

PRECISION OPTICS CORPORATION INC  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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FORM 10-KSB

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For transition period from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

Commission File Number **001-10647**

**PRECISION OPTICS CORPORATION, INC.**  
(Name of small business issuer in its charter)

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**04-279-5294**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**22 East Broadway**  
**Gardner, Massachusetts 01440**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(978) 630-1800**  
(Issuer's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Act: **None**

Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Act: **Common Stock, \$.01 par value**

Check whether the issuer is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

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

Check if no disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-B is contained in this form, and no disclosure will be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB or any amendment to this Form 10-KSB.

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

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The issuer's revenues for its most recent fiscal year were \$2,284,693.

The aggregate market value of the voting stock, consisting solely of common stock, held by non-affiliates of the issuer computed by reference to the closing price of such stock was \$1,536,007 as of August 31, 2006.

The number of shares of outstanding common stock of the issuer as of August 31, 2006 was 15,458,212.

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**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The issuer's Proxy Statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on November 28, 2006 is incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-KSB.

## PART I

### **ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS**

#### **HISTORY**

Precision Optics Corporation, Inc. (the “Company”) was incorporated in Massachusetts in 1982 and has been publicly owned since November 1990. References to the Company contained herein include its two wholly-owned subsidiaries, except where the context otherwise requires.

#### **BUSINESS OF ISSUER**

Precision Optics Corporation, Inc., a developer and manufacturer of advanced optical instruments since 1982, designs and produces high-quality medical instruments, optical thin film coatings, micro-optics with characteristic dimensions less than 1 mm, and other advanced optical systems. The Company’s medical instrumentation line includes laparoscopes, arthroscopes and endocouplers and a line of world-class 3-D endoscopes for use in minimally invasive surgical procedures. Precision Optics Corporation is registered to the ISO 9001:2000, ISO 13485:2003, and CMDCAS Quality Standards, and complies with the FDA Good Manufacturing Practices and the European Union Medical Device Directive for CE Marking of its medical products. The Company’s internet website is [www.poci.com](http://www.poci.com).

#### **Principal Products and Services and Methods of Distribution.**

**Medical Products.** The Company’s medical products include endoscopes, as well as image couplers, beamsplitters and adapters, all of which are used as accessories to endoscopes. Since January 1991, the Company has developed and sold endoscopes incorporating various optical technologies for use in a variety of minimally invasive surgical and diagnostic procedures. The Company’s current line of specialized endoscopes include arthroscopes (which are used in joint surgery), laryngoscopes (which are used in the diagnosis of diseases of the larynx), laparoscopes (which are used in abdominal surgery), ENT scopes (which are used for Ear, Nose and Throat procedures) and stereo endoscopes and cameras (which are used in cardiac and general surgery, and enable surgeons to visualize the surgical field in 3-D imagery, facilitating greater finesse and minimizing surgical risk).

The Company produces autoclavable endoscopes for various applications, which are CE Mark certified for European use, and have been designed and tested to withstand sterilization by autoclave (sterilization in superheated steam under pressure), as well as all other commonly used medical sterilization means. The major benefits of instruments that can be autoclaved include increased patient safety, quick turnaround, and elimination of hazardous sterilant and by-product materials, all of which provide increased value to the user compared to alternative sterilization methods. The Company believes its autoclavable endoscope technology will generate opportunities for endoscope revenue growth, particularly in Europe where autoclaving is the preferred method of sterilization.

The Company began shipments of a 2.7 mm ENT scope utilizing its proprietary Lenslock™ technology in December 2005. This new technology has advantages in ease of manufacture, and in time, cost and quality of repair. The Company is extending this technology to its broader line of endoscopes and believes that the benefits of Lenslock™ technology may lead to an increase in endoscope sales.

The Company developed and has manufactured and sold since 1985 a proprietary product line of instrumentation to couple endoscopes to video cameras. Included in this product line are imaging couplers (for example, the Series 200 Parfocal Zoom Couplers and the Series 950 Universal Couplers), which physically connect the endoscope to a video camera system and transmit the image viewed through the scope to the video camera. The Company’s Series 800 Beamsplitters perform the same function while preserving for the viewer an eye port for direct, simultaneous viewing through the endoscope. These devices are sold primarily to endoscope and video camera manufacturers and suppliers for resale under the Company’s customers’ names. All of the image couplers and beamsplitters manufactured by the

Company are approved for surgery-approved sterilization. Further, the Company believes it is one of only a few manufacturers of autoclavable image couplers worldwide.

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**Industrial and New Products.** In addition to its medical products, the Company also sells a line of image couplers and beamsplitters specially designed for industrial use, including the video-monitored examination of a variety of industrial cavities and interiors, as well as specialized borescopes for industrial applications. The Company may continue to develop and adapt its products for the industrial market.

The Company continues to move forward with new products and technical innovations, in particular, the development of a new generation (patent pending) of its world-class product line of 3-D endoscopes, the development of a new prototype 2.7 mm endoscope, and new instruments utilizing the Company's new micro-precision™ lens technology (patent pending) for endoscopes under 1 mm. The Company is exploring potential applications of single-molecule technology and nanotechnology.

