

CPI AEROSTRUCTURES INC

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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period
ended September 30, 2008

Commission File Number 1-11398

CPI AEROSTRUCTURES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

11-2520310
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

60 Heartland Blvd., Edgewood, NY
(Address of principal executive offices)

11717
(zip code)

(631) 586-5200
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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

As of November 10, 2008, the number of shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share, outstanding was 5,979,364.

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Part I: Financial Information:

Item 1 – Financial Statements:

| | CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS | |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | September 30, 2008 (Unaudited) | December 31, 2007 (Note 1) |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 577,705 | \$ 338,391 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 4,536,665 | 3,344,375 |
| Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts | 35,849,913 | 31,148,181 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 877,373 | 216,405 |
| Refundable income taxes | ---- | 528,470 |
| Total current assets | 41,841,656 | 35,575,822 |
| Plant and equipment, net | 1,030,942 | 719,069 |
| Deferred income taxes | 259,000 | 109,000 |
| Other assets | 179,226 | 196,681 |
| Total Assets | \$ 43,310,824 | \$ 36,600,572 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 6,227,640 | \$ 4,234,370 |
| Accrued expenses | 301,322 | 571,783 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 16,567 | 3,701 |
| Line of credit | 2,500,000 | 1,100,000 |
| Income tax payable | 460,000 | 459,000 |
| Deferred income taxes | 490,000 | 490,000 |
| Total current liabilities | 9,995,529 | 6,858,854 |
| Long-term debt, net of current portion | 46,685 | 7,605 |
| Deferred Rent | 145,691 | 130,599 |
| Total Liabilities | 10,187,905 | 6,997,058 |
| Shareholders' Equity: | | |
| Common stock - \$.001 par value; authorized 50,000,000 shares, issued 6,042,898 and 5,816,457 shares, respectively, and outstanding 5,979,364 and 5,752,923 shares, respectively | 6,043 | 5,816 |

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|--|---------------|---------------|
| Additional paid-in capital | 26,624,576 | 24,787,296 |
| Retained earnings | 7,033,306 | 5,351,408 |
| Treasury stock, 63,534 shares (at cost) | (541,006) | (541,006) |
| Total Shareholders' Equity | 33,122,919 | 29,603,514 |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | \$ 43,310,824 | \$ 36,600,572 |

See Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

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CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENTS

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| | September 30, 2008 | 2007 | September 30, 2008 | 2007 |
| | (Unaudited) | | (Unaudited) | |
| Revenue | \$ 9,434,095 | \$ 7,256,709 | \$ 26,353,255 | \$ 20,219,345 |
| Cost of sales | 7,275,902 | 5,263,089 | 20,341,376 | 14,678,425 |
| Gross profit | 2,158,193 | 1,993,620 | 6,011,879 | 5,540,920 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 806,071 | 1,131,484 | 3,469,981 | 3,317,147 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 1,352,122 | 862,136 | 2,541,898 | 2,223,773 |
| Provision for income taxes | 460,000 | 327,000 | 860,000 | 845,000 |
| Net income | \$ 892,122 | \$ 535,136 | \$ 1,681,898 | \$ 1,378,773 |
| Income per common share – basic | \$ 0.15 | \$ 0.09 | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.24 |
| Income per common share – diluted | \$ 0.14 | \$ 0.09 | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.23 |
| Shares used in computing income per common share: | | | | |
| Basic | 5,979,364 | 5,748,099 | 5,943,689 | 5,647,895 |
| Diluted | 6,252,685 | 6,145,930 | 6,217,010 | 5,989,138 |

See Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

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CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | 2008 (Unaudited) | 2007 |
|---|---------------------|--------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 1,681,898 | \$ 1,378,773 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 199,968 | 171,558 |
| Deferred rent | 15,092 | 24,043 |
| Stock option expense | 477,271 | 368,124 |
| Tax benefit from stock option and warrant exercises | (278,000) | (554,000) |
| Deferred income taxes | (150,000) | 57,000 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Increase in accounts receivable | (1,192,290) | (726,391) |
| Increase in costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts | (4,701,732) | (1,678,104) |
| (Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets | (643,514) | 585,916 |
| Decrease in refundable income taxes | 528,470 | 100,000 |
| Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses | 2,083,359 | 303,705 |
| Increase in income taxes payable | 1,000 | 35,000 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | (1,978,478) | 65,624 |
| Cash used in investing activities - purchase of plant and equipment | (448,992) | (80,665) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Repayments of long-term debt | (10,904) | (39,714) |
| Proceeds from line of credit | 1,400,000 | ---- |
| Repayment of line of credit | ----- | (350,000) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options and warrants | 999,688 | 618,600 |
| Tax benefit from stock option and warrant exercises | 278,000 | 554,000 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 2,666,784 | 782,886 |
| Net increase in cash | 239,314 | 767,845 |
| Cash at beginning of period | 338,391 | 38,564 |
| Cash at end of period | \$ 577,705 | \$ 806,409 |

