NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC /DE/

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-0

[X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2001

OR

[] TRANSITION REPORT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 0-24050

NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

36-3378733

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1560 SHERMAN AVENUE, SUITE 1000, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS (Address of principal executive offices)

60201-4800 (Zip Code)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (847) 864-3500

FORMER NAME, FORMER ADDRESS AND FORMER FISCAL YEAR, IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT: NOT APPLICABLE

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 X

NO

APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUER INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS:

INDICATE BY CHECK MARK WHETHER THE REGISTRANT HAS FILED ALL DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY SECTION 12, 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 SUBSEQUENT TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITIES UNDER A PLAN CONFIRMED BY A COURT. YES

AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2001, REGISTRANT HAD 14,265,875 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS! REVIEW REPORT

The Board of Directors
Northfield Laboratories Inc.:

We have reviewed the balance sheet of Northfield Laboratories Inc. (a company in the development stage) as of February 28, 2001, and the related statements of operations for the three-month periods ended February 28, 2001 and February 29, 2000, and statements of operations and cash flows for the nine-month periods ended February 28, 2001 and February 29, 2000 and for the period from June 19, 1985 (inception) through February 28, 2001. We have also reviewed the statements of shareholders' equity (deficit) for the nine-month period ended February 28, 2001 and for the period from June 19, 1985 (inception) through February 28, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

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

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the balance sheet of Northfield Laboratories Inc. as of May 31, 2000, and the related statements of operations, shareholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for the year then ended and for the period from June 19, 1985 (inception) through May 31, 2000 (not presented herein); and in our report dated June 29, 2000, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying balance sheet as of May 31, 2000 and in the accompanying statement of shareholders' equity (deficit) is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the statement from which it has been derived.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois March 21, 2001

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NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC. (a company in the development stage)

Balance Sheets

February 28, 2001 (unaudited) and May 31, 2000

ASSETS	FEBRUARY 28, 2001	MAY 31, 2000
Current assets: Cash	\$ 7 , 299 , 077	15,154,2
Short-term marketable securities	23,799,980	23,129,3
Prepaid expenses	223 , 629	409 , 2
Other current assets		505 , 5
Total current assets	31,955,241	39,198,4
Property, plant, and equipment, net	2,811,257	2,455,7
Other assets	122,775	74,3
	\$ 34,889,273 ========	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,347,153	1,061,3
Accrued expenses	149,551	
Accrued compensation and benefits	268,620	250 , 5
Total current liabilities	1,765,324	1,485,9
Other liabilities	167,231	147,7
Total liabilities	1,932,555	1,633,6
Shareholders' equity: Preferred stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 5,000,000 shares; none issued and outstanding Common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 30,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 14,265,875 shares at February 28, 2001 and May 31, 2000, respectively Additional paid-in capital Deficit accumulated during the development stage Total shareholders' equity	142,659 117,503,271 (84,689,212) 32,956,718 	(77,323,6 40,094,8
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NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC. (a company in the development stage)

Statements of Operations

Three and nine-month periods ended February 28, 2001 and February 29,

2000 and for the period from June 19, 1985 (inception) through February 28, 2001

	THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED				
	FEBRUARY 28, 2001	FEBRUARY 28, FEBRUARY 29, 2001 2000 (UNAUDITED) (UNAUDITED)			
Revenues - license income Costs and expenses:					
Research and development General and administrative	·	2,364,773 657,759			
		3,022,532	9,011,258		
Other income and expense: Interest income Interest expense	504 , 733 	558 , 499 	1,645,689 		
	504,733	558 , 499	1,645,689		
Net loss		(2,464,033)			
Net loss per basic share	\$ (0.18)	, ,	(0.52)		
Shares used in calculation of per share data	14,263,003	14,240,864			

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NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC. (a company in the development stage)

Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)

Nine-month period ended February 28, 2001 and for the period from June 19, 1985 (inception) through February 28, 2001