**Micro-optics.** The Company designs and manufactures ultra-small lenses, prisms, and assemblies with sizes ranging from 0.2 mm to 1 mm. Assemblies range in complexity from the combination of two lens elements to entire imaging systems utilizing multiple micro-optical elements in combination with larger, conventional optics. These optical components and instruments utilize a variety of innovative techniques including the Company's patent-pending micro-precision™ lens technology.

**Optical Thin Films.** The Company designs and manufactures various types of high quality thin film coatings for use in a wide range of optical applications. Thin film coatings are typically produced in-house for the Company's medical instrumentation and other products, but any additional production beyond such uses is limited or very specialized.

**Night Vision Optics.** The Company has recently completed a partnership effort for the proprietary development of a new class of night vision lenses including a new patent-pending eyepiece lens. With prototypes completed, the product incorporating the Company's new night vision lenses is currently being evaluated for need and use, including field testing. The Company cannot control the timing of current evaluations and cannot therefore predict when, if ever, its developed prototypes in night vision lenses might begin to generate revenue. Should the Company's customer secure orders for its night vision system, the partnership agreement ensures the Company will either be contracted to manufacture the new lenses, or will receive royalties on lenses manufactured elsewhere.

**Optical System Design and Development Services.** On a contractual basis, the Company is able to provide advanced lens design, imaging analysis, optical system design, structural design and analysis, prototype production and evaluation, optics testing, and optical system assembly. Some of the Company's development contracts have led to optical system production business for the Company, and the Company believes its prototype development service may lead to new product production from time to time.

### **Competition and Markets.**

The Company sells its products in a highly competitive market and it competes for business with both foreign and domestic manufacturers. Many of the Company's current competitors are larger and have substantially greater resources than the Company. In addition, there is an ongoing risk for the Company that other domestic or foreign companies who do not currently service or manufacture products for the Company's target markets, some with greater experience in the optics industry and greater financial resources than the Company, may seek to produce products or services that compete directly with those of the Company.

The Company believes that competition for sales of its medical products and services, which have been principally sold to medical device companies who incorporate the Company's products into their systems, is based on performance and other technical features, as well as other factors, such as scheduling and reliability, in addition to competitive pricing. The Company markets and sells its endoscopes to original equipment manufacturer (OEM) video camera and video endoscopy suppliers for incorporation into their own product lines and for resale under their own name. A number of domestic and foreign competitors also sell endoscopes to such OEM suppliers, and the Company's share of the endoscope market is nominal. The Company believes that, while its resources are substantially more limited than

its competitors, the Company can compete successfully in this market on the basis of product quality, price and delivery.

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The Company currently sells its image couplers, beamsplitters, and adapters to a market that consists of approximately 30 to 35 potential OEM customers who manufacture and sell video cameras, endoscopes, and video-endoscopy systems. In the past, the Company has been successful in marketing and selling its products to approximately two thirds of these customers, and currently estimates that it maintains approximately 20% to 30% of the market share in these products. The Company plans to continue to focus its sales and marketing efforts in this area, and to work to increase its market share. However, a challenge the Company faces is customers' own in-house capabilities to manufacture such products, for which it estimates that approximately 50% of the market demand for image couplers, beamsplitters, and adapters is met by these "captive" facilities. In general and despite in-house capacity, the Company believes that many customers continue to purchase products from the Company in order to devote their own technical resources to their primary products, such as cameras or endoscopes.

The Company has recently hired a director of marketing, Brian Spies, to develop and expand the existing market for its products, to build relationships with OEM suppliers and to enhance the Company's service for its existing customers. Mr. Spies will work closely with the Company's existing sales team to develop and implement this marketing plan.

As an additional service component, the Company offers advanced optical design and development services, not related to thin film coatings, to a wide range of potential customers and has numerous competitors. The ability to supply design and development services to such customers is highly dependent upon a company's reputation and prior experience, which the Company believes it can provide to its customers on a cost efficient basis.

The Company has had negligible direct export sales to date. However, the Company's medical products have received the CE Mark Certification, which permits sales into the European marketplace. The Company may establish or use production facilities overseas to produce key components for the Company's business, such as lenses. The Company believes that the cost savings from such production may be essential to the Company's ability to compete on a price basis in the medical products area particularly and to the Company's profitability generally.

### **Research and Development.**

The Company believes that its future success depends to a large degree on its ability to continue to conceive and to develop new optical products and services to enhance the performance characteristics and methods of manufacture of existing products. Accordingly, it expects to continue to seek to obtain product-related design and development contracts with customers and to invest its own funds on its research and development. The Company spent approximately \$860,000 and \$1,143,000 of its own funds during fiscal years 2006 and 2005, respectively, on research and development.