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

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| | | | |
|---|----|---------|------------|
| Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities | | | |
| Equipment acquired under capital lease | \$ | 62,850 | \$ ---- |
| Accrued expenses settled in exchange for common stock | \$ | 82,547 | \$ ---- |
| Cash paid during the period for: | | | |
| Interest | \$ | 4,765 | \$ 21,624 |
| Income taxes | \$ | 765,000 | \$ 102,400 |

See Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

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NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The condensed financial statements of CPI Aerostructures, Inc. (the "Company") as of September 30, 2008 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to those rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures made are adequate to make the information not misleading.

The condensed balance sheet at December 31, 2007 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date, but does not include all of the information and notes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. It is suggested that these condensed financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

2. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company accounts for compensation expense associated with stock options in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123R, "Share-Based Payment."

The Company's net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 includes approximately \$18,000 and \$477,000, respectively, of non-cash compensation expense related to the Company's stock options. The Company's net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 includes approximately \$8,000 and \$368,000, respectively, of non-cash compensation expense related to the Company's stock options. The non-cash compensation expense related to all of the Company's stock-based compensation arrangements is recorded as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses.

The estimated fair value of each option award granted was determined on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The following weighted-average assumptions were used for the options granted during the nine month period ended September 30, 2008:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Risk-free interest rate | 2.5%-4.5% |
| Expected volatility | 76%-78% |
| Dividend yield | 0% |
| Expected option term | 5 years |

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A summary of the status of the Company's stock option plans as of September 30, 2008 and changes during the period is as follows:

| Fixed Options | Options | Weighted average Exercise Price | Weighted average remaining contractual term (in years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---|-----------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at beginning of period | 1,010,418 | \$6.28 | | |
| Granted during the nine month period | 80,000 | 8.33 | | |
| Exercised | (21,250) | 6.67 | | |
| Forfeited | (21,835) | 6.59 | | |
| Outstanding at end of period | 1,047,333 | \$6.42 | 3.42 | \$1,452,521 |
| Vested at end of period | 1,005,666 | \$6.38 | 3.20 | \$1,442,105 |

As of September 30, 2008, there was \$128,468 of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock option awards which will be amortized through December 2010.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, 21,250 stock options were exercised for cash resulting in proceeds to the Company of \$141,688.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company earned a tax benefit of approximately \$278,000 resulting from the exercise of stock options and warrants. This amount has been credited to additional paid-in capital and applied to the current tax liability.

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3. COSTS AND ESTIMATED EARNINGS IN EXCESS OF BILLINGS ON UNCOMPLETED CONTRACTS

Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts consist of:

| | September 30, 2008 | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | U.S Government | Commercial | Total |
| Costs incurred on uncompleted contracts | \$ 67,785,236 | \$ 19,505,266 | \$ 87,290,502 |
| Estimated earnings | 41,781,409 | 8,526,592 | 50,308,001 |
| Sub-total | 109,566,645 | 28,031,858 | 137,598,503 |
| Less billings to date | 78,231,571 | 23,517,019 | 101,748,590 |
| Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts | \$ 31,335,074 | \$ 4,514,839 | \$ 35,849,913 |

| | December 31, 2007 | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | U.S Government | Commercial | Total |
| Costs incurred on uncompleted contracts | \$ 57,487,194 | \$ 16,632,515 | \$ 74,119,709 |
| Estimated earnings | 36,465,753 | 7,248,714 | 43,714,467 |
| Sub-total | 93,952,947 | 23,881,229 | 117,834,176 |
| Less billings to date | 64,782,716 | 21,903,279 | 86,685,995 |
| Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts | \$ 29,170,231 | \$ 1,977,950 | \$ 31,148,181 |

