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(Mark one)

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

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005

or

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

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

Commission file number 0-16449

RAINING DATA CORPORATION

(Name of Small Business Issuer in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State of Incorporation)

**17500 Cartwright Road Irvine, California**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**94-3046892**

(I.R.S. Employer ID. No.)

**92614**

(Zip Code)

**(949) 442-4400**

(Issuer's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:**

**Title of Each Class**

None

**Name of Each Exchange  
on Which Registered**

N/A

**Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act:**

**Common Stock, \$0.10 par value**

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

Check if disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-B is not contained in this form, and no disclosure will be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this

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Form 10-KSB or any amendment to this Form 10-KSB.

The Registrant's revenues for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 were \$21.5 million.

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the Registrant was \$16,324,569 on May 31, 2005 based on the closing sale price of such stock on that date.

As of May 31, 2005, the Registrant had 19,776,006 shares of its common stock outstanding.

### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

None.

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

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**RAINING DATA CORPORATION**

**FISCAL YEAR 2005 FORM 10-KSB ANNUAL REPORT**

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**PART I**

**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS** This Form 10-KSB contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ). These statements may generally be identified by the use of such words as expect, anticipate, believe, intend, plan, will, or shall, or the negative of those terms. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events.

Forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties and actual results may differ materially from those discussed in any such statement. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements include the risks described under the heading Risk Factors in Part II, Item 6 of this Form 10-KSB and elsewhere in this Form 10-KSB. The forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-KSB include, but are not limited to statements about the following: (1) our future success, (2) our research and development efforts, (3) our future operating results and cash flow, (4) our competitive ability and position, (5) the markets in which we operate, (6) our revenue, (7) cost of license revenue and cost of service revenue, (8) our selling and marketing costs, (9) our general and administrative costs, (10) stock-based compensation expense, (11) the possibility that we may seek to take advantage of opportunities in the equity and capital markets and (12) our belief that our existing cash balances combined with our cash flow from operating activities will be sufficient to meet our operating and capital expenditure requirements for the remainder of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 and through the foreseeable future. All forward-looking statements in this document are made as of the date hereof, based on information available to us as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statement.

**ITEM 1. Description of Business**

**Overview**

We were incorporated in the State of Delaware in August 1987. We were originally incorporated as Blyth Holdings, Inc. and our name was changed to Omnis Technology Corporation in September 1997. Effective December 1, 2000, we completed the acquisition of PickAx, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( PickAx ). Concurrent with the acquisition, we changed our name to Raining Data Corporation.

**Products**

Our principal business is the design, development, sale and support of software infrastructure. Our products allow customers to create and enhance flexible software applications for their own needs and our software may be categorized into four product lines: XML data management systems ( XDMS ), Multi-dimensional database management systems ( MDMS ), Microsoft .NET integration software based on our Pick Data Provider ( PDP ) for .NET products and Rapid Application Development ( RAD ) software tools.

Many of our products are based on the Pick Universal Data Model ( Pick UDM ), which we created, and are capable of handling data from many sources. The Pick UDM is a core component across the MDMS, XDMS and PDP product lines.

Beginning in 2001, we began an extensive effort to leverage our time-proven Pick UDM and core intellectual property to create an enterprise class XML database management system for the emerging XML market and the growing need for native XML data stores and the ability to handle structured and unstructured data. This significant investment of time and resources resulted in the TigerLogic XDMS product line. We are focused on the continued development and enhancement of this product line, identification of new and emerging application areas and discussions with channel partners for the sale and distribution of the TigerLogic product line.

### ***TigerLogic XDMS***

TigerLogic XML Data Management Server provides high-performance management and query of XML data by leveraging the time-proven Pick UDM. TigerLogic also enables the ability to query external data sources as if they were one logical database and maintains referential integrity across data sources. TigerLogic's patent-pending XML Indexing and Profiling technology enables it to access XML data via XQuery between 10x to 150x faster in internal tests than relational databases, XML repositories or XML Index and Search engines. TigerLogic provides XML, Java, WSDL and SOAP compatibility for simplified plug-in and integration with development environments of choice.

TigerLogic provides an extensible and flexible development and deployment environment. Unlike other XML data management alternatives, TigerLogic XDMS does not need to know the schema or structure of data before being able to process and store it. We believe the ability to make XML schemas optional is a vital innovation because the structures of operational systems frequently change and mapping schemas for the purpose of linking to a new data source is both difficult and time-consuming. The system also enables support for schema versioning, which is critical when addressing ever changing and evolving standards and XML schemas. The General Availability Release of TigerLogic XDMS version 2.1, which included many feature enhancements and the full implementation of our XQuery engine, was released in May 2005.

### ***Multidimensional Databases (MDMS)***

The MDMS product line consists principally of the D3 Data Base Management System ( D3 ), which runs on many operating systems such as IBM AIX, Linux and Windows NT. D3 allows application programmers to create new business solution software in less time than it normally takes in many other environments. This can translate into lower costs for the developer, lower software prices for the customer and reduced costs of ownership for both the developer and end user. Our MDMS products also include mvEnterprise, a scalable multi-dimensional database solution that allows the user to leverage the capabilities of the UNIX operating system, and mvBase, a multi-dimensional database solution that runs on all Windows platforms.

### ***.NET Integration Software PDP***

Our PDP product line includes the Pick Data Provider for .Net and our Pick Reporting Services Connector. The PDP component for the Microsoft .NET Framework is tightly integrated with Microsoft Visual Studio .NET. It allows software developers using IBM's Universe and Unidata databases and our D3 database platform to build client/server applications, Web applications or Web services using any of the languages and technologies that run on the Microsoft .NET Framework, such as Microsoft ASP.NET, Visual Basic .NET, Visual C# .NET and Visual J# .NET. Announced in February 2005 and released in May 2005, our Pick Reporting Services Connector enables a data connection that allows Pick database users to unlock the benefits of Microsoft Reporting Services to take advantage of a comprehensive, server-based reporting solution that can author, manage, and deliver both paper-oriented and interactive, Web-based reports. This solution also allows access to IBM UniVerse, IBM UniData and Pick D3 data.