The Company is currently incorporating its patent-pending LENSLOCK™ technology into its line of endoscopes. This proprietary technology ensures lower cost, easier reparability and enhanced durability. The Company is also aggressively pursuing the design, development and manufacture of ultra-small instruments (some with lenses less than one millimeter in diameter) utilizing its patent-pending micro-precision™ lens technology. The Company is also exploring new initiatives in single-molecule technology and nanotechnology for biomedical and other applications

### **Raw Materials and Principal Suppliers.**

The basic raw material of the majority of the Company's product line is precision grade optical glass, which the Company obtains from several major suppliers. Outside vendors grind and polish most of the Company's lenses and prisms. For optical thin film coatings, the basic raw materials are metals and dielectric compounds, which the Company obtains from a variety of chemical suppliers. Certain of the thin film coatings utilized in the Company's products are currently procured from an outside supplier, but most thin film coatings are produced in-house. The Company believes that its demand for these raw materials and thin film coating services is small relative to the total supply, and that materials and services required for the production of its products are currently available in sufficient



production quantities and will be available for fiscal year 2007. The Company believes, however, that there are relatively few suppliers of the high quality lenses and prisms which its endoscopes require. In response, the Company has established its own optical shop for producing ultra-high quality prisms, micro-optics and other specialized optics for a variety of medical and industrial applications.

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**Patents and Trademarks.**

The Company relies, in part, upon patents, trade secrets, and proprietary knowledge as well as personnel policies and employee confidentiality agreements concerning inventions and other creative efforts to develop and to maintain its competitive position. The Company does not believe that its business is dependent upon any patent, patent pending, or license, although it believes that trade secrets and confidential know-how may be important to the Company's scientific and commercial success.

The Company plans to file for patents, copyrights, and trademarks in the United States and in appropriate countries to protect its intellectual property rights to the extent practicable. The Company holds the rights to several United States and foreign patents and has several patent applications pending, including those for its new generation of 3-D endoscopes, its new Lenslock™ endoscope technology, and its new micro-precision™ lens technology. The Company knows of no infringements of its patents. The Company plans to protect its patents from infringement in each instance where it determines that doing so would be economical in light of the expense involved and the level and availability of the Company's financial resources. While the Company believes that its pending applications relate to patentable devices or concepts, there can be no assurance that patents will be issued or that any patents issued can be successfully defended or will effectively limit the development of competitive products and services.

**Employees.**

As of June 30, 2006, the Company had 30 full time employees and 6 part time employees. There were 16 employees in manufacturing, 11 in engineering, 3 in sales and marketing, and 6 in finance and administration.

**Customers.**

Revenues from the Company's largest customers, as a percentage of total revenues, were as follows:

	2006	2005
Customer A	17%	20%
Customer B	14	11
Customer C	14	—
All Others	55	69
	100%	100%

No other customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company's revenues in fiscal years 2006 and 2005.

**Environmental Matters.**

The Company's operations are subject to a variety of federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise relative to the protection of the environment. From time to time the Company uses a small amount of hazardous materials in its operations. The Company believes that it complies with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

**Government Regulations on the Business.**

**Domestic Regulation.** The Company currently develops, manufactures and sells several medical products, the marketing of which is subject to governmental regulation in the United States. Medical devices are regulated in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") and, in some cases, by certain state agencies. The FDA regulates the research, testing, manufacture, safety, effectiveness, labeling, promotion and distribution of medical

devices in the United States. Generally, medical devices require clearance or approval prior to commercial distribution. Additionally, certain material changes to, and changes in intended use of, medical devices also are subject to FDA review and clearance or approval. Non-compliance with applicable requirements can result in failure of the FDA to grant pre-market clearance or approval, withdrawal or suspension of approval, suspension of production, and/or the imposition of various other penalties.

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The Company provided notification to the FDA of its intent to market its endoscopes, image couplers, beamsplitters, and adapters, and the FDA has determined that the Company may market such devices, subject to the general controls provisions of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. This FDA permission was obtained without the need to undergo a lengthy and expensive approval process on account of the FDA's determination that such devices meet the regulatory standard of being substantially equivalent to an existing approved device.

In the future, the Company plans to market additional endoscopes and related medical products that may require the FDA's permission to market such products. The Company may also develop additional products or seek to sell some of its current or future medical products in a manner that requires the Company to obtain the permission of the FDA to market such products, as well as the regulatory approval or license of other federal, state, and local agencies or similar agencies in other countries. The FDA has authority to conduct detailed inspections of manufacturing plants in order to assure that "good manufacturing practices" are being followed in the manufacture of medical devices, to require periodic reporting of product defects to the FDA, and to prohibit the sale of devices which do not comply with law.

Foreign Requirements. Sales of medical device products outside the United States are subject to foreign regulatory requirements that may vary from country to country. Our failure to comply with foreign regulatory requirements would jeopardize our ability to market our products in foreign jurisdictions. The regulatory environment in Europe Union for medical device products differs from that in the United States. Medical devices sold in the European Economic Area must bear the CE mark. Devices are classified by manufacturers according to the risks they represent, with a classification of Class III representing the highest risk devices and Class I representing the lowest risk devices. Once a device has been classified, the manufacturer can follow one of a series of conformity assessment routes, typically through a registered quality system, and demonstrate compliance to a "European Notified Body." The CE mark may then be applied to the device. Maintenance of the system is ensured through annual on-site audits by the notified body and a post-market surveillance system requiring the manufacturer to submit serious complaints to the appropriate governmental authority. All of the Company's medical products are CE mark certified.