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4. INCOME PER COMMON SHARE

Basic income per common share is computed using the weighted average number of shares outstanding. Diluted income per common share for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007 is computed using the weighted-average number of shares outstanding adjusted for the incremental shares attributed to outstanding options and warrants to purchase common stock. Incremental shares of 273,321 were used in the calculation of diluted income per common share in the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008. Incremental shares of 400,000 were not included in the diluted earnings per share calculations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 as their exercise price was in excess of the Company's average stock price for the respective period and, accordingly, these shares are not assumed to be exercised for the diluted earnings per share calculation, as they would be anti-dilutive. Incremental shares of 397,830 and 341,243 were used in the calculation of diluted income per common share in the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007, respectively. Incremental shares of 235,000 and 295,000 were not included in the diluted earnings per share calculations for the three month and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007, respectively, as their exercise price was in excess of the Company's average stock price for the period and, accordingly, these shares are not assumed to be exercised for the diluted earnings per share calculation, as they would be anti-dilutive.

5. CREDIT FACILITY

In August 2007, the Company entered into a two-year, \$2.5 million revolving credit facility with Sovereign Bank (the "Sovereign Revolving Facility"), secured by all of the Company's assets. The Sovereign Revolving Facility specifies an interest rate equal to the lower of LIBOR plus 2% or Sovereign Bank's prime rate. The effective rate as of September 30, 2008 was 5.00%. The Sovereign Facility contains financial covenants related to interest coverage, net income and capital expenditures, as defined in the credit agreement.

As of September 30, 2008, the Company was in compliance with all of the financial covenants contained in the credit agreement. As of September 30, 2008, the Company had \$2,500,000 outstanding under the Sovereign Revolving Facility.

6. WARRANTS

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, 195,000 common shares were issued upon the exercise of stock warrants. The Company received proceeds of \$858,000 as a result of this exercise.

As of September 30, 2008 there were no warrants outstanding.

7. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") released Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.157 ("SFAS 157"), "Fair Value Measurements." In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities" (SFAS 159"). The Company adopted SFAS 157 and SFAS 159 on January 1, 2008. The adoption of SFAS 157 and SFAS 159 had no impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations, cash flows or financial statement disclosures.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, "Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 161"). This statement will require enhanced disclosures about derivative instruments and hedging activities to enable investors to better understand their effects on an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. It is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application encouraged. The Company is assessing the impact of the adoption of SFAS 161, but anticipates that SFAS 161 will not have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows once it is adopted on January 1, 2009.

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8. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On October 22, 2008, the Company obtained a \$3 million term loan from Sovereign Bank to be amortized over five years (the "Sovereign Term Facility"). Prior to entering into the term loan, the Company had borrowed \$2.5 million under the Sovereign Revolving Facility to fund the initial tooling costs related to a long-term contract award. The Company used the proceeds from the Sovereign Term Facility to repay the borrowings under the Sovereign Revolving Facility and to pay for additional tooling related to the long-term contract. The Sovereign Term Facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.5% and is secured by all of the assets of the Company.

Concurrent with entering into the Sovereign Term Facility, Sovereign Bank amended the terms of the Sovereign Revolving Facility extending the term until August 2010 and amending the covenants, as defined, commencing in the fourth quarter of 2009.

The terms and conditions of the Sovereign Revolving Facility are applicable to the Sovereign Term Facility.

Additionally, the Company and Sovereign Bank entered into a five year interest rate swap agreement, in the notional amount of \$3 million. Under the interest rate swap, the Company pays an amount to Sovereign Bank representing interest on the notional amount at a rate of 5.8% and receives an amount from Sovereign representing interest on the notional amount at a rate equal to the one-month LIBOR. The effect of this interest rate swap will be the Company paying a fixed interest rate of 5.8% over the term of the Sovereign Term Facility.

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Item 2 – Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company’s Condensed Financial Statements and notes thereto contained in this report.

Forward Looking Statements

When used in this Form 10-Q and in future filings by us with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the words or phrases “will likely result,” “management expects” or “we expect,” “will continue,” “is anticipated,” “estimated” or similar expressions are intended to identify “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, each of which speaks only as of the date made. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical earnings and those presently anticipated or projected. The risks are included in “Item 1A: Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and “Item 2: Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” included in this Form 10-Q. We have no obligation to publicly release the result of any revisions which may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances occurring after the date of such statements.