I	PREFERRED	STOCK		COMMON	STOCK
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OF	SHARES	AMOUNT	OF	SHARES	AM

Issuance of common stock on August 27, 1985 Issuance of Series A convertible preferred	 \$	3,500,000	\$ 3
stock at \$4.00 per share on August 27, 1985			
(net of costs of issuance of \$79,150)	 		
Net loss	 		
Balance at May 31, 1986	 	3,500,000	3
Net loss	 		
Deferred compensation relating to grant of			
stock options	 		
Amortization of deferred compensation	 		
Balance at May 31, 1987	 	3,500,000	3
Issuance of Series B convertible preferred		3,300,000	J
stock at \$35.68 per share on August 14,			
1987 (net of costs of issuance of \$75,450)	 		
Net loss	 		
Amortization of deferred compensation	 		
Ralanco at May 21 1000	 	3,500,000	3
Balance at May 31, 1988 Issuance of common stock at \$24.21 per share		3,300,000	J
on June 7, 1988 (net of costs of issuance			
of \$246,000)	 	413,020	
Conversion of Series A convertible preferred			
stock to common stock on June 7, 1988	 	1,250,000	1
Conversion of Series B convertible		1 000 165	
preferred stock to common stock on June 7, 1988	 	1,003,165	1
Exercise of stock options at \$2.00 per share Issuance of common stock at \$28.49 per share	 	47,115	
on March 6, 1989 (net of costs of issuance			
of \$21,395)	 	175 , 525	
Issuance of common stock at \$28.49 per share			
on March 30, 1989 (net of costs of issuance			
of \$10,697)	 	87 , 760	
Sale of options at \$28.29 per share to			
purchase common stock at \$.20 per share			
on March 30, 1989 (net of costs of issuance of \$4,162)	 		
Net loss	 		
Deferred compensation relating to grant of			
stock options	 		
Amortization of deferred compensation	 		
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Balance at May 31, 1989 Net loss	 	6,476,585	6
Deferred compensation relating to grant of	 		
stock options	 		
Amortization of deferred compensation	 		
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Balance at May 31, 1990	 	6,476,585	6
Net loss	 		
Amortization of deferred compensation	 		
Balance at May 31, 1991	 	6,476,585	6
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Exercise of stock warrants at \$5.60 per share	 	90,000	
Net loss	 		
Amortization of deferred compensation	 		
Balance at May 31, 1992	 	6,566,585	6
Exercise of stock warrants at \$7.14 per share	 	15,000	
Issuance of common stock at \$15.19 per share			
on April 19, 1993 (net of costs of issuance			
of \$20,724)	 	374 , 370	
Net loss	 		
Amortization of deferred compensation	 		
Balance at May 31, 1993	 	6,955,955	6
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NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC. (a company in the development stage)

Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)

Nine-month period ended February 28, 2001 and for the period from June 19, 1985 (inception) through February 28, 2001

	PREFERRI	CONVERTIBLE ED STOCK	ADD THIONAL	DEFIC ACCUMUL
	NUMBER	AGGREGATE AMOUNT	ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL	DEVELOR
Issuance of common stock on August 27, 1985 Issuance of Series A convertible preferred		\$	(28,000)	
stock at \$4.00 per share on August 27, 1985 (net of costs of issuance of \$79,150)			670,850	
Net loss				(607
Balance at May 31, 1986 Net loss			642 , 850 	(607 (2,429
Deferred compensation relating to grant of stock options			2,340,000	
Amortization of deferred compensation				
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Balance at May 31, 1987 Issuance of Series B convertible preferred			2,982,850	(3,037
stock at \$35.68 per share on August 14, 1987 (net of costs of issuance of \$75,450)	200 - 633	200,633	6 - 882 - 502	
Net loss				(3,057
Amortization of deferred compensation				
Balance at May 31, 1988	200,633	200,633	9,865,352	(6 , 094

