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, almost all of the Company's revenues have been derived from sales to customers in the PRC. Revenues are attributed to the country based on the country of installation of hardware, software and performance of system integration work and software related services. As of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, 99% of the Company's long-lived assets are located in the PRC.

20. Related Party Transactions

In the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, the Company entered into network solutions and software revenue contracts with China Netcom Corporation Ltd. ("China Netcom") with a total contract sum of approximately \$16,578, \$10,108 and \$9,300, respectively. Edward Tian, a Director and major shareholder of the Company, is the Chief Executive Officer of China Netcom, as well as a Vice President of China Netcom's parent company, China Netcom Communication Group Corporation. Revenue recognized in 2003, 2002 and 2001 from such contracts was approximately \$14,888, \$6,741 and \$17,000, respectively. Accounts receivable due from China Netcom as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 were \$6,045, \$3,886 and \$2,226, respectively.

On May 16, 2002, China Merchants Bank, Beijing Branch ("Merchants Bank") entered into an agreement to provide a revolving credit facility to China

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Netcom of up to approximately \$9,061 in connection with China Netcom's past and future purchases of network solutions from AsiaInfo Technologies. China Netcom may draw on the facility to fund amounts that will become payable to AsiaInfo Technologies under bankers' acceptances and the amount drawn down by China Netcom was zero and approximately \$2,055 as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. AsiaInfo Technologies has guaranteed China Netcom's obligations to Merchants Bank under the facility and agreed to pay principal and interest on the drawn loan if China Netcom defaulted. The agreement expired on May 16, 2003.

On January 17, 2001, the Company purchased a convertible promissory note of \$750 from China PalmInfo Holdings Co., Ltd. ("China PalmInfo"). At the time of the purchase, ChinaVest V, L.P., in which a former director of the Company is a partner, also held a convertible promissory note of China PalmInfo of \$500. A provision of \$750 was recorded for the promissory note during 2002.

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21. Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

Selected quarterly financial data for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 are presented in the following table.

	Three Months Ended			
	December 31	September 30	June 30	March 31
Year Ended December 31, 2003				

Revenues.....	\$30,612	\$27,984	\$26,904	\$ 30,674
Gross profit.....	9,250	9,996	7,202	7,505
Net (loss) income.....	(268)	2,249	(1,053)	(29,047)
Net (loss) income per share--basic.....	(0.01)	0.05	(0.02)	(0.66)
--diluted.....	(0.01)	0.05	(0.02)	(0.66)
 Year Ended December 31, 2002				

Revenues.....	\$23,599	\$32,571	\$36,559	\$ 28,537
Gross profit.....	7,441	8,500	13,037	11,288
Net (loss) income.....	(2,600)	468	3,616	1,422
Net (loss) income per share--basic.....	(0.06)	0.01	0.08	0.03
--diluted.....	(0.06)	0.01	0.08	0.03
 Year Ended December 31, 2001				

Revenues.....	\$37,645	\$94,031	\$21,551	\$ 35,779
Gross profit.....	15,305	15,540	13,349	11,279
Net income.....	4,260	3,519	2,576	1,379
Net income per share--basic.....	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.03
--diluted.....	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.03

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