Business Operations

We are engaged in the contract production of structural aircraft parts principally for the U.S. Air Force and other branches of the U.S. armed forces, either as a prime contractor or as a subcontractor for other defense prime contractors. Our strategy for growth has focused on government and military sales as a prime contractor and increasingly as a subcontractor for leading aerospace prime contractors.

Due to our success as a subcontractor to defense prime contractors and growth in the commercial sector, we are also pursuing opportunities to increase our commercial subcontracting business.

Among our major recent awards are:

- A long-term requirements contract of approximately \$70 million from The Boeing Company for assemblies for 242 enhanced wings for the A-10 “Thunderbolt” attack jet. The initial orders under this contract were for \$13.2 million.
- An initial order of \$7.9 million as part of a \$98 million agreement by a leading global aerospace and defense company to provide structural kits for an in-production aircraft. The 8-year agreement has the potential to generate up to \$150 million in revenue over the life of the program.
- A long-term multi-million dollar contract from Spirit AeroSystems for major aerostructure assemblies for the Gulfstream G650 aircraft for which we will build fixed leading edge assemblies. We anticipate that this contract will generate significant revenue for us in the future. The initial order is valued at approximately \$3.5 million and we expect to record approximately \$3 million of revenue under this contract during 2008. Deliveries of these assemblies will begin in 2009 and continue through 2014.

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The lengths of our contracts vary but are typically between nine months and two years for U.S. government contracts (although our T-38 contract and our C-5 TOP contract are for periods of ten years and seven years, respectively), and up to ten years for commercial contracts. Except in cases where contract terms permit us to bill on a progress basis, we must incur upfront costs in producing assemblies and bill our customers upon delivery. Because of the upfront costs incurred, the timing of our billings and the nature of the percentage-of-completion method of accounting described below, there can be a significant disparity between the periods in which (a) costs are expended, (b) revenue and earnings are recorded and (c) cash is received.

Critical Accounting Policies

Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue from our contracts over the contractual period under the percentage-of-completion (“POC”) method of accounting. Under the POC method of accounting, sales and gross profit are recognized as work is performed based on the relationship between actual costs incurred and total estimated costs at the completion of the contract. Recognized revenues that will not be billed under the terms of the contract until a later date are recorded as an asset captioned “Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts.” Contracts where billings to date have exceeded recognized revenues are recorded as a liability captioned “Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts.” Changes to the original estimates may be required during the life of the contract. Estimates are reviewed monthly and the effect of any change in the estimated gross margin percentage for a contract is reflected in cost of sales in the period the change becomes known. The use of the POC method of accounting involves considerable use of estimates in determining revenues, costs and profits and in assigning the amounts to accounting periods. As a result, there can be a significant disparity between earnings (both for accounting and taxes) as reported and actual cash received by us during any reporting period. We continually evaluate all of the issues related to the assumptions, risks and uncertainties inherent with the application of the POC method of accounting; however, we cannot assure you that our estimates will be accurate. If our estimates are not accurate or a contract is terminated, we will be forced to adjust revenue in later periods. Furthermore, even if our estimates are accurate, we may have a shortfall in our cash flow and we may need to borrow money to fund our work in process or to pay taxes until the reported earnings materialize to actual cash receipts.

Stock-Based Compensation

We account for compensation expense associated with stock options in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 123R, “Share-Based Payment.”

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Results of Operations

Revenue

Revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$9,434,095 compared to \$7,256,709 for the same period last year, representing an increase of \$2,177,386 or 30%. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, revenue increased \$6,133,910 or 30% to \$26,353,255, compared to \$20,219,345 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007. The increase in revenue is primarily the result of efforts to increase our military and commercial subcontracting business.

We generate revenue primarily from government contracts for which we act as a prime contractor or as a subcontractor and, to a lesser extent, from commercial contracts. Revenue generated from prime government contracts for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$13,420,867 compared to \$14,199,636 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$778,769 or 5.5%. Revenue generated from government subcontracts for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$8,781,648 compared to \$4,627,812 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$4,153,836 or 90%. Revenue generated from commercial contracts was \$4,150,740 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$1,391,897 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$2,758,843 or 198%.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, we received approximately \$49.7 million of new contract awards, which included approximately \$9 million of government prime contract awards, approximately \$31 million of government subcontract awards and approximately \$9.7 million of commercial subcontract awards, compared to a total of \$18.9 million of new contract awards, of all types, in the same period last year.

