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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

- Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2001  
or  
 Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the transition period from  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Numbers 0-23232/1-14248

ARCH WIRELESS, INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE 31-1358569  
(State of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1800 WEST PARK DRIVE, SUITE 250  
WESTBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 01581  
(address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(508) 870-6700  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 182,434,590 shares of the Company's Common Stock (\$.01 par value) were outstanding as of August 10, 2001.

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### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ARCH WIRELESS, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS  
(in thousands, except share amounts)

	June 30, 2001 ----	December 31, 2000 ----
ASSETS	(unaudited)	
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,811	\$ 55,007
Accounts receivable, net	113,924	134,396
Inventories	2,294	2,163
Prepaid expenses and other	37,083	19,877
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Total current assets	193,112	211,443
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Property and equipment, at cost	1,476,508	1,442,072
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(1,014,446)	(444,650)
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Property and equipment, net	462,062	997,422
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Intangible and other assets, net	55,191	1,100,744
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	\$ 710,365	\$ 2,309,609
	=====	=====

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

Current liabilities:		
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$ 1,585,736	\$ 177,341
Accounts payable	57,751	55,282
Accrued restructuring	19,058	60,424
Accrued interest	28,200	39,140
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	143,297	165,459
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Total current liabilities	1,834,042	497,646
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Long-term debt	65,409	1,679,219
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Other long-term liabilities	65,286	74,509
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Deferred income taxes	3,994	121,994
	-----	-----
Redeemable convertible preferred stock	114,472	30,505
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Stockholders' equity (deficit):		
Common stock-- \$.01 par value	1,824	1,635
Additional paid-in capital	1,107,233	1,095,779
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(439)	(82)
Accumulated deficit	(2,481,456)	(1,191,596)
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Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	(1,372,838)	(94,264)
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	\$ 710,365	\$ 2,309,609
	=====	=====

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

ARCH WIRELESS, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(unaudited and in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,	Six Months
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	2001	2001
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Revenues	\$ 303,399	\$ 187,852	\$ 630,828
Cost of products sold	(11,120)	(8,381)	(22,631)
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	292,279	179,471	608,197
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Operating expenses:			
Service, rental, and maintenance	76,504	37,839	157,547
Selling	38,968	24,333	75,624
General and administrative	98,525	55,362	207,202
Depreciation and amortization	1,220,886	89,882	1,467,974
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Total operating expenses	1,434,883	207,416	1,908,347
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Operating income (loss)	(1,142,604)	(27,945)	(1,300,150)
Interest expense, net	(52,658)	(35,399)	(116,585)
Other expense	(8,319)	(804)	(16,529)
	-----	-----	-----
Income (loss) before income tax benefit, extraordinary item and accounting change	(1,203,581)	(64,148)	(1,433,264)
Benefit from income taxes	82,500	--	118,000
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Income (loss) before extraordinary item and accounting change	(1,121,081)	(64,148)	(1,315,264)
Extraordinary gain from early extinguishment of debt	19,273	44,436	34,229
Cumulative effect of accounting change	--	--	(6,794)
	-----	-----	-----
Net income (loss)	(1,101,808)	(19,712)	(1,287,829)
Accretion of redeemable preferred stock	--	(1,261)	--
Preferred stock dividend	(1,429)	(573)	(2,031)
	-----	-----	-----
Net income (loss) to common stockholders	\$ (1,103,237)	\$ (21,546)	\$ (1,289,860)
	=====	=====	=====
Basic/diluted net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary charge and accounting change	\$ (6.19)	\$ (1.01)	\$ (7.56)
Extraordinary item per basic/diluted common share	0.11	0.68	0.20
Cumulative effect of accounting change per basic/diluted common share	--	--	(0.04)
	-----	-----	-----
Basic/diluted net income (loss) per common share	\$ (6.08)	\$ (0.33)	\$ (7.40)
	=====	=====	=====
Basic/diluted weighted average number of common shares outstanding	181,425,387	65,794,673	174,348,947
	=====	=====	=====

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(unaudited and in thousands)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2001	2000
Net cash (used for) provided by operating activities	\$ (15,435)	\$ 53,006
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to property and equipment, net	(71,483)	(74,061)
Additions to intangible and other assets	(3,181)	(3,602)
Net proceeds from sale of FCC licenses	175,000	--
Acquisition of company, net of cash acquired	104	--
	100,440	(77,663)
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities		
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Issuance of long-term debt	2,685	58,000
Repayment of long-term debt	(178,111)	(33,000)
Net proceeds from sale of preferred stock	75,000	--
Net proceeds from sale of common stock	--	354
	(100,426)	25,354
Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	225	--
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(15,196)	697
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	55,007	3,161
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 39,811	\$ 3,858
Supplemental disclosure:		
Interest paid	\$ 99,071	\$ 60,461
Accretion of discount on senior notes and assumed bank debt	\$ 21,083	\$ 14,696
Issuance of common stock in exchange for debt	\$ 11,643	\$ 155,624
Issuance of preferred stock in exchange for debt	\$ 6,936	\$ 42,692
Accretion of redeemable preferred stock	\$ --	\$ 1,261

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condensed financial statements of Arch Wireless, Inc. have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The financial information included herein, other than the consolidated condensed balance sheet as of December 31, 2000, has been prepared by management without audit by independent accountants who do not express an opinion thereon. The consolidated condensed balance sheet at December 31, 2000 has been derived from, but does not include all the disclosures contained in, the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2000. In the opinion of management, all of these unaudited statements include all adjustments and accruals consisting only of normal recurring accrual adjustments which are necessary for a fair presentation of the results of all interim periods reported herein. These consolidated condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in Arch's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2000. The results of operations for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year.

