
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 10-Q

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

For The Quarter Ended: June 30, 2004

Commission File Number 0-19672

American Superconductor Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
organization or incorporation)

04-2959321
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

Two Technology Drive
Westborough, Massachusetts 01581
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(508) 836-4200
(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 checkmark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES NO

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

27,748,582

Class

Outstanding as of August 3, 2004

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AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | June 30, 2004 | March 31, 2004 |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 23,331,900 | \$ 31,241,237 |
| Short-term marketable securities | 22,522,432 | 15,045,419 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 6,422,898 | 8,566,657 |
| Inventory | 5,651,928 | 4,889,394 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 872,612 | 906,956 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total current assets | 58,801,770 | 60,649,663 |
| Property, plant and equipment: | | |
| Land | 4,021,611 | 4,021,611 |
| Construction in progress—building and equipment | 2,157,023 | 1,506,326 |
| Building | 34,102,138 | 34,102,138 |
| Equipment | 40,399,446 | 40,645,778 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 4,168,165 | 4,168,165 |
| Leasehold improvements | 6,269,037 | 6,269,037 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 91,117,420 | 90,713,055 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (35,579,676) | (34,082,036) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 55,537,744 | 56,631,019 |
| Long-term marketable securities | 3,588,988 | 6,360,047 |
| Goodwill | 1,107,735 | 1,107,735 |
| Other assets | 5,937,959 | 5,150,492 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total assets | \$ 124,974,196 | \$ 129,898,956 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 9,499,002 | \$ 11,541,634 |
| Deferred revenue | 3,983,344 | 2,905,792 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total current liabilities | 13,482,346 | 14,447,426 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 8) | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, \$.01 par value Authorized shares-50,000,000; shares issued and outstanding 27,747,832 and 27,614,149 at June 30, 2004 and March 31, 2004, respectively | 277,477 | 276,141 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 417,211,923 | 415,729,441 |
| Deferred compensation | (1,081,452) | (701,524) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (126,739) | (9,337) |
| Accumulated deficit | (304,789,359) | (299,843,191) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total stockholders' equity | 111,491,850 | 115,451,530 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 124,974,196 | \$ 129,898,956 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Revenues: | | |
| Contract revenue | \$ 195,195 | \$ 355,777 |
| Product sales and prototype development contracts | 12,454,881 | 7,400,530 |
| Total revenues | 12,650,076 | 7,756,307 |
| Costs and expenses: | | |
| Costs of revenue—contract revenue | 184,148 | 335,640 |
| Costs of revenue—product sales and prototype development contracts | 13,486,178 | 8,272,789 |
| Research and development | 1,588,882 | 4,863,057 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 2,377,008 | 2,704,848 |
| Total costs and expenses | 17,636,216 | 16,176,334 |
| Operating loss | (4,986,140) | (8,420,027) |
| Interest income | 143,758 | 34,519 |
| Fees—abandoned debt financing | (35,193) | — |
| Other income (expense), net | (68,593) | 29,032 |
| Net loss | \$ (4,946,168) | \$ (8,356,476) |
| Net loss per common share | | |
| Basic and Diluted | \$ (0.18) | \$ (0.39) |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding | | |
| Basic and Diluted | 27,724,476 | 21,343,720 |

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AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Net loss | \$ (4,946,168) | \$ (8,356,476) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | | |
| Foreign currency translation | 898 | 9,161 |
| Unrealized losses on investments | (118,300) | (3,375) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | (117,402) | 5,786 |
| Comprehensive loss | \$ (5,063,570) | \$ (8,350,690) |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| | Three months ended June 30, | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net loss | \$ (4,946,168) | \$ (8,356,476) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operations: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,951,694 | 1,615,976 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of PP&E and abandoned patents | 43,871 | (2,813) |
| Amortization of deferred compensation expense | 94,842 | 54,002 |
| Amortization of deferred warrant costs | 4,441 | 13,322 |
| Changes in operating asset and liability accounts: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 2,143,759 | (1,312,676) |
| Inventory-current and long-term | (762,534) | 1,600,090 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (83,944) | (29,874) |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (2,042,632) | 292,961 |
| Deferred revenue—current and long-term | 1,077,552 | (838,619) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (2,519,119) | (6,964,107) |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (650,697) | (889,799) |
| Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment | 55,500 | 27,938 |
| Purchase of marketable securities | (12,714,445) | — |
| Proceeds from the sale of marketable securities | 8,009,389 | 551,875 |
| Increase in other assets | (1,094,572) | (236,901) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (6,394,825) | (546,887) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common stock | 1,004,607 | 112,507 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 1,004,607 | 112,507 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (7,909,337) | (7,398,487) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 31,241,237 | 18,487,752 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 23,331,900 | \$ 11,089,265 |
| Supplemental schedule of cash flow information: | | |
| Noncash issuance of common stock | \$ 94,842 | \$ 54,002 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION
NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Nature of the Business and Operations

American Superconductor Corporation (the Company or AMSC) was formed on April 9, 1987. The Company is focused on developing, manufacturing and selling products using two core technologies: high temperature superconductor (HTS) wires and power electronic converters for electric power applications. The Company also assembles superconductor wires and power electronic converters into fully-integrated products, such as HTS ship propulsion motors and dynamic reactive compensation systems, which the Company sells or plans to sell to end users. The Company operates in three business segments—AMSC Wires, SuperMachines and Power Electronic Systems.

The Company has generated operating losses since its inception in 1987 and expects to continue incurring losses until at least the end of fiscal 2005. Operating losses for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 have contributed to net cash used by operating activities of \$17,421,953, \$39,604,957 and \$26,456,387, respectively, for these periods. For the three months ended June 30, 2004, net cash used by operating activities was \$2,519,119.

The Company had cash, cash equivalents, and short and long-term marketable securities of \$49,443,320 as of June 30, 2004.

The Company currently derives a portion of its revenue from research and development contracts. The Company recorded contract revenue related to research and development contracts of \$195,195 and \$355,777 for the three months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively. In addition, the Company recorded prototype development contract revenue on U.S. Navy and other contracts of \$7,473,620 and \$5,549,894, which are included under “Revenues – Product sales and prototype development contracts,” for the three months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Costs of revenue include research and development (R&D) and selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses that are incurred in the performance of these development contracts.