Even with the large contract awards announced during the first nine months of 2008, we still had approximately \$290 million in formalized bids outstanding, as of September 30, 2008 and continue to make bids on contracts on a weekly basis. In addition, we currently have other proposals submitted to multiple prime contractors, for both government and commercial subcontracting opportunities. While we cannot predict the probability of obtaining or the timing of awards, some of these outstanding proposals are significant in amount and any single award could increase our revenue and net income substantially.

Gross Profit

Gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$2,158,193 compared to \$1,993,620 for the three months ended September 30, 2007, an increase of \$164,573. As a percentage of revenue, gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was 23% compared to 27% for the same period last year. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, gross profit was \$6,011,879, or 23% of revenue, compared with \$5,540,920, or 27% of revenue for the first nine months of last year. The decrease in gross margin percentage was 1% higher than expected as the Company incurred more overtime and other personnel costs than initially planned as we prepare for increased delivery requirements in the remainder of 2008 and the first half of 2009. The Company has commenced work on various long-term programs that tend to be less profitable in the early stages and has been shifting its business towards more subcontracting work, which is more price competitive. Accordingly, the Company expects gross margin percentage to remain in the 23%-25% range for the foreseeable future.

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Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2008 were \$806,071 compared to \$1,131,484 for the three months ended September 30, 2007, a decrease of \$325,413, or 29%. The decrease is primarily due to a \$220,000 decrease in accrued bonus and a \$100,000 decrease in accounting and legal fees.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, selling, general and administrative expenses were \$3,469,981 compared to \$3,317,147 for the same period last year, an increase of \$152,834, or 4.6%. This increase was primarily due to an \$80,000 increase in consulting fees for our increased sales effort, a \$100,000 increase in non-cash fees for stock options issued as compensation to our board of directors, a result of the higher valuation, on the same number of options issued, based on the Black-Scholes option pricing model, a \$56,000 increase in accounting and legal fees, which includes increased fees for Sarbanes-Oxley 404 compliance and a \$31,000 increase in bank charges, offset by a \$62,000 decrease in salaries and a \$53,000 decrease in moving expenses.

Income Before Provision for Income Taxes

Income before provision for income taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$1,352,122 compared to \$862,136 for the same period last year, an increase of \$489,986. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, income before provision for income taxes was \$2,541,898 compared to \$2,223,773 for the same period last year, an increase of \$318,125.

Provision for Income Taxes

Provision for income taxes was \$860,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, or 34% of pre-tax income. For the three months ended September 30, 2008, the provision for income taxes was \$460,000, or 34% of pre-tax income. Provision for income taxes was \$845,000 and \$327,000 for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, or 38% of pre-tax income. The decrease in tax rate as a percentage of pre-tax net income is the result of the 2008 provision for income taxes being calculated at only the Federal income tax rate. We do not expect to have a state tax obligation for 2008 because of New York States’ adoption of a “sales only” income allocation method.

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Net Income

Basic net income for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$892,122, or \$0.15 per basic share, compared to basic net income of \$535,136, or \$0.09 per basic share, for the same period last year. For the nine months ended September 30, 2008, basic net income was \$1,681,898, or \$0.28 per basic share, compared to basic net income of \$1,378,773, or \$0.24 per basic share, for the same period last year. Diluted income per share for the three months ended September 30, 2008 was \$0.14 calculated utilizing 6,252,685 average shares outstanding. Diluted income per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2008 was \$0.27, calculated utilizing 6,217,010 average shares outstanding. Diluted income per share for the three months ended September 30, 2007 was \$0.09, calculated utilizing 6,145,930 average shares outstanding. Diluted income per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 was \$0.23, calculated utilizing 5,989,138 average shares outstanding.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

General

At September 30, 2008, we had working capital of \$31,846,127 compared to \$28,716,968 at December 31, 2007, an increase of \$3,129,159, or 11%.

Cash Flow

A large portion of our cash is used to pay for materials and processing costs associated with contracts that are in process and which do not provide for progress payments. Contracts that permit us to bill on a progress basis must be classified as “on time” for us to apply for progress payments. Costs for which we are not able to bill on a progress basis are components of “Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts” on our balance sheets and represent the aggregate costs and related earnings for uncompleted contracts for which the customer has not yet been billed. These costs and earnings are recovered upon shipment of products and presentation of billings in accordance with contract terms.

