

SafeStitch Medical, Inc.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC. 20549
FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

☒ **Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**
for the Quarterly Period ended March 31, 2010
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 0-19437
SAFESTITCH MEDICAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

11-2962080

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

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

4400 Biscayne Blvd., Suite A-100, Miami, Florida

33137

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(305) 575-4600**

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 has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). 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 the 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 ☒**

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

17,962,718 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, were outstanding as of May 10, 2010.

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SAFESTITCH MEDICAL, INC.
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in 000s, except share and per share data)

| | March 31, 2010 (Unaudited) | December 31, 2009 |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,193 | \$ 871 |
| Other receivable related-party | 39 | 21 |
| Prepaid expenses | 153 | 131 |
| Total Current Assets | 2,385 | 1,023 |
| FIXED ASSETS | | |
| Property and equipment, net | 235 | 147 |
| OTHER ASSETS | | |
| Security deposits | 2 | 2 |
| Deferred financing costs, net | 128 | 255 |
| Total Other Assets | 130 | 257 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 2,750 | \$ 1,427 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 219 | \$ 93 |
| Notes payable | 28 | 50 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 247 | 143 |
| Stockholder loans (Note 5) | | |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 8) | | |
| STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 25,000,000 shares authorized 10% Series A Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, 4,000,000 shares authorized, 4,000,000 and 2,000,000 shares issued and outstanding, respectively; liquidation preference \$4,184 | 40 | 20 |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 225,000,000 shares authorized, 17,962,718 shares issued and outstanding | 18 | 18 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 15,078 | 12,974 |
| Deficit accumulated during the development stage | (12,633) | (11,728) |
| Total Stockholders Equity | 2,503 | 1,284 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | \$ 2,750 | \$ 1,427 |

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

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SAFESTITCH MEDICAL, INC.
(A Developmental Stage Company)
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(in 000s, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2010 2009 | | September 15, 2005 (Inception) to March 31, 2010 |
|---|--|-----------------|---|
| Revenues | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Costs and expenses | | | |
| Research and development | 350 | 349 | 7,193 |
| General and administrative | 428 | 331 | 4,500 |
| Total costs and expenses | 778 | 680 | 11,693 |
| Loss from operations | (778) | (680) | (11,693) |
| Other income and expense | | | |
| Other income | | | 903 |
| Interest income | | | 77 |
| Amortization of debt issuance expense | (127) | (213) | (1,856) |
| Interest expense | | | (64) |
| Total other income and expense | (127) | (213) | (940) |
| Loss before income tax | (905) | (893) | (12,633) |
| Provision for income tax | | | |
| Net loss | \$ (905) | \$ (893) | \$ (12,633) |
| Loss attributable to common stockholders and loss per common share: | | | |
| Net loss | (905) | | (12,633) |

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| | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Deemed dividend Series A Preferred Stock | (500) | | (700) |
| Dividends Series A Preferred Stock | (96) | | (184) |
| Net loss attributable to common stockholders | (1,501) | (893) | \$ (13,517) |
| Weighted average shares outstanding, basic and diluted | 17,963 | 17,963 | |
| Net loss per basic and diluted share | \$ (0.08) | \$ (0.05) | |

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Table of Contents**SAFESTITCH MEDICAL, INC.****(A Developmental Stage Company)****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)
FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 (INCEPTION) THROUGH MARCH 31, 2010****(in 000s, except per share amounts)**

| | | Preferred Stock | Common Stock | | Additional | Deficit | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount | Paid-in | Accumulated | Total |
| | | | | | | Capital | During the | |
| | | | | | | | Development | |
| | | | | | | | Stage | |
| Inception | September 15, | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | \$ | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Capital contributed | | | | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Net loss | | | | | | | (76) | (76) |
| Balance at December 31, | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | | | \$ | | \$ | \$ 1 | \$ (76) | \$ (75) |
| Capital contributed | | | | 11,256 | 11 | 1,493 | | 1,504 |
| Net loss | | | | | | | (1,060) | (1,060) |
| Balance at December 31, | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 | | | \$ | 11,256 | \$ 11 | \$ 1,494 | \$ (1,136) | \$ 369 |
| Exercise of options | | | | | | | | |
| (CTS)-September 23, 2007 | | | | | | | | |
| at \$0.79 per share | | | | 42 | | 35 | | 35 |
| Stock-based | | | | | | | | |
| compensation-September 4, | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | 77 | | 77 |
| Issuance of shares in | | | | | | | | |
| recapitalization September | | | | | | | | |
| 4, 2007 at \$0.64 per share | | | | 4,795 | 5 | 3,078 | | 3,083 |
| SafeStitch expenses | | | | | | | | |
| associated with | | | | | | | | |
| recapitalization | | | | | | (156) | | (156) |
| Stock-based compensation | | | | | | 65 | | 65 |
| Warrants issued in | | | | | | | | |
| connection with credit | | | | | | | | |
| facility-September 4, 2007 | | | | | | | | |
| at \$2.46 per share | | | | | | 1,985 | | 1,985 |
| Rule 16 payment received | | | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| Net loss | | | | | | | (3,041) | (3,041) |
| Balance at December 31, | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | \$ | 16,093 | \$ 16 | \$ 6,582 | \$ (4,177) | \$ 2,421 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|-------|---|-------|---------|---------|
| Issuance of common shares in private offering May 2008 at \$2.15 per share, net of offering costs | | | 1,862 | 2 | 3,986 | | 3,988 |
| Issuance of common shares as repayment of stockholder note-December 30, 2008 at \$1.22 per share | | | 8 | | 10 | | 10 |
| Stock-based compensation | | | | | 239 | | 239 |
| Net loss | | | | | | (5,185) | (5,185) |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|----|---------------|----|-----------|----|---------------|----|----------------|----|--------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2008 | | \$ | 17,963 | \$ | 18 | \$ | 10,817 | \$ | (9,362) | \$ | 1,473 |
|-------------------------------------|--|----|---------------|----|-----------|----|---------------|----|----------------|----|--------------|