Risks and Other Important Factors - Arch sustained net losses of \$206.1 million, \$285.6 million and \$309.8 million for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1999 and 2000, respectively and net losses of \$1.3 billion in the six months ended June 30, 2001. Arch's loss from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2001 was \$1.3 billion after recording an impairment charge of \$976.2 million on certain long-lived assets (see Note (b) below). In addition, at June 30, 2001, Arch had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$2.5 billion and a deficit in working capital of \$1.64 billion, including \$1.59 billion of debt classified as current liabilities because Arch is in default under substantially all its indebtedness (see Note (c) below). The impairment charge will result in lower depreciation and amortization expenses in future periods, therefore Arch's losses from operations and net losses are expected to decrease in the future. Arch cannot predict whether or when its operations will become profitable.

Arch's operations require the availability of substantial funds to finance the maintenance and development of its existing messaging operations and its subscriber base and to enhance and expand its two-way messaging networks. Arch's ability to borrow additional amounts in the future is dependent on Arch's ability to restructure its existing debt as well as the availability of financing in the capital markets.

Arch's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to restructure its existing debt such that interest expense is substantially reduced. In July 2001, Arch announced the withdrawal of its previously announced proposal to restructure its outstanding debt. This withdrawal was due primarily to lower than expected operating results in the second quarter of 2001. The lower than anticipated operating results will negatively impact future operating results and projected year-end liquidity and led to the withdrawal of Arch's previous financial projections. These developments made the previously proposed restructuring infeasible. Arch is updating its business plan and projections to take into account its second quarter results. Arch also will evaluate its restructuring options when this update is complete. These options include filing for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Arch cannot predict whether it will be successful in its efforts. A failure to restructure its existing debt such that interest expense is substantially reduced will have a material adverse effect on the solvency of Arch.

Arch's financial results and lack of additional sources of liquidity indicate that it may not be able to continue as a going concern unless it restructures its existing debt such that interest expense is substantially reduced. Furthermore, Arch is in default under its secured credit facility and substantially all of its other indebtedness, except the indebtedness of its Canadian subsidiary, due to nonpayment of approximately \$8.3 million of interest

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due on July 2, 2001 under the outstanding 12 3/4% senior notes of its subsidiary (see Note (c) below). Arch is also subject to additional risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, changes in technology, subscriber turnover, competition and business integration.

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(b) Long-Lived Assets - In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 121 "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and Long-Lived Assets To Be Disposed Of," Arch evaluates the recoverability of the carrying value of its long-lived assets and certain intangible assets based on estimated undiscounted cash flows to be generated from each of such assets compared to the original estimates used in measuring the assets. To the extent impairment is identified, Arch reduces the carrying value of such impaired assets to fair value based on estimated discounted future cash flows.

In July 2001, Arch determined that a reduction in the carrying value of certain one-way paging equipment, computer equipment and intangible assets was required, due to the facts and circumstances discussed in Note (a) above. As a result, Arch recorded an impairment charge of \$976.2 million, which is included in depreciation and amortization expense in the statement of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001.

Intangible and Other Assets - Intangible and other assets, net of accumulated amortization, are comprised of the following (in thousands):

	June 30, 2001 ----	December 31, 2000 ----
Purchased Federal Communications Commission licenses.....	\$ 64	\$ 451,431
Purchased subscriber lists.....	--	412,015
Goodwill.....	--	163,027
Restricted cash.....	37,415	35,280
Deferred financing costs.....	17,563	24,905
Other.....	149	14,086
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	\$ 55,191	\$ 1,100,744
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(c) Classification of Debt - Effective August 2, 2001, Arch Wireless Communications, Inc. ("AWCI"), a subsidiary of Arch, is in default under the indenture governing its 12 3/4% senior notes for nonpayment of interest due on July 2, 2001. This default also constitutes a default under substantially all indebtedness of Arch and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, except the indebtedness of its Canadian subsidiary. Due to this default, Arch's lenders currently have the right, if they so elect, to declare the entire amount of principal and interest to be immediately due and payable, to seek foreclosure upon Arch's assets, to file a bankruptcy petition against Arch or to pursue other remedies. As a result, Arch has reclassified its debt to current liabilities.

(d) Divisional Reorganization - As of June 30, 2001, 1,234 former Arch and MobileMedia employees had been terminated due to the MobileMedia and PageNet integrations and a previous divisional reorganization. Arch's restructuring activity as of June 30, 2001 is as follows (in thousands):

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	Reserve Balance at December 31, 2000 ----	Utilization of Reserve in 2001 ----	Remaining Reserve -----
Severance costs.....	\$ 2,957	\$ 2,911	\$ 46
Lease obligation costs.....	10,776	3,526	7,250
Other costs.....	162	49	113
	-----	-----	-----
Total.....	\$ 13,895 =====	\$ 6,486 =====	\$ 7,409 =====

(e) PageNet Acquisition Reserve - As of June 30, 2001, 1,381 former PageNet employees had been terminated. Arch's restructuring activity as of June 30, 2001 is as follows (in thousands):

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	Reserve Balance at December 31, 2000 ----	Utilization of Reserve in 2001 ----	Remaining Reserve -----
Severance costs.....	\$ 36,767	\$ 30,231	\$ 6,536
Lease obligation costs.....	9,264	4,356	4,908
Other costs.....	500	295	205
	-----	-----	-----
Total.....	\$ 46,531 =====	\$ 34,882 =====	\$ 11,649 =====