R&D and SG&A expenses included as costs of revenue for these development contracts were as follows:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--|-------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| Research and development expenses | \$8,823,173 | \$4,754,088 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | \$2,001,976 | \$1,524,654 |

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2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company presented herein have been prepared in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) instructions to Form 10-Q and as such do not include all of the information and note disclosures included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Certain information and footnote disclosure normally included in the Company's annual consolidated financial statements have been condensed or omitted. The interim consolidated financial statements, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 and the financial position at June 30, 2004.

The results of operations for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for the fiscal year. The Company suggests that these interim consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 which are contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K covering the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004.

There has been no material change to the Company's significant accounting policies from those described in the Form 10-K.

3. Stock-Based Compensation Plans and Pro Forma Stock-Based Compensation Expense

The Company applies Accounting Principles Board Opinion (APB) No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees," and related interpretations in accounting for its stock-based compensation plans. Accordingly, no accounting recognition is given to stock options granted at fair market value until they are exercised. Upon exercise, net proceeds, including tax benefits realized, are credited to stockholders' equity.

In October 1995, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," which sets forth a fair-value-based method of recognizing stock-based compensation expense. As permitted by SFAS No. 123, the Company has elected to continue to apply APB No. 25 to account for its stock-based compensation plans.

Had compensation cost for awards granted after 1994 under the Company's stock-based compensation plan been determined based on the fair value at the grant dates consistent with the method set forth under SFAS No. 123, the effect on certain financial information of the Company would have been as follows:

| | For the three months ended June 30, | |
|--|--|----------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| Net loss | \$ (4,946,168) | \$ (8,356,476) |
| Add: Stock compensation expense under APB 25 | 94,842 | 52,927 |
| Less: Stock compensation, net of tax, had all options been recorded at fair value per SFAS 123 | (924,206) | (949,757) |
| Adjusted net loss | \$ (5,775,532) | \$ (9,253,306) |
| Weighted average shares, basic and diluted | 27,724,476 | 21,343,720 |
| Net loss per share, as reported | \$ (0.18) | \$ (0.39) |
| Net loss per share, adjusted | \$ (0.21) | \$ (0.43) |

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The adjusted amounts include the effects of all activity under the Company's stock-based compensation plans since April 1, 2000. The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions used for grants:

| | For the three months ended June 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| Dividend yield | None | None |
| Expected volatility | 39% | 100% |
| Risk-free interest rate | 3.0% | 4.0% |
| Expected life (years) | 6.5 | 6.5 |
| Weighted average fair value of options granted at fair market value during the three months ended June 30,: | | |
| 2004 | | \$6.80 |
| 2003 | | \$3.03 |

The above amounts may not be indicative of future expense because amounts are recognized over the vesting period and the Company expects it will have additional grants and related activity under these plans in the future.

4. Net Loss per Common Share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is computed using the weighted average number of common shares and dilutive common equivalent shares outstanding during the period. Common equivalent shares include the effect of the exercise of stock options and warrants. For the three months ended June 30, 2004 and 2003, common equivalent shares of 1,958,592 and 4,324,255, respectively, were not included in the calculation of diluted EPS as they were considered antidilutive.

5. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2004 and March 31, 2004 consisted of the following:

| | June 30, 2004 | March 31, 2004 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Accounts Receivable (billed) | \$2,507,107 | \$3,427,482 |
| Accounts Receivable (unbilled) | 3,957,140 | 5,180,524 |
| Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts | (41,349) | (41,349) |
| Accounts Receivable, net | <u>\$6,422,898</u> | <u>\$8,566,657</u> |

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6. Inventories

Inventories at June 30, 2004 and March 31, 2004 consisted of the following:

| | <u>June 30, 2004</u> | <u>March 31, 2004</u> |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Raw materials | \$ 553,232 | \$ 623,792 |
| Work-in-progress | 2,947,763 | 2,109,794 |
| Finished goods | 2,150,933 | 2,155,808 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Inventory | <u>\$5,651,928</u> | <u>\$ 4,889,394</u> |

7. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses at June 30, 2004 and March 31, 2004 consisted of the following:

| | <u>June 30, 2004</u> | <u>March 31, 2004</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Accounts payable | \$2,815,903 | \$ 4,408,212 |
| Accrued restructuring | 106,502 | 119,493 |
| Accrued employee stock purchase plan | 113,897 | 189,659 |
| Accrued expenses | 5,687,989 | 6,100,914 |
| Accrued vacation | 774,711 | 723,356 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | <u>\$9,499,002</u> | <u>\$ 11,541,634</u> |

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Under Delaware law, the Company is required to indemnify its officers and directors for liabilities incurred under certain circumstances. The term of the indemnification period is for the officer's or director's lifetime. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make is unlimited; however, the Company has a Director and Officer insurance policy that limits its indemnification exposure and enables it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. As a result of its insurance policy coverage, the Company believes its indemnification exposure is minimal. These indemnification obligations were grandfathered under the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. (FIN) 45 as they were in effect prior to March 31, 2003. Accordingly, the Company has no liabilities recorded under FIN No. 45 as of June 30, 2004.

The Company received notice on November 5, 2003 of a lawsuit filed against it by TM Capital Corp., a past financial advisor to the Company, under which TM Capital claims to be entitled to cash and equity compensation with respect to the Company's October 2003 public equity offering. Specifically, TM Capital is requesting a cash payment in excess of \$1,600,000 and warrants to purchase over 170,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$9.50 per share. The Company filed an answer to this lawsuit, denying TM Capital's

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claims for damages and other relief and asserting several counterclaims against TM Capital, including breach of contract, gross negligence and breach of fiduciary duty. The lawsuit is currently in the early stages of discovery. As the Company believes it has meritorious defenses to this lawsuit and the Company cannot at this time conclude that potential losses associated with this litigation are probable or reasonably estimatable based on SFAS No. 5, "Accounting for Contingencies", the Company has not recorded any liability on its balance sheet as of June 30, 2004 nor any expense to its Statement of Operations.