## **ITEM 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

The Company conducts its domestic operations at two facilities in Gardner, Massachusetts. The main Gardner facility is leased from a corporation owned by an officer-shareholder-director of the Company. The lease terminated in December 1999 and the Company is currently a tenant-at-will. The other Gardner facility is rented on a month-to-month basis. The Company rents office space in Hong Kong for sales, marketing and supplier quality control and liaison activities of its Hong Kong subsidiary.

The Company believes these facilities are adequate for its current operations and adequately covered by insurance. Significant increases in production or the addition of significant equipment additions or manufacturing capabilities in connection with the production of the Company's line of endoscopes, optical thin films, and other products may, however, require the acquisition or lease of additional facilities. The Company may establish production facilities domestically or overseas to produce key assemblies or components, such as lenses, for the Company's products. Overseas facilities may subject the Company to the political and economic risks associated with overseas operations. The loss of or inability to establish or maintain such additional domestic or overseas facilities could materially adversely affect the Company's competitive position and profitability.

## **ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

None.

## **ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

No matters were submitted to a vote of the Company's security holders during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006.



**PART II****ITEM 5. MARKET FOR COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS**

The Company's common stock is quoted on the OTCBB under the symbol "POCI.OB." Prior to December 27, 2005, the Company's common stock was listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market® under the symbol "POCI." Set forth below are the high and low sales prices or bid prices for the Company's common stock for each quarter during the last two fiscal years as quoted on the OTCBB or listed by NASDAQ, as applicable. The quotes from the OTCBB reflect inter-dealer prices, without retail markup, markdown or commissions and may not represent actual transactions. The information below was obtained from those organizations, for the respective periods.

<u>Quarter</u>	<b>2005</b>		<b>2006</b>	
	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
First	\$1.33	\$0.82	\$0.90	\$0.45
Second	\$1.50	\$0.61	\$0.80	\$0.20
Third	\$1.75	\$0.88	\$0.50	\$0.20
Fourth	\$1.36	\$0.52	\$0.71	\$0.32

On April 13, 2006, the Company sold an aggregate of 8,450,000 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at a price of \$0.25 per share, raising gross proceeds of \$2,112,500. All of the following shares of common stock issued were issued in a non registered transaction in reliance on Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended:

<u>Purchaser</u>	<b>Common Stock Purchased</b>
AIGH Investments	4,755,200
Hershel Berkowitz	951,040
Joshua Hirsch	237,760
David Hoffman	16,000
Moshe Shuchatowitz	40,000
Donald A Major (a)	100,000
Richard B. Miles (a)	100,000
Joel Pitlor (a)	2,214,419
Stephen Scheinberg	250,000

(a) Director of the Company

These shares were subsequently registered on a registration statement on a Form SB-2, which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2006.

As of August 31, 2006, there were approximately 150 holders of record of the Company's common stock. Holders of record include nominees who may hold shares on behalf of multiple owners.

The Company has not declared any dividends during the last two fiscal years. At present, the Company intends to retain its earnings, if any, to finance research and development and expansion of its business.

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## **ITEM 6. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **Important Factors Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

When used in this discussion, the words “believes,” “anticipates,” “intends to,” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. These risks and uncertainties, many of which are not within our control, include, but are not limited to, the uncertainty and timing of the successful development of our new products; decisions by customers to place orders for our products; the risks associated with reliance on a few key customers; our ability to attract and retain personnel with the necessary scientific and technical skills; the timing and completion of significant orders; the timing and amount of our research and development expenditures; the timing and level of market acceptance of customers' products for which we supply components; performance of our vendors; our ability to control costs associated with performance under fixed price contracts; and the continued availability of essential supplies, materials and services. We caution investors not to place undue reliance on these forward looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We undertake no obligation to revise or update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that may occur after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

### **Overview**

Precision Optics Corporation, a developer and manufacturer of advanced optical instruments since 1982, designs and produces high-quality optical thin film coatings, micro-optics, medical instruments, and other advanced optical systems. The Company's medical instrumentation line includes laparoscopes, arthroscopes and endocouplers and a world-class product line of 3-D endoscopes for use in minimally invasive surgical procedures.

The Company is currently developing specialty instruments incorporating its patent-pending LENSLOCK™ technology which ensures lower cost, easier reparability and enhanced durability. The Company is also aggressively pursuing ultra-small instruments (some with lenses less than one millimeter in diameter) utilizing patent-pending micro-precision™ lens technology. The Company is also exploring new initiatives in single-molecule technology and nanotechnology for biomedical and other applications.

Precision Optics Corporation is certified to the ISO 9001 and ISO 13485 Quality Standards and complies with the FDA Good Manufacturing Practices and the European Union Medical Device Directive for CE marking of its medical products. The Company's internet website is [www.poci.com](http://www.poci.com).

The areas in which the Company does business are highly competitive and include both foreign and domestic competitors. Many of the Company's competitors are larger and have substantially greater resources than the Company. Furthermore, other domestic or foreign companies, some with greater financial resources than the Company, may seek to produce products or services that compete with those of the Company. The Company routinely outsources specialized production efforts as required, both domestic and off-shore to obtain the most cost effective production. Over the years, the Company has achieved extensive experience with other optical specialists worldwide.