(f) Nextel Agreement - In January 2001, Arch agreed to sell its 900 MHz SMR (Specialized Mobile Radio) licenses to Nextel Communications, Inc. Nextel acquired the SMR licenses for an aggregate purchase price of \$175 million and invested approximately \$75 million in a new equity issue, Arch series F 12% redeemable cumulative junior preferred stock. The transaction was completed in two stages. In February 2001, Nextel advanced \$250 million in the form of a secured loan in the principal amount of \$175 million and an unsecured loan in the principal amount of \$75 million to a newly created, stand-alone Arch subsidiary that held the SMR licenses pending regulatory approval of their transfer. The new Arch subsidiary was not permitted to engage in any business other than ownership and maintenance of the SMR licenses and did not have any liability or obligation with respect to any of the debt obligations of Arch or its subsidiaries. In May 2001, upon transfer of the SMR licenses to Nextel, the principal amount of the secured loan was offset against the \$175.0 million aggregate purchase price for the SMR licenses, and the principal amount of the unsecured loan was exchanged for shares of series F preferred stock. Accrued interest on the secured and unsecured loans was also paid in series F preferred stock.

Arch acquired the SMR licenses as part of its acquisition of PageNet in November 2000. In accordance with the purchase method of accounting, the SMR licenses were recorded at their fair value of \$175.0 million and were included the Purchased Federal Communications Commission licenses balance in Note (b) above.



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(g) Debt Exchanged for Equity - In the first half of 2001, Arch issued 18,905,989 shares of Arch common stock in exchange for \$50.8 million accreted value (\$51.0 million maturity value) of its senior discount notes. Arch recorded an extraordinary gain of \$34.2 million on the early extinguishment of debt as a result of these transactions.

(h) Redeemable Series F Cumulative Junior Preferred Stock - In May 2001, in connection with the Nextel transactions discussed in Note (f) above, Arch issued 793,219 shares of series F preferred stock. The series F preferred stock: (i) is convertible into Arch common stock at a conversion price equal to the then prevailing market price of the common stock per share, subject to certain adjustments; (ii) bears dividends at an annual rate of 12.0%, (A) payable quarterly in cash or, at Arch's option, through the issuance of shares of Arch common stock valued at the then prevailing market price or (B) if not paid quarterly, accumulating and payable upon redemption or conversion of the series F preferred stock or liquidation of Arch; (iii) on the tenth anniversary of the date of issuance, must be, at Arch's option, redeemed for cash or converted into Arch common stock valued at the then prevailing market price of Arch common stock, so long as the common stock remains listed on a national securities exchange; (iv) is subject to redemption for cash or conversion into Arch common stock at Arch's option in certain circumstances; (v) in the event of a "Change of Control" as defined, requires Arch, at its option, to redeem the series F preferred stock for cash or convert such shares into Arch common stock valued at the then prevailing market price of Arch common stock, with such cash redemption or conversion being at a price equal to 101% of the sum of the original purchase price plus accumulated dividends; (vi) limits certain mergers or asset sales by Arch; and (vii) has certain voting and preemptive rights.

(i) Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 133 "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". SFAS No. 133 requires that every derivative instrument be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized in earnings. Arch adopted this standard effective January 1, 2001. Arch has not designated any of

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the outstanding derivatives as a hedge under SFAS No. 133. The initial application of SFAS No. 133 resulted in a \$6.8 million charge, which was reported as the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle. This charge represents the impact of initially recording the derivatives at fair value as of January 1, 2001. The changes in fair value of the derivative instruments will be recognized in other expense. Arch recorded other expense of approximately \$4.8 million related to the changes in fair value of the derivatives during the six months ended June 30, 2001.

(j) Segment Reporting - Arch has determined that it has three reportable segments: traditional paging operations, two-way messaging operations and international operations. Management makes operating decisions and assesses individual performances based on the performance of these segments. The traditional paging operations consist of the provision of paging and other one-way wireless messaging services to Arch's U.S. customers. Two-way messaging operations consist of the provision of two-way wireless messaging services to Arch's U.S. customers. International operations consist of the operations of Arch's Canadian subsidiary.

Each of these segments incur, and are charged, direct costs associated with their separate operations. Common costs shared by the traditional paging and

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two-way messaging operations are allocated based on the estimated utilization of resources using various factors that attempt to mirror the true economic cost of operating each segment.

Arch did not begin to market and sell its two-way messaging products on a commercial scale until August 2000. Arch's Canadian subsidiary was acquired in November 2000 in the PageNet acquisition. Prior to 2000, substantially all of Arch's operations were traditional paging operations. The following tables present segment financial information related to Arch's segments for the periods indicated (in thousands):

Three Months Ended June 30, 2001	Traditional Paging Operations	Two-way Messaging Operations	International Operations	C
Revenues.....	\$ 276,221	\$ 22,324	\$ 4,854	\$
Depreciation and amortization expense..	1,167,851	13,951	39,084	
Operating income (loss).....	(1,083,596)	(20,583)	(38,425)	
Adjusted EBITDA(1).....	84,254	(6,632)	660	
Total assets.....	464,406	226,451	19,508	
Capital expenditures.....	26,674	18,796	687	
Three Months Ended June 30, 2000				
Revenues.....	\$ 187,710	\$ 142	\$ --	\$
Depreciation and amortization expense..	89,692	190	--	
Operating income (loss).....	(25,797)	(2,148)	--	
Adjusted EBITDA(1).....	63,895	(1,958)	--	
Total assets.....	1,240,765	10,461	--	
Capital expenditures.....	34,158	10,651	--	
Six Months Ended June 30, 2001				
Revenues.....	\$ 581,487	\$ 39,571	\$ 9,770	\$
Depreciation and amortization expense..	1,396,025	27,825	44,124	
Operating income (loss).....	(1,215,269)	(42,165)	(42,716)	
Adjusted EBITDA(1).....	180,755	(14,340)	1,409	
Total assets.....	464,406	226,451	19,508	
Capital expenditures.....	43,944	29,133	1,587	
Six Months Ended June 30, 2000				
Revenues.....	\$ 377,705	\$ 142	\$ --	\$
Depreciation and amortization expense..	180,399	190	--	
Operating income (loss).....	(50,862)	(4,769)	--	
Adjusted EBITDA(1).....	129,537	(4,579)	--	
Total assets.....	1,240,765	10,461	--	
Capital expenditures.....	67,012	10,651	--	

### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. For this purpose, any statements contained herein that are not statements of

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historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, the words "believes", "anticipates", "plans", "expects" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause Arch's actual results to differ materially from those indicated or suggested by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, without limitation, those set forth below under the caption "Factors Affecting Future Operating Results".

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Revenues increased to \$303.4 million, a 61.5% increase, and \$630.8 million, a 67.0% increase, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, from \$187.9 million and \$377.8 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2000, respectively, as the number of units in service increased from 6.7 million at June 30, 2000 to 10.2 million at June 30, 2001 due to the PageNet acquisition in November 2000. Net revenues (revenues less cost of products sold) increased to \$292.3 million, a 62.9% increase, and \$608.2 million, a 68.7% increase, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, from \$179.5 million and \$360.6 million for the corresponding periods in 2000. Revenues and net revenues in the three and six months ended June 30, 2000 and 2001 were adversely affected by (1) the declining demand for traditional paging services and (2) subscriber cancellations, which led to a decrease of 875,000 and 1,659,000 units in service for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, two-way messaging revenues were \$22.3 million, 7.4% of total revenue, and \$39.6 million, 6.3% of total revenue, respectively. Two-way messaging net revenues were \$19.0 million, 6.5% of total net revenue, and \$33.5 million, 5.5% of total net revenue, respectively. The Company did not begin to sell its two-way messaging products and services on a commercial scale until August 2000. Two-way units in service increased from 400 at June 30, 2000 to 282,000 at June 30, 2001.

Revenues consist primarily of recurring revenues associated with the provision of messaging services, rental of leased units and product sales. Product sales represented less than 10% of total revenues for the three and six months ended June 30, 2000 and 2001. Arch does not differentiate between service and rental revenues.

Arch believes the demand for traditional messaging services declined in 1999 and 2000 and in the first half of 2001, and will continue to decline in the foreseeable future. Arch believes that any element of future growth in the wireless messaging industry will be attributable to two-way messaging and information services. As a result, Arch expects to continue to experience significant declines of units in service during 2001, as Arch's addition of two-way messaging subscribers will likely be exceeded by its loss of traditional messaging subscribers.

Service, rental and maintenance expenses, which consist primarily of telephone, third party carrier fees, site rental expenses and repairs and maintenance expenses, increased to \$76.5 million, or 26.2% of net revenues, and \$157.5 million, or 25.9% of net revenues, in the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, from \$37.8 million, or 21.1% of net revenues, and \$77.0 million, or 21.3% of net revenues in the corresponding periods in 2000. The

increase was due to the acquisition of PageNet in November 2000. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, there were \$11.5 million and \$22.6 million, respectively, of service, rental and maintenance expenses associated with the

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provision of two-way messaging and information services, compared to \$1.0 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2000.

Selling expenses increased to \$39.0 million, or 13.3% of net revenues, and \$75.6 million, or 12.4% of net revenues, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, from \$24.3 million, or 13.6% of net revenues, and \$49.4 million, or 13.7% of net revenues, for the corresponding periods in 2000. The increase in dollar amount was due to the acquisition of PageNet. Selling expenses related to two-way messaging and information services were \$9.7 million and \$16.8 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, compared to \$49 thousand for the six months ended June 30, 2000.

General and administrative expenses increased to \$98.5 million, or 33.7% of net revenues, and \$207.2 million, or 34.1% of net revenues, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, from \$55.4 million, or 30.8% of net revenues, and \$109.3 million, or 30.3% of net revenues for the corresponding periods in 2000. The increase was due to increased headcount, administrative and facility costs associated with PageNet. General and administrative expenses associated with the provision of two-way messaging and information services were \$4.4 million and \$8.4 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, compared to \$1.2 million and \$2.4 million in the corresponding periods in 2000.

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased to \$1,220.9 million and \$1,468.0 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, from \$89.9 million and \$180.6 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2000. The increase was principally due to a \$976.2 million impairment charge, recorded in June 2001, related to certain one-way paging equipment, computer equipment and intangible assets. See Note (b) to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements. The remaining increase in these expenses reflects the acquisition of PageNet.

Operating losses were \$1,142.6 million and \$1,300.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, compared to \$27.9 million and \$55.6 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2000, respectively, as a result of the factors outlined above.

Net interest expense increased to \$52.7 million and \$116.6 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, from \$35.4 million and \$76.7 million for the corresponding periods in 2000. The increase was principally attributable to an increase in Arch's outstanding debt due to the PageNet acquisition. Interest expense for the six months ended June 30, 2000 and 2001 included approximately \$14.7 million and \$21.1 million, respectively, of accretion on assumed bank debt and Arch's senior debt, the payment of which was deferred.