Issuance of common stock at \$24.21 per				
share on June 7, 1988 (net of costs			0 740 070	
of issuance of \$246,000)			9,749,870	
Conversion of Series A convertible				
preferred stock to common stock on			007 500	
June 7, 1988			237,500	
Conversion of Series B convertible				
preferred stock to common stock on	(000 600)	(200 622)	100 601	
June 7, 1988		(200,633)		
Exercise of stock options at \$2.00 per share			93 , 759	
Issuance of common stock at \$28.49 per share				
on March 6, 1989 (net of costs of issuance			4 07C 0FF	
of \$21,395)			4,976,855	
Issuance of common stock at \$28.49 per share				
on March 30, 1989 (net of costs of issuance			0 400 256	
of \$10,697)			2,488,356	
Sale of options at \$28.29 per share to				
purchase common stock at \$.20 per share				
on March 30, 1989 (net of costs of			7 442 110	
issuance of \$4,162)			7,443,118	(7.01
Net loss				(791
Deferred compensation relating to grant of			602 040	
stock options			683 , 040	
Amortization of deferred compensation				
Balance at May 31, 1989			35,728,451	(6 , 886
Net loss				(3,490
Deferred compensation relating to grant of				(-,
stock options			699,163	
Amortization of deferred compensation				
Balance at May 31, 1990			36,427,614	(10 , 376
Net loss				(5 , 579
Amortization of deferred compensation				
Balance at May 31, 1991			36,427,614	(15 , 956
Exercise of stock warrants at \$5.60 per share			503,100	:5.000
Net loss				(7 , 006
Amortization of deferred compensation				
Balance at May 31, 1992			36,930,714	(22,962
Exercise of stock warrants at \$7.14 per share			106,890	ļ
Issuance of common stock at \$15.19 per share				
on April 19, 1993 (net of costs of issuance				
of \$20,724)			5,663,710	
Net loss				(8 , 066
Amortization of deferred compensation				
Balance at May 31, 1993			42,701,314	(31,029

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Statements of Shareholders' Equity (Deficit), continued

Nine months ended February 28, 2001 and for the period from June 19, 1985 (inception) through February 28, 2001

	PREFERR	ED STOCK	COMMO	N STOCK	SERIES A PREFER
	NUMBER OF SHARES	AGGREGATE AMOUNT	NUMBER OF SHARES	AGGREGATE AMOUNT	NUMBER OF SHARE
Net loss Issuance of common stock at \$6.50 per share on		\$		\$	
May 26, 1994 (net of costs of issuance of \$2,061,149) Cancellation of stock options			2,500,000		
Amortization of deferred compensation					
Balance at May 31, 1994			9,455,955	94,560	
Net loss Issuance of common stock at \$6.50 per share on June 20, 1994 (net of issuance costs of					
\$172,500)			375,000		
Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share			10,000		
Exercise of stock options at \$2.00 per share			187,570		
Cancellation of stock options					
Amortization of deferred compensation					
Balance at May 31, 1995			10,028,525	100,285	
Net loss Issuance of common stock at \$17.75 per share on August 9, 1995 (net of issuance costs of \$3,565,125)			2,925,000	29 , 250	
Issuance of common stock at \$17.75 per share on September 11, 1995 (net of issuance costs of			2, 923, 000	23,230	
\$423,238)			438,750	4,388	
Exercise of stock options at \$2.00 per share			182,380	•	
Exercise of stock options at \$6.38 per share			1,500		
Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share			10,000	100	
Cancellation of stock options Amortization of deferred compensation	 				
Balance at May 31, 1996			13,586,155	135,862	
Net loss					
Exercise of stock options at \$0.20 per share				2,633	
Exercise of stock options at \$2.00 per share			232,935	2,329	
Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share			10,000	100	
Amortization of deferred compensation					
Balance at May 31, 1997 Net loss	 		14,092,375		

Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share			5,000	50	
Amortization of deferred compensation					
Balance at May 31, 1998			14,097,375	140.974	
Net loss					
Non-cash compensation					
Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share			17,500	175	
Exercise of stock warrants at \$8.00 per share			125,000	1,250	
Balance at May 31, 1999			14,239,875	142,399	
Net loss					
Non-cash compensation					
Exercise of stock options at \$13.38 per share			2,500	25	
Balance at May 31, 2000			14,242,375	142,424	
Net loss (unaudited)					
Exercise of stock options at \$10.81 per share			17,500	175	
Exercise of stock options at \$6.38 per share			6,000	60	
Balance at February 28, 2001 (unaudited)			14,265,875	•	
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	ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL	DEFICIT ACCUMULATED DURING THE DEVELOPMENT STAGE
Net loss		(7,363,810)
Issuance of common stock at \$6.50 per share on May 26, 1994 (net of costs of issuance of		
\$2,061,149)	14,163,851	
Cancellation of stock options	(85,400)	
Amortization of deferred compensation		
Balance at May 31, 1994	56,779,765	(38,393,281)
Net loss		(7,439,013)
Issuance of common stock at \$6.50 per share on June 20, 1994 (net of issuance costs of		
\$172,500)	2,261,250	
Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share	71,300	
Exercise of stock options at \$2.00 per share	373 , 264	
Cancellation of stock options	(106,750)	