### ***Rapid Application Development (RAD) Tools***

Our RAD products support the full life cycle of software application development and are designed for rapid prototyping, development and deployment of graphical user interface ( GUI ) client/server and Web applications. The RAD products include Omnis Studio, Omnis Studio for SAP and Omnis Classic and are object-oriented and component-based, providing the ability to deploy applications on operating system platforms such as Windows, Unix and Linux, as well as database environments such as MySQL, Oracle, DB2, Sybase, Microsoft SQL Server and other Open Data Base Connectivity ( ODBC ) compatible database management systems.

### **Training Services**

As part of our sales efforts, we offer training programs to our customers and prospective customers. These programs include classes on basic and advanced skills as well as classes designed to assist customers in the implementation and use of our products.

### **Technical Support**

Our products are used by our customers to build and deploy applications that may become a critical component of their business operations. As a result, continuing to provide customer technical support services is an important element of our business strategy. Customers who participate in our support programs receive periodic maintenance releases and direct technical support when required.

### **Sales and Distribution**

In the United States, we sell our products through established distribution channels consisting of OEMs, system integrators, specialized vertical application software developers and consulting organizations. We also sell our products directly through our sales personnel to end user organizations. Outside the United States, we maintain direct sales offices in the United Kingdom, France and Germany. Approximately 31% of our revenue came from sales through our offices located outside the United States for the year ended March 31, 2005.

We sell our products in U.S. Dollars in North America, British Pounds Sterling in the United Kingdom and Euros in Germany and France. Because we recognize revenue and expense in these various currencies but report our financial results in U.S. Dollars, changes in exchange rates may cause variances in our period-to-period revenue and results of operations in future periods. Recorded foreign exchange gains and losses have not been material to our performance to date.

We license our software on a per CPU, per-server, per-port or per-user basis. Therefore, the addition of CPUs, servers, ports or users to existing systems increases our revenue from our installed base of licenses. In addition to software products, we provide continuing maintenance and other services to our customers, including professional services, technical support and training to help plan, analyze, implement and maintain application software based on our products.

### **Customers**

Our customers may be classified into two general categories:

- Independent Software Vendors and Software Developers. The majority of our revenue is derived from independent software vendors, which typically write their own vertical application software that they sell as a complete package to end user customers. This category includes value added resellers ( VARs ) and software-consulting companies that provide contract programming services to their customers.
- Corporate Information Technology ( IT ) Departments.

For the three years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, no single customer accounted for more than 10% of our revenue.

### **Research and Development**

We have devoted significant resources to the research and development of our products and technology. We believe that our future success will depend largely on a strong development effort with respect to both our existing and new products. These development efforts have resulted in updates and upgrades to existing MDMS and RAD products and the launch of new products including the XDMS and PDP product lines. New product releases in all of our product lines are currently in progress. We expect to

continue our research and development efforts in all product lines for the foreseeable future. We intend for these efforts to improve our future operating results and increase cash flow. However, such efforts may not result in additional new products or revenue, and we can make no assurances that the recently announced products or future products will be successful. We spent \$7.4 million and \$7.6 million on research and development in fiscal years 2005 and 2004, respectively.

### **Competition**

The application development tools software market is rapidly changing and intensely competitive. Our MDMS products compete with products developed by companies such as Oracle, Microsoft and IBM. Our RAD products currently encounter competition from several direct competitors, including Microsoft Corporation, and competing development environments, including JAVA. Competition is developing and evolving in the XML market for which our XDMS products are intended. Companies that do or are expected to compete in this market include Oracle, IBM, Microsoft and Sybase, as well as a number of smaller companies with products that directly and indirectly compete with our XDMS products. Our PDP products compete primarily with products developed by Microsoft and Oracle. Most of our competitors have significantly more financial, technical, marketing and other resources than we do. As a result, these competitors may be able to respond more quickly to new or emerging technologies, evolving markets and changes in customer requirements, and may devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sale of their products.

We believe that our ability to compete in the various MDMS, RAD, XDMS and PDP markets depends on factors both within and outside our control, including the timing of release, performance and price of new products developed by both us and our competitors. Although we believe that we currently compete favorably with respect to most of these factors, we may not be able to maintain our competitive position against current and potential competitors, especially those with greater resources.

### **Intellectual Property and Other Proprietary Rights**

We rely primarily on a combination of trade secret, copyright and trademark laws and contractual provisions to protect our intellectual property and proprietary rights. Our trademarks include Raining Data, Pick, TigerLogic, D3, Omnis, Omnis Studio, mvEnterprise, mvBase, and mvDesigner, among others. We also have one pending U.S. patent application as of March 31, 2005.

We license our products to end users on a right to use basis pursuant to a perpetual license agreement that restricts use of products to a specified number of users. We generally rely on click-wrap licenses that become effective when a customer downloads and installs the software on its system. In order to retain exclusive ownership rights to our software and technology, we generally provide our software in object code only, with contractual restrictions on copying, disclosure, and transferability. There can be no assurance that these protections will be adequate, or that our competitors will not independently develop technologies that are substantially equivalent or superior to our technology.

### **Backlog**

We generally ship software products as orders are received and have historically operated with little backlog. As a result, our license revenue in any given quarter is dependent upon orders received and product shipped during the quarter. Historically, there has been a short cycle between receipt of an order and shipment. Consequently, we do not believe that our backlog as of any particular date is meaningful.

### **Employees**

At March 31, 2005, we had 143 employees worldwide of which 107 were in the United States and 36 were in our international offices. Of the 143 employees, 141 are full-time and approximately 50% are in

research and development, 15% in technical support, 20% in sales and marketing and 15% in general and administrative functions.