9. Cost-Sharing Arrangements

The Company has entered into several cost-sharing arrangements with various agencies of the United States government. Funds paid to the Company under these agreements are not reported as revenues but are used to directly offset the Company's R&D and SG&A expenses, and to purchase capital equipment. The Company recorded costs and funding under these agreements of \$1,158,210 and \$506,088, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2004 and \$1,045,266 and \$312,719, respectively, for the three months ended June 30, 2003. At June 30, 2004, total funding received to date under these agreements was \$17,079,000. Future funding expected to be received under existing agreements is approximately \$1,565,000, subject to continued future funding allocations.

10. Business Segment Information

The Company has three reportable business segments—AMSC Wires, SuperMachines, and Power Electronic Systems.

The AMSC Wires business segment develops, manufactures and sells HTS wire. The focus of this segment's current development, manufacturing and sales efforts is on HTS wire for power transmission cables, motors, generators, synchronous condensers and specialty electromagnets.

The SuperMachines business segment develops and commercializes electric motors, generators, and synchronous condensers based on HTS wire. Its primary focus for motors and generators is on ship propulsion.

The Power Electronic Systems business segment develops and sells power electronic converters and designs, manufactures and sells integrated systems based on those converters for power quality and reliability solutions and for wind farm applications.

The operating results for the three business segments are as follows:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| Revenues* | | |
| AMSC Wires | \$ 3,334,149 | \$1,097,124 |
| SuperMachines | 7,385,731 | 5,549,894 |
| Power Electronic Systems | 1,930,196 | 1,109,289 |
| Total | \$12,650,076 | \$7,756,307 |

*See Note 9. Cost sharing funding is not included in reported revenues.

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| | Three Months Ended June 30, | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| Operating profit (loss) | | |
| AMSC Wires | \$(2,889,002) | \$(6,333,675) |
| SuperMachines | (296,727) | 11,858 |
| Power Electronic Systems | (1,348,846) | (1,824,065) |
| Unallocated corporate expense | (451,565) | (274,145) |
| Total | \$(4,986,140) | \$(8,420,027) |

The assets for the three business segments (plus Corporate cash) are as follows:

| | For the period ended | |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| | June 30, 2004 | March 31, 2004 |
| AMSC Wires | \$ 63,779,422 | \$ 63,554,415 |
| SuperMachines | 5,300,900 | 6,018,468 |
| Power Electronic Systems | 6,450,554 | 7,679,370 |
| Corporate cash and marketable securities | 49,443,320 | 52,646,703 |
| Total | \$124,974,196 | \$129,898,956 |

The accounting policies of the business segments are the same as those for the consolidated Company, except that certain corporate expenses which the Company does not believe are specifically attributable or allocable to any of the three business segments have been excluded from the segment operating income (loss).

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Executive Overview

We were founded in 1987. We are focused on developing, manufacturing and selling products using two core technologies: high temperature superconductor ("HTS") wires and power electronic converters for electric power applications. We also assemble superconductor wires and power electronic converters into fully integrated products, such as HTS ship propulsion motors and dynamic reactive compensation systems, which we sell or plan to sell to end users. Current or prospective customers for our products include electric utilities, electrical equipment manufacturers, industrial power users and commercial and military shipbuilders.

Our HTS wire addresses constraints on the power grids in the U.S. and other developed countries by increasing the electric current carrying capacity of the transmission cables comprising these power grids. In addition, our HTS wire, when incorporated into primary electrical equipment such as motors and generators, can provide increased manufacturing and operating savings due to a significant reduction in size and weight of this equipment. Also, our power electronic converters increase the quality and reliability of electric power that is transmitted by electric utilities or consumed by large industrial entities.

Our products are in varying stages of commercialization. Our power electronic converters have been sold commercially, as part of an integrated system, to utilities, manufacturers and wind farm owners since 1999. Our HTS wire has been produced commercially since the beginning of 2003, although its principal applications (power cables, rotating machines, specialty magnets) are currently in the prototype stage. Some of these prototypes are funded by U.S. government contracts, primarily with the Department of Defense and Department of Energy.

Our cash requirements depend on numerous factors, including successful completion of our product development activities, ability to commercialize our product prototypes, rate of customer and market adoption of our products and the continued availability of U.S. government funding during the product prototype phase. Significant deviations to our business plan with regard to these factors, which are important drivers to our business, could have a material adverse effect on our operating performance, financial condition, and future business prospects. We expect to pursue the expansion of our operations through internal growth and strategic alliances.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires that we make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the

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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. Actual results may differ under different assumptions or conditions.

Our accounting policies that involve the most significant judgments and estimates are as follows:

- Revenue recognition and deferred revenue;
- Allowance for doubtful accounts;
- Long-lived assets;
- Inventory accounting;
- Deferred tax assets; and
- Goodwill.

Revenue recognition and deferred revenue. For certain arrangements, such as contracts to perform research and development, prototype development contracts and certain product sales, we record revenues using the percentage of completion method, measured by the relationship of costs incurred to total estimated contract costs. We follow this method since reasonably dependable estimates of the revenue and costs applicable to various stages of a contract can be made. However, the ability to reliably estimate total costs at completion is challenging, especially on long-term prototype development contracts, and could result in future changes in contract estimates. Since many contracts extend over a long period of time, revisions in cost and funding estimates during the progress of work have the effect of adjusting earnings applicable to prior-period performance in the current period. Recognized revenues and profit or loss are subject to revisions as the contract progresses to completion. Revisions in profit or loss estimates are charged to income in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known. Some of our contracts contain incentive provisions, based upon performance in relation to established targets, which are recognized in the contract estimates when deemed realizable.

We recognize revenue from product sales upon customer acceptance, which can occur at the time of delivery, installation, or post-installation, where applicable, provided persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred, the sales price is fixed or determinable and the collectibility is reasonably assured. When other significant obligations remain after products are delivered, revenue is recognized only after such obligations are fulfilled. Customer deposits received in advance of revenue recognition are recorded as deferred revenue until customer acceptance is received. Deferred revenue also represents the amount billed to and/or collected from commercial and government customers on contracts which permit billings to occur in advance of contract performance/revenue recognition.

