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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009

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

For the transition period from to

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 0-30983

ADVANT-E CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

88-0339012
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2680 Indian Ripple Rd.

Dayton, Ohio 45440

(Address of principal executive offices)

(937) 429-4288

(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 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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

As of May 14, 2009 the issuer had 6,702,749 outstanding shares of Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. Financial Statements**ADVANT-E CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)**

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2008
Revenue	\$ 2,155,291	2,345,234
Cost of revenue	899,659	920,846
Gross margin	1,255,632	1,424,388
Marketing, general and administrative expenses	887,285	1,006,002
Operating income	368,347	418,386
Other income (expense), net	(19,649)	5,204
Income before income taxes	348,698	423,590
Income tax expense	114,021	158,680
Net income	\$ 234,677	264,910
Earnings per share basic and diluted	\$ 0.03	0.04
Weighted average shares outstanding basic and diluted	6,711,699	6,815,015

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

ADVANT-E CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

	March 31, 2009 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2008
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,378,330	2,090,005
Short-term investments	203,774	232,721
Accounts receivable, net	828,295	699,095
Prepaid software maintenance costs	172,856	156,027
Prepaid expenses and deposits	79,601	74,361
Prepaid income taxes		16,837
Deferred income taxes	153,700	152,156
Total current assets	3,816,556	3,421,202
Software development costs, net	92,008	112,453
Property and equipment, net	379,268	434,645
Goodwill	1,474,615	1,474,615
Other intangible assets, net	392,754	413,932
Total assets	\$ 6,155,201	5,856,847
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 209,176	207,374
Accrued salaries and other expenses	245,469	283,360
Income taxes payable	116,223	
Deferred revenue	614,635	583,677
Total current liabilities	1,185,503	1,074,411
Deferred income taxes	292,168	335,663
Total liabilities	1,477,671	1,410,074
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.001 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; 6,737,741 shares issued and 6,710,399 shares outstanding at March 31, 2009; 6,738,261 shares issued and 6,713,919 shares outstanding at December 31, 2008	6,738	6,738
Paid-in capital	2,019,583	2,020,206
Retained earnings	2,690,441	2,455,764
Treasury stock at cost, 27,342 and 24,342 shares at March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively	(39,232)	(35,935)
Total shareholders' equity	4,677,530	4,446,773
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 6,155,201	5,856,847

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

ADVANT-E CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2009	2008
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 234,677	264,910
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation	62,767	63,399
Amortization of software development costs	20,445	20,446
Amortization of other intangible assets	21,178	21,178
Deferred income taxes	(45,039)	(41,020)
Purchases of trading securities	(43,949)	(80,477)
Proceeds from sales of trading securities	49,828	78,007
Net unrealized losses on trading securities	4,667	14,078
Net realized (gains) losses on sales of securities	18,401	(5,339)
Increase (decrease) in cash arising from changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(129,200)	(131,363)
Prepaid software maintenance costs	(16,829)	(25,911)
Prepaid expenses and deposits	(5,240)	(51,733)
Prepaid income taxes	16,837	
Accounts payable	1,802	324,567
Accrued salaries and other expenses	(37,891)	52,035
Income taxes payable	116,223	60,336
Deferred revenue	30,958	157,274
Net cash flows from operating activities	299,635	720,387
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(7,390)	(98,186)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Purchase of treasury shares	(3,920)	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	288,325	622,201
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	2,090,005	2,039,447
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 2,378,330	\$ 2,661,648
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow items:		
Income taxes paid	\$ 26,000	\$ 138,100
Non-cash transaction: retirement of 520 treasury shares	623	

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

ADVANT-E CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

March 31, 2009

Note 1: Basis of Presentation, Organization and Other Matters

The accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheet as of March 31, 2009, which has been derived from audited financial statements, and the unaudited interim consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and notes to financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to those rules and regulations, although management believes that the disclosures made are adequate to make the information not misleading. In the opinion of management, the unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements include all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows for the interim periods.