Amortization of deferred compensation		
Balance at May 31, 1995 Net loss Issuance of common stock at \$17.75 per share on		(45,832,294) (4,778,875)
August 9, 1995 (net of issuance costs of \$3,565,125) Issuance of common stock at \$17.75 per share on	48,324,374	
September 11, 1995 (net of issuance costs of \$423,238)	7,360,187	
Exercise of stock options at \$2.00 per share Exercise of stock options at \$6.38 per share	362,937 9,555	
Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share Cancellation of stock options Amortization of deferred compensation	71,300 (80,062) 	
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Balance at May 31, 1996 Net loss		(50,611,169) (4,245,693)
Exercise of stock options at \$0.20 per share Exercise of stock options at \$2.00 per share	50,025 463,540	
Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share Amortization of deferred compensation	71,300	
Balance at May 31, 1997 Net loss		(54,856,862) (5,883,378)
Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share Amortization of deferred compensation	35 , 650	
Balance at May 31, 1998		(60,740,240)
Net loss Non-cash compensation	 14,354	(7,416,333)
Exercise of stock options at \$7.14 per share Exercise of stock warrants at \$8.00 per share	124,775 998,750	
Balance at May 31, 1999 Net loss	117,185,514	(68,156,573) (9,167,070)
Non-cash compensation Exercise of stock options at \$13.38 per share	57 , 112 33 , 425	
Balance at May 31, 2000		(77, 323, 643)
Net loss (unaudited) Exercise of stock options at \$10.81 per share Exercise of stock options at \$6.38 per share	189,000 38,220	
Balance at February 28, 2001 (unaudited)	117,503,271	(84,689,212)
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Statements of Cash Flows

Nine-month periods ended February 28, 2001 and February 29, 2000 and for the period from June 19, 1985 (inception) through February 28, 2001

	NINE MONTHS ENDED		
	FEBRUARY 28,	FEBRUARY 29,	
	2001	2000 (UNAUDITED)	
Cash flows from operating activities: Net loss Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net	\$ (7,365,569)	(6,809,815)	
<pre>cash used in operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Non-cash compensation</pre>	368 , 758 	325,417 74,328	
Loss on sale of equipment Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Prepaid expenses	185,641	194,964	
Other current assets	(126, 983)		
Other assets	(49,200)	 (353,771)	
Accounts payable			
Accrued expenses		(8,716)	
Accrued compensation and benefits Other liabilities	19,514	•	
Net cash used in operating activities	(6,688,461)	(6,583,994) 	
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of property, plant, equipment,			
and capitalized engineering costs	(723,556)	(2,145,445)	
Proceeds from matured marketable securities		15,549,200	
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities			
Purchase of marketable securities	(8,218,827)	(4,909,192)	
Proceeds from sale of equipment		1,786,436	
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,394,212)	10,280,999	
Cash flava from financian activities.			
Cash flows from financing activities: Proceeds from issuance of common stock	227 455	22 450	
Payment of common stock issuance costs	227 , 433	33,450	
Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock			
Proceeds from sale of stock options to			
purchase common shares			
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable			
Repayment of notes payable			
Net cash provided by financing activities	227,455	33,450	
Net increase (decrease) in cash Cash at beginning of period	(7,855,218) 15,154,295	3,730,455 25,855,668	
	10,101,200	20,000,000	

Cash at end of period

\$ 7,299,077 ======== 29,586,123

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Notes to Financial Statements

February 28, 2001

(1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The interim financial statements presented are unaudited but, in the opinion of management, have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applied on a basis consistent with those of the annual financial statements. Such interim financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and the results of operations for the interim periods presented. The results of operations for the interim period presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the year ending May 31, 2001. The interim financial statements should be read in connection with the audited financial statements for the year ended May 31, 2000.