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Allowance for doubtful accounts. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional provisions for bad debt allowances may be required. The allowance for doubtful accounts was \$41,000 on June 30, 2004 and March 31, 2004.

Long-Lived Assets. We periodically evaluate our long-lived assets for potential impairment under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." We perform these evaluations whenever events or circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of an asset or group of assets is not recoverable. Our judgments regarding the existence of impairment indicators are based on market and operational performance. Indicators of potential impairment include:

- a significant change in the manner in which an asset is used;
- a significant decrease in the market value of an asset;
- a significant adverse change in its business or the industry in which it is sold;
- a current period operating cash flow loss combined with a history of operating or cash flow losses or a projection or forecast that demonstrates continuing losses associated with the asset; and
- significant advances in our technologies that require changes in our manufacturing process.

If we believe an indicator of potential impairment exists, we test to determine whether impairment recognition criteria in SFAS No. 144 have been met. To analyze a potential impairment, we project undiscounted future cash flows over the remaining life of the asset or the primary asset in the asset group, using a probability-weighted multiple scenario approach, reflecting a range of possible outcomes. If these projected cash flows are less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized based on the fair value of the asset or asset group less any costs of disposition. Evaluating the impairment requires judgment by our management to estimate future operating results and cash flows. If different estimates were used, the amount and timing of asset impairments could be affected. We charge impairments of the long-lived assets to operations if our evaluations indicate that the carrying values of these assets are not recoverable.

No impairment charges were recorded in fiscal 2004 or the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

Inventory accounting. We write down inventory for estimated obsolescence or unmarketable inventory in an amount equal to the difference between the cost of the inventory and the estimated realizable value based upon assumptions of future demand and market conditions. If actual market conditions are less favorable than those projected, additional inventory write-downs may be required.

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Deferred tax assets. We have recorded a full valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. While we consider future taxable income and tax planning strategies in assessing the need for the valuation allowance, if management were to determine that we would be able to realize deferred tax assets in the future in excess of the net recorded amount, an adjustment to the deferred tax asset would increase income in the period such determination was made. Likewise, should we determine that we would not be able to realize all or part of our net deferred tax assets in the future, an adjustment to the deferred tax asset would decrease income in the period such determination was made.

Goodwill. Goodwill represents the excess of cost over net assets of acquired businesses that are consolidated. Pursuant to SFAS No. 142 “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets,” goodwill is not amortized. In lieu of amortization, we perform an impairment review of our goodwill at least annually or when events and changes in circumstances indicate the need for such a detailed impairment analysis, as prescribed by SFAS 142. To date, we have determined that goodwill is not impaired, but we could in the future determine that goodwill is impaired, which would result in a charge to earnings.

Results of Operations

The Company has three reportable business segments—SuperMachines, AMSC Wires, and Power Electronic Systems.

The SuperMachines business segment develops and commercializes electric motors, generators, and synchronous condensers based on HTS wire. Its primary focus for motors and generators is on ship propulsion.

The AMSC Wires business segment develops, manufactures and sells HTS wire. The focus of this segment’s current development, manufacturing and sales efforts is on HTS wire for power transmission cables, motors, generators, synchronous condensers and specialty electromagnets.

The Power Electronic Systems business segment develops and sells power electronic converters and designs, manufactures and sells integrated systems based on those converters for power quality and reliability solutions and for wind farm applications.

Revenues

Total revenues during the three months ended June 30, 2004 were \$12,650,000, a 63% increase compared to the \$7,756,000 of revenues recorded for the same period a year earlier.

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| Revenues | Three months ended June 30, | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| SuperMachines | \$ 7,386,000 | \$5,550,000 |
| AMSC Wires | 3,334,000 | 1,097,000 |
| Power Electronic Systems | 1,930,000 | 1,109,000 |
| Total | \$12,650,000 | \$7,756,000 |

The increase in consolidated revenues of \$4,894,000 was mainly the result of higher prototype development contract revenues relating to a \$2,126,000 increase in work performed on the U.S. Navy 36.5 Megawatt (MW) motor program, a \$1,282,000 increase in product sales of HTS wire, and a \$1,116,000 increase in work performed on the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) project to install an HTS power cable in the transmission grid of the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA).

Revenues in our SuperMachines business unit increased by \$1,836,000 to \$7,386,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 from \$5,550,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2003. Approximately 95%, or \$7,004,000, of this business unit's first-quarter revenues related to the performance of work on the 36.5 MW motor program, which began in March 2003. The remainder of SuperMachines' revenues related to testing support on the 5 MW motor, which was delivered to the U.S. Navy in July 2003, work performed on an HTS propulsion system benefit contract, also from the U.S. Navy, and progress made on the SuperVAR™ synchronous condenser prototype being built for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Revenues in the first quarter were adversely affected by a \$400,000 adjustment in the cost incentive fee on the 36.5 MW program—a cost plus incentive fee contract—due to higher than expected costs from one subcontractor. SuperMachines' revenues in the prior-year quarter were derived from design work on the 36.5 MW motor program, the substantial completion of the 5 MW motor program, and the beginning of work on the SuperVAR prototype.

Revenues in our AMSC Wires business unit increased by \$2,237,000 to \$3,334,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 from \$1,097,000 for the same period of the prior year. The growth in AMSC Wires revenues in the first quarter of fiscal 2005, compared to the prior-year period, was attributable to an increase in product sales. Product sales increased by \$2,398,000 to \$3,139,000 in the quarter ended June 30, 2004 from \$741,000 in the prior-year quarter, due to two factors. First-generation (1G) wire sales increased to \$1,756,000 in the quarter ended June 30, 2004, compared to wire sales of \$474,000 in the prior-year quarter, and revenues recognized on the LIPA project, which began in April 2003, increased to \$1,383,000 in the quarter ended June 30, 2004, compared to \$267,000 in the same prior-year period. Contract revenues in AMSC Wires decreased by \$161,000 to \$195,000 in the quarter ended June 30, 2004 from \$356,000 in the same prior-year period due to a lower level of work performed on one Phase II Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant with the National Institutes of Health and the completion of work in fiscal year 2004 on a DOE SBIR,

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both focused on second-generation (2G) wire development. This decline in contract revenue was partially offset by the beginning of work on a new \$1,800,000 2G contract from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), which was awarded on June 4, 2004.