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|----|--|--|-------|---------|---------|
| Issuance of Series A Preferred Stock in July 2009 at \$1.00 per share | 2,000 | 20 | | | 1,962 | | 1,982 |
| Fair value of beneficial conversion feature of Series A Preferred Stock | | | | | 200 | | 200 |
| Deemed dividend to Series A Preferred Stockholders, charged to additional paid-in capital in the absence of retained earnings | | | | | (200) | | (200) |
| Stock-based compensation | | | | | 195 | | 195 |
| Net loss | | | | | | (2,366) | (2,366) |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----|-----------|---------------|----|-----------|----|---------------|----|-----------------|----|--------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2009 | 2,000 | \$ | 20 | 17,963 | \$ | 18 | \$ | 12,974 | \$ | (11,728) | \$ | 1,284 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----|-----------|---------------|----|-----------|----|---------------|----|-----------------|----|--------------|

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|----------|
| Issuance of Series A Preferred Stock in January 2010 at \$1.00 per share | 2,000 | 20 | | | | 1,978 | | 1,998 |
| Fair value of beneficial conversion feature of Series A Preferred Stock | | | | | | 500 | | 500 |
| Deemed dividend to Series A Preferred Stockholders, charged to additional paid-in capital in the absence of retained earnings | | | | | | (500) | | (500) |
| Stock-based compensation | | | | | | 126 | | 126 |
| Net loss | | | | | | | (905) | (905) |
| | 4,000 | \$ 40 | 17,963 | \$ 18 | \$ 15,078 | \$ | (12,633) | \$ 2,503 |

Balance at March 31, 2010
(unaudited)

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

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SAFESTITCH MEDICAL, INC.
(A Developmental Stage Company)
UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in 000s)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | September 15, 2005 (Inception) to March 31, 2010 |
|---|---|--------------|---|
| | 2010 | 2009 | |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Net loss | \$ (905) | \$ (893) | \$ (12,633) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities: | | | |
| Amortization of deferred finance costs | 127 | 213 | 1,856 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 126 | 36 | 625 |
| Stock-based compensation expense related to Share Exchange | | | 77 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 11 | 13 | 126 |
| Gain on sale of TruePosition investment | | | (903) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities | | | |
| Other current assets | (40) | (6) | (172) |
| Other assets | | | (2) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 126 | (3) | (65) |
| NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES | (555) | (640) | (11,091) |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Purchase of equipment | (99) | (3) | (361) |
| Proceeds from sale of True Position investment | | | 903 |
| Payment received under Rule 16b | | | 4 |
| NET CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES | (99) | (3) | 546 |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Net cash provided in connection with the acquisition of SafeStitch LLC | | | 3,192 |
| Issuance of Common Stock, net of offering costs | | | 3,988 |
| Issuance of Preferred Stock, net of offering costs | 1,998 | | 3,980 |
| Capital contributions | | | 1,431 |
| Proceeds from notes payable | | | 71 |
| Repayment of notes payable | (22) | | (43) |
| Proceeds from stockholder loans | | 300 | 2,860 |
| Repayment of stockholder loans | | | (2,776) |
| Exercise of options | | | 35 |

| | | | |
|---|--------------|------------|---------------|
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES | 1,976 | 300 | 12,738 |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 1,322 | (343) | 2,193 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD | 871 | 561 | |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD | \$ 2,193 | \$ 218 | \$ 2,193 |
| Supplemental disclosures: | | | |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ | \$ | \$ 64 |
| Non cash activities: | | | |
| Stockholder loans contributed to capital | \$ | \$ | \$ 84 |
| Warrants issued in connection with credit facility | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,985 |

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND LIQUIDITY

The following (a) condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2009, which has been derived from audited financial statements, and (b) the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of SafeStitch Medical, Inc. (SafeStitch or the Company) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 8-03 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2010. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2009 included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on March 31, 2010.

SafeStitch is a developmental stage medical device company focused on the development of medical devices that manipulate tissues for endoscopic and minimally invasive surgery for the treatment of obesity, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), Barrett s Esophagus, esophageal obstructions, upper gastrointestinal bleeding, hernia formation and other intraperitoneal abnormalities.