### Executive Officers

The following sets forth certain information regarding our executive officers as of March 31, 2005:

Name	Age	Position(s)
Carlton H. Baab	47	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Brian C. Bezdek	34	Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
Mario I. Barrenechea	44	Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales and Marketing
Mark Allen	60	Vice President, Worldwide Customer Support & Training
Gwyneth M. Gibbs	61	Vice President, European Operations
Soheil Raissi	49	Vice President, Product Development & Professional Services

Mr. Baab joined us as the President and Chief Executive Officer in August 2001 and was appointed as a member of the Board in December 2001. From May 2001 to August 2001, Mr. Baab served as a Managing Principal of Astoria Capital Management (ACM), a Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) registered investment advisor and a General Partner of Astoria Capital Partners, L.P. (ACP), a significant stockholder of ours. In August 2001, Mr. Baab took a formal leave of absence from ACM to join us. From March 2000 to April 2001, Mr. Baab was the Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Certive, Inc., a web-based small-business services firm. From January 1999 to March 2000, Mr. Baab was the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of RemarQ Communities, Inc., a web-based provider of discussion group services. Mr. Baab served as Chief Financial Officer of the CKS Group (CKS), a marketing communications company, from February 1994 through December 1998. In addition, Mr. Baab served as an Executive Vice President and the Secretary of CKS from August 1995 through December 1998 and as CKS's Chief Operating Officer from August 1995 through May 1996. Mr. Baab also served on the Board of Directors of Momentum Business Applications, Inc. (Nasdaq: MMTM), which provided research and development expertise on a contract basis, until it was acquired by PeopleSoft (Nasdaq: PSFT) in April 2002. Mr. Baab also serves on the University of Southern California, School of Engineering Board of Councilors. Mr. Baab holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, with honors, from the University of Southern California and an M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Mr. Bezdek has served as our Chief Financial Officer since January 2003 and has served as Secretary since April 2002. Mr. Bezdek joined us as Vice President, Finance, Corporate Controller and Secretary in April 2002. From May 1996 to April 2002, Mr. Bezdek held various corporate finance positions, most recently as Vice President of Finance, at Activision Publishing Inc. (Nasdaq: ATVI), a worldwide publisher, developer and distributor of video games and interactive entertainment products. Mr. Bezdek holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University and is a Certified Public Accountant as well as a Certified Treasury Professional.

Mr. Barrenechea has served as our Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales and Marketing since December 2000. Mr. Barrenechea joined us from PickAx, with whom the Company merged in December 2000, where he served in a similar capacity. From 1994 until joining PickAx in 2000, Mr. Barrenechea served in various executive sales and marketing capacities at Informix, Inc., a leading supplier of computer software relational and multidimensional databases. Mr. Barrenechea holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Temple University.

Mr. Allen joined us as Vice President, Worldwide Customer Support and Training in August 2001. From January 2000 to August 2001, Mr. Allen served as Vice President, Service and Support at Bay Logics, a computer software company. From July 1998 to December 1999, Mr. Allen served as Director, Software



Services at SGI (formally Silicon Graphics Computer Systems). In addition, from June 1997 to June 1998, Mr. Allen served as Director, Research and Development at CoCreate Software, Inc. Mr. Allen attended the University of Massachusetts where he majored in Business Administration.

Mrs. Gibbs has served as our Vice President, European Operations from our offices in the United Kingdom since December 2000. Mrs. Gibbs served as President and Interim Chief Executive Officer of Omnis, Inc. from October 1998 until our merger with PickAx in December 2000. Mrs. Gibbs joined us in October 1994 and was initially responsible for Research and Development in Europe. Mrs. Gibbs holds a B.S. in Astronomy from the University of London.

Mr. Raissi has served as our Vice President, Product Development and Professional Services since September 2001. From March 2001 to September 2001, Mr. Raissi performed independent software and management consulting services. From September 2000 to March 2001, Mr. Raissi served as Vice President, Product Development for Equative, Inc., a computer software company providing web-based enterprise resource management applications to medium and larger enterprises. From September 1999 to August 2000, Mr. Raissi served as Vice President, Technical Services for Zland.com, an application service provider supplying hosted web-based applications through the Internet. From February 1996 to September 1999, Mr. Raissi served as the founding President of the Information Technology Group, which provided record and information management and retention scheduling software services to Fortune 1000 companies. Mr. Raissi holds a B.S. in Computer Science from California State University, Dominguez Hills and a B.A. in Literature from Pars University in Tehran, Iran.

**ITEM 2.**        *Description of Property*

We currently lease approximately 44,750 square feet of office space in two buildings in Irvine, California pursuant to a lease that expires in November 2005 and that provides for a base monthly rent of approximately \$69,000. The facility accommodates engineering, technical support, sales, marketing, and general administration. We sublease one of the two buildings representing approximately 13,000 square feet to an unrelated third party. The sublease also has a November 2005 expiration date.

In November 2004, we entered into an agreement to lease approximately 29,000 square feet of office space in Irvine, California. The lease is expected to commence in November 2005 and has a five year term and provides for a base monthly rent of approximately \$44,000. The facility will accommodate our engineering, technical support, sales, marketing and general administration personnel.

We own a building consisting of approximately 5,900 total square feet located on approximately six acres of land in Suffolk, England. The facility houses engineers, marketing, and technical support.

We currently lease approximately 5,000 square feet of office space in San Jose, California which houses engineering, business development, marketing and corporate personnel. The lease expires in May 2006.

We also lease a sales and support office in each of the UK, France and Germany.

We believe that our facilities are suitable and adequate for our current needs.

**ITEM 3.**        *Legal Proceedings*

We are subject from time to time to litigation, claims and suits arising in the ordinary course of business. As of March 31, 2005, we were not a party to any material litigation, claim or suit.

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

No matters were submitted to a vote of our stockholders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

**PART II****ITEM 5.** *Market for Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters***Market Information**

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market under the symbol RDTA.

The following table sets forth the high and low closing prices for our common stock for the periods indicated, as reported by Nasdaq:

	High	Low
<b><i>Fiscal Year 2004</i></b>		
First Quarter	\$ 4.13	\$ 1.45
Second Quarter	\$ 4.01	\$ 2.62
Third Quarter	\$ 3.70	\$ 2.53
Fourth Quarter	\$ 4.81	\$ 3.07
	High	Low
<b><i>Fiscal Year 2005</i></b>		
First Quarter	\$ 3.40	\$ 2.52
Second Quarter	\$ 2.90	\$ 2.13
Third Quarter	\$ 3.26	\$ 2.09
Fourth Quarter	\$ 3.38	\$ 2.49

On March 31, 2005, the closing price for our common stock on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market was \$2.73 and there were approximately 143 holders of record of our common stock.