(2) COMPUTATION OF NET LOSS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding and excludes the dilutive effect of unexercised common stock equivalents. Diluted earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding and includes the dilutive effect of unexercised common stock equivalents. Because the Company reported a net loss for all periods presented, basic and diluted per share amounts are the same.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

Since Northfield's incorporation in 1985, we have devoted substantially all of our efforts and resources to the research, development and clinical testing of our potential product, PolyHeme(TM). We have incurred operating losses during each year of our operations since inception and expect to incur substantial additional operating losses for the next several years. From Northfield's inception through February 28, 2001, we have incurred operating losses totaling \$84,689,000.

Our success will depend on several factors, including our ability to obtain Food & Drug Administration regulatory approval of PolyHeme and our

manufacturing facilities, obtain sufficient quantities of blood to manufacture PolyHeme in commercial quantities, manufacture and distribute PolyHeme in a cost-effective manner, and enforce our patent positions. We have experienced significant delays in the development and clinical testing of PolyHeme. We cannot ensure that we will be able to achieve these goals or that we will be able to realize product revenues or profitability on a sustained basis or at all.

We anticipate that research and development expenses will increase during the foreseeable future. These expected increases are attributable to anticipated future clinical trials, monitoring and reporting the results of these trials and continuing process development associated with improving our manufacturing capacity to permit commercial-scale production of PolyHeme. We expect that general and administrative expenses will increase over the foreseeable future due to increased expenses relating to the expansion of our organization in support of potential expanded commercial operations.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

We reported no revenues for either of the three-month periods ended February 28, 2001 or 2000. From Northfield's inception through February 28, 2001, we have reported total revenues of \$3,000,000, all of which were derived from licensing fees.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating expenses for our third fiscal quarter ended February 28, 2001 totaled \$3,109,000, an increase of \$86,000 from the \$3,023,000 reported in the third quarter of the prior fiscal year. Measured on a percentage basis, total expenses in the third quarter of fiscal 2001 increased by 2.8%. This increase was primarily due to higher costs related to the expansion of our manufacturing organization and facilities.

Research and development expenses for the third quarter of fiscal 2001 totaled \$2,489,000, an increase of \$124,000, or 5.2%, from the \$2,365,000, reported in the third quarter of fiscal 2000. The majority of the increase in research and development expenses resulted from increased costs associated with our expanded manufacturing organization and facilities. The clinical trials continue to shift from field work in the hospitals to data accumulation and analysis. Phase II and Phase III trials remain active in the field, but patient accrual has slowed.

Research and development expenses for the nine-month period ended February 28, 2001 totaled \$6,964,000, an increase of \$113,000 or 1.6%, from the \$6,851,000 of expense incurred in the comparable prior year period. The nature of expenditures has changed as higher

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employment levels and salary increases have pushed labor costs up while purchased services have decreased as a 3rd party viral inactivation study conducted during the first half of the last fiscal year has not been repeated.

We anticipate that research and development expenses will remain stable over the balance of the fiscal year. Beyond that, we expect these expenses to increase significantly. Additional costs are being planned for additional multi-center clinical trials, third party clinical monitoring, biostatistical analysis, report preparation, expanding our manufacturing organization and developing additional sources of hemoglobin.

General and administrative expenses in the third quarter of fiscal 2001 totaled \$620,000 compared to expenses of \$658,000 in the third quarter of 2000, representing a decrease of \$38,000, or 5.8%. The decrease was primarily due to

lower travel expense.

General and administrative expenses for the nine-month period ended February 28, 2001 totaled \$2,048,000, which represents a \$382,000, or 22.9%, increase from the \$1,666,000 in the comparable prior year period. All of the increase was due to higher legal fees.

INTEREST INCOME

Interest income in the third quarter of fiscal 2001 totaled \$505,000, or a \$53,000 decrease from the \$558,000 in interest income reported in the third quarter of fiscal 2000. Higher interest rates early in fiscal 2001 somewhat offset lower available investment balances to account for the decrease. Currently available short-term interest rates are yielding over 2% less than the rates available for the comparable prior year period. Consequently, interest income will remain below prior year levels for the remainder of fiscal 2001 as the corporation will be investing smaller amounts which will be earning lower interest rates.