Cellular Technical Services Company, Inc. (Cellular), a non-operating public company, was incorporated in 1988 as NCS Ventures Corp. under the laws of the State of Delaware. On July 25, 2007 Cellular entered into a Share Transfer, Exchange and Contribution Agreement (the Share Exchange Agreement) with SafeStitch LLC, a limited liability company formed in Virginia on September 15, 2005. Pursuant to the Share Exchange Agreement, on September 4, 2007, Cellular acquired all of the members equity of SafeStitch LLC in exchange for 11,256,369 shares of Cellular s common stock (the Share Exchange), which represented a majority of Cellular s outstanding shares immediately following the Share Exchange. For accounting purposes, the acquisition has been treated as a recapitalization of SafeStitch LLC, with SafeStitch LLC as the acquirer (reverse acquisition). The historical financial statements prior to September 4, 2007 are those of SafeStitch LLC, which began operations on September 15, 2005. The accompanying financial statements give retroactive effect to the recapitalization as if it had occurred on September 15, 2005 (inception). Effective January 8, 2008, Cellular changed its name to SafeStitch Medical, Inc. and increased the aggregate number of shares of the Company s capital stock that it may issue from 35,000,000 to 250,000,000, comprising 225,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Common Stock), and 25,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. For the period from September 15, 2005 (inception) through March 31, 2010, the Company has accumulated a deficit of \$12.6 million and has not generated positive cash flows from operations. At March 31, 2010, the Company had cash of \$2.2 million and working capital of \$2.1 million. The Company has been dependent upon equity financing and loans from stockholders to meet its obligations and sustain its operations, including the January 2010 Series A Preferred Stock transaction described in Note 6. The Company s efforts have been devoted principally to developing its technologies and commercializing its products. Based upon its current cash position; the availability under its \$4.0 million credit facility with The Frost Group LLC (The Frost Group) and the Company s President and CEO, Jeffrey G. Spragens, and by monitoring its discretionary expenditures, management believes that the Company will be able to fund its existing operations through March 31, 2011. However, in order to fund all planned operations, including the commercialization of certain of the Company s products and the anticipated commencement in 2010 of clinical trials for certain of the Company s product candidates, the Company anticipates that additional external financing will be required before March 31, 2011. If adequate funds are not available, the Company may be required to delay, reduce the scope of or eliminate its research and development programs, reduce its planned commercialization efforts or obtain funds through arrangements with collaborators or others that may require the Company to relinquish rights to certain product candidates that it might otherwise seek to develop or commercialize

independently. Although the Company plans to secure additional funds through the issuance of equity and/or debt, no assurance can be given that additional financing will be available to the Company on acceptable terms, or at all. The Company's ability to continue as a going concern is ultimately dependent upon generating revenues from those products that do not require further marketing clearance by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), obtaining FDA clearance to market its other product candidates and achieving profitable operations and generating sufficient cash flows from operations to meet future obligations.

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Consolidation. The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Isis Tele-Communications, Inc., which has no current operations, and SafeStitch LLC. All inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions, such as useful lives of property and equipment, that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents. We consider all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Company holds cash and cash equivalent balances in banks and other financial institutions and includes overnight repurchase agreements collateralizing its depository bank accounts (sweep accounts) in its cash balances. Balances in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limitations may not be insured.

Property and equipment. Property and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Major additions and improvements are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs that do not extend the lives of assets are expensed. Gain or loss, if any, on the disposition of fixed assets is recognized currently in operations. Depreciation is calculated primarily on a straight-line basis over estimated useful lives of the assets.

Research and development. Research and development costs principally represent salaries of the Company's medical and biomechanical engineering professionals, material and shop costs associated with manufacturing product prototypes and payments to third parties for clinical trials and additional product development and testing. All research and development costs are charged to expense as incurred.

Patent costs. Costs incurred in connection with acquiring patent rights and the protection of proprietary technologies are charged to expense as incurred.

Stock-based compensation. The Company accounts for all share-based payments, including grants of stock options, as operating expenses, based on their grant date fair values. The fair value of the Company's stock option awards is expensed over the vesting life of the underlying stock options using the graded vesting method, with each tranche of vesting options valued separately. Stock-based compensation is included in general and administrative costs and expenses for all periods presented.

Fair value of financial instruments. The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable, and accrued expenses approximate fair value based on their short-term maturity. Related party receivables and stockholder loans are carried at cost.

Long-lived assets. The Company reviews the carrying values of its long-lived assets for possible impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of the assets may not be recoverable. Any long-lived assets held for disposal are reported at the lower of their carrying amounts or fair value less costs to sell.

Income taxes. The Company follows the liability method of accounting for income taxes, which requires the recognition of deferred tax liabilities and assets for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax bases of the assets and liabilities. The Company's policy is to record a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets, when the deferred tax asset is not recoverable. The Company considers estimated future taxable income or loss and other available evidence when assessing the need for its deferred tax valuation allowance.

Comprehensive income (loss). Comprehensive income (loss) is defined as the change in equity of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. The Company's comprehensive net loss is equal to its net loss for all periods presented.

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Property and equipment consist of the following:

| | Estimated Useful Lives | March 31, 2010 | December 31, 2009 |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Machinery and equipment | 5 years | \$ 289,000 | \$ 190,000 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 3-5 years | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Software | 3-5 years | 37,000 | 37,000 |
| | | 361,000 | 262,000 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | | (126,000) | (115,000) |
| Property and equipment, net | | \$ 235,000 | \$ 147,000 |

Depreciation of fixed assets utilized in research and development activities is included in research and development expense. All other depreciation is included in general and administrative costs and expenses. Depreciation and amortization expense was \$11,000 and \$13,000, respectively for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009.

NOTE 4 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

On November 13, 2007, the Board of Directors and a majority of the Company's stockholders approved the SafeStitch Medical, Inc. 2007 Incentive Compensation Plan (the "2007 Plan"). Under the 2007 Plan, which is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, the Company is allowed to grant awards of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and/or deferred stock to employees, officers, directors, consultants and vendors up to an aggregate of 2,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock, which are fully reserved for future issuance. The exercise price of stock options or stock appreciation rights may not be less than the fair market value of the Company's shares at the date of grant and, within any 12 month period, no person may receive stock options or stock appreciation rights for more than one million shares. Additionally, no stock options or stock appreciation rights granted under the 2007 Plan may have a term exceeding ten years.

The Company granted 559,000 and 358,500 stock options under the 2007 Plan during the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The options granted during 2010 were issued at an exercise price of \$1.20 per share and had an estimated aggregate grant date fair value of \$494,000. The options granted during 2009 were issued at an exercise price of \$0.80 per share and had an estimated aggregate grant date fair value of \$180,000. The weighted average grant date fair value of the options granted during the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$0.88 per share and \$0.50 per share, respectively.