**Dividends**

We have never declared or paid dividends on our common stock. We intend to retain earnings, if any, for the operation and expansion of our business, and therefore do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. The terms of the Loan and Security Agreement that we entered into with Silicon Valley Bank, dated February 11, 2004, prohibit the payment of dividends (except in specified circumstances) without Silicon Valley Bank's prior written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

**ITEM 6.** *Management's Discussion and Analysis*

The section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis" set forth below contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. When used herein, the words "anticipates," "believes," "continue," "could," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "plans," "seeks," "should," "will" or the negative of these terms or similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially from those discussed in any such statement. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such forward-looking statements include the risks described in the "Risk Factor" section and elsewhere in this Form 10-KSB. All forward-looking statements in this document are made as of the date hereof, based on information available to us as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statement.

This discussion and analysis of the financial statements and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our audited Consolidated Financial Statements, including the related notes thereto, contained elsewhere in this Form 10-KSB.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses and disclosure of contingent liabilities.

On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to revenue recognition and accounting for intangible assets and goodwill. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We have identified the accounting policies below as the policies critical to our business operations and the understanding of our results of operations. We believe the following critical accounting policies and the related judgments and estimates affect the preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements:

**Revenue Recognition.** We recognize revenue using the residual method pursuant to the requirements of Statement of Position No. 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition (SOP 97-2), as amended. Under the residual method, revenue is recognized in a multiple element arrangement when company-specific objective evidence of fair value exists for all of the undelivered elements in the arrangement, but does not exist for one or more of the delivered elements in the arrangement. At the outset of the arrangement with the customer, we defer revenue for the fair value of our undelivered elements (e.g., maintenance) based on company-specific objective evidence of the amount such items are sold individually to our customers and recognize revenue for the remainder of the arrangement fee attributable to the elements initially delivered in the arrangement (e.g., software license) when the basic criteria in SOP 97-2 have been met.

Under SOP 97-2, revenue attributable to an element in a customer arrangement is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and delivery has occurred, provided the fee is fixed or determinable, collectibility is probable and the arrangement does not require significant customization of the software. If, at the outset of the customer arrangement, we determine that the arrangement fee is not fixed or determinable, we defer the revenue and recognize the revenue when the arrangement fee becomes due and payable.

Service revenue relates primarily to consulting services, maintenance and training. Maintenance revenue is initially deferred and then recognized ratably over the term of the maintenance contract, typically 12 months. Consulting and training revenue is recognized as the services are performed and is usually calculated on a time and materials basis. Such services primarily consist of implementation services related to the installation of our products and do not include significant customization to or development of the underlying software code. We do not have price protection programs, conditional acceptance agreements or warranty programs, and sales of our products are made without right of return.

**Intangible assets and Goodwill.** We assess the impairment of identifiable intangibles, long-lived assets and goodwill whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. We also assess the value of goodwill at least annually. Factors we consider to be important which could trigger an impairment review include the following:

- Significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- Timing of our revenue, significant changes in the manner of use of the acquired assets or the strategy for the overall business;
- Significant negative industry or economic trends;

- Significant decline in our stock price for a sustained period; and
- Our market capitalization relative to net book value.

When we determine that the carrying value of intangibles and other long-lived assets may not be recoverable based upon the existence of one or more of the above indicators of impairment and the carrying value of the asset cannot be recovered from projected undiscounted cash flows, we measure any impairment based on a projected discounted cash flow method using a discount rate determined by our management to be commensurate with the risk inherent in the current business model. Significant management judgment is required in determining whether an indicator of impairment exists and in projecting cash flows.

Following the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ( SFAS No. 142 ), we revised our policy for assessing and determining impairment of goodwill. The SFAS No. 142 goodwill impairment model is a two-step process. The first step is used to identify potential impairment by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its net book value (or carrying amount), including goodwill. If the fair value exceeds the carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not impaired and the second step of the impairment test is unnecessary. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the second step of the goodwill impairment test is performed to measure the amount of impairment loss, if any. The second step of the goodwill impairment test compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill with the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill exceeds the implied fair value of that goodwill, an impairment loss is recognized in an amount equal to that excess. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination. That is, the fair value of the reporting unit is allocated to all of the assets and liabilities of that unit (including any unrecognized intangible assets) as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination and the fair value of the reporting unit was the purchase price paid to acquire the reporting unit.

Determining the fair value of a reporting unit under the first step of the goodwill impairment test and determining the fair value of individual assets and liabilities of a reporting unit (including unrecognized intangible assets) under the second step of the goodwill impairment test is judgmental in nature and often involves the use of significant estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions could have a significant impact on whether or not an impairment charge is recognized and the magnitude of any such charge. Estimates of fair value are based on our stock price as reported by Nasdaq.

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### Results of Operations

The following table sets forth certain Consolidated Statement of Operations data in total dollars, as a percentage of total net revenue and as a percentage change from the prior year. Cost of license revenue and the cost of service revenue are expressed as a percentage of the related revenue. This information should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-KSB.

	Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2005			Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2004			Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2003		
	Results	% of Net Revenues	Percent Change	Results	% of Net Revenues	Percent Change	Results	% of Net Revenues	
Net revenues									
Licenses	\$ 9,362	44 %	(5 )%	\$ 9,819	44 %	(1 )%	\$ 9,932	47 %	
Services	12,121	56 %	(3 )%	12,478	56 %	13 %	11,074	53 %	
Total net revenues	21,483	100 %	(4 )%	22,297	100 %	6 %	21,006	100 %	
Cost of revenues									
Cost of license revenues (as a % of license revenues)	413	4 %	8 %	383	4 %	9 %	351	4 %	
Cost of service revenues (as a % of service revenues)	2,333	19 %	6 %	2,206	18 %	5 %	2,103	19 %	
Gross margin on license revenues	8,949	96 %	(5 )%	9,436	96 %	(2 )%	9,581	96 %	
Gross margin on service revenues	9,788	81 %	(5 )%	10,272	82 %	15 %	8,971	81 %	
Operating expenses									
Selling and marketing	5,570	26 %	(3 )%	5,727	26 %	24 %	4,628	22 %	
Research and development	7,422	35 %	(2 )%	7,553	34 %	16 %	6,534	31 %	
General and administrative	3,740	17 %	(1 )%	3,770	17 %	(16 )%	4,466	21 %	
Stock-based compensation	66	0 %	(73 )%	246	1 %	(30 )%	351	2 %	
Amortization of goodwill and intangible assets	1,733	8 %	(33 )%	2,600	12 %	0 %	2,600	12 %	
Total operating expenses	18,531	86 %	(7 )%	19,896	89 %	7 %	18,579	88 %	
Operating income (loss)	206	1 %	210 %	(188 )	(1 )%	596 %	(27 )	(0 )%	
Other income (expense), net	(1,127 )	(5 )%	(6 )%	(1,196 )	(5 )%	(64 )%	(3,362 )	(16 )%	
Loss before income taxes	(921 )	(4 )%	(33 )%	(1,384 )	(6 )%	(59 )%	(3,389 )	(16 )%	
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		0 %	(100 )%	(31 )	0 %	203 %	30	0 %	
Net loss	\$ (921 )	(4 )%	(32 )%	\$ (1,353 )	(6 )%	(60 )%	\$ (3,419 )	(16 )%	