Revenues in the Power Electronic Systems business unit were \$1,930,000 for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 compared to \$1,109,000 for the same prior-year period, an increase of \$821,000. The increase in product sales was driven by the delivery and installation of a D-VAR system at a wind farm in Europe in the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

Cost-Sharing Funding

In addition to reported revenues, we also received funding of \$506,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2004 under three government cost-sharing agreements with the U.S. Air Force, Department of Commerce, and DOE. For the same period of the prior year, we recorded approximately \$313,000 of funding under the Air Force and Department of Commerce agreements. All of our cost-sharing programs are providing funding in support of 2G wire development work being done in the AMSC Wires business unit. We anticipate that a portion of our funding in the future will continue to come from cost-sharing agreements as we continue to develop joint programs with government agencies, one example of which is a \$1,000,000 Title III (2G Scale-Up) Phase II contract modification awarded by the Air Force on June 23, 2004. Work on the Phase II contract modification did not begin until the second quarter of fiscal 2005. As required by government contract accounting guidelines, funding from government cost-sharing agreements is recorded as an offset to R&D and SG&A expenses, rather than as revenues.

Costs and expenses

Total costs and expenses for the quarter ended June 30, 2004 were \$17,636,000 compared to \$16,176,000 for the same period last year.

“Costs of revenue – product sales and prototype development contracts” increased by \$5,213,000 to \$13,486,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2004, compared to \$8,273,000 for the same period of the prior year. This increase was directly related to the higher level of prototype development contract revenues in the SuperMachines business unit and increased product sales in the AMSC Wires and Power Electronic Systems business units. Also contributing to the increase was approximately \$300,000 in higher than anticipated development spending on the TVA SuperVAR prototype. “Costs of revenue – contract revenue” decreased by \$152,000 to \$184,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2004, compared to \$336,000 for the same period of the prior year. “Costs of revenue – contract revenue” decreased proportionally with the lower level of contract revenue.

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Research and development

A portion of our R&D expenditures related to externally funded development contracts has been classified as costs of revenue (rather than as R&D expenses). Additionally, a portion of R&D expenses was offset by cost sharing funding. Our R&D expenditures are summarized as follows:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| R&D expenses per Consolidated Statements of Operations | \$ 1,589,000 | \$4,863,000 |
| R&D expenditures classified as Costs of revenue | 8,823,000 | 4,754,000 |
| R&D expenditures offset by cost sharing funding | 322,000 | 286,000 |
| Pro forma R&D expenses | <u>\$10,734,000</u> | <u>\$9,903,000</u> |

R&D expenses (exclusive of amounts classified as costs of revenue and amounts offset by cost sharing funding) decreased to \$1,589,000 in the three months ended June 30, 2004 from \$4,863,000 for the same period last year primarily as a result of a higher percentage of the R&D costs being classified as costs of revenue due to the higher level of funded prototype development contract work in SuperMachines and as a result of a higher percentage of AMSC Wires' labor and overhead costs being absorbed into costs of revenue in support of the higher level of product sales. Pro forma R&D expenses, which include amounts classified as costs of revenue and amounts offset by cost sharing funding, increased by \$831,000 to \$10,734,000 in the three months ended June 30, 2004 from \$9,903,000 for the same period last year as a result of a \$1,070,000 increase in subcontractor and temporary labor costs in the SuperMachines business unit. Other increases in spending, such as the additional subcontractor costs associated with the LIPA program, were offset by cost savings associated with headcount and controllable expense reductions which were implemented in July 2003.

Selling, general, and administrative

A portion of the SG&A expenditures related to externally funded development contracts has been classified as costs of revenue (rather than as SG&A expenses). Additionally, a portion of SG&A expenses was offset by cost sharing funding. Our SG&A expenditures are summarized as follows:

| | Three Months Ended June 30, | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| | 2004 | 2003 |
| SG&A expenses per Consolidated Statements of Operations | \$2,377,000 | \$2,705,000 |
| SG&A expenditures classified as Costs of revenue | 2,002,000 | 1,524,000 |
| SG&A expenditures offset by cost sharing funding | 184,000 | 27,000 |
| Pro forma SG&A expenses | <u>\$4,563,000</u> | <u>\$4,256,000</u> |

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SG&A expenses (exclusive of amounts classified as costs of revenue and amounts offset by cost sharing funding) decreased to \$2,377,000 in the three months ended June 30, 2004 from \$2,705,000 for the same period last year primarily as a result of a higher percentage of the SG&A costs being classified as costs of revenue due to the higher level of funded prototype development contract work in SuperMachines. Pro forma SG&A expenses, which include amounts classified as costs of revenue and amounts offset by cost sharing funding, increased by \$307,000 to \$4,563,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2004 from \$4,256,000 for the same period last year. This increase was primarily the result of higher professional service fees, higher salary and benefit costs, and higher rent associated with our Westborough, Massachusetts corporate headquarters, partially offset by cost savings associated with the headcount and controllable expense reductions that were implemented in July 2003.

We present pro forma R&D and pro forma SG&A expenses, which are non-GAAP measures, because we believe this presentation provides useful information on our aggregate R&D and SG&A spending.

Non-operating expenses/Interest income

Interest income increased to \$144,000 in the three months ended June 30, 2004 from \$35,000 in the same period of the prior year. This increase in interest income reflects the higher cash balance available for investment as a result of our October 2003 public equity offering of 5,721,250 shares of our common stock that generated net proceeds (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions, but before deducting offering expenses) of \$51,148,000.

Fees – abandoned debt financing of \$35,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2004 represented various fees and expenses incurred in connection with our previously announced debt financing transaction that we decided not to pursue in August 2003 in favor of a public equity offering, which we completed in October 2003.

Other income (expense), net was (\$69,000) in the three months ended June 30, 2004, consisting primarily of losses from the sale of certain pieces of surplus equipment, compared to income of \$29,000 in the prior-year quarter as a result of gains on the sale of surplus equipment.