Total stock-based compensation recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was \$126,000 and \$36,000, respectively, and is included in general and administrative costs and expenses. The fair values of options granted are estimated on the date of their grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on the assumptions included in the table below. The fair value of the Company's stock option awards is expensed over the vesting life of the underlying stock options using the graded vesting method, with each tranche of vesting options valued separately. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Common Stock. The risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the stock option award is based on the yield of U.S. Treasury bonds on the grant date with a maturity equal to the expected term of the stock option. The expected life of stock option awards granted to employees and non-employee directors is based upon the "simplified" method for "plain vanilla" options described in SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107, as amended by SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 110. The expected life of all other stock option awards is the contractual term of the option. Forfeiture rates are based on management's estimates. The fair value of each option granted during the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 was estimated using the following assumptions.

| | Three months ended March 31, 2010 | Three months ended March 31, 2009 |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Expected volatility | 87.09% - 105.31% | 74.59% - 86.43% |
| Expected dividend yield | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 1.89% - 3.11% | 1.39% - 1.79% |
| Expected life | 4.0 - 7.0 years | 4.0 - 5.5 years |
| Forfeiture rate | 0% - 2.50% | 2.50% |

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The following summarizes the Company's stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2010:

| | | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---|---------------|--|--|--|
| | Shares | | | |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2009 | 615,167 | \$ 1.63 | 5.98 | \$ 162,540 |
| Granted | 559,000 | \$ 1.20 | 6.89 | |
| Exercised | | | | |
| Canceled or expired | (17,000) | \$ 3.06 | | |
| Outstanding at March 31, 2010 | 1,157,167 | \$ 1.40 | 6.38 | \$ 89,625 |
| Exercisable at March 31, 2010 | 404,500 | \$ 1.73 | 6.05 | \$ 41,625 |
| Vested and expected to vest at March 31, 2010 | 1,116,402 | \$ 1.41 | 6.38 | \$ 86,123 |

57,500 of the 559,000 options granted during the first three months of the Company's 2010 fiscal year were vested as of March 31, 2010. At March 31, 2010, there was \$489,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested employee and director share-based compensation arrangements. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.79 years.

No options were exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009. The \$36,000 of stock-based compensation recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2009 is net of an approximately \$15,000 credit related to the modification of 17,000 stock option awards for certain former employees. On the modification date, the Compensation Committee accelerated and fully vested the former employees' options, which were originally scheduled to vest on various dates through 2012. Additionally, the Compensation Committee extended the term of these options to one year following the modification date. All 17,000 modified options expired during the three months ended March 31, 2010.

No tax benefits were attributed to the stock-based compensation expense because a valuation allowance was maintained for substantially all net deferred tax assets.

NOTE 5 DEBT

The \$28,000 notes payable balance at March 31, 2010 relates to the third-party financing of certain of the Company's insurance policies. This note is a self-amortizing installment loan bearing interest at 6.19% and maturing in August 2010.

Credit Facility. In connection with the acquisition of SafeStitch LLC, the Company entered into a Note and Security Agreement (the "Credit Facility") with both The Frost Group and Jeffrey G. Spragens, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and President and a director. The Frost Group is a Florida limited liability company whose members include Frost Gamma Investments Trust, a trust controlled by Dr. Phillip Frost, the largest beneficial holder of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, Dr. Jane H. Hsiao, the Company's Chairman of the Board, and Steven D. Rubin, a director. The Credit Facility provides \$4.0 million in total available borrowings, consisting of \$3.9 million from The Frost Group and \$100,000 from Mr. Spragens. The Company has granted a security interest in all present and subsequently acquired collateral in order to secure prompt, full and complete payment of the amounts outstanding under the Credit Facility. The collateral includes all assets of the Company, inclusive of intellectual property (patents, patent rights, trademarks, service marks, etc.). Outstanding borrowings under the Credit Facility accrue interest at a

10% annual rate. The Credit Facility had an initial term of 28 months, expiring in December 2009, and was amended in March 2009 to extend the maturity date to June 2010, and was amended again in March 2010 to extend the maturity date to June 2011.

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In connection with the Credit Facility, the Company granted warrants to purchase an aggregate of 805,521 shares of Common Stock to The Frost Group and Mr. Spragens. The fair value of the warrants was determined to be \$1,985,000 on the grant date based on the Black-Scholes valuation model using the following assumptions: expected volatility of 82%, dividend yield of 0%, risk-free interest rate of 4.88% and expected life of 10 years. The fair value of the warrants was recorded as deferred financing costs and is being amortized over the life of the Credit Facility. The Company recorded amortization expense related to these deferred financing costs of \$127,000 and \$213,000, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009.

The Company borrowed \$300,000 under the Credit Facility during the three months ended March 31, 2009 and repaid the entire then-outstanding balance in July 2009 using the proceeds of the 2009 Issuance of Series A Preferred Stock described in Note 6. The Company recognized interest expense related to the outstanding borrowings of less than \$1,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2009. The Company has no outstanding loans as of March 31, 2010.