Since the 1990's the Company has maintained a Hong Kong subsidiary to support business and quality control activities as required throughout Asia. The Company believes that the cost savings from such production is essential to the Company's ability to compete on a price basis in the medical products area particularly and to the Company's profitability in general.

The Company believes that competition for sales of its medical products and services, which have been principally sold to original equipment manufacturer (OEM) customers, is based on performance and other technical features, as



well as other factors, such as scheduling and reliability, in addition to competitive price.

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The Company believes that its future success depends to a large degree on its ability to continue to conceive and to develop new optical products and services to enhance the performance characteristics and methods of manufacture of existing products. Accordingly, it expects to continue to seek to obtain product-related design and development contracts with customers and to invest its own funds on research and development, to the extent funds are available.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

#### ***General***

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations are based upon the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. The Company bases its 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. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

The Company believes the following critical accounting policies affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with U.S. GAAP and SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 104, Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements. SAB No. 104 requires that four basic criteria must be met before revenue can be recognized: (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (2) delivery has occurred or services rendered; (3) the price to the buyer is fixed or determinable; and (4) collectibility is reasonably assured. Determination of criteria (3) and (4) are based on management's judgments regarding the fixed nature of the price to the buyer charged for products delivered or services rendered and collectibility of the sales price. The Company assesses credit worthiness of customers based upon prior history with the customer and assessment of financial condition. The Company's shipping terms are customarily FOB shipping point.

#### ***Bad Debt***

The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. Allowances for doubtful accounts are established based upon review of specific account balances and historical experience. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make future payments, additional allowances may be required.

#### ***Inventories***

The Company provides for estimated obsolescence on unmarketable inventory based upon assumptions about future demand and market conditions. If actual demand and market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write downs may be required. Inventory, once written down, is not subsequently written back up, as these adjustments are considered permanent adjustments to the carrying value of the inventory.

#### ***Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of***

The Company accounts for impairment of long-lived assets in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. This statement requires that long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying

amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of an asset to undiscounted future net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such assets are considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is measured by the amount by which the carrying amount of the assets exceeds the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of through sale are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less estimated costs to sell.

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***Income Taxes***

Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

In assessing the likelihood of utilization of existing deferred tax assets, management has considered historical results of operations and the current operating environment.

***Stock-Based Compensation***

The Company accounts for its stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method provided for under Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees and related interpretations. Under APB No. 25 and related interpretations, compensation cost is recognized based on the difference, if any, on the date of grant between the fair value of the Company's stock and the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, (as amended by SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure), establishes a fair-value-based method of accounting for stock-based compensation plans. The Company has adopted the disclosure-only alternative under SFAS No. 123, which requires the disclosure of the pro forma effects on net loss and net loss per share as if the fair value accounting prescribed by SFAS No. 123 had been adopted.

**Fiscal Year 2006 Results of Operations**

Total revenues for fiscal year 2006 were \$2,284,693, an increase of \$934,874, or 69%, from fiscal year 2005 revenues of \$1,349,819.

The revenue increase from the prior year was due principally to growth in sales of micro-lenses, autoclavable endoscopes and couplers, along with the introduction of a number of new products.

Revenues from the Company's largest customers, as a percentage of total revenues, were as follows:

	2006	2005
Customer A	17%	20%
Customer B	14	11
Customer C	14	—
All Others	55	69
	100%	100%

No other customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company's revenues in fiscal years 2006 and 2005.

Gross profit (loss) for fiscal year 2006 reflected a change of \$651,829 compared to fiscal year 2005. Gross profit as a percentage of revenues increased from a negative 48% in fiscal year 2005 to effectively break-even in fiscal year 2006. The favorable change in gross profit (loss) was due primarily to increased sales volume and lower provisions for slow moving and obsolete inventories in fiscal year 2006 compared to fiscal year 2005.



Research and development expenses decreased by \$283,476, or 25%, during fiscal year 2006 compared to the previous year. The decrease was due to a lower level of resources being devoted to product development activities, and a shift to more customer focused efforts, resulting in initial product shipments to several new customers.

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$239,611 or 13%, during fiscal year 2006 compared to the previous year. The decrease was due primarily to savings from reduced professional fees, the chief financial officer position changing to part time, and through reduced premiums as a result of changing the Company's general insurance provider, offset by an increase in consulting fees.

Interest income decreased by \$14,240 or 28% during fiscal year 2006 compared to the previous year. The decrease was due to the lower average balance of cash and cash equivalents.

The income tax provisions in fiscal years 2006 and 2005 represent the minimum statutory state income tax liability.

### **Fiscal Year 2005 Results of Operations**

Total revenues for fiscal year 2005 were \$1,349,819, a decrease of \$122,189 or 8%, from fiscal year 2004 revenues of \$1,472,008.