Interest income for the nine-month period ended February 28, 2001 totaled \$1,646,000, or a \$62,000 decrease from the comparable prior year period. Higher interest rates available earlier in the current fiscal year offset declining investment balances and combined to cause the modest decrease in interest income. On a going forward basis, lower available interest rates and lower available investment balances will cause future interest income to remain below prior year levels.

NET LOSS

The net loss for the third quarter ended February 28, 2001 was \$2,604,000, or \$.18 per basic share, compared to a net loss of \$2,464,000, or \$.17 per basic share, for the third quarter ended February 29, 2000. The difference is due to the increased expense associated with our expanded manufacturing organization and facility costs.

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For the nine-month period ended February 28, 2001, Northfield reported a loss of 7,366,000, or 5.52 per basic share, compared to the comparable prior year period results of a loss of 6,810,000, or 4.48 per basic share. Higher legal fees combined with an expanded manufacturing organization and higher facility costs accounted for the increased loss.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

From Northfield's inception through February 28, 2001, we have used cash for operating activities and for the purchase of engineering services and property, plant and equipment in the amount of \$84,888,000. For the nine-month periods ended February 28, 2001 and 2000, these cash expenditures totaled \$7,412,000, and \$8,729,000, respectively. The decreased cash outlay for fiscal 2001 compared to the comparable prior year period reflects a decreased level of capital spending.

We have financed our research and development and other activities to date primarily through the public and private sale of equity securities and, to a more limited extent, through the licensing of product rights. As of February 28, 2001, we had cash and marketable securities totaling \$31,099,000.

We believe our existing capital resources will be adequate to satisfy our operating capital requirements and maintain our existing manufacturing plant and office facilities for approximately the next 24-30 months. Thereafter, we are likely to require substantial additional capital to continue our

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operations. We are currently unable to fund the construction of a large-scale greenfield manufacturing facility, which is estimated to cost approximately \$45 million, without raising substantial additional capital. Currently, we have manufacturing capacity of approximately 10,000 units. Initial engineering on the leased space adjacent to our existing manufacturing facility is completed. This engineering indicates an additional capacity of 75,000 units could be developed in approximately 16-18 months at a cost of \$26-30 million. Like the greenfield project, significant additional funding will be required before the smaller scale expansion facility could be completed. Northfield has not yet committed to the build-out of a smaller scale expansion facility. We view the smaller scale expansion facility as financially prudent yet large enough for commercial viability.

We may enter into collaborative arrangements with strategic partners which could provide us with additional funding or absorb expenses we would otherwise be required to pay. We have engaged in discussions with a number of potential strategic partners. These discussions are at various stages and we cannot ensure that any of these arrangements will be consummated.

Our capital requirements may vary materially from those now anticipated because of the results of our clinical testing of PolyHeme, the establishment of relationships with strategic partners, changes in the scale, timing or cost of our commercial manufacturing facility, competitive and technological advances, the FDA regulatory process, changes in our marketing and distribution strategy and other factors.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits

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a) Exhibit 10.15 - Employment Agreement - Richard DeWoskin
Exhibit 10.16 - Employment Agreement - Steven A. Gould, MD
Exhibit 10.17 - Employment Agreement - Jack Kogut
Exhibit 10.18 - Form of Indemnification Agreement - Director and
Executive Officer, Richard DeWoskin and
Steven A. Gould, MD

Exhibit 10.19 - Form of Indemnification Agreement - Director, Gerald
Moss, MD, Bruce Chelberg, David Savner, and Jack Olshansky
Exhibit 10.20 - Form of Indemnification Agreement - Executive Officer,
Jack Kogut

Exhibit 15 - Acknowledgement of Independent Certified Public

Exhibit 15 - Acknowledgement of Independent Certified Public Accountants

b) None.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on April 13, 2001.

NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC.

By /s/ RICHARD E. DEWOSKIN

Richard E. DeWoskin Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

By /s/ JACK J. KOGUT

Jack J. Kogut
Secretary and Treasurer
(principal financial officer and
principal accounting officer)