We expect to continue to incur operating losses until at least the end of fiscal year 2005 as we continue to devote significant financial resources to our commercialization efforts and to our ongoing research and development activities.

Please refer to the “Future Operating Results” section below for a discussion of certain factors that may affect our future results of operations and financial condition.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At June 30, 2004, we had cash, cash equivalents and short and long-term marketable securities of \$49,443,000 compared to \$52,647,000 at March 31, 2004, a decrease of \$3,204,000. The principal uses of cash during the three months ended June 30, 2004 were \$2,519,000 for the funding of our operations and \$651,000 for the acquisition of equipment, primarily for our 2G wire process equipment. An increase in other assets of \$1,095,000, primarily as a result of a capitalized license payment made in the quarter ended June 30, 2004, was offset by proceeds from the issuance of common stock of \$1,005,000, derived primarily from the exercise of stock options.

We have generated operating losses since our inception in 1987 and expect to continue incurring losses until at least the end of fiscal 2005. Operating losses for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 contributed to net cash used by operating activities of \$17,422,000, \$39,605,000 and \$26,456,000, respectively, for these periods. For the three months ended June 30, 2004, net cash used by operating activities was \$2,519,000.

In October 2003, we completed a public equity offering of 5,721,250 shares of our common stock that generated net proceeds (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions, but before deducting offering expenses) of \$51,148,000, in order to supplement our anticipated cash needs for operations as well as our investment in the 2G wire development program. Although our cash requirements fluctuate based on a variety of factors, including customer adoption of our products and our research and development efforts to commercialize our products, we believe that with the proceeds from the public stock offering in October 2003, our available cash will be sufficient to fund our working capital, capital expenditures, and other cash requirements for at least the next 12 months.

We have potential funding commitments (excluding amounts included in accounts receivable) of approximately \$64,211,000 to be received after June 30, 2004 from government and commercial customers, compared to \$65,301,000 at March 31, 2004. However, these current funding commitments, including \$48,337,000 on U.S. government contracts, are subject to certain standard cancellation provisions. Additionally, several of our government contracts are being funded incrementally, and as such, are subject to the future authorization and appropriation of government funding on an annual basis. We have a history of successful performance under incrementally-funded contracts with the government.

Included in our current potential funding commitment amount is \$34,015,000 relating to the Navy 36.5 MW motor contract, which represents the total base program value (excluding certain potential performance-based incentive fees) of \$66,611,000, plus \$317,000 of approved incentive fees, less the \$32,913,000 of revenue recognized for the program through June 30, 2004.

Of the current commitment amount of \$64,211,000 as of June 30, 2004, approximately 71% is billable to and potentially collectable from our customers within the next 12 months.

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The possibility exists that we may pursue acquisition and joint venture opportunities in the future that may affect liquidity and capital resource requirements.

To date, inflation and foreign exchange have not had a material impact on our financial results.

FUTURE OPERATING RESULTS

Various statements included herein, as well as other statements made from time to time by our representatives, which relate to future matters (including but not limited to statements concerning our future commercial success) constitute forward looking statements and are made under the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. There are a number of important factors which could cause our actual results of operations and financial condition in the future to vary from that indicated in such forward looking statements. Factors that may cause such differences include, without limitation, the risks, uncertainties and other information set forth below.

We have a history of operating losses, and we expect to incur losses in the future.

We have been principally engaged in research and development activities. We have incurred net losses in each year since our inception. Our net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2004 was \$4,946,000, and for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2004, March 31, 2003, and March 31, 2002 was \$26,733,000, \$87,633,000, and \$56,985,000, respectively. Our accumulated deficit as of June 30, 2004 was \$304,789,000. We expect to continue to incur operating losses until at least the end of fiscal 2005, and there can be no assurance that we will ever achieve profitability.

We had cash, cash-equivalents and long-term marketable securities totaling \$49,443,000 at June 30, 2004. In October 2003, we completed a public offering of 5,721,250 shares of our common stock that generated net proceeds (after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions, but before deducting offering expenses) of \$51,148,000. With the proceeds from this stock offering in October 2003, we believe our available cash will be sufficient to fund our working capital, capital expenditures, and other cash requirements for at least the next 12 months. However, we may need additional funds sooner than anticipated if our performance deviates significantly from our current business plan, if there are significant changes in competitive or other market factors, or if unforeseen circumstances arise. Such funds may not be available, or may not be available under terms acceptable to us.

There are a number of technological challenges that must be successfully addressed before our superconductor products can gain widespread commercial acceptance, and our inability to address such technological challenges could adversely affect our ability to acquire customers for our products.

Many of our products are in the early stages of commercialization and testing, while others are still under development. We do not believe any company has yet successfully developed and commercialized significant quantities of HTS wire or wire products. There are a number of technological challenges that we must successfully address to complete our development and commercialization efforts. We also believe that several years of further development in the cable and motor industries will be necessary before a substantial number of additional commercial applications for our HTS wire in these industries can be developed and proven. We may also need to improve the performance and/or reduce the cost of our HTS wire to expand the number

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of commercial applications for it. We may be unable to meet such technological challenges. Delays in development, as a result of technological challenges or other factors, may result in the introduction or commercial acceptance of our products later than anticipated.

The commercial uses of superconductor products are very limited today, and a widespread commercial market for our products may not develop.

To date, there has been no widespread commercial use of HTS products. Commercial acceptance of low temperature superconductor (LTS) products, other than for medical magnetic resonance imaging and superconductor magnetic energy storage (SMES) products, has been significantly limited by the cooling requirements of LTS materials. Even if the technological hurdles currently limiting commercial uses of HTS and LTS products are overcome, it is uncertain whether a robust commercial market for those new and unproven products will ever develop. It is possible that the market demands we currently anticipate for our HTS and LTS products will not develop and that superconductor products will never achieve widespread commercial acceptance.

We have limited experience manufacturing our HTS products in commercial quantities, and failure to manufacture our HTS products in commercial quantities at acceptable costs and quality levels could impair our ability to meet customer delivery requirements.