The revenue decrease from the prior year was due principally to lower unit volume sales of medical products (down 23%), partially offset by higher unit volume sales of non-medical products (up 82%). Medical sales were lower due primarily to one-time shipments last year to a customer of specialty endoscopes used for cardiac surgical applications, as previously reported. Non-medical sales were higher due primarily to higher sales of industrial lenses, couplers and thin film coatings.

Revenues from the Company's largest customers, as a percentage of total revenues, were as follows:

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Customer A	20%	24%
Customer B	11	6
Customer C	—	22
All Others	69	48
	100%	100%

No other customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company's revenues in fiscal years 2005 and 2004.

Gross profit (loss) for fiscal year 2005 reflected an unfavorable change of \$56,873 compared to fiscal year 2004. Gross profit as a percentage of revenues decreased from a negative 40% in fiscal year 2004 to a negative 49% in fiscal year 2005. The unfavorable change in gross profit (loss) was due primarily to lower sales volume partially offset by lower provisions for slow moving and obsolete inventories of approximately \$401,900 in fiscal year 2005 compared to approximately \$500,000 in fiscal year 2004.

Research and development expenses decreased by \$175,933, or 13%, during fiscal year 2005 compared to the previous year. The decrease was due to a lower level of resources being devoted to internal product development activities, and a shift in certain resources to more customer sponsored development efforts, resulting in initial product shipments to several new customers.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$118,575 or 7%, during fiscal year 2005 compared to the previous year. The increase was due primarily to higher bid and proposal expenses and professional services expenses, partially offset by lower insurance expense.

The provision for restructuring in fiscal year 2005 of \$89,512 consists of a provision for severance benefits substantially paid in the quarter ended June 30, 2005 related to the June 2005 workforce reduction of 3%, or one employee. The provision for restructuring in fiscal year 2004 of \$52,208 consists of a provision for severance benefits paid in the quarter ended March 31, 2004 related to the January 2004 workforce reduction of 15%, or five employees.

The following table sets forth the quarterly impacts and cash payments associated with the asset impairment and restructuring provisions:

	<b>Provision for Employee Severance</b>
Reserve Balance, June 30, 2004	\$ —
Total Provision	89,512
Cash Payments	(84,501)
Reserve Balance, June 30, 2005	\$ 5,011
Total Provision	—
Cash Payments	(5,011)
Reserve Balance, June 30, 2006	\$ —

Interest income increased by \$32,484 or 180% during fiscal year 2005 compared to the previous year. The increase was due to the higher base of cash and cash equivalents because of proceeds received from the rights offering in July 2004.

The income tax provisions in fiscal years 2005 and 2004 represent the minimum statutory state income tax liability.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company has incurred significant operating losses during the last fiscal year and on a historical basis. This trend was primarily the result of the loss of several significant customers, completion of several large nonrecurring government contracts, and operating losses and provision for asset impairment, restructuring, and inventory write-downs associated with the downturn in demand for optical filters used in telecommunications systems. In fiscal 1998, the Company began making significant investments in research and development and capital purchases for new products. In August 1999 and March 2000, the Company raised gross proceeds of approximately \$16 million of additional cash through the issuance of common stock. In July 2004, the Company completed a rights offering to stockholders of record at June 7, 2004 by issuing 5,256,159 shares of common stock, raising net cash proceeds of approximately \$5 million. Additionally, in April 2006, the Company sold 8,450,000 shares of its common stock, raising net cash proceeds of approximately \$2 million.

In the past five fiscal years, the Company has implemented a number of restructuring and cost saving measures in an effort to align costs with revenues and strengthen financial performance. Full-time employee headcount has been reduced from 78 at June 30, 2001 to 30 at June 30, 2006. The Company has discontinued the development and manufacturing of telecommunications products, canceled the lease on its Optical Thin Films Technology Center, and

written down and/or sold certain of the property, equipment and inventories invested in its telecommunications business, and has implemented other cost reduction measures. As a result of these actions, the Company has incurred asset impairment, restructuring and inventory write-down provisions of approximately \$177,000, \$500,000, \$491,412 and \$32,000 for the years ended June 30, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively, and has received net proceeds from the sale of assets of approximately \$180,000 during the year ended June 30, 2006. In addition, the Company will continue its review of other expense areas to determine where additional reductions in discretionary spending can be achieved.

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As of June 30, 2006, the Company's cash and cash equivalents were \$2,030,428. The Company believes, based on its operating and strategic plans that it will have sufficient funds to conduct operations through at least the next twelve months.

Contractual cash commitments for the fiscal years subsequent to June 30, 2006 are summarized as follows:

	2007	Thereafter	Total
Operating Leases	\$ 32,518	\$ 6,012	\$ 38,530

### **Trends and Uncertainties That May Affect Future Results**

For the quarter ended June 30, 2006, cash and cash equivalents increased by \$1,537,413 compared to a decrease of \$416,437 for the previous quarter ended March 31, 2006 as a result of the receipt of \$2,112,500 in gross proceeds from the closing of a private placement on April 13, 2006.

Capital equipment expenditures during the year ended June 30, 2006 were \$31,730, down from \$32,140 for fiscal year 2005. Future capital equipment expenditures will be dependent upon future sales and success of on-going research and development efforts.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2006, research and development expenses were \$252,399, up 8% from \$233,194 for the quarter ended June 30, 2005. The level of future quarterly R&D expenses is ultimately dependent upon the Company's assessment of new product opportunities.

The Company expects its recent pattern of quarter-to-quarter revenue fluctuations to continue, due to the uncertain timing of orders from customers and their size in relation to total revenues. The Company continues to move forward with new products and technical innovations, in particular, the development of a new generation (patent pending) of its world-class product line of 3-D endoscopes, the use of Lenslock™ technology in the Company's 2.7 mm and 4 mm endoscopes, and new instruments utilizing the Company's new micro-precision™ lens technology (patent pending) for endoscopes under 1 mm. The Company continues to explore potential applications of single-molecule technology and nanotechnology.

The Company believes that the recent introduction of several new products, along with new and on-going customer relationships, will generate additional revenues, which are required in order for the Company to achieve profitability. If these additional revenues are not achieved on a timely basis, the Company will be required and is prepared to implement further cost reduction measures, as necessary.

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, requiring companies to report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting, will first apply to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. The Company expects its operating expense will increase as a result of the costs associated with the implementation of and maintaining compliance with Section 404.

### **Factors That May Affect Future Results and Market Price of Stock**

***Our Quarterly Financial Results Depend on a Large Number of Factors and Therefore May Vary Quarter to Quarter - As a Result, We Cannot Predict with a High Degree of Certainty Our Operating Results in Any Particular Fiscal Quarter.***

Our quarterly operating results may vary significantly depending upon factors such as:



- the timing of completion of significant orders
  - the timing and amount of our research and development expenditures
  - the costs of initial product production in connection with new products
  - the timing of new product introductions -- both by us and by our competitors
- the timing and level of market acceptance of new products or enhanced versions of our existing products
- our ability to retain existing customers and customers' continued demand for our products and services
  - our customers' inventory levels, and levels of demand for our customers' products and services
- competitive pricing pressures

We cannot be certain whether we will be able to grow or sustain revenues or achieve or maintain profitability on a quarterly or annual basis or that levels of revenue and/or profitability may not vary from one such period to another.

***We May Need to Raise Additional Funds in The Future - If We Cannot Obtain Adequate Financing on Acceptable Terms When Required, Our Business Will Be Adversely Affected.***

We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents are sufficient to support our working capital and investment needs through at least the next twelve months, however, we may need to raise additional capital in the future. We may seek funding through additional public or private equity offerings or debt financings. Our ability to raise additional capital, however, will be heavily influenced by the investment market. Additional financing may not be available when needed, or, if available, may not be available on favorable terms. If we cannot obtain adequate financing on acceptable terms when such financing is required, our business will be adversely affected.

***We Rely on a Small Number of Customers and Cannot Be Certain They Will Consistently Purchase Our Products in the Future.***

In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, our three largest customers represented approximately 17%, 14%, and 14% respectively, of our total revenues. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, our two largest customers represented approximately 20% and 11%, respectively, of our total revenues. No other customer accounted for more than 10% of our revenues during those periods.

In the future, a small number of customers may continue to represent a significant portion of our total revenues in any given period. We cannot be certain that such customers will consistently purchase our products at any particular rate over any subsequent period.

***We Rely Heavily Upon the Talents of Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Scientific Officer, the Loss of Whom Could Severely Damage Our Business.***

Our performance depends to a large extent on a small number of key scientific, technical, managerial, and marketing personnel. In particular, we believe our success is highly dependent upon the services and reputation of our Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Richard E. Forkey. Loss of Mr. Forkey's services could severely damage our business.

Additionally, Dr. Joseph N. Forkey was appointed our Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer in April 2006. Dr. Forkey's appointment has provided us with significant additional capabilities in optical instrument

development, in management of new technology and in potentially significant longer-term initiatives in Biophysics and Biomedical instrumentation, as well as new photonics-based market opportunities. The loss of Dr. Forkey's scientific contributions could severely damage our business.

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***We Must Continue to Be Able to Attract Employees With the Scientific and Technical Skills That Our Business Requires - If We Are Unable to Attract and Retain Such Individuals, Our Business Could Be Severely Damaged.***

Our ability to attract employees with a high degree of scientific and technical talent is crucial to the success of our business. There is intense competition for the services of such persons, and we cannot guarantee that we will be able to attract and retain individuals possessing the necessary qualifications.

***We Have a Number of Large, Well-Financed Competitors Who Have Research and Marketing Capabilities That Are Superior to Ours.***

The industries in which we compete are highly competitive. Many of our existing and potential competitors have greater financial resources and manufacturing capabilities, more established and larger marketing and sales organizations and larger technical staffs than we have. Other companies, some with greater experience in the telecommunications, optics, semiconductor or medical products industries, are seeking to produce products and services that compete with our products and services.

***We Are Subject to a High Degree of Regulatory Oversight - We Cannot Be Certain That We Will Continue to Receive the Necessary Regulatory Approvals.***

The FDA has allowed us to market the medical products we currently sell in the United States. However, prior FDA approval may be required before we can market additional medical products that we may develop in the future. We may also seek to sell current or future medical products in a manner that requires us to obtain FDA permission to market such products. We may also require the regulatory approval or license of other federal, state or local agencies or comparable agencies in other countries.