Because the POC method of accounting requires us to use estimates in determining revenue, costs and profits and in assigning the amounts to accounting periods, there can be a significant disparity between earnings (both for accounting and tax purposes) as reported and actual cash that we receive during any reporting period. Accordingly, it is possible that we may have a shortfall in our cash flow and may need to borrow money until the reported earnings materialize into actual cash receipts.

At September 30, 2008, we had a cash balance of \$577,705 compared to \$338,391 at December 31, 2007. Our costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings increased by approximately \$4,701,732 during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The increase in costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts and accounts payable was primarily due to higher levels of procurement and production related to work on new contract awards and advances made to expedite delivery of tooling required for our new long-term contract with Spirit.

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Item 2 – Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Credit Facilities

Sovereign Bank

In August 2007, we entered into a two-year, \$2.5 million revolving credit facility with Sovereign Bank (the “Sovereign Revolving Facility”), secured by all of our assets. The Sovereign Revolving Facility specifies an interest rate equal to the lower of LIBOR plus 2% or Sovereign Bank’s prime rate. The effective rate as of September 30, 2008 was 5.00%. The Sovereign Revolving Facility contains financial covenants related to interest coverage, net income and capital expenditures, as defined in the credit agreement. As of September 30, 2008, we were in compliance with all of the financial covenants contained in the credit agreement. As of September 30, 2008, we had \$2.5 million outstanding under the Sovereign Revolving Facility.

On October 22, 2008, we obtained a \$3 million term loan from Sovereign Bank to be amortized over five years (the “Sovereign Term Facility”). Prior to entering into the term loan we had borrowed \$2.5 million under the Sovereign Revolving Facility to fund the initial tooling costs related to the previously mentioned long-term contract with Spirit. We used the proceeds from the Sovereign Term Facility to repay the borrowings under the Sovereign Revolving Facility and to pay for additional tooling related to the Spirit contract. The Sovereign Term Facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.5% and is secured by all of our assets.

Concurrent with entering into the Sovereign Term Facility, Sovereign Bank amended the terms of the Sovereign Revolving Facility extending the term until August 2010 and amending the covenants, as defined, commencing in the fourth quarter of 2009.

The terms and conditions of the Sovereign Revolving Facility are applicable to the Sovereign Term Facility.

Additionally, the Company and Sovereign Bank entered into a five year interest rate swap agreement, in the notional amount of \$3 million. Under the interest rate swap, the Company pays an amount to Sovereign Bank representing interest on the notional amount at a rate of 5.8% and receives an amount from Sovereign representing interest on the notional amount at a rate equal to the one-month LIBOR plus 2.5%. The effect of this interest rate swap will be the Company paying a fixed interest rate of 5.8% over the term of the Sovereign Term Facility.

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Item 3 – Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

Not Applicable

Item 4T – Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management has established disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information it is required to disclose in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. Such disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information the Company is required to disclose in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based on an evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2008 made by management, under the supervision and with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act) were effective as of September 30, 2008.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

No change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2008 that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

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Part II: Other Information

Item 1 – Legal Proceedings

None.

Item 1A – Risk Factors

The current unprecedented disruptions in credit markets may impede or prevent our access to additional financing which may be needed in order to expand or operate our business and may affect the cost of borrowing under our existing credit facility.

Current economic conditions have created liquidity, credit and other constraints in credit markets. We cannot assure you that we will be able to secure additional financing if needed for capital and other expenditures required by new awards or for operating our business. Also, increases in interest rates will increase the cost of borrowing under our existing credit facility. If we are unable to obtain needed financing, on terms acceptable to us, our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows could be materially adversely affected.

Other than the above risk factor, there are no material changes from the risk factors set forth in Item 1A, “Risk Factors,” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. Please refer to that section for disclosures regarding the risks and uncertainties to our business.

Item 2 – Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

Item 3 – Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4 – Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None

Item 5 – Other Information

None.

Item 6 – Exhibits

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| Exhibit 31.1 | Section 302 Certification by Chief Executive Officer |
| Exhibit 31.2 | Section 302 Certification by Chief Financial Officer |
| Exhibit 32 | Section 906 Certification by Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer |

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SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CPI AEROSTRUCTURES, INC.

Dated: November 12, 2008

By: /s/ Edward J Fred
Edward J. Fred
Chief Executive Officer and President

Dated November 12, 2008

By: /s/ Vincent Palazzolo
Vincent Palazzolo
Chief Financial Officer