To be financially successful, we will have to manufacture our products in commercial quantities at acceptable costs while also preserving the quality levels we have achieved in manufacturing these products in limited quantities. This presents a number of technological and engineering challenges for us. In particular, we will need to improve the manufacturing yields we are achieving in the early stage of operation of our manufacturing plant located in Devens, Massachusetts. We cannot make assurances that we will be successful in developing product designs and manufacturing processes that permit us to manufacture our HTS products in commercial quantities at commercially acceptable costs while preserving quality. In addition, we may incur significant unforeseen expenses in our product design and manufacturing efforts. The failure to manufacture a sufficient quantity of HTS wire at acceptable quality levels could impair our ability to meet customer delivery commitments and adversely affect our revenue and cash flow.

We have limited experience in marketing and selling our products, and our failure to effectively market and sell our products could adversely affect our revenue and cash flow.

To date, we have only limited experience marketing and selling our products, and there are very few people anywhere who have significant experience marketing or selling superconductor products. Once our products are ready for widespread commercial use, we will have to develop a marketing and sales organization that will effectively demonstrate the advantages of our products over both more traditional products and competing superconductor products or other technologies. We may not be successful in our efforts to market this new and unfamiliar technology, and we may not be able to establish an effective sales and distribution organization.

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We may decide to enter into arrangements with third parties for the marketing or distribution of our products, including arrangements in which our products, such as HTS wire, are included as a component of a larger product, such as a motor. For example, we have a marketing and sales alliance with GE Energy giving GE Energy the exclusive right to offer our Distributed-SMES (D-SMES) and dynamic VAR (D-VAR) product lines in the United States and South America to utilities and the right to sell industrial Power Quality-Industrial Voltage Restorers (PQ-IVR) to one of GE's global industrial accounts. We also have a distribution agreement with Bridex Technologies Pte, Ltd., a power system solution integrator and technology company in Singapore, whereby Bridex markets and sells our integrated power electronic systems within Asia Pacific markets. By entering into marketing and sales alliances, the financial benefits to us of commercializing our products are dependent on the efforts of others. We may not be able to enter into marketing or distribution arrangements with third parties on financially acceptable terms, and third parties may not be successful in selling our products or applications incorporating our products.

Our products face intense competition both from superconductor products developed by others and from traditional, non-superconductor products and alternative technologies, which could limit our ability to acquire or retain customers.

As we begin to market and sell our superconductor products, we will face intense competition both from competitors in the superconductor field and from vendors of traditional products and new technologies. There are many companies in the United States, Europe, Japan and China engaged in the development of HTS products, including Sumitomo Electric Industries, Intermagnetics General, European Advanced Superconductors, Trithor, Fujikura, Furukawa Electric, and Innova Superconductor Technology. The superconductor industry is characterized by rapidly changing and advancing technology. Our future success will depend in large part upon our ability to keep pace with advancing HTS and LTS technology and developing industry standards. Our SMES products and integrated power electronic products, such as D-VAR, compete with a variety of other products such as dynamic voltage restorers (DVRs), static VAR compensators (SVCs), static compensators (STATCOMS), flywheels, power electronic converters and battery-based power supply systems. Competition for our PowerModules™ includes products from Ecostar, Inverpower, SatCon, Semikron and Trace. The HTS motor and generator products that we are developing face competition from copper wire-based motors and generators, and from permanent magnet motors that are being developed. Research efforts and technological advances made by others in the superconductor field or in other areas with applications to the power quality and reliability markets may render our development efforts obsolete. Many of our competitors have substantially greater financial resources, research and development, manufacturing and marketing capabilities than we have. In addition, as the HTS wire, HTS electric motors and generators, and power electronic systems markets develop, other large industrial companies may enter those fields and compete with us. If we are unable to compete successfully, it may harm our business, which in turn may limit our ability to acquire or retain customers.

Third parties have or may acquire patents that cover the high temperature superconductor materials we use or may use in the future to manufacture our products, and our success depends on our ability to license such patents or other proprietary rights.

We expect that some or all of the HTS materials and technologies we use in designing and manufacturing our products are or will become covered by patents issued to other parties, including our competitors. If that is the case, we will need either to acquire licenses to these patents or to successfully contest the validity of these patents. The owners of these patents may refuse to grant licenses to us, or may be willing to do so only on terms that we find commercially unreasonable. If we are unable to obtain these licenses, we may have to contest the validity or scope of those patents to avoid infringement claims by the owners of these patents. It is possible that we will not be successful in contesting the validity or scope of a patent, or that we will not prevail in a patent infringement claim brought against us. Even if we are successful in such a proceeding, we could incur substantial costs and diversion of management resources in prosecuting or defending such a proceeding.

Our patents may not provide meaningful protection for our technology, which could result in us losing some or all of our market position.

We own or have licensing rights under many patents and pending patent applications. However, the patents that we own or license may not provide us with meaningful protection of our technologies and may not prevent our competitors from using similar technologies, for a variety of reasons, such as:

- the patent applications that we or our licensors file may not result in patents being issued;
- any patents issued may be challenged by third parties; and
- others may independently develop similar technologies not protected by our patents or design around the patented aspects of any technologies we develop.

Moreover, we could incur substantial litigation costs in defending the validity of our own patents. We also rely on trade secrets and proprietary know-how to protect our intellectual property. However, our non-disclosure agreements and other safeguards may not provide meaningful protection for our trade secrets and other proprietary information. If the patents that we own or license or our trade secrets and proprietary know-how fail to protect our technologies, our market position may be adversely affected.

Our success is dependent upon attracting and retaining qualified personnel, and our inability to do so could significantly damage our business and prospects.

Our success will depend in large part upon our ability to attract and retain highly qualified research and development, management, manufacturing, marketing and sales personnel. Hiring those persons may be especially difficult due to the specialized nature of our business.

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We are particularly dependent upon the services of Dr. Gregory J. Yurek, our co-founder, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and Dr. Alexis P. Malozemoff, our Chief Technical Officer. The loss of the services of either of those individuals could significantly affect our business and future prospects.