Other expense increased to \$8.3 million and \$16.5 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, from \$804 thousand and \$2.0 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2000. In 2001, other expense includes a \$4.8 million charge resulting from the application of SFAS No. 133 (See Note (i) to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements) and a \$7.5 million charge resulting from the write-off of a note receivable from Vast Solutions, Inc., which filed for bankruptcy in April 2001.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, Arch recognized extraordinary gains of \$19.3 million and \$34.2 million, respectively, on the retirement of debt exchanged for Arch stock. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2000, Arch recognized extraordinary gains of \$44.4 million and \$52.1 million, respectively, on the retirement of debt exchanged for Arch stock.

Arch recognized an income tax benefit of \$82.5 million and \$118.0 million for

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the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, respectively. The benefit represented the tax benefit of operating losses incurred subsequent to the acquisition of PageNet, which were available to offset deferred tax liabilities arising from the PageNet acquisition.

On January 1, 2001, Arch adopted SFAS No. 133 "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities". SFAS No. 133 requires that every derivative instrument be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized in earnings. Initial application of SFAS No. 133 resulted in a \$6.8 million charge in the quarter ended March 31, 2001, which was reported as the

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cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle. This charge represents the impact of initially recording the derivatives at fair value as of January 1, 2001.

Net loss increased to \$1,101.8 million and \$1,287.8 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2001, from \$19.7 million and \$82.3 for the corresponding periods in 2000, as a result of the factors outlined above.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Arch is evaluating options to restructure its debt in light of its inability to make required principal and interest payments under its secured credit facility and outstanding notes. These options include filing for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Arch's inability to pay arises primarily from the lack of sufficient cash flow from operations. Arch is in default under its secured credit facility and substantially all of its other indebtedness, except the indebtedness of its Canadian subsidiary. The defaults result from the nonpayment of approximately \$14.2 million of interest as of August 10, 2001. Arch's lenders currently have the right, if they so elect, to declare the entire amount of principal and interest, approximately \$1.8 billion as of the date of the filing of this report, to be immediately due and payable.

### CASH FLOW

Arch's business strategy requires the availability of substantial funds to finance capital expenditures for messaging devices and system equipment and to service debt. Arch's net cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2000 are as follows:

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2001	2000
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Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities.....	\$ (15.4)	\$ 53.0
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities.....	\$ 100.4	\$ (77.7)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities.....	\$ (100.4)	\$ 25.4

Investing activities in 2001 included cash inflow of \$175.0 million for specialized mobile radio licenses sold to Nextel offset by \$74.6 of capital expenditures. Financing activities in 2001 include an investment of \$75.0 million by Nextel in Arch series F preferred stock and borrowings by Arch's Canadian subsidiary of approximately \$2.7 million, offset by the repayment of \$178.1 million of long-term debt, including \$175.2 million under the secured credit facility.

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Investing activities in 2000 consisted only of capital expenditures. Financing activities in 2000 included net borrowings of \$25.0 million and the sale of \$354 thousand of Arch common stock.

### CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND COMMITMENTS

Arch's capital expenditures decreased from \$77.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2000 to \$74.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2001. These capital expenditures primarily include the purchase of wireless messaging devices, system and transmission equipment, information systems and capitalized financing costs. Arch generally has funded its capital expenditures with net cash provided by operating activities and the incurrence of debt. Arch estimates that capital expenditures for 2001 will be approximately \$130 million. Assuming that its indebtedness is appropriately restructured such that interest expense is substantially reduced, Arch believes that it will have sufficient cash available from operations and the proceeds of the Nextel transaction, as described below, to fund its capital expenditures for the remainder of the year.

### SOURCES OF FUNDS

#### Sale of SMR Licenses

In January 2001, Arch announced an agreement with Nextel Communications, Inc. to sell its Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) licenses to Nextel for an aggregate purchase price of \$175 million. Concurrent with this transaction, Nextel agreed to invest approximately \$75 million in Arch series F preferred stock.

Pursuant to these transactions, in February 2001, Nextel advanced \$250 million to Arch in the form of a \$175 million loan, which was secured by a lien on certain of the assets of the Arch subsidiary which owned the SMR licenses and by a guaranty from another Arch subsidiary, and a \$75 million unsecured loan.

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Upon receipt of regulatory approvals in May 2001, the SMR licenses were transferred to Nextel and the principal amount of the secured loan was offset against the \$175 million aggregate purchase price for the SMR licenses, and the principal amount of the unsecured loan was exchanged for shares of Arch series F preferred stock. Accrued interest on these loans was also paid in shares of series F preferred stock.

Arch used \$175.2 million of the proceeds from these transactions to prepay all required 2001 amortization payments under its senior credit facility. The remaining \$74.8 million of proceeds is available for working capital purposes. At June 30, 2001, Arch had approximately \$39.8 million of cash on hand and no additional borrowing capacity under its senior credit facility.

Arch believes that based on its current cash position and projected requirements, it will have sufficient cash to fund operations through December 31, 2001, provided Arch defers interest payments due on its outstanding indebtedness. However, Arch is in default under its secured credit facility and outstanding notes. See Note (c) to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements. Arch's ability to borrow in the future will depend, in part, on its ability to continue to increase its adjusted earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization.

#### Equity Issued in Exchange for Debt

In the first half of 2001, Arch issued 18,905,989 shares of Arch common stock

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in exchange for \$50.8 million accreted value (\$51.0 million maturity value) of its 10 7/8% senior discount notes. See note (g) to the consolidated condensed financial statements.

### FACTORS AFFECTING FUTURE OPERATING RESULTS

The following important factors, among others, could cause Arch's actual operating results to differ materially from those indicated or suggested by forward-looking statements made in this Form 10-Q or presented elsewhere by Arch's management from time to time.

Unless Arch succeeds in restructuring its outstanding indebtedness, it will not be able to continue as a going concern.