### Revenue

Net Revenue. Our revenue is derived principally from two sources: fees from software licensing and fees for services, including maintenance, consulting, training and technical support. We license our software on a per-CPU, per-server, per-port or per-user basis. Therefore, the addition of CPU s, servers, ports or users to existing systems increases our revenue from our installed base of licenses. We view the MDMS and RAD markets in which we operate to be relatively stable and consistent from period to period and anticipate that our revenue on an annual basis from those products will remain stable for the foreseeable future. Fluctuations in revenue between quarters or year-to-year are primarily the result of the timing of orders and customer order patterns. We do not view the changes in year-to-year revenues for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 to be representative of immediate market trends. However, in the longer term, we expect that the MDMS and RAD markets will eventually contract as customers adopt newer technologies and, therefore, the revenue generated from sales of our MDMS and RAD products is expected to decrease.

We have been actively developing and marketing our XDMS and PDP product lines. Should our development efforts and the adoption of these product lines be successful, we anticipate additional

revenues in future periods related to the sale of these products. However, we can give no assurances as to customer acceptance of any new products or services, or the ability of the current or any new products and services to generate revenue. While we are committed to research and development efforts that are intended to allow us to penetrate new markets and generate new sources of revenue, such efforts may not result in additional products, services or revenue. There have been no sales of the XDMS products and to date, PDP product revenues have not been material.

#### **Cost of Revenue**

**Cost of License Revenue.** Cost of license revenue is comprised of direct costs associated with software license sales including software packaging, documentation, physical media costs and royalties. Cost of license revenue remained relatively consistent in fiscal 2005 as compared to fiscal 2004 and in fiscal 2004 as compared to fiscal 2003. We anticipate that the cost of license revenue, as a percentage of license revenue and in absolute dollars, will be relatively stable in future periods.

**Cost of Service Revenue.** Cost of service revenue includes primarily personnel costs relating to providing consulting, technical support and training services. Cost of service revenue remained relatively consistent in fiscal 2005 as compared to fiscal 2004 and in fiscal 2004 as compared to fiscal 2003. We anticipate that the cost of service revenue, as a percentage of service revenue and in absolute dollars, will be relatively stable in future periods.

#### **Operating Expenses**

**Selling and Marketing.** Selling and marketing expense consists primarily of salaries, benefits, advertising, tradeshow, travel and overhead costs for our sales and marketing personnel. Selling and marketing expense remained relatively consistent in fiscal 2005 as compared to fiscal 2004. The increase in selling and marketing expense in fiscal 2004 as compared to fiscal 2003 was primarily due to increased marketing efforts including trade show costs, marketing research and an increase in staffing and travel related expenses in connection with the release of the XDMS and PDP products. We anticipate that selling and marketing costs related to XDMS products may increase as we further develop the sales channel for these products and if customer acceptance of these products increases. In addition, if our continued research and development efforts are successful, including with respect to our XDMS products, and new products or services are created, we may incur increased sales and marketing expense to promote those new products in future periods.

**Research and Development.** Research and development expense consists primarily of salaries and other personnel-related expenses and overhead costs for engineering personnel, including employees in the US and the UK and contractors in the US and India. In fiscal 2005 and 2004, spending related to our development efforts increased because our new products reached production release and we refined and added certain features and functionality to these products. The majority of these costs have been personnel related as we have hired employees and contractors in association with the ongoing development and enhancement of our product lines. We are committed to our research and development efforts and expect research and development expense will remain at the current level in future periods or increase if we believe that additional spending is warranted. Such efforts may not result in additional new products and any new products, including the XDMS products, may not generate sufficient revenue, if any, to offset the research and development expense.

**General and Administrative.** General and administrative expense consists primarily of costs associated with our finance, human resources, legal and other administrative functions. These costs consist principally of salaries and other personnel-related expenses, professional fees, depreciation and overhead costs. General and administrative spending remained relatively consistent in fiscal 2005 as compared to fiscal 2004. The decrease in general and administrative spending in fiscal 2004 as compared to

fiscal 2003 was a result of continued cost controls resulting in reduced legal and personnel related expenses. We anticipate that general and administrative costs as a percentage of revenue and in absolute dollars will remain relatively stable during fiscal 2006.

**Stock-based Compensation.** The decreases in stock-based compensation in fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2004 is attributable primarily to cancellations of previously issued options with an exercise price below fair value on date of grant for terminated employees, options reaching the end of their vesting periods, no new options being granted with an exercise price below fair value at the date of grant, and fewer options granted to non-employees. We do not anticipate significant changes in stock-based compensation expense in future periods prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R. The future impact of the adoption of SFAS 123R on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations cannot be determined at this time.

**Goodwill and Amortization of Intangible Assets.** We amortize our identifiable intangible assets in accordance with their determined useful life. The life of our existing intangible assets was estimated to be four years. As of March 31, 2005, our existing intangible assets were fully amortized.