NOTE 6 CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS

10.0% Series A Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock. In June 2009, the Company authorized a new series of preferred stock, designated as 10.0% Series A Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Series A Preferred Stock). Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Company's Board of Directors, dividends on each share of Series A Preferred Stock at a rate per annum equal to 10.0% of the sum of (a) \$1.00, plus (b) any and all declared and unpaid and accrued dividends thereon, subject to adjustment for any stock split, combination, recapitalization or other similar corporate action (the Liquidation Amount). Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock also have the right to receive notice of any meeting of holders of Common Stock or Series A Preferred Stock and to vote (on an as-converted into Common Stock basis) upon any matter submitted to a vote of the holders of Common Stock or Series A Preferred Stock. With respect to dividend distributions and distributions upon liquidation, winding up or dissolution of the Company, the Series A Preferred Stock ranks senior to all classes of Common Stock and to each other class of the Company's capital stock existing now or hereafter created that are not specifically designated as ranking senior to or *pari passu* with the Series A Preferred Stock. The Company may not issue any capital stock that is senior to or *pari passu* with the Series A Preferred Stock unless such issuance is approved by the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the issued and outstanding Series A Preferred Stock voting separately as a class.

Upon the occurrence of a Liquidation Event (as defined in the Series A Preferred Stock's Certificate of Designation), holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to be paid, subject to applicable law, out of the assets of the Company available for distribution to its stockholders, an amount in cash (the Liquidation Payment) for each share of Series A Preferred Stock equal to the greater of (x) the Liquidation Amount for each share of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding, or (y) the amount for each share of Series A Preferred Stock the holders would be entitled to receive pursuant to the Liquidation Event if all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock had been converted into Common Stock as of the date immediately prior to the date fixed for determination of stockholders entitled to receive a distribution in such Liquidation Event. Such Liquidation Payment will be paid before any cash distribution will be made or any other assets distributed in respect of any class of securities junior to the Series A Preferred Stock, including, without limitation, Common Stock.

The holder of any share of Series A Preferred Stock may at any time and from time to time convert such share into such number of fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock as is determined by dividing (A) the Liquidation Amount of the share by (B) the conversion price, which was initially \$1.00, subject to adjustment as provided in the Certificate of Designation. To the extent it is lawfully able to do so, the Company may redeem all of the then outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock by paying in cash an amount per share equal to \$1.00 plus all declared or accrued unpaid dividends on such shares, subject to adjustment for any stock dividends or distributions, splits, subdivisions, combinations, reclassifications, stock issuances or similar events with respect to the Common Stock.

2009 Issuance of Series A Preferred Stock. On July 21, 2009, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with a private investor (the 2009 Investor), pursuant to which the 2009 Investor agreed to purchase an aggregate of up to 2,000,000 shares (the 2009 Shares) of the Series A Preferred Stock at a purchase price of \$1.00 per share. On July 22, 2009, the Company closed on the issuance of the 2009 Shares for aggregate consideration of \$2.0 million. A portion of the proceeds from the issuance was used to repay all principal and interest outstanding under the Credit Facility described in Note 5.

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2010 Issuance of Series A Preferred Stock. On July 21, 2009, the Company entered into a second securities purchase agreement (the *Future Purchase Agreement*) with certain other private investors (the *Future Investors*, together with the 2009 Investor, the *Investors*), pursuant to which the Future Investors agreed to purchase, at the Company's election upon ten days written notice delivered to the Future Investors by the Company, an aggregate of up to 2,000,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock (the *Future Shares*, together with the 2009 Shares, the *Shares*) at a purchase price of \$1.00 per share. On December 30, 2009, the Company provided notice to the Future Investors that the Company intended to consummate the sale of the Future Shares on January 12, 2010, and on January 12, 2010, the Company closed on the issuance of 2,000,000 Future Shares under the Future Purchase Agreement for aggregate consideration of \$2.0 million. Among the Future Investors who purchased an aggregate of 995,000 Future Shares were Hsu Gamma Investment, L.P., an entity of which Dr. Hsiao is general partner, Mr. Spragens and Frost Gamma Investments Trust (collectively, the *Related Party Investors*). Each of the Related Party Investors is the beneficial owner of more than 10% of the Common Stock.

The Company issued the Shares in reliance upon the exemption from registration under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. The Investors each represented to the Company that such person was an *accredited investor* as defined in Rule 501(a) of the Securities Act and that the Shares were being acquired for investment purposes. The Shares have not been registered under the Securities Act and are *restricted securities* as that term is defined by Rule 144 promulgated thereunder. The Company has not undertaken to register the Shares, and no registration rights have been granted to the Investors in respect of the Shares.

On July 22, 2009 and January 12, 2010, the closing prices of the Common Stock on the OTCBB were \$1.10 and \$1.25, respectively, resulting in beneficial conversion features of \$0.10 and \$0.25 per share of Series A Preferred Stock on the respective issue dates. The \$200,000 and \$500,000 aggregate beneficial conversion features of the Series A Preferred Stock on the issue dates were deemed discounts on the issuance of the Shares and were recorded as increases to additional paid-in capital in the consolidated financial statements. Because the Series A Preferred Stock is immediately convertible by the holders thereof to Common Stock, the \$200,000 and \$500,000 aggregate intrinsic value was deemed a dividend paid to the Investors on the relevant closing date. Such deemed dividends have been recorded as increases in losses attributable to common stockholders and, in the absence of retained earnings, as reductions of additional paid-in capital.

As of March 31, 2010, the 4,000,000 outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock had accumulated undeclared and unpaid dividends totaling approximately \$184,000.

NOTE 7 BASIC AND DILUTED NET LOSS PER SHARE

Basic net loss per common share is computed by dividing net loss attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period reported. Diluted net loss per common share is computed giving effect to all dilutive potential common shares that were outstanding for the period reported. Diluted potential common shares consist of incremental shares issuable upon exercise of stock options and warrants and conversion of preferred stock. In computing diluted net loss per share for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, no adjustment has been made to the weighted average outstanding common shares as the assumed exercise of outstanding options and warrants and conversion of preferred stock is anti-dilutive.