Arch's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to restructure its existing debt such that interest expense is substantially reduced. In July 2001, Arch announced the withdrawal of its previously announced proposal to restructure its outstanding debt. This withdrawal was due primarily to lower than expected operating results in the second quarter of 2001. The lower than anticipated operating results will negatively impact future operating results and projected year-end liquidity and led to the withdrawal of Arch's previous financial projections. These developments made the previously proposed restructuring infeasible. Arch is updating its business plan and projections to take into account its second quarter results. Arch also will evaluate its restructuring options when this update is complete. These options include filing for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Arch cannot predict whether it will be successful in its efforts. A failure to restructure its existing debt such that interest expense is substantially reduced will have a material adverse effect on the solvency of Arch.

Arch's financial results and lack of additional sources of liquidity indicate that it will not be able to continue as a going concern unless it restructures its existing debt such that interest expense is substantially reduced. Furthermore, Arch is in default under its secured credit facility and substantially all of its other indebtedness except the indebtedness of its Canadian subsidiary, due to nonpayment of approximately \$8.3 million of interest. Due to this default, Arch's lenders currently have the right, if they so elect, to declare the entire amount of principal and interest to be immediately due and payable, to seek foreclosure upon Arch's assets, to file a bankruptcy petition against Arch or to pursue other remedies. Any of these developments would have a material adverse effect on Arch's business operations, liquidity, cash flows and ability to continue as a going concern. Arch is currently leveraged to a substantial degree. Arch's ratio of total debt to latest three month annualized adjusted earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization was 5.6 to 1 as of June 30, 2001. Adjusted earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization is not a measure defined by generally accepted accounting principles and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted earnings

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before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, as determined by Arch, may not necessarily be comparable to similarly titled data of other wireless messaging companies.

Arch's current debt structure:

- o requires Arch to make interest payments and scheduled repayments of principal of approximately \$1.4 billion through June 2006; and
- o impairs Arch's ability to obtain additional financing necessary for

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working capital, capital expenditures or other purposes on acceptable terms, if at all.

Recent declines in Arch's units in service are likely to continue or even accelerate; this trend is likely to impair Arch's financial results.

For the three months ended December 31, 2000, Arch experienced a decrease of 1,502,000 units in service; 504,000 due to subscriber cancellations and 998,000 due to definitional changes. For the three months ended March 31, 2001 and the three months ended June 30, 2001, respectively, Arch experienced further decreases of 784,000 and 875,000 units in service due to subscriber cancellations. Arch believes the demand for traditional messaging services declined in 2000 and will continue to decline in the following years and that future growth in the wireless messaging industry will be attributable to two-way messaging and information services. As a result, Arch expects to continue to experience significant declines of units in service for the foreseeable future as Arch's addition of two-way messaging subscribers will likely be exceeded by its loss of traditional messaging subscribers.

Cancellation of units in service can significantly affect the results of operations of wireless messaging service providers. The sale and marketing costs associated with attracting new subscribers are substantial compared to the costs of providing service to existing customers. Because the wireless messaging business is characterized by high fixed costs, cancellations directly and adversely affect earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization. Primarily as a result of the decline in its one-way messaging operations, Arch recorded an impairment charge of \$976.2 million in the carrying value of certain one-way paging equipment, computer equipment and intangible assets during the second quarter of 2001.

Competition from larger telephone, cellular and PCS companies is intensifying and may reduce Arch's revenues and adjusted earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization.

Wireless messaging companies like Arch, whose units in service have been declining, increasingly compete for market share against large telephone, cellular and PCS providers like AT&T Wireless, Cingular, MCI/WorldCom, Sprint PCS, Verizon and Nextel. Arch will also compete with other messaging companies that continue to offer traditional and two-way messaging services. Some competitors possess greater financial, technical and other resources than those available to Arch. If any of such competitors were to devote additional resources to their wireless messaging business or focus on Arch's historical business segments, they could secure Arch's customers and reduce demand for its products. This could materially reduce Arch's revenues and earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization and have a material adverse effect on earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization.

The future growth and profitability of Arch depends on the success of its two-way messaging services. However, mobile, cellular and PCS telephone companies have introduced phones and services with substantially the same features and functions as the two-way messaging products and services provided by Arch, and have priced such devices and services competitively.

Arch's two-way messaging services compete with other available mobile wireless services, which have already demonstrated high levels of market acceptance, including cellular, PCS and other mobile phone services. Many of these other mobile wireless phone services now include wireless messaging as an adjunct service or may replace two-way messaging services entirely. It is less expensive for an end user to enhance a cellular, PCS or other mobile phone with modest data capability than to use both a mobile phone and a pager. This is because the nationwide cellular, PCS and other mobile phone carriers have



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subsidized the purchase of mobile phones more heavily and because prices for mobile wireless services have been declining rapidly. In addition, the availability of coverage for these services has increased, making the two types of service and product offerings more comparable. Thus, companies other than

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Arch seeking to provide wireless messaging services may be able to bring their products to market faster or in packages of products that consumers and businesses find more valuable than those to be provided by Arch. If this occurs, Arch's market share will erode and financial operations will be impaired.

Arch may need additional capital to expand its business and will need to restructure existing debt, which could be difficult to achieve. Failure to obtain additional capital may preclude Arch from developing or enhancing its products, taking advantage of future opportunities, growing its business or responding to competitive pressures.

Arch's business strategy requires substantial funds to be available to finance the continued development and future growth and expansion of its operations, including the development and implementation of two-way messaging services. Arch's future capital requirements will depend on factors that include:

- o subscriber growth;
- o the type of wireless messaging devices and services demanded by customers;
- o technological developments;
- o competitive conditions;
- o the nature and timing of Arch's strategy for developing technical resources to provide two-way messaging services; and
- o acquisition strategies and opportunities.