Results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2009 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2009. These unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, accounting policies, and financial notes thereto included in Advant-e Corporation's 2008 Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Nature of Operations

Advant-e Corporation through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Edict Systems, Inc. and Merkur Group, Inc. (collectively, the Company), develops, markets, resells, and hosts software and provides services that allow its customers to send and receive business documents electronically in standard and proprietary formats. Edict Systems specializes in providing hosted Electronic Data Interchange solutions that utilize the Internet as the primary communications method. Customers use Edict Systems solutions to connect with business partners, integrate data with internal systems, expand and manage electronic trading communities, and validate data via a hosted business rule service. Merkur Group develops and resells software, provides professional services, and provides technical maintenance and support that enables customers to automate delivery and receipt of business documents. Merkur Group provides proprietary software that integrates and connects large Supply Chain Management (SCM), Customer Relationship Management (CRM), and financial and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems with third party software that provides multiple delivery and document capture options. Customers consist of businesses across a number of industries throughout the United States and Canada.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated condensed financial statements include the accounts of Advant-e Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Edict Systems, Inc. and Merkur Group, Inc. throughout the periods covered by this form 10-Q. Inter-company accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates used in preparing these financial statements include those considered in the assessment of recoverability of capitalized software development costs, those used in the assessment of potential impairment of goodwill, and those used in recording prepaid software maintenance costs and deferred revenue. It is at least reasonably possible that the significant estimates used will change within the next year.

Fair Value

On January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the required provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS No. 157). SFAS No. 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under SFAS No. 157 are as follows:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

Level 2 Quoted prices in markets that are not active, or inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability;

Level 3 Prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable (i.e. supported by little or not market activity).

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis, excluding accrued interest components, consisted of marketable equity securities and treasury securities, classified as Short-term investments on the consolidated condensed balance sheets. The Company does not have any liabilities required to be reported in accordance with SFAS No. 157.

As of March 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, short-term investments are valued using quoted market prices and therefore categorized as level 1 fair value instruments.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, net

Goodwill represents the excess of the Company's purchase price over the fair value of the net identifiable assets of Merkur Group, Inc., acquired on July 2, 2007.

Other intangible assets, which arose from the acquisition of Merkur Group, Inc., consist of contractual vendor relationships, customer relationships, and proprietary computer software. Intangible assets acquired in business acquisitions are recorded at fair values using the income or cost approach. The other intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful lives of five to seven years.

Management assesses goodwill for impairment in accordance with provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting (SFAS) No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.

Note 2: Line of Credit

At March 31, 2009, the Company has a \$1,000,000 bank line of credit. Any borrowings under the line of credit are collateralized by substantially all of the assets of one of the Company's subsidiaries and are payable upon demand. Interest on the borrowings accrues at the bank's prime commercial rate. The line of credit, which expires on May 5, 2010, is guaranteed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer. No borrowings are outstanding at March 31, 2009.

Note 3: Income taxes

Income tax expense consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2009	2008
Current expense	\$ 159,060	199,700
Deferred expense (benefit)	(45,039)	(41,020)
Total income tax expense	\$ 114,021	158,680

The difference between total income tax expense and the amount computed at the federal statutory rate of 34% is attributable to the effects of state income taxes.

Note 4: Operating Segment Information

The Company has two reportable segments: Internet-based electronic commerce document processing (Edict Systems, Inc.) and software-based electronic commerce document processing (Merkur Group, Inc.). The Company evaluates the performance of each reportable segment on Income before income taxes excluding the effects of acquisition-related amortization of other intangible assets and related income taxes. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those for the Company. The Company's reportable segments are managed as separate business units. The following segment information is for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2009			
	Internet-based	Software	Reconciling Items (a)	Total Consolidated
Revenue	\$ 1,720,905	434,386		2,155,291
Income before income taxes	320,525	49,351	(21,178)	348,698
Income tax expense	112,563	16,938	(15,480)	114,021
Net Income	207,962	32,413	(5,698)	234,677
Segment assets at March 31, 2009	\$ 2,945,768	1,342,064	1,867,369	6,155,201

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2008			
	Internet-based	Software	Reconciling Items (a)	Total Consolidated
Revenue	\$ 1,609,153	736,081		2,345,234
Income before income taxes	358,323	86,445	(21,178)	423,590
Income tax expense	135,366	30,938	(7,624)	158,680
Net Income	222,957	55,507	(13,554)	264,910
Segment assets at March 31, 2008	\$ 3,726,505	1,291,194	1,952,081	6,969,780

(a) Reconciling items consist of goodwill, other intangible assets and related amortization in connection with the Merkur Group, Inc. acquisition.