Potential common shares not included in calculating diluted net loss per share are as follows:

| | March 31, 2010 | March 31, 2009 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Stock options | 1,157,167 | 615,167 |
| Stock warrants | 805,521 | 805,521 |
| Series A Preferred Stock | 4,183,875 | |
| Total | 6,146,563 | 1,420,688 |

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NOTE 8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is obligated under various operating lease agreements for office space. Generally, the lease agreements require the payment of base rent plus escalations for increases in building operating costs and real estate taxes. Rental expense under operating leases amounted to \$25,000 and \$28,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

The Company is obligated to pay royalties to Creighton University (Creighton) on the sales of products licensed from Creighton pursuant to an exclusive license and development agreement (see Note 9). The Company is also obligated under an agreement with Dr. Parviz Amid to pay a 4% royalty to Dr. Amid on the sales of any product developed with Dr. Amid s assistance, including the AMID Stapler™, for a period of ten years from the first commercial sale of such product. No royalties have been incurred or paid for the three months ended March 31, 2010 or 2009.

The Company has placed orders with various suppliers for the purchase of certain tooling, inventory and contract engineering and research services. Each of these orders has a duration or expected completion within the next twelve months. The Company currently has no material commitments with terms beyond twelve months.

NOTE 9 AGREEMENT WITH CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

On May 26, 2006, SafeStitch LLC entered into an exclusive license and development agreement (the Creighton Agreement) with Creighton, granting the Company a worldwide exclusive (even as to the university) license, with rights to sublicense, to all the Company s product candidates and associated know-how based on Creighton technology, including the exclusive right to manufacture, use and sell the product candidates.

Pursuant to the Creighton Agreement, the Company is obligated to pay Creighton, on a quarterly basis, a royalty of 1.5% of the revenue collected worldwide from the sale of any product licensed under the Creighton Agreement, less certain amounts including, without limitation, chargebacks, credits, taxes, duties and discounts or rebates. The Creighton Agreement does not provide for minimum royalties. Also pursuant to the Creighton Agreement, the Company agreed to invest, in the aggregate, at least \$2.5 million over 36 months, beginning May 26, 2006, towards development of any licensed product. This \$2.5 million investment obligation excluded the first \$150,000 of costs related to the prosecution of patents, which the Company invested outside of the Creighton Agreement. The Company is further obligated to pay to Creighton an amount equal to 20% of certain of the Company s research and development expenditures as reimbursement for the use of Creighton s facilities. Failure to comply with the payment obligations above will result in all rights in the licensed patents and know-how reverting back to Creighton. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had satisfied the \$2.5 million investment obligation described above. For the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, the Company paid Creighton \$21,000 and \$10,000, respectively, in satisfaction of the 20% facility reimbursement obligation.

NOTE 10 INCOME TAXES

The Company accounts for income taxes using the asset and liability method, the objective of which is to establish deferred tax assets and liabilities for the temporary differences between the financial reporting and the tax bases of the Company s assets and liabilities at enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such amounts are realized or settled. A valuation allowance related to deferred tax assets is recorded when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. All of the Company s deferred tax assets have been fully reserved by a valuation allowance due to management s uncertainty regarding the future profitability of the Company.

The Company has recognized no adjustment for uncertain tax provisions. SafeStitch recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in general and administrative costs and expenses; however no such provisions for accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions have been recorded as of March 31, 2010 or December 31, 2009.

The tax years 2005-2008 remain open to examination by the major tax jurisdictions in which the Company operates.

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NOTE 11 CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As more fully described in Note 5, the Company entered into a \$4.0 million Credit Facility with both Jeffrey G. Spragens, the Company's President, Chief Executive Officer and director, and The Frost Group. Advances under the Credit Facility totaled \$0 and \$300,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$300,000 was outstanding as of March 31, 2009. The Company recognized interest expense related to the Credit Facility of less than \$1,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2009.

The Company entered into a five-year lease for office space in Miami, Florida with a company controlled by Dr. Frost. Current rental payments under the Miami office lease, which commenced January 1, 2008, are approximately \$6,000 per month and escalate 4.5% annually over the life of the lease. The Company recorded \$18,000 and \$21,000 of rent expense related to the Miami lease for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

During 2008 and until August 2009, Dr. Hsiao served as a director of Great Eastern Bank of Florida, a bank where the Company maintains a bank account in the normal course of business. As of March 31, 2010, the Company had approximately \$164,000 on deposit with Great Eastern Bank of Florida.

Dr. Hsiao, Dr. Frost and Mr. Rubin are each significant shareholders and/or directors of Non-Invasive Monitoring Systems, Inc. (NIMS), a publicly-traded medical device company, Aero Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Aero), a privately-held pharmaceutical distribution company, Cardo Medical, Inc. (Cardo), a publicly-traded medical device company, and SearchMedia Holdings Limited (SearchMedia), a publicly-traded media company operating primarily in China. Director Richard Pfenniger is also a shareholder of NIMS. The Company's Chief Financial Officer also serves as the Chief Financial Officer and supervises the accounting staffs of NIMS and Aero under a Board-approved cost sharing arrangement whereby the total salaries of the accounting staffs of the three companies are shared. The Company has recorded reductions to general and administrative costs and expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009 of \$17,000 and \$19,000, respectively, to account for the sharing of costs under this arrangement. Since December 2009, the Company's Chief Legal Officer has served under a similar Board-approved cost sharing arrangement as Corporate Counsel of SearchMedia and as the Chief Legal Officer of each of NIMS and Cardo. The Company has recorded \$46,000 of reductions to General and Administrative costs and expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2010 to account for the sharing of costs under this arrangement. Aggregate accounts receivable from NIMS, Aero, Cardo and SearchMedia were approximately \$39,000 as of March 31, 2010.

NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Effective May 1, 2008, the SafeStitch 401(k) Plan (the 401k Plan) permits employees to contribute up to 100% of qualified annual compensation up to annual statutory limitations. Employee contributions may be made on a pre-tax basis to a regular 401(k) account or on an after-tax basis to a Roth 401(k) account. The Company contributes to the 401k Plan a safe harbor match of 100% of each participant's contributions to the 401k Plan up to a maximum of 4% of the participant's qualified annual earnings. The Company recorded 401(k) Plan matching expense of approximately \$8,000 and \$3,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

NOTE 13 RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Subsequent Events Effective June 30, 2009, the Company adopted authoritative guidance which establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued. In February 2010, the FASB issued additional guidance to remove the requirement for SEC filers to disclose the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events. This change removes potential conflicts with current SEC guidance. The guidance was effective upon issuance and had no impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA), Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the Exchange Act), about our expectations, beliefs or intentions regarding our product development and commercialization efforts, business, financial condition, results of operations, strategies or prospects. You can identify forward-looking statements by the fact that these statements do not relate strictly to historical or current matters. Rather, forward-looking statements relate to anticipated or expected events, activities, trends or results as of the date they are made. Because forward-looking statements relate to matters that have not yet occurred, these statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from any future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Many factors could cause our actual operations or results to differ materially from the operations and results anticipated in forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to: our ability to obtain additional funding to continue our operations; our ability to successfully commercialize our existing products; our ability to successfully develop, clinically test and commercialize our product candidates; the timing and outcome of the regulatory review process for our product candidates; changes in the health care and regulatory environments of the United States and other countries in which we intend to operate; our ability to attract and retain key management, marketing and scientific personnel; competition; our ability to successfully prepare file, prosecute, maintain, defend and enforce patent claims and other intellectual property rights; our ability to successfully transition from a research and development company to a marketing, sales and distribution concern, and our ability to identify and pursue development of additional product candidates, as well as the factors contained in Item 1A Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K. We do not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable law. We intend that all forward-looking statements be subject to the safe harbor provisions of PSLRA. These forward-looking statements are only predictions and reflect our views as of the date they are made with respect to future events and financial performance.

Overview

We are a developmental stage medical device company focused on the development of medical devices that manipulate tissues for endoscopic and minimally invasive surgery for the treatment of obesity, GERD, hernia formation, esophageal obstructions, Barrett's Esophagus, upper gastrointestinal bleeding and other intraperitoneal abnormalities.

We have utilized our expertise in intraperitoneal surgery to test certain of our devices in *in vivo* and *ex vivo* animal trials and *ex vivo* human trials, and with certain products, in limited *in vivo* human trials. Certain of our products did not or may not require clinical trials, including our AMID Stapler™, SMART Dilator™ and standard and airway bite blocks. As required, we intend to rapidly, efficiently and safely move into clinical trials for certain other devices, including those utilized in surgery for the treatment of obesity, GERD and for the treatment and diagnosis of Barrett's Esophagus. Clinical trials for our gastroplasty product candidates are anticipated to begin in the second half of 2010.

Products and Product Candidates

Three of our products may currently be marketed in the United States without further FDA clearance. We received the necessary FDA 510(k) clearances to market the AMID Stapler™ and SMART Dilator™ as Class II devices in November 2009 and February 2009, respectively. The AMID Stapler™ was further granted CE Mark clearance in February 2010 to market the stapler in the European Union and other countries requiring CE clearance. We believe that our standard and airway bite blocks are Class I 510(k)-exempt devices that require no preclearance from the FDA prior to marketing. We believe our Intraluminal Gastroplasty Device for Obesity and GERD (the Gastroplasty Device), and our Barrett's Excision and Ablation Device (the Barrett's Device), which are both still in development, will require investigational device exemption (IDE) clinical data for FDA approval as Class II 510(k) devices. We are preparing our clinical trial protocols for the Gastroplasty Device and anticipate submitting IDE trial plans to the FDA for review by the end of the first half of 2010, with in human trials beginning before the end of 2010. We are beginning preparation of the clinical trial protocols for the Barrett's Device and anticipate conducting the first human testing of this device in 2011.

We commenced production of the AMID Stapler™ during the first quarter of 2010, and we expect to have inventory on hand and sales and marketing personnel in place to begin commercial sales of the AMID Stapler™ before the end of June 2010. We are currently evaluating commercialization options for the SMART Dilator™ and our standard and airway bite blocks.

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Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations set forth below under Results of Operations and Liquidity and Capital Resources should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including the carrying value of our long term investments, property and equipment, contingencies and litigation. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. A more detailed discussion on the application of these and other accounting policies can be found in Note 2 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Results of Operations

We incurred losses of \$905,000 and \$893,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and we had an accumulated deficit of \$12.6 million at March 31, 2010. Since we do not currently generate revenue from any of our products, including those already cleared for commercial marketing by the FDA, we expect to continue to generate losses in connection with the initial commercial launch of such FDA-cleared products and the continual development of our other products and technologies. Our research and development activities are budgeted to expand over time, particularly as we commence clinical trials for our Gastroplasty Device and other of our product candidates. We are also in the process of building a marketing and distribution infrastructure in advance of the commercial launch of the AMID Stapler™, including the hiring and training of marketing, sales and customer service personnel and the purchase of inventory. As of April 30, 2010, we have hired both a Vice President of Marketing and Sales and a National Sales Manager, and we expect to have several regional sales professionals in place before commencing direct-selling activities in June 2010. We may further expand our marketing and distribution throughout 2010 and beyond. We anticipate that several months of selling activities will be required before market acceptance of the AMID Stapler reaches a level that results in significant revenues; however, there can be no assurance that this investment in commercial infrastructure and inventory will result in significant revenues in a timely manner or at all. As a result, we believe our operating losses are likely to be substantial over the next several years, and we will require additional resources if we are to be successful.