Revenues and operating results may fluctuate, leading to fluctuations in trading prices and possible liquidity problems.

Arch believes that future fluctuations in its revenues and operating results may occur due to many factors, particularly the decreased demand for traditional messaging services and the uncertain market for two-way messaging services. Arch's current and planned expenses and debt repayment levels, are to a large extent, fixed in the short term, and are based in part on past expectations as to future revenues and cash flow growth. Arch may be unable to adjust spending in a timely manner to compensate for any past or future revenue or cash flow shortfall. It is possible that, due to these fluctuations, Arch's revenue, cash flow or operating results may not meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors.

Continued net losses are likely and Arch cannot predict whether it will ever be profitable.

Arch has reported net losses in the past. Arch expects that it will continue to report net losses and cannot give any assurance about when, if ever, it is likely to attain profitability. However, the impairment charge recorded in June 2001 will result in lower depreciation and amortization expenses in future periods therefore Arch's net losses are expected to decrease in the future. Many of the factors that will determine whether or not Arch attains profitability are inherently difficult to predict. These include the decreased demand for traditional messaging services and the uncertain market for two-way messaging services which compete against services offered by telephone, cellular and PCS providers, new service developments and technological change.

Obsolescence in company-owned units may impose additional costs on Arch.

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Technological change may adversely affect the value of the units owned by Arch that are leased to its subscribers. If Arch's current subscribers request more technologically advanced units, including two-way messaging devices, Arch could incur additional inventory costs and capital expenditures if required to replace units leased to its subscribers within a short period of time. Such additional costs or capital expenditures could have a material adverse effect on Arch's results of operations.

Because Arch depends on Motorola for devices and on Glenayre for other equipment, Arch's operations may be disrupted if it is unable to obtain equipment from them in the future.

Arch does not manufacture any of the equipment customers need to take advantage of its services. It is dependent primarily on Motorola, Inc. to obtain sufficient equipment inventory for new subscribers and replacement needs and on Glenayre Electronics, Inc. for sufficient terminals and transmitters to meet its

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expansion and replacement requirements. Significant delays in obtaining any of this equipment, could lead to disruptions in operations and adverse financial consequences. Arch's purchase agreement with Motorola for messaging devices expires on October 1, 2001. There can be no assurance that the agreement with Motorola for messaging devices will be renewed or, if renewed, that the renewed agreement will be on terms and conditions as favorable to Arch as those under the current agreement.

On March 21, 2001, Arch entered into an agreement with Glenayre, under which Glenayre agreed to develop and license to Arch, under a perpetual, enterprise wide license, software to enable Arch to upgrade its two-way network to significantly increase network capacity and reduce latency. On June 8, 2001, Glenayre announced plans to discontinue operations of its wireless messaging business unit, but, in accordance with its contractual commitments, would complete development of the network technology that is the subject of the agreement with Arch. On June 29, 2001, Glenayre sent Arch a notice claiming that Arch was in default of the agreement for failure to reimburse Glenayre for certain sales taxes which Glenayre allegedly paid in connection with the agreement. Arch disputes that it is obligated to reimburse Glenayre for the full amount claimed and withheld the disputed portion of the payment. Glenayre sent a subsequent letter on July 29, 2001, purporting to terminate the agreement with Arch. Arch disputes that the termination was effective, but nevertheless, reserving its rights, paid Glenayre the full amount claimed by it. Arch believes that the agreement continues in full force and effect. Arch does not know if Glenayre believes that the agreement was effectively terminated. If Glenayre maintains the position that the contract is terminated, and ceases to perform, the resulting disruption in Arch's business could have a material adverse effect on Arch's results of operations.

Arch relies on third parties to provide satellite transmission for some aspects of its wireless messaging services. To the extent there are satellite outages or if satellite coverage is impaired in other ways, Arch may experience a loss of service until such time as satellite coverage is restored, which could have a material adverse effect due to customer complaints.

Challenges involved in integrating PageNet's operations with those of Arch may strain Arch's capacities and may prevent the combined company from achieving intended synergies.

Arch may not be able to successfully finish integrating PageNet's operations.

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The combination of the two companies will require, among other things, coordination of administrative, sales and marketing, customer billing and services distribution, accounting and finance functions and conversion of information and management systems. The difficulties of such integration will initially be increased by the need to coordinate geographically separate organizations and to integrate personnel with disparate business backgrounds and corporate cultures and by the fact that PageNet had previously suspended a significant restructuring of its own operations.

The integration process could cause the disruption of the activities of the two businesses that are being combined. Arch may not be able to retain key employees of PageNet. The process of integrating the businesses of Arch and PageNet may require a disproportionate amount of time and attention of Arch's management and financial and other resources of Arch. Even if integrated in a timely manner, there is no assurance that Arch will operate smoothly or that it will fulfill management's objective of achieving cost reductions and synergies.

Restrictions under debt instruments prevent Arch from declaring dividends, incurring or repaying debt, making acquisitions, altering lines of business or taking actions which its management may consider beneficial.

Various debt instruments impose operating and financial restrictions on Arch. Arch's credit facility requires various operating subsidiaries to maintain specified financial ratios, including a maximum leverage ratio, a minimum interest coverage ratio, a minimum debt service coverage ratio and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. It also limits or restricts, among other things, Arch's operating subsidiaries' ability to:

- o declare dividends or repurchase capital stock;
- o incur or pay back indebtedness;
- o engage in mergers, consolidations, acquisitions and asset sales; or
- o alter its lines of business or accounting methods, even though these actions would otherwise benefit Arch.