Note 5: Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FSP 132(R)-1, *Employers' Disclosures about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets* (FSP 132(R)-1). FSP 132(R)-1 requires additional disclosures for plan assets of defined benefit pension or other postretirement plans. FSP 132(R)-1 does not change the accounting treatment for postretirement benefits plans. FSP 132(R)-1 is effective for fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. The adoption of this standard had no material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued three Staff Positions (FSPs) in April 2009 that provide additional application guidance and enhance disclosures regarding fair value measurements and impairments of securities. FSP FAS 157-4, *Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are No Orderly*, provides guidelines for determining fair value measurements when an active market does not exist or where the price inputs represent distressed sales. FSP FAS 107-1 and APB 28-1, *Interim Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments*, provides that the frequency of fair value disclosures required by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 107, *Disclosures about Fair Value of Financial Instruments*, will be increased from annually to quarterly. FSP FAS 115-2 and FAS 124-2, *Recognition and Presentation of Other-Than-Temporary Impairments*, provides additional guidance on determining and accounting for other-than-temporary impairments in investment securities for which changes in fair value are not regularly recognized in earnings. If an investment security of this type is determined to be other-than-temporarily impaired and if the company does not intend to sell the security and it is not more likely than not that the security will be sold before the anticipated recovery of the impairment, the Company will now be required to separate the impairment into the amount related to a credit loss and the amount related to other factors. The amount related to a credit loss will be recognized in earnings and the amount related to other factors will be recognized in other comprehensive income. The FSP also changes disclosure requirements in the notes to financial statements. The FSPs are effective for interim and annual periods ending after June 15, 2009, with early adoption permitted for interim and annual periods ending after March 15, 2009. Management does not anticipate that adoption of these FSPs will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

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

Forward Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the expectations of future operations. For this purpose, any statements contained in this Form 10-Q that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, words such as may, will, expect, believe, anticipate, estimate, or continue or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially depending on a variety of factors, many of which are not within the Company's control. These factors include, but are not limited to, economic conditions generally and in the industries in which the Company may participate, competition within the chosen industry, including competition from much larger competitors, technological advances, and the failure to successfully develop business relationships. In light of these risks and uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. This item should be read in conjunction with Item 1. Financial Statements and other items contained elsewhere in this report.

Products and services

Advant-e Corporation through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Edict Systems, Inc. and Merkur Group, Inc. (collectively, the Company), develops, markets, resells, and hosts software and provides services that allow its customers to send and receive business documents electronically in standard and proprietary formats. Edict Systems specializes in providing hosted Electronic Data Interchange solutions that utilize the Internet as the primary communications method. Customers use Edict Systems solutions to connect with business partners, integrate data with internal systems, expand and manage electronic trading communities, and validate data via a hosted business rule service. Merkur Group develops and resells software, provides professional services, and provides technical maintenance and support that enables customers to automate delivery and receipt of business documents. Merkur Group provides proprietary software that integrates and connects large Supply Chain Management (SCM), Customer Relationship Management (CRM), and financial and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems with third party software that provides multiple delivery and document capture options. Customers consist of businesses across a number of industries throughout the United States and Canada.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Revenue recognition

The Company recognizes revenues in accordance with the Securities Exchange Commission Staff Accounting Bulletin 101 (SAB 101), which requires the Company to recognize revenue when, in addition to other criteria, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered.

Revenues from Internet-based products and services are comprised of four components: account activation and trading partner set-up fees, monthly subscription fees, usage-based transactional fees and customer payments for the Company's development of applications designed to meet specific customer specifications.

Revenues earned from account activation and trading partner set-up fees are recognized after the Company performs consultative work required in order to establish an electronic trading partnership between the customer and their desired trading partners. Trading partnerships, once established, require no ongoing effort on the part of the Company and customers are able to utilize the electronic trading partnerships either directly with their customers or via a service provider other than the Company.

Revenue from monthly subscription fees is recognized over the period to which the subscription applies.

Revenue from usage based transaction fees is recognized in the period in which the transactions are processed.

Revenue from customer payments for the Company's development of applications designed to meet specific customer specifications is recognized over the contract period, generally twelve months.

Revenue from the sale of software and related products is recognized upon delivery of the software to the customer when title and risk of loss are transferred. The Company follows the guidance provided in Emerging Issues Task Force Abstract (EITF) No. 99-19, Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent. Based upon this guidance the Company records revenue from the sale of software and related products at gross, and the related software purchases are included in cost of sales. Customers have a 30-day period in which they can choose to accept or return the software. Historically, customer returns have not been significant.