Three Months ended March 31, 2010 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2009

Research and development (R&D) costs and expenses were \$350,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to \$349,000 for the same period in 2009. This \$1,000 increase resulted primarily from increased expenditures of approximately \$110,000 for contract research, animal testing and other costs related to the development of prototypes for our Gastroplasty Device, offset by a \$135,000 reduction in contract research expense related to the development of the AMID Stapler™, which was completed in 2009. We expect R&D costs and expenses to increase significantly in 2010 and beyond as we enter into more advanced stages of development for our Gastroplasty Device and other surgical product candidates. These increased costs are expected to come from increased payroll costs related to the expansion of our engineering and product development staff, as well as the anticipated commencement of clinical trials.

General and administrative (G&A) costs and expenses were \$428,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2010 as compared to \$331,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2009. This \$97,000 increase primarily related to increased payroll costs from the addition of administrative and marketing personnel, increased stock-based compensation expense, and increased travel and trade show expenses related to the commercialization of the AMID Stapler™. These increases were offset in part by reimbursement from related companies for legal and accounting services and by reductions in accounting and legal fees. G&A costs and expenses consist primarily of salaries and other related costs, including stock-based compensation expense. Other administrative G&A costs and expenses include facility-related costs not otherwise included in R&D costs and expenses, and professional fees for legal and accounting services. We expect that our G&A costs and expenses will increase significantly during 2010 from the addition of sales and marketing personnel as we commence commercialization activities, primarily for the AMID

Stapler™. Additionally, we expect increased costs to comply with the reporting and other obligations applicable to public companies, including increased professional and audit fees related to the requirement pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that our independent registered public accounting firm provide an attestation report regarding our internal control over financial reporting.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have not generated any revenues and have incurred operating losses since inception, and we expect to continue incurring losses from operations for the foreseeable future. Our research and development expenditures are expected to expand significantly as we commence clinical trials for our Gastroplasty Device and other of our product candidates. We are also in the process of building a marketing and distribution infrastructure in advance of the commercial launch of the AMID Stapler, including significant investment in tooling and inventory and the hiring and training of marketing, sales and customer service personnel. There can be no assurance that this investment in commercial infrastructure and inventory will result in significant revenues in a timely manner or at all. We have funded our operations to date primarily with proceeds from the private placement of equity and from advances under credit facilities available to us. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with the development and commercialization of our products and product candidates, we are unable to estimate the precise amounts of capital outlays and operating expenditures associated with such development and commercialization activities. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including the progress and results of our clinical trials, the duration and cost of discovery and preclinical development, and laboratory testing and clinical trials for our product candidates, the timing and outcome of regulatory review of our product candidates, the costs involved in preparing, filing, prosecuting, maintaining, defending and enforcing patent claims and other intellectual property rights, the number and development requirements of other product candidates that we pursue and the costs and results of commercialization activities, including product marketing, sales and distribution. We believe that our \$2.2 million cash balance as of March 31, 2010, together with the \$4.0 million availability under our existing line of credit, will be sufficient to fund our current cash flow requirements through March 2011. However, in order to fund all of our planned operations in 2010 and beyond, including the anticipated commencement in 2010 of clinical trials for the Gastroplasty Device, we believe we will need to obtain additional external financing prior to March 2011.

We intend to obtain external financing for our future cash needs through public or private equity offerings, debt financings or corporate collaboration and licensing arrangements. Additional equity or debt financing or corporate collaboration and licensing arrangements may not be available on acceptable terms, or at all. We may need to raise additional funds more quickly than anticipated if our estimates are incorrect or if we choose to expand our product development efforts more rapidly than we presently anticipate. We may also decide to raise additional funds before we need them if the conditions for raising capital are favorable. The sale of additional equity or convertible debt securities may result in dilution to our stockholders. The incurrence of indebtedness would result in increased fixed obligations, and the terms of such indebtedness could include covenants restricting, among other things, our operations, our ability to incur additional indebtedness, our ability to pay dividends on our capital stock or our ability to merge or otherwise enter into business combination transactions. If adequate funds are not available, we may be required to delay, reduce the scope of or eliminate our research and development programs, reduce our planned commercialization efforts or obtain funds through arrangements with collaborators or others that may require us to relinquish rights to certain product candidates that we might otherwise seek to develop or commercialize independently.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Not required for smaller reporting companies as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

We maintain a system of disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) that is designed to provide reasonable assurance that information we are required to disclose in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management in a timely manner. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer evaluated this system of disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report and have concluded that the system is operating effectively to ensure appropriate disclosure.

There were no significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by paragraph (d) of Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act that occurred during period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are 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.

There have been no material changes in our risk factors since the filing of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. (Removed and Reserved).

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibits:

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| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |
| 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 |

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SIGNATURES

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

SAFESTITCH MEDICAL, INC.

Date: May 14, 2010

By: /s/ Jeffrey G. Spragens
Jeffrey G. Spragens
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 14, 2010

By: /s/ Adam S. Jackson
Adam S. Jackson
Chief Financial Officer