**Other Income (Expense).** Other expense consists primarily of net interest expense and, to a much lesser extent, gains and losses on foreign currency transactions. Other expense remained relatively consistent during fiscal 2005 as compared to fiscal 2004. The decrease in fiscal 2004 is primarily the result of the reduction of the interest rate as a result of the restructuring of our debt in January 2003. Due to the uncertainty in exchange rates, we may experience transaction gains or losses in future periods, the effect of which cannot be determined at this time.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

In connection with the acquisition of PickAx, we assumed a Secured Promissory Note issued to Astoria Capital Partners, L.P. ( Astoria ) dated November 30, 2000, in the amount of \$18.5 million. In January 2003, we entered into a Note Exchange Agreement (the Exchange Agreement ) with Astoria to replace the existing Secured Promissory Note, as amended, with a Convertible Subordinated Note. Under the terms of the Exchange Agreement, the Secured Promissory Note was exchanged and replaced with a Convertible Subordinated Note having a principal amount of \$22.1 million, which principal amount was equal to the outstanding principal and accrued interest payable on the Secured Promissory Note as of the date of the Exchange Agreement. The Convertible Subordinated Note is convertible into common stock at any time, at the option of Astoria, at a price of \$5.00 per share. The Convertible Subordinated Note matures on May 30, 2008, extending the May 30, 2003 maturity date of the Secured Promissory Note. Under terms of the Note, the Company was unable to redeem the Convertible Subordinated Note prior to January 30, 2005. The interest rate of the Convertible Subordinated Note is 5% per annum as compared to an interest rate of 10% per annum under the Secured Promissory Note. The interest is payable quarterly at our option in cash or through increases to the outstanding principal of the Convertible Subordinated Note.

On December 14, 2004, we entered into an Agreement Regarding Amended and Restated Common Stock Purchase Warrant and 5% Convertible Subordinated Note Due 2008 with Astoria whereby we could redeem, in part, the Note and the payment in kind ( PIK ) notes in advance of January 30, 2005. On December 14, 2004, Astoria exercised its warrant in the amount of \$2,670,904. In lieu of a cash payment, we used the proceeds of the exercise to paydown a portion of the indebtedness to Astoria. The paydown consisted of \$247,129 for accrued and unpaid interest, \$1,914,165 for the PIK Notes issued to date and \$509,610 as a reduction of principal of the Convertible Subordinated Note. As of March 31, 2005 there were outstanding PIK notes to Astoria for the accrued interest due in the aggregate amount of \$267,305. For the foreseeable future, we expect to issue additional PIK notes to Astoria in lieu of cash payments for the interest due under the Convertible Subordinated Note. If the Convertible Subordinated Note or the

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PIK notes are converted into common stock, our stockholders may experience substantial dilution. Unlike the Secured Promissory Note, the Convertible Subordinated Note is not secured by our assets.

If our future financial performance improves, we may seek to take advantage of opportunities in the equity and capital markets to raise additional funds for operating needs or to pay down our debt to Astoria. There can be no assurances that such opportunities will arise. In addition to holding the Convertible Subordinated Note, Astoria is a major stockholder of ours, holding all of our preferred stock and a majority of our outstanding common stock. Richard W. Koe, Chairman of the Board of Directors, serves as the Managing General Partner for Astoria. Carlton H. Baab, our President and Chief Executive Officer, served as a Managing Principal of Astoria Capital Management, which is a general partner of Astoria, until taking a formal leave of absence to join us in August 2001. Gerald F. Chew, a member of our Board of Directors, is the cousin of Mr. Koe.

At March 31, 2005, we had \$10.6 million in cash. We believe that our existing cash balances combined with our cash flow from operating activities will be sufficient to meet our operating and capital expenditure requirements for the remainder of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 and through the foreseeable future. We are committed to research and development efforts that are intended to allow us to penetrate new markets and generate new sources of revenue and improve operating results. However, our research and development efforts have required, and will continue to require, cash outlays without the immediate or short-term receipt of related revenue. Our ability to service our long-term debt and meet our expenditure requirements is dependent upon our future financial performance, which will be affected by, among other things, prevailing economic conditions, our ability to penetrate new markets and attract new customers, market acceptance of our new and existing products and services, the success of research and development efforts and other factors beyond our control.

On February 11, 2004, we entered into a credit facility with Silicon Valley Bank which provides us with the ability to borrow up to \$1.5 million at an annual interest rate of Prime plus 1.0%, provided that the annual interest rate shall never be less than 5%. The credit facility is collateralized by our assets and expires in February 2006. The credit facility contains financial and reporting covenants that require us to maintain certain financial ratios only when we have outstanding borrowings on the line. There were no outstanding borrowings at March 31, 2005. Upon expiration of the term of this facility we will assess our credit and liquidity needs in relation to market factors. However, we believe that the facility is not required for liquidity purposes or to meet our cash flow needs.

On November 9, 2004, we entered into a lease agreement with The Irvine Company whereby we leased one building in Irvine, California, comprising approximately 29,000 square feet, to replace our current headquarters facility. The lease is expected to commence in November 2005 and has a five-year term. If certain conditions are met, we have the option to extend the term of the lease for an additional thirty-six months. The total basic rent over the five-year term is approximately \$2.6 million, which represents a lower per square foot cost than our current property lease. The annual basic rent during the five-year term ranges from approximately \$475,000 during the first year to approximately \$545,000 during the fifth year. The rent expense will be recorded on a straight line basis over the lease term commencing once we have physical rights to the property. We expect to incur move-in costs in future periods; however, these costs are not expected to be material in the periods in which they are incurred.

We had no material commitments for capital expenditures at March 31, 2005.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$2.8 million and \$2.3 million for the years ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

Our earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) were \$2.3 million, or 11% of total net revenue, \$3.0 million, or 13% of total net revenue and \$3.2 million, or 15% of total net revenue, for the years ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The reduction in EBITDA was a result



of the reduction in revenues. EBITDA is defined as net loss with an add-back for depreciation and amortization, non-cash stock-based compensation expense, interest expense, other income and income taxes. The following table reconciles EBITDA to the reported net loss:

**RAINING DATA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**RECONCILIATION OF EBITDA TO NET LOSS**  
(In thousands)

In \$000 s	For the year ended		
	March 31, 2005	2004	2003
Reported net loss	\$ (921 )	\$ (1,353 )	\$ (3,419 )
Depreciation and amortization	2,021	2,935	2,917
Stock-based compensation	66	246	351
Interest expense net	1,155	1,215	3,409
Other income net	(28 )	(19 )	(47 )
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		(31 )	30
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 2,293</b>	<b>\$ 2,993</b>	<b>\$ 3,241</b>

EBITDA does not represent funds available for management's discretionary use and is not intended to represent cash flow from operations. EBITDA should not be construed as a substitute for net loss or as a better measure of liquidity than cash flow from operating activities, which are determined in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ( GAAP ). EBITDA excludes components that are significant in understanding and assessing our results of operations and cash flows. In addition, EBITDA is not a term defined by GAAP and as a result our measure of EBITDA might not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies.

However, EBITDA is used by management to evaluate, assess and benchmark our operational results and we believe that EBITDA is relevant and useful information, which is often reported and widely used by analysts, investors and other interested parties in our industry. Accordingly, we are disclosing this information to permit a more comprehensive analysis of our operating performance, to provide an additional measure of performance and liquidity and to provide additional information with respect to our ability to meet future debt service, capital expenditure and working capital requirements.

Our EBITDA financial information is also comparable to net cash provided by operating activities. The table below reconciles EBITDA to the GAAP disclosure of net cash provided by operating activities:

**RAINING DATA CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**RECONCILIATION OF EBITDA TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**  
(In thousands)

In \$000 s	For the year ended March 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 2,812	\$ 2,328	\$ 889
Interest expense net	1,155	1,215	3,409
Other income net	(28 )	(19 )	(47 )
Provision (benefit) for income taxes		(31 )	30
Change in accounts receivable	38	(722 )	169
Change in other assets	101	97	115
Change in accounts payable	(188 )	953	2,807
Change in accrued liabilities	(1,156 )	(1,124 )	(1,784 )
Change in deferred revenue	(352 )	379	(738 )
Note payable discount amortization	(89 )	(83 )	(1,609 )
EBITDA	\$ 2,293	\$ 2,993	\$ 3,241

## **RISK FACTORS**

We operate in a rapidly changing environment that involves numerous risks and uncertainties. The following section lists some, but not all, of these risks and uncertainties that may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operation.

### **IF WE DO NOT DEVELOP NEW PRODUCTS AND ENHANCE EXISTING PRODUCTS TO KEEP PACE WITH RAPIDLY CHANGING TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS, OUR REVENUE MAY DECLINE.**

We have devoted significant resources to the research and development of products and technology. We believe that our future success will depend in large part on a strong research and development effort with respect to both our existing and new products. Beginning in 2001, we began an extensive effort to leverage our time-proven Pick UDM and core intellectual property to create an enterprise class XML database management system for the emerging XML market. This significant investment of time and resources resulted in the TigerLogic XDMS product line. We have also introduced the PDP product line, which is designed to support the Microsoft.NET Framework and Microsoft Reporting Services. While we intend for these efforts to improve our future operating results and increase cash flow, such efforts may not result in new products or revenue, and any new products that do result may not be successful. The development of new or enhanced software products is a complex and uncertain process requiring high levels of innovation, as well as accurate anticipation of customer and technical trends. In developing new products and services, we may fail to develop and market products that respond to technological changes or evolving industry standards in a timely or cost-effective manner, or experience difficulties that could delay or prevent the successful development, introduction and marketing of these new products. The development and introduction of new or enhanced products also requires us to manage the transition from older products in order to minimize disruptions in customer ordering patterns and to ensure that adequate supplies of new products can be delivered to meet customer demand. Failure to develop and introduce new products, or enhancements to existing products, in a timely manner in response to changing market conditions or customer requirements, or lack of customer acceptance of our products, will materially and adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### **OUR FAILURE TO COMPETE EFFECTIVELY MAY HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON OUR OPERATING RESULTS.**

The market for our products is highly competitive, diverse and subject to rapid change. Our products and services compete on the basis of the following key characteristics: performance; inter-operability; scalability; functionality; reliability; pricing; post sale customer support; quality; compliance with industry standards; and overall total cost of ownership.

The application development tools software market is rapidly changing and intensely competitive. Our MDMS products compete with products developed by companies such as Oracle, Microsoft and IBM. Our RAD products currently encounter competition from several direct competitors, including Microsoft Corporation, and competing development environments, including JAVA. Competition is developing and evolving in the XML market for which our XDMS products are intended. Companies that do or are expected to compete in this market include Oracle, IBM, Microsoft and Sybase, as well as a number of smaller companies with products that directly and indirectly compete with our XDMS products. Our PDP products compete primarily with products developed by Microsoft and Oracle. Additionally, as we expand our business, we expect to compete with a different group of companies, including smaller, highly focused companies offering single products.

Most of our competitors have significantly more financial, technical, marketing and other resources than we do. As a result, these competitors may be able to respond more quickly to new or emerging

technologies, evolving markets and changes in customer requirements and may devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sale of their products. While we currently believe that our products and services compete favorably in the marketplace, our products and services could fall behind marketplace demands at any time. If we fail to address the competitive challenges, our business would suffer materially.

**BECAUSE THE MARKET FOR OUR MDMS AND RAD PRODUCTS IS RELATIVELY STABLE, OUR REVENUE MAY DECLINE IF WE CANNOT MAINTAIN OUR SALES TO EXISTING CUSTOMERS OR GENERATE SALES TO NEW CUSTOMERS.**

We believe that the markets for our MDMS and RAD products are relatively stable and consistent from period to period. As a result, to maintain or grow our revenue in these markets, we will need to maintain our sales to existing customers and to generate sales to new customers, including corporate development teams, commercial application developers, system integrators, independent software vendors and independent consultants. If we fail to attract new customers, if we lose our customers to competitors, or if the MDMS or RAD markets decline, our revenue may be adversely affected. In the longer term, it is expected that the MDMS and RAD markets will eventually contract as customers adopt newer technologies.

**IF WE ARE UNABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY RECRUIT AN ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AS A MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME PERIOD, OUR STOCK MAY BE DE-LISTED.**

On December 15, 2004, Geoffrey P. Wagner resigned from our Board of Directors. Due to his resignation, the Company's Audit Committee currently is comprised of only two members. Nasdaq rules require that, beginning July 31, 2005, our Audit Committee be comprised of three (3) members. We have received notice from Nasdaq regarding our non-compliance and have been provided a cure period until the earlier of our next annual shareholders meeting or one year from the occurrence of the event that caused the noncompliance. Failure to comply with Nasdaq's audit committee composition rules within the required time frame may result in Nasdaq de-listing our stock or taking other corrective actions.