Revenue from maintenance contracts is recognized over the life of the maintenance and support contract period, generally twelve months. Revenue from professional services is recognized upon performance of those services.

Software Development Costs

The Company accounts for the costs of computer software that it develops for internal use and costs associated with operation of its web sites in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statement of Position (SOP) 98-1, Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use and Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) No. 00-2 Accounting for Web Site Development Costs. Such capitalized costs represent solely the salaries and benefits of employees working on the graphics and content development stages, or adding functionality or features. In accordance with SOP 98-1 and EITF No. 00-2, overhead, general and administrative and training costs are not capitalized. The Company accounts for the costs of computer software that it sells, leases and markets as a separate product in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 86, Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software to be Sold, Leased or Otherwise Marketed. Capitalized costs are amortized by the straight-line method over the remaining estimated economic lives of the software application, generally three years, and are reported at the lower of unamortized cost or net realizable value.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

For a description of recently issued accounting pronouncements, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects, if any, on the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements, see Note 5: Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements in the Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements of this Form 10-Q.

Results of Operations**Revenue**

As indicated in the table below, revenue for the first quarter of 2009 decreased 8% over last year. Although revenue from Edict Systems increased 7%, revenue from Merkur Group declined by 41%.

Total Revenue

	Q1 2009		Q1 2008		Increase (Decrease)	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	%
Edict Systems products and services	\$ 1,720,905	80	1,609,153	69	111,752	7
Merkur Group products and services	434,386	20	736,081	31	(301,695)	(41)
Total revenue	\$ 2,155,291	100	2,345,234	100	(189,943)	(8)

Edict Systems, Inc.

Revenue in the first quarter of 2009 and 2008 from the sale of Internet based Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) products and services sold by Edict Systems is summarized below:

Edict Systems Revenue

	Q1 2009		Q1 2008		Increase (Decrease)	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	%
Web EDI						
GroceryEC	\$ 1,174,140	68	1,138,734	71	35,406	3
AutomotiveEC	146,404	9	148,467	9	(2,063)	(1)
Other Web EDI	49,375	3	55,285	3	(5,910)	(11)
EnterpriseEC	321,504	19	255,249	16	66,255	26
Other products and services	29,482	1	11,418	1	18,064	158
Total	\$ 1,720,905	100	1,609,153	100	111,752	7

Revenue from GroceryEC increased 3% compared to the first quarter of 2008. The rate of revenue growth in this segment is slowing due to overall economic conditions and market saturation of similar products and services.

Revenue from AutomotiveEC decreased by 1% in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008. Overall economic conditions in the automotive industry are causing a reduction in the number of business documents processed by customers of this service. Currently, no customers use AutomotiveEC to conduct business electronically with General Motors, Ford, or Chrysler, so there is no exposure to domestic auto industry issues.

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Revenue from EnterpriseEC increased by 26% compared to the first quarter of 2008. The increase in revenue is due primarily to hosted integration services provided to existing customers of Web EDI services and new customers. The increase occurred despite significant pricing pressures and the availability of alternate connectivity options,

The Company expects to continue its efforts to increase activity in currently supported industries as well as diversify and develop additional business in other industries such as healthcare and consumer packaged goods.

Merkur Group, Inc.

Revenue from the sale of software based products and services sold by Merkur Group in the first quarter of 2009 and 2008 are summarized below:

Merkur Group Revenue

	Q1 2009		Q1 2008		Increase (Decrease)	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	%
Software	\$ 104,608	24	359,583	49	(254,975)	(71)
Hardware	18,580	4	77,508	10	(58,928)	(76)
Maintenance contracts	227,498	52	218,742	30	8,756	4
Professional services	83,700	20	80,248	11	3,452	4
Total	\$ 434,386	100	736,081	100	(301,695)	(41)

In the first quarter of 2008, Merkur Group had an exceptionally strong quarter and fell short of revenue goals in the first quarter of 2009 due to the effects of the overall economy on software sales activity. For comparison purposes, Merkur Group has historically produced approximately \$522,000 in average revenue per quarter since its acquisition in July of 2007.

Net income

As indicated in the table below, net income for the first quarter of 2009 decreased 11% over last year. Net income for Edict Systems decreased by 7% and net income for Merkur Group decreased by 42% (before effects of amortization of intangible assets related to the 2007 acquisition of Merkur Group, Inc.).