We cannot be certain that we will continue to receive the FDA's permission to market our current products or obtain the necessary regulatory permission, approvals or licenses for the marketing of any of our future products. Also, we cannot predict the impact on our business of FDA regulations or determinations arising from future legislation or administrative action.

***We Face Risks Inherent in Product Development and Production Under Fixed Price Purchase Orders - We Cannot Be Sure That These Purchase Orders Will Be Profitable over Time.***

A portion of our business has been devoted to research, development and production under fixed price purchase orders. For our purposes, a fixed price purchase order is any purchase order under which we will provide products or services for a fixed price over an extended period of time (usually six months or longer). In our 2006 and 2005 fiscal years, fixed price purchase orders represented approximately 24% and 15%, respectively, of our total revenues. We expect that revenues from fixed price purchase orders will continue to represent a significant portion of our total revenues in future fiscal years.

Because they involve performance over time, we cannot predict with certainty the expenses involved in meeting our obligations under fixed price purchase orders. Therefore, we can never be sure at the time we enter into any single fixed price purchase order that such purchase order will be profitable for us.

***Third Parties May Infringe on Our Patents - As a Result, We Could Incur Significant Expense in Protecting Our Patents or Not Have Sufficient Resources to Protect Them.***

We hold a number of patents that are important to our business. Although we are not currently aware of any past or present infringements of our patents, we plan to protect these patents from infringement and obtain additional patents whenever feasible. To this end, we have obtained confidentiality agreements from our employees and consultants and others who have access to the design of our products and other proprietary information. Protecting and obtaining

patents, however, is both time consuming and expensive. We therefore may not have the resources necessary to assert all potential patent infringement claims or pursue all patents that might be available to us.

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***Third Parties May Claim that We Have Infringed on Their Patents - As a Result, We Could Be Prohibited from Using All or Part of Any Technology Used in Our Products.***

Should third parties claim a proprietary right to all or part of any technology that we use in our products, such a claim, regardless of its merit, could involve us in costly litigation. If successful, such a claim could also result in us being unable to freely to use the technology that was the subject of the claim, or sell products embodying such technology.

***We Depend on the Availability of Certain Key Supplies and Services That Are Available From Only a Few Sources - If We Experience Difficulty with a Supplier, We May Have Difficulty Finding Alternative Sources of Supply.***

Certain key supplies used in our products, particularly precision grade optical glass, are available from only a few sources, each of which is located outside the United States. Also, outside vendors grind and polish certain of our lenses and other optical components, such as prisms and windows. Based upon our ordering experience to date, we believe the materials and services required for the production of our products are currently available in sufficient quantities. Our requirements are small relative to the total supply, and we are not currently encountering problems with availability. However, this does not mean that we will continue to have timely access to adequate supplies of essential materials and services in the future or that supplies of these materials and services will be available on satisfactory terms when the need arises. Our business could be severely damaged if we become unable to procure essential materials and services in adequate quantities and at acceptable prices.

From time to time, certain of our products may be produced for us by subcontractors, and our business is subject to the risk that these subcontractors fail to make timely delivery. Our products and services are also from time to time used as components of the products and services of other manufacturers. We are therefore subject to the risk that manufacturers that integrate our products or services into their own products or services are unable to acquire essential supplies and services from third parties in a timely fashion.

***Our Customers May Claim that the Products We Sold Them Were Defective - If Our Insurance Is Not Sufficient to Cover a Claim, We Would Be Liable for the Excess.***

Like any manufacturer, we are and always have been exposed to liability claims resulting from the use of our products. We maintain product liability insurance to cover us in the event of liability claims, and no such claims have been asserted or threatened against us to date. However, we cannot be certain that our insurance will be sufficient to cover all possible future product liabilities.

***We Would Be Liable If Our Business Operations Harmed the Environment - Failure to Maintain Compliance with Environmental Laws Could Severely Damage Our Business.***

Our operations are subject to a variety of federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. From time to time, we use hazardous materials in our operations. Although we believe that we are in compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations, our business could be severely damaged by any failure to maintain such compliance.

**ITEM 7. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Consolidated Financial Statements appear on pages 20 through 36 of this Form 10-KSB.

**PRECISION OPTICS CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

Consolidated Financial Statements

as of June 30, 2006 and 2005

Together with Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms' Reports

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of  
Precision Optics Corporation, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Precision Optics Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries as of June 30, 2006 and 2005 and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal controls over financial reporting. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Precision Optics Corporation, Inc. and subsidiaries as of June 30, 2006 and 2005 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Vitale, Caturano and Company, Ltd.

Boston, Massachusetts  
September 27, 2006

**PRECISION OPTICS CORPORATION, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets June 30, 2006 and 2005**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,030,428	\$ 2,171,693
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$14,550 in 2006 and 2005)	381,097	177,031
Inventories	445,802	599,619
Prepaid expenses	45,912	62,422
Total current assets	2,903,239	3,010,765
Machinery and equipment		