**OUR PRODUCTS HAVE A LONG SALES CYCLE WHICH COULD RESULT IN DELAYS IN THE RECEIPT OF REVENUE.**

The sales cycle for our MDMS and RAD products typically ranges from three to nine months or longer and the sales cycle for our XDMS and PDP products is anticipated to be significantly longer since these markets are emerging and the products are still in the process of being adopted by the marketplace. Our products are typically used by application developers, system integrators and value added resellers to develop applications that are critical to their corporate end user's business. Because the purchases of our products are often part of an end user's larger business process, re-engineering initiative, or implementation of client/server or web-based computing, the end users frequently view the purchase of our products as part of a long-term strategic decision regarding the management of their workforce-related operations and expenditures. Thus, this sometimes results in end users taking a significant period of time to assess alternative solutions by competitors or to defer a purchase decision as a result of an unrelated strategic issue beyond our control. As a result, a significant period of time may elapse between our research and development efforts and recognition of revenue, if any.

**IF WE FAIL TO INCREASE REVENUE OR IMPROVE OUR OPERATING RESULTS, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REPAY OUR DEBT TO ASTORIA.**

We believe that our cash and cash flow from operating activities will be sufficient to meet our operating and capital expenditure requirements at least through the foreseeable future. Our ability to meet our expenditures and service our debt obligations is dependent upon our future financial performance,

which will be affected by, among other things, prevailing economic conditions, our ability to penetrate new markets and attract new customers, market acceptance of our new and existing products and services, the success of research and development efforts and other factors beyond our control. As previously noted, in January 2003, we entered into the Exchange Agreement with Astoria to replace the existing Secured Promissory Note, which was due May 2003, with a Convertible Subordinated Note, which is due and payable in May 2008. The Convertible Subordinated Note bears interest at 5% per annum and is convertible into common stock by Astoria at any time at a price of \$5.00 per share. If we are unable to penetrate new markets, generate new sources of revenue or otherwise improve our operating results, we may be unable to repay our debt to Astoria or to access opportunities in the equity and capital markets to raise additional funds for operating needs.

**THE CONCENTRATION OF OUR STOCK OWNERSHIP AND THE DEBT OWED TO ASTORIA GIVE CERTAIN STOCKHOLDERS SIGNIFICANT CONTROL OVER OUR BUSINESS.**

As of March 31, 2005, Astoria beneficially owned approximately 59% of our outstanding common stock. As of such date, Astoria also owned all of our outstanding preferred stock. In addition, as of March 31, 2005, the Convertible Subordinated Note issued to Astoria had a balance of approximately \$21.7 million in principal and accrued interest maturing on May 30, 2008. Richard W. Koe, Chairman of the Board of Directors, serves as the Managing General Partner for Astoria Capital Management, which is a general partner of Astoria. Carlton H. Baab, our President and Chief Executive Officer, served as a Managing Principal of Astoria Capital Management until taking a formal leave of absence to join us in August 2001. This concentration of stock ownership, together with the outstanding debt, would allow Astoria, acting alone, to block any actions that require approval of our stockholders, including the election of members to the Board of Directors and the approval of significant corporate transactions. Moreover, this concentration of ownership may delay or prevent a change in control.

**RECENT RULEMAKING BY THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD WILL REQUIRE THE COMPANY TO EXPENSE EQUITY COMPENSATION GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES AND WILL SIGNIFICANTLY HARM OPERATING RESULTS AND MAY REDUCE THE COMPANY'S ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE EQUITY COMPENSATION TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN EMPLOYEES**

The Company historically has used stock options as a significant component of its employee compensation program in order to align employees interests with the interests of the Company's stockholders, encourage employee retention, and provide competitive compensation packages. The FASB has adopted changes that will require companies to record a charge to earnings for employee stock option grants and other equity incentives, which will have a significant impact on the Company's results of operations. The Company is required to implement the standard no later than its fiscal year 2007. By causing the Company to incur significantly increased compensation costs, such accounting changes will reduce the Company's reported earnings and will require the Company to reduce the availability and amount of equity incentives provided to employees, which may make it more difficult for the Company to attract, retain and motivate key personnel. Each of these results could materially and adversely affect the Company's business.

**WE MAY EXPERIENCE QUARTERLY FLUCTUATIONS IN OPERATING RESULTS, WHICH MAY RESULT IN VOLATILITY OF OUR STOCK PRICE.**

We expect to continue to spend substantial amounts of money in the area of research and development, sales and marketing and operations in order to promote new product development and introduction. Because the expenses associated with these activities are relatively fixed in the short-term, we may be unable to timely adjust spending to offset any unexpected shortfall in revenue growth or any decrease in revenue levels. Operating results may also fluctuate due to factors such as:

- the size and timing of customer orders;
- changes in pricing policies by us or our competitors;
- our ability to develop, introduce, and market new and enhanced versions of our products;
- the number, timing, and significance of product enhancements and new product announcements by our competitors;
- the demand for our products;
- non-renewal of customer support agreements;
- software defects and other product quality problems; and
- personnel changes.

We operate without a significant backlog of orders. As a result, the quarterly sales and operating results in any given quarter are dependent, in large part, upon the volume and timing of orders booked and products shipped during that quarter. Accordingly, we may be unable to adjust spending in a timely manner to compensate for any unanticipated decrease in orders, sales or shipments. Therefore, any decline in demand for our products and services, in relation to the forecast for any given quarter, could materially and negatively impact the results of our operations. As a result, our quarterly operating results may fluctuate, which may cause our stock price to be volatile. In addition, we believe that period-to-period comparisons of our operating results should not be relied upon as indications of future performance.

**THE SUCCESS OF OUR BUSINESS DEPENDS IN PART UPON OUR ABILITY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN KEY PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT.**

The majority of our executive officers joined us subsequent to the acquisition of PickAx, including our President and Chief Executive Officer, Carlton Baab, who joined us in August 2001. Additional changes in management have occurred following Mr. Baab's appointment, including the hiring of Brian Bezdek, Chief Financial Officer and Soheil Raissi, Vice President, Product Development and Professional Services. The loss of one or more of these or other executives could adversely affect our business. In addition, we believe that our future success will depend to a significant extent on our ability to recruit, hire and retain highly skilled management and employees with experience in engineering, product management, business development, sales, marketing and customer service. Competition for such personnel in the software industry can be intense, and there can be n