Net Income

	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Increase (Decrease)	
			Amount	%
Edict Systems, Inc.	\$ 207,962	222,957	(14,995)	(7)
Merkur Group, Inc.	32,413	55,507	(23,094)	(42)
Amortization of intangible assets, net of income tax effects	(5,698)	(13,554)	(7,856)	(58)
Total Net Income	\$ 234,677	264,910	(30,233)	(11)

The decline for Edict Systems was due primarily to increased personnel related costs in product development and customer service. The decline for Merkur Group was due primarily to a 41% drop in revenue.

Gross margin

The Company's gross margin, as a percent of revenue, declined from 61% in the first quarter of 2008 to 58% in the first quarter of 2009. This decline resulted primarily from increased technical personnel costs and increased computer system infrastructure maintenance and operating costs.

Marketing, general and administrative expenses

Marketing, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$118,717, or 12%, in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008. This decrease occurred primarily due to reduced personnel related costs in these areas.

Other income (expense), net

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Other income (expense), net decreased by \$24,853 in the first quarter of 2008 to the first quarter of 2009 due to losses on short-term investments and declining interest income from cash and cash equivalents.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

In the quarter ended March 31, 2009, the Company generated net cash flows from operating activities of \$299,635 compared to \$720,387 for the first quarter of 2008, a reduction of \$420,752, due primarily to:

Increase in accounts payable in the first quarter of 2008 of \$324,567 related primarily to the cost of software and related products sold in the first quarter of 2008, and;

Increase in deferred revenue in the first quarter of 2008 of \$157,274 related primarily to new maintenance contracts applicable to software sold in the first quarter of 2008.

Changes in Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet from December 31, 2008 to March 31, 2009

Certain changes that occurred in the Condensed Balance Sheet during the quarter ended March 31, 2009 are described below:

Cash and cash equivalents increased by \$288,325 due primarily to net cash flows from operating activities of \$299,635 in the first quarter of 2009.

Accounts receivable increased by \$129,200 due primarily to software revenue near the end of the first quarter of 2009.

Total shareholders' equity increased by \$230,757 as a result of net income for the three month period that was partially offset by purchases of treasury stock of \$3,920.

ITEM 4T. Controls and Procedures

Attached as exhibits to the Form 10-Q are certifications of the Company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), which are required in accordance with Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). These Controls and Procedures section includes information concerning the controls and controls evaluation referred to in the certifications, and it should be read in conjunction with the certifications for a more complete understanding of the topics presented.

The CEO and the CFO have conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-Q. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to reasonably assure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures are also designed to reasonably assure that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Based upon the controls evaluation, our CEO and CFO have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that the Company files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure; and that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective during the period covered by the Company's report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009.

During the period covered by this report, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

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

The Company's share repurchase program for up to \$750,000 in fair market value of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, initially announced on August 9, 2007, and expiring on December 31, 2009, is summarized below by month during the first quarter of 2009:

Period	(a) Total number of shares purchased	(b) Average price per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Approximate dollar value of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs

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February 2009	2,520	\$	1.12	2,520	\$	521,112
March 2009	1,000	\$	1.10	1,000	\$	520,012
Total	3,520	\$	1.11	3,520	\$	520,012

ITEM 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

Exhibit

Number	Description	Method of Filing
3(i)	Amended Certificate of Incorporation	Previously filed (A)
3(ii)	By-laws	Previously filed (B)
4	Instruments defining the rights of security holders including indentures	Previously filed (C)
4.1	Amendment to warrant certificated dated August 9, 2005	Previously filed (D)
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification	Filed herewith
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification	Filed herewith
32.1	Section 1350 Certification	Filed herewith
32.2	Section 1350 Certification	Filed herewith

(A) Filed with Amendment No. 2 to Form 10-SB filed as of October 13, 2000

(B) Filed with Amendment No. 1 to Form 10-SB filed as of July 17, 2000

(C) Filed with Form 10-SB filed as of July 1, 2000.

(D) Filed with Form 10-QSB for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005 as of November 14, 2005.

Signatures

In accordance with 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.

Advant-e Corporation
(Registrant)

May 15, 2009

By: /s/ Jason K. Wadzinski
Jason K. Wadzinski
Chief Executive Officer
Chairman of the Board of Directors

May 15, 2009

By: /s/ James E. Lesch
James E. Lesch
Chief Financial Officer
Principal Accounting Officer
Member of the Board of Directors