Our contracts with the U.S. government are subject to audit, modification or termination by the U.S. government, and the continued funding of such contracts remains subject to annual congressional appropriation, which if not approved could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

As a company which contracts with the U.S. government, we are subject to financial audits and other reviews by the U.S. government of our costs and performance, accounting and general business practices relating to these contracts. Based on the results of its audits, the U.S. government may adjust our contract-related costs and fees. No assurances can be given that adjustments arising from government audits and reviews would not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

All of our U.S. government contracts can be terminated by the U.S. government for its convenience. Termination for convenience provisions provide only for our recovery of costs incurred or committed, settlement expenses and profit on work completed prior to termination. In addition to the right of the U.S. government to terminate its contract with us, U.S. government contracts are conditioned upon the continuing approval by Congress of the necessary spending to honor such contracts. Congress often appropriates funds for a program on a fiscal-year basis even though contract performance may take more than one year. Consequently, at the beginning of many major governmental programs, contracts often may not be fully funded, and additional monies are then committed to the contract only if, as and when appropriations are made by Congress for future fiscal years. There can be no assurance that our U.S. government contracts will not be terminated or suspended in the future. The U.S. government's termination of, or failure to fully fund, one or more of our contracts would have a negative impact on our operating results and financial condition. Further, in the event that any of our government contracts are terminated for cause, it could affect our ability to obtain future government contracts which could, in turn, seriously harm our ability to develop our technologies and products.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Our exposure to market risk through financial instruments, such as investments in marketable securities, is not material.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of June 30, 2004. In designing and evaluating the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applied its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that, as of June 30, 2004, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were (1) designed to ensure that material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report was being prepared and (2) effective, in that they provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

No change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2004 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II
OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We received notice on November 5, 2003 of a lawsuit filed against us on October 28, 2003 in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County by TM Capital Corp., a past financial advisor to us, under which TM Capital claims to be entitled to cash and equity compensation with respect to our October 2003 public equity offering. Specifically, TM Capital is requesting a cash payment in excess of \$1.6 million and warrants to purchase over 170,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$9.50 per share as a result of our decision not to continue to pursue a proposed \$50 million secured debt transaction and instead complete a public stock offering. We filed an answer to this lawsuit, denying TM Capital's claims for damages and other relief and asserting several counterclaims against TM Capital, including breach of contract, gross negligence, and breach of fiduciary duty. The lawsuit is currently in the early stages of discovery. We believe we have meritorious defenses to this lawsuit and intend to defend it vigorously.

Except as discussed above, we are not involved in any legal proceedings other than routine litigation or related proceedings incidental to our business that we do not consider material.

Item 2. Changes in Securities, Use of Proceeds and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Not Applicable

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

Item 5. Other Information

Not Applicable

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

a) Exhibits

See the Exhibit Index on the page immediately preceding the exhibits for a list of exhibits filed as part of this quarterly report, which Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by this reference.

b) Reports on Form 8-K

On May 13, 2004, we furnished a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated May 13, 2004, to report under Item 12 the information required with respect to financial results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004.

SIGNATURES

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

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION

August 9, 2004

/s/ Gregory J. Yurek

Date

Gregory J. Yurek
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

August 9, 2004

/s/ Kevin M. Bisson

Date

Kevin M. Bisson
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal
Financial Officer)

August 9, 2004

/s/ Thomas M. Rosa

Date

Thomas M. Rosa
Vice President of Finance and Accounting, and Secretary (Principal
Accounting Officer)

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|--------------------|---|
| 3.1 | Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on July 29, 2004. |
| 31.1 | Chief Executive Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 31.2 | Chief Financial Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.1 | Chief Executive Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.2 | Chief Financial Officer—Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT
OF
RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION

Pursuant to Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of
the State of Delaware

American Superconductor Corporation (hereinafter called the "Corporation"), organized and existing under and by virtue of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, does hereby certify as follows:

That by resolution of the Directors and Stockholders holding a majority of the stock of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon, resolutions were duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 141(f), 228 and 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, setting forth an amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation declaring said amendment to be advisable. The resolution setting forth the amendment is as follows:

RESOLVED: That the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation (the "Restated Certificate of Incorporation"), be and hereby is amended by deleting Article FOURTH in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

"FOURTH: The total number of shares of capital stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is One Hundred Million (100,000,000) shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, which capital stock shall have the voting powers, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof as are set forth below.

The voting and dividend rights, and the rights in the event of the liquidation of the Corporation, of the holders of the Common Stock are subject to and qualified by such rights of the holders of any Preferred Stock as may be set forth in the terms of any such Preferred Stock.

The holders of the Common Stock are entitled to one vote for each share held at all meetings of stockholders. There shall be no cumulative voting.

Dividends may be declared and paid on the Common Stock from funds lawfully available therefor as and when determined by the Board of Directors and subject to any preferential dividend rights of any then outstanding Preferred Stock.

Upon the dissolution or liquidation of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, holders of the Common Stock will be entitled to receive pro rata all net assets of the Corporation available for distribution after payment of creditors and of any preferential liquidation rights of any then outstanding Preferred Stock.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused its corporate seal to be affixed hereto and this Certificate of Amendment to be signed by its Chief Executive Officer this 29th day of July, 2004.

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Gregory J. Yurek
Gregory J. Yurek
Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Gregory J. Yurek, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of American Superconductor Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) [Paragraph omitted in accordance with SEC transition instructions contained in SEC Release 34-47986];
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 9, 2004

/s/ Gregory J. Yurek

Gregory J. Yurek

Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Kevin M. Bisson, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of American Superconductor Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) [Paragraph omitted in accordance with SEC transition instructions contained in SEC Release 34-47986];
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely

affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

- b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 9, 2004

/s/ Kevin M. Bisson

Kevin M. Bisson

Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of American Superconductor Corporation (the "Company") for the period ended June 30, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Gregory J. Yurek, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Gregory J. Yurek

Gregory J. Yurek
Chief Executive Officer

August 9, 2004

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
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SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of American Superconductor Corporation (the "Company") for the period ended June 30, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Kevin M. Bisson, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Kevin M. Bisson

KevinM. Bisson
Chief Financial Officer

August 9, 2004