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In addition to the specific risks described above, an investment in Arch is also subject to many risks which affect all companies, or all companies in its industry.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The majority of Arch's long-term debt is subject to fixed rates of interest or interest rate protection. In the event that the interest rate on Arch's non-fixed rate debt fluctuates by 10% in either direction, Arch believes the impact on its results of operations would be immaterial. Arch transacts infrequently in foreign currency and therefore is not exposed to significant foreign currency market risk.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Arch, from time to time, is involved in lawsuits arising in the normal course of business. Arch believes that its currently pending lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

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### ITEM 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

As reported in the quarterly report for the three months ended March 31, 2001, Arch issued and sold 1,015,000 shares of its series F 12% redeemable cumulative junior preferred stock to AWI Spectrum Co., LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Arch, in connection with the sale of the SMR licenses to Nextel Communications, Inc. discussed in Item 2 of Part I of this report under the caption "Liquidity and Capital Resources--Sources of Funds." In May 2001, AWI Spectrum Co., LLC delivered to Nextel (1) 43,219 shares of series F preferred stock in satisfaction of the accrued interest on the secured loan issued in connection with the sale and (2) 750,000 shares of series F preferred stock in satisfaction of the principal amount and accrued interest under the unsecured loan issued in connection with the sale.

The shares of series F preferred stock were offered and sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933 in reliance on the exemptions provided by Section 4(2) of the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder.

### ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

On July 2, 2001, Arch Wireless Communications, Inc. ("AWCI"), a subsidiary of Arch, announced that it was deferring an interest payment of approximately \$8,287,500 which was due on July 2, 2001 under AWCI's outstanding 12 3/4% Senior Notes due 2007. AWCI also announced that if it did not pay the interest payment within 30 days, it would be in default under the indenture governing the 12 3/4% notes, which would also then constitute a default under substantially all indebtedness of Arch and its direct and indirect subsidiaries.

On July 12, 2001, both AWCI and Arch Wireless Holdings, Inc., a subsidiary of AWCI, received letters from The Bank of New York, acting in its capacity as administrative agent under that Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 23, 2000. In these letters, the Bank stated its belief that AWCI was in default under the indenture on the date that AWCI failed to pay the interest payment (July 2, 2001) and that, as a result, an event of default under the credit agreement occurred on July 2, 2001 and is continuing. Arch disagrees with the Bank's conclusion that AWCI was in default under the indenture on July 2, 2001. However, since AWCI did not make the interest payment within 30 days of July 2, 2001, the Company is in default under substantially all its indebtedness, except the indebtedness of its Canadian subsidiary.

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On August 2, 2001, AWCI announced that it had deferred an interest payment of approximately \$5,937,500 which was due on August 1, 2001 under AWCI's 9 1/2% Senior Notes due 2004.

As of the date of the filing of this report, the total arrearage relating to these defaults is approximately \$14.2 million.

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

On May 15, 2001, the following proposals were voted on at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

Proposal

For

Against

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1. To elect three directors of Arch for the ensuing years		
C. Edward Baker	146,996,106	--
R. Schorr Berman	146,977,170	--
John Kornreich	1,862,300	--
2. To approve an amendment to Arch's certificate of incorporation increasing the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance from 300,000,000 to 500,000,000 shares.	102,432,196	4,373,010
3. To approve an amendment to Arch's certificate of incorporation reclassifying Arch's class B common stock as common stock.	105,260,970	1,685,399
4. To increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance under Arch's 2000 stock incentive plan from 6,000,000 to 29,800,000 shares.	88,559,879	18,390,687
5. To increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance under Arch's 1999 employee stock purchase plan from 1,500,000 to 4,500,000 shares.	99,832,079	7,090,090
6. To ratify the appointment by Arch's board of directors of Arthur Andersen LLP as Arch's independent public accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2001.	146,709,775	2,472,123

In addition to the three directors above who were elected at the meeting, the terms of the following directors continued after the meeting: H. Sean Mathis, John B. Saynor, John A. Shane, Gregg R. Daugherty, John H. Gutfreund and Allan L. Rayfield.

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### ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Stockholder Proposals for 2002 Annual Meeting

As set forth in the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2001 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, stockholder proposals submitted pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act for inclusion in the Company's proxy materials for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received by the Secretary of the Company at the principal offices of the Company no later than December 10, 2001.

In addition, the Company's By-laws require that the Company be given advance notice of stockholder nominations for election to the Company's Board of Directors and of other matters which stockholders wish to present for action at an annual meeting of stockholders (other than matters included in the Company's proxy statement in accordance with Rule 14a-8). The required notice must be made in writing and delivered or mailed to the Secretary of the Company at the principal offices of the Company, and received not less than 80 days prior to the 2001 Annual Meeting; provided, however, that if less than 90 days' notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the meeting is given or made to stockholders, such nomination shall have been mailed or delivered to the

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Secretary not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the date on which the notice of the meeting was mailed or such public disclosure was made, whichever occurs first. The 2002 Annual Meeting is currently expected to be held on May 14, 2002. Assuming that this date does not change, in order to comply with the time periods set forth in the Company's By-Laws, appropriate notice would need to be provided no later than February 22, 2002.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(b) The following reports on Form 8-K were filed for the quarter for which this report is filed:

Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 30, 2001 (reporting the completion by Arch of the sale of SMR licenses to Nextel Communications, Inc.), filed June 13, 2001.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2001, to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

ARCH WIRELESS, INC.

Dated: August 14 , 2001

By: /s/ J. Roy Pottle

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J. Roy Pottle  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer