

VERITAS DGC INC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 January 31, 2005

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-7427

**Veritas DGC Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**76-0343152**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**10300 Town Park**

**Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**77072**

(Zip Code)

**(832) 351-8300**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

The number of shares of the Company's common stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding at May 31, 2005 was 33,849,816 (including 155,370 Veritas Energy Services Inc. exchangeable shares which are identical to the company's common stock in all material respects).

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**



**Item 1.**

**Financial Statements**



## VERITAS DGC INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(Unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  | Six Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|  | 2005                              | Restated<br>2004 | 2005                            | Restated<br>2004 |
| (In thousands, except per share amounts)                               |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Revenues   | \$ 192,228                        | \$ 145,056       | \$ 321,809                      | \$ 247,463       |
| Cost of services   | 144,950                           | 112,864          | 260,952                         | 228,714          |
| Research and development   | 5,020                             | 3,695            | 9,114                           | 7,140            |
| General and administrative   | 8,595                             | 6,392            | 14,954                          | 12,583           |
| Operating income (loss)  | 33,663                            | 22,105           | 36,789                          | (974)            |
| Interest expense   | 906                               | 4,197            | 1,663                           | 8,476            |
| Other (income), net  | (1,011)                           | (347)            | (1,589)                         | (505)            |
| Income (loss) before provision for income taxes                        | 33,768                            | 18,255           | 36,715                          | (8,945)          |
| Provision for income taxes   | 16,400                            | 4,661            | 18,369                          | 4,446            |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 17,368                         | \$ 13,594        | \$ 18,346                       | \$ (13,391)      |
| Net income (loss) per share:   |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Basic:   |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Net income (loss) per common share                                     | \$ .51                            | \$ .40           | \$ .54                          | \$ (.40)         |
| Weighted average common shares (including exchangeable shares)         | 33,783                            | 33,745           | 33,767                          | 33,668           |
| Diluted:   |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Net income (loss) per common share                                     | .51                               | .40              | .53                             | (.40)            |
| Weighted average common shares (including exchangeable shares)         | 34,318                            | 34,003           | 34,323                          | 33,668           |
| Comprehensive income (loss):   |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 17,368                         | \$ 13,594        | \$ 18,346                       | \$ (13,391)      |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) (net of tax,<br>\$0 in all periods): |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments                               | (697)                             | 584              | 6,588                           | 6,027            |
| Other unrealized gain (loss)   | 142                               | (691)            | 226                             | (604)            |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss)                                | (555)                             | (107)            | 6,814                           | 5,423            |
| Comprehensive income (loss)  | \$ 16,813                         | \$ 13,487        | \$ 25,160                       | \$ (7,968)       |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements



## VERITAS DGC INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands, except par value)

|  | January 31,<br>2005<br>(Unaudited) | July 31,<br>2004 |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                                    |                  |
| Current assets:  |                                    |                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 205,230                         | \$ 116,299       |
| Restricted cash investments  | 236                                | 111              |
| Accounts and notes receivable (net of allowance of \$875 at January and \$1,109 at July)   | 176,271                            | 166,810          |
| Materials and supplies inventory   | 4,319                              | 4,198            |
| Prepayments and other  | 18,007                             | 15,599           |
| Income taxes receivable  |                                    | 12,617           |
| Total current assets   | 404,063                            | 315,634          |
| Property and equipment   | 485,131                            | 479,639          |
| Less accumulated depreciation  | 375,045                            | 357,976          |
| Property and equipment, net  | 110,086                            | 121,663          |
| Multi-client data library  | 295,700                            | 313,153          |
| Deferred tax asset   | 1,669                              | 1,223            |
| Other assets   | 24,856                             | 24,573           |
| Total  | \$ 836,374                         | \$ 776,246       |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>   |                                    |                  |
| Current liabilities:   |                                    |                  |
| Trade accounts payable   | \$ 57,590                          | \$ 44,907        |
| Accrued and deferred income taxes  | 12,799                             | 7,145            |
| Other accrued liabilities  | 77,181                             | 67,650           |
| Total current liabilities  | 147,570                            | 119,702          |
| Non-current liabilities:   |                                    |                  |
| Long-term debt   | 155,000                            | 155,000          |
| Other non-current liabilities  | 16,429                             | 11,854           |
| Total non-current liabilities  | 171,429                            | 166,854          |
| Stockholders' equity:  |                                    |                  |
| Common stock, \$.01 par value; issued: 35,014,376 shares and 34,821,298 shares, respectively<br>(excluding Exchangeable Shares of 155,370 and 185,921, respectively) | 350                                | 348              |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 444,623                            | 441,982          |
| Accumulated earnings   | 81,490                             | 63,144           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income:  |                                    |                  |
| Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustment   | 13,919                             | 7,331            |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)  | (657)                              | (883)            |
| Unearned compensation  | (691)                              | (604)            |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 1,319,005 shares and 1,317,532 shares, respectively   | (21,659)                           | (21,628)         |
| Total stockholders' equity   | 517,375                            | 489,690          |
| Total  | \$ 836,374                         | \$ 776,246       |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements



**VERITAS DGC INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Unaudited)

|   | Six Months Ended January 31, |                  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 2005                         | Restated<br>2004 |
|   | (In thousands)               |                  |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>  |                              |                  |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ 18,346                    | \$ (13,391)      |
| <b>Non-cash items included in net income (loss):</b>  |                              |                  |
| Depreciation and amortization, net (other than multi-client)  | 22,195                       | 20,059           |
| Amortization of multi-client library  | 84,403                       | 105,446          |
| Loss (gain) on disposition of property and equipment  | (356)                        | 480              |
| Equity in loss of joint venture   |                              | 613              |
| Deferred taxes  | (616)                        | 4,142            |
| Amortization of unearned compensation   | 178                          | 240              |
| <b>Change in operating assets/liabilities:</b>  |                              |                  |
| Accounts and notes receivable   | (7,333)                      | (39,284)         |
| Materials and supplies inventory  | (115)                        | 1,003            |
| Prepayments and other   | (2,151)                      | (2,477)          |
| Income tax payable  | 18,827                       | 1,080            |
| Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities  | 20,907                       | 14,468           |
| Other   | 7,377                        | (3,437)          |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 161,662                      | 88,942           |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>  |                              |                  |
| Increase in restricted cash   | (124)                        | 190              |
| Investment in multi-client data library, net cash   | (58,896)                     | (70,337)         |
| Purchase of property and equipment  | (17,152)                     | (13,557)         |
| Sale of property and equipment  | 885                          | 655              |
| Sale of (RC)2 software operation  |                              | 2,000            |
| Net cash used by investing activities   | (75,287)                     | (81,049)         |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>  |                              |                  |
| Payments on long-term debt  |                              | (13,102)         |
| Net proceeds from sale of common stock  | 1,918                        | 1,524            |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities  | 1,918                        | (11,578)         |
| Currency gain on foreign cash   | 638                          | 497              |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents   | 88,931                       | (3,188)          |
| Beginning cash and cash equivalents balance   | 116,299                      | 72,097           |
| Ending cash and cash equivalents balance  | \$ 205,230                   | \$ 68,909        |
| <b>Schedule of non-cash transactions:</b>   |                              |                  |
| Capitalization of depreciation and amortization resulting in an increase in multi-client data library | \$ 4,857                     | \$ 9,915         |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements



**VERITAS DGC INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unaudited)

**1. Summary of significant accounting policies**



*Restatement of Financial Statements*





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The historical financial information for the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2004 has been restated due to accounting errors. In September 2004, we found various types of errors in our balance sheet related primarily to clerical and account reconciliation errors associated with the intercompany transfers of property and foreign currency items. In addition, we found errors in the accounting for certain customer contracts that contained provisions for customer payment of equipment mobilization fees, revenue sharing with customers and certain other contingencies. Correction of these errors resulted in a decrease of net income of \$1.4 million relating to the first three fiscal quarters of fiscal 2004 and \$2.6 million related to periods prior to fiscal 2004. Since recording the required adjustments in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004 would have had a material impact on the financial statements of the fourth quarter and those of the full fiscal year, we determined that a restatement of our prior years' financial statements was appropriate. The impact of the restatement resulted in a decrease in the net income and net income per share of \$645,000 and \$0.02, respectively, for the three months ended January 31, 2004 and an increase in the net loss and net loss per common share of \$1,283,000 and \$0.04, respectively, for the six months ended January 31, 2004. (See Note 10 for the details of this restatement.)

The restatement has not caused us to be in default under any of our debt covenants or lease agreements. We obtained waivers from our lenders under our Credit Facility extending the due date for our delivery of financial statements to them to July 29, 2005. Additionally, the restatement has delayed the registration of our Convertible Senior Notes, resulting in our payment of liquidated damages to the holders of the Convertible Senior Notes in the amount of \$2,153 per day from August 31, 2004 until the registration is completed.

### *Consolidation*



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The accompanying consolidated financial statements include our accounts and the accounts of majority-owned domestic and foreign subsidiaries. All material intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. All material adjustments that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods have been reflected. These interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with our annual audited consolidated financial statements.

In December 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued FIN 46R, a revision to FIN 46 *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*. FIN 46R replaces FIN 46 and provides additional clarification on the application of ARB No. 51, *Consolidated Financial Statements*, to certain entities in which equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support. We adopted FIN 46R on April 30, 2004. Adoption did not have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations; however, it required consolidation of our 80% owned Indonesian joint venture. Prior to adoption of FIN 46R this joint venture was accounted for under the equity method.

### *Use of estimates*



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The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions 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.

*Recent Accounting Pronouncements*



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In October 2004, the Emerging Issues Task Force of the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued EITF 04-8, *The Effect of Contingently Issuable Debt on Earnings per Share*, which is effective for periods ending after December 15, 2004. This statement requires us to include shares of our stock issuable upon the assumed conversion of our Convertible Senior Notes in the calculation of diluted weighted average common shares. We adopted the EITF during the first quarter of fiscal 2005, but adoption did not have a significant effect on our weighted average shares calculation. The contingently issuable shares related to our Convertible Senior Notes had no impact on our weighted average shares for the three and six months ended January 31, 2005, as issuance of the shares would have been anti-dilutive.

### 2. Multi-client library accounting change





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Effective August 1, 2003, we changed our minimum amortization policy with regard to multi-client data and recorded a charge of \$22.1 million in the first quarter of fiscal 2004, included in cost of services in our Consolidated Statement of Operations. Under the prior method, capitalized costs of multi-client surveys were charged to cost of services in the period sales occurred, using the sales forecast method, over an estimated five-year useful life. However, during the last 24 months of a survey's useful life, amortization was the greater of the amount resulting from the sales forecast method or straight-line amortization of the remaining book value over the remaining portion of the original five-year estimated useful life. Under the new method, capitalized costs of multi-client surveys are charged to cost of services over an estimated five-year useful life based upon the greater of the result (higher expense) under the sales forecast method or cumulative straight-line amortization from survey completion. Notwithstanding this change, the sales forecast method remains our primary method of calculating cost of services. The total amortization period that concludes sixty months after survey completion represents the minimum period over which the surveys are expected to provide economic benefits. We believe that commencing the minimum amortization upon survey completion, as opposed to our prior method of doing so only during the last twenty four months of the survey's life, better reflects the potential diminution of survey value with the passage of time.

### 3. Other (income), net



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Other (income) expense, net consists of the following:

|   | Three Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  | Six Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 2005                              | Restated<br>2004 | 2005                            | Restated<br>2004 |
|   | (In thousands)                    |                  |                                 |                  |
| Interest income                           | \$ (708)                          | \$ (250)         | \$ (1,527)                      | \$ (484)         |
| Net foreign currency exchange (gain) loss | (100)                             | (274)            | 218                             | (253)            |
| Loss from unconsolidated joint venture    |                                   | 364              |                                 | 613              |
| Other                                     | (203)                             | (187)            | (280)                           | (381)            |
| Total                                     | \$ (1,011)                        | \$ (347)         | \$ (1,589)                      | \$ (505)         |

4. Earnings per common share



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Basic and diluted earnings per common share are computed as follows:

|  | Three Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  | Six Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|  | 2005                              | Restated<br>2004 | 2005                            | Restated<br>2004 |
| (In thousands, except per share amounts)                       |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 17,368                         | \$ 13,594        | \$ 18,346                       | \$ (13,391)      |
| <b>Basic:</b>  |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Weighted average common shares (including exchangeable shares) | 33,783                            | 33,745           | 33,767                          | 33,668           |
| Income (loss) per share  | \$ .51                            | \$ .40           | \$ .54                          | \$ (.40)         |
| <b>Diluted:</b>  |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Weighted average common shares (including exchangeable shares) | 33,783                            | 33,745           | 33,767                          | 33,668           |
| Shares issuable from assumed exercise of options               | 500                               | 258              | 514                             |                  |
| Shares issuable from assumed vesting of restricted stock       | 35                                |                  | 42                              |                  |
| Total  | 34,318                            | 34,003           | 34,323                          | 33,668           |
| Income (loss) per share  | \$ .51                            | \$ .40           | \$ .53                          | \$ (.40)         |

The Convertible Senior Notes were not convertible as of January 31, 2005 and the shares issuable from such conversion, while considered, are not included in this income per share calculation as they are anti-dilutive (See Note 5 for a description of our Convertible Senior Notes.)

The following options to purchase common shares have been excluded from the computation assuming dilution because the exercise prices of the options exceeded the average market price of the underlying common shares or the options are anti-dilutive due to a net loss.

|                      | Three Months Ended<br>January 31, |               | Six Months Ended<br>January 31, |              |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
|                      | 2005                              | 2004          | 2005                            | 2004         |
| Number of options    | 743,032                           | 3,438,173     | 743,032                         | 4,269,195    |
| Exercise price range | \$22.84-55.13                     | \$10.71-55.13 | \$22.84-55.13                   | \$5.25-55.13 |
| Expiring through     | March 2012                        | March 2012    | March 2012                      | March 2012   |

### 5. Long-term debt





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As of January 31, 2005, our long-term debt outstanding consisted of \$155.0 million of Convertible Senior Notes due 2024. In addition, we have a Credit Facility consisting primarily of a revolving loan facility permitting borrowings of up to \$55.0 million and various unsecured lines of credit totaling \$8.5 million which may be used exclusively for letters of credit and bank guarantees.

The Convertible Senior Notes bear interest at a per annum rate which equals the three-month LIBOR rate, adjusted quarterly, minus a spread of 0.75%. The current interest rate on the Convertible Senior Notes, from March 15, 2005 through June 14, 2005, equates to 2.26%. The Convertible Senior Notes are our senior unsecured obligations and are convertible under certain circumstances into a combination of cash and our common stock. In general, upon conversion of a note, the holder of such note will receive cash equal to the principal amount of the

note and shares of our common stock for the note's conversion value in excess of such principal amount. We entered into a registration rights agreement in which we agreed to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 90 days of March 3, 2004 to register resales of the notes and the associated shares of common stock. We filed a registration statement on May 28, 2004 in compliance with the registration rights agreement; however, the registration statement is not yet effective. Because our registration statement was not effective on August 31, 2004 as required by the indenture, we have been incurring liquidated damages in the amount of \$2,153 per day since August 31, 2004. We will continue to incur these damages until registration is effective.

Under certain circumstances and at the option of the holder, the Convertible Senior Notes are convertible prior to the maturity date into cash and shares of our common stock. Certain of these circumstances may result in classification of the Convertible Senior Notes as current on our balance sheet. These circumstances include:

1. the closing sale price of our common stock is over 120% of the conversion price, which is currently \$24.03 (with 120% being \$28.84) for 20 trading days in the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the fiscal quarter preceding the quarter in which the conversion occurs;
2. if we called the notes for redemption and the redemption has not occurred;
3. the occurrence of a five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price of the notes was less than 95% of the closing sale price of our common stock on such day multiplied by the number of shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes; or
4. the occurrence of specified corporate transactions.

Should any of these circumstances occur, the Convertible Senior Notes would be convertible at the then current stock price times the conversion ratio of 41.6146. This amount would be payable in cash equal to the principal amount of the notes, the par value adjusted for dividends or other equity transactions, with the additional amount payable in shares of our common stock. Currently, the maximum amount payable by us on conversion is \$155 million in cash plus approximately 6.5 million shares. For clarity, conversion at a \$40 stock price would result in our payment of \$155 million in cash and 2.575 million shares of common stock. This settlement method is prescribed in the indenture and is not optional at the discretion of any party. The shares issuable from such conversion are considered in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

As of January 31, 2005, there were no borrowings and \$2.1 million in letters of credit outstanding under the Credit Facility. Borrowings under the Credit Facility, including swing-line loans, bear interest at a variable rate determined on the date of borrowing that is related to various base rates and margins depending upon our leverage ratio and the location of the borrowing. The Credit Facility expires in February 2006. Borrowings under the Credit Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of the company.

We obtained waivers from our lenders under our Credit Facility extending the due date for our delivery of financial statements to them to July 29, 2005. If we are unable to meet this deadline or are unable to extend it further, our ability to borrow under the Credit Facility will be

restricted.

We have various unsecured lines of credit, with lending institutions that operate in geographic areas not covered by the lending institutions in our revolving loan facility, totaling \$8.5 million that may be used exclusively for the issuance of letters of credit and bank guarantees. As of January 31, 2005, \$3.3 million in letters of credit were outstanding under these lines.



6. Pension plan

We maintain a contributory defined benefit pension plan for eligible participating employees in the United Kingdom. The following is the net periodic benefit cost by component:

|  | Three Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  | Six Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|  | 2005                              | 2004<br>Restated | 2005                            | 2004<br>Restated |
|  | (In thousands)                    |                  |                                 |                  |
| Service cost (benefits earned during the period) | \$ 153                            | \$ 135           | \$ 304                          | \$ 261           |
| Interest cost on projected benefit obligation    | 311                               | 262              | 619                             | 508              |
| Expected return on plan assets                   | (222)                             | (196)            | (441)                           | (379)            |
| Amortization of prior service cost               | (37)                              | (35)             | (74)                            | (68)             |
| Amortization of net gain (loss)                  | 78                                | 82               | 156                             | 159              |
| Amortization of transition obligation            | 2                                 | 2                | 4                               | 3                |
| Net periodic benefit costs                       | \$ 285                            | \$ 250           | \$ 568                          | \$ 484           |

We expect to make contributions of approximately \$1.0 million to this pension plan in fiscal 2005. As of January 31, 2005, we have made contributions to the Plan in accordance with the schedule of contributions upon which this estimated service cost was based.

**7. Hedge transactions**



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From time to time we enter into contracts with customers whereby payment is not in US Dollars, our functional currency. During the six months ended January 31, 2005, we entered into contracts with customers whereby payments were to be made in the British Pound Sterling and the Norwegian Kroner. To protect us against exposure to exchange rate risk, we entered into currency exchange contracts with financial institutions; however, at January 31, 2005, there were no such contracts outstanding.



**8. Segment information**



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Beginning in fiscal 2005, we organized the company into three geographic regions: North and South America (NASA); Europe, Africa, the Middle East and CIS (EAME); and Asia Pacific (APAC). Our regions offer a common suite of products and services to their customers, although each product or service may be adapted to meet the needs of the local markets. This segmentation of our company is representative of the manner in which it is viewed and managed by our senior managers and our Board of Directors. The information related to the three and six months ended January 31, 2004 has been restated to reflect the new segment structure. A reconciliation of the reportable segments results to those of the total enterprise is given below:

|                         | For the Three Months Ended January 31, 2005 |           |           |           |    | Total      |
|-------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|------------|
|                         | NASA  | EAME      | APAC      | Corporate |    |            |
|                         | (In thousands)                              |           |           |           |    |            |
| Revenues                | \$ 135,107                                  | \$ 33,076 | \$ 24,045 | \$        | \$ | \$ 192,228 |
| Operating income (loss) | 35,425                                      | 4,402     | 2,251     | (8,415)   |    | 33,663     |
| Assets                  | 494,333                                     | 105,945   | 48,700    | 187,396   |    | 836,374    |

|                         | For the Three Months Ended January 31, 2004 |           |                  |           |    | Total      |
|-------------------------|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|----|------------|
|                         | NASA  | EAME      | Restated<br>APAC | Corporate |    |            |
|                         | (In thousands)                              |           |                  |           |    |            |
| Revenues                | \$ 108,477                                  | \$ 23,647 | \$ 12,932        | \$        | \$ | \$ 145,056 |
| Operating income (loss) | 28,609                                      | 213       | 2,362            | (9,079)   |    | 22,105     |
| Assets                  | 556,005                                     | 115,606   | 35,514           | 85,275    |    | 792,400    |

|                         | For the Six Months Ended January 31, 2005 |           |           |           |    | Total      |
|-------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|------------|
|                         | NASA                                      | EAME      | APAC      | Corporate |    |            |
|                         | (In thousands)                            |           |           |           |    |            |
| Revenues                | \$ 214,857                                | \$ 64,851 | \$ 42,101 | \$        | \$ | \$ 321,809 |
| Operating income (loss) | 43,057                                    | 7,500     | 1,116     | (14,884)  |    | 36,789     |
| Assets                  | 494,333                                   | 105,945   | 48,700    | 187,396   |    | 836,374    |

|                         | For the Six Months Ended January 31, 2004 |           |                  |           |    | Total      |
|-------------------------|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|----|------------|
|                         | NASA                                      | EAME      | Restated<br>APAC | Corporate |    |            |
|                         | (In thousands)                            |           |                  |           |    |            |
| Revenues                | \$ 179,215                                | \$ 45,521 | \$ 22,727        | \$        | \$ | \$ 247,463 |
| Operating income (loss) | 16,411                                    | (1,922)   | 1,277            | (16,740)  |    | (974)      |
| Assets                  | 556,005                                   | 115,606   | 35,514           | 85,275    |    | 792,400    |

Corporate operating income (loss) includes certain general and administrative and research and development expenses not allocated to the segments. Corporate assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents.

**9. Stock based compensation**



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We account for stock-based employee compensation using the intrinsic method prescribed in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 and have adopted the disclosure only provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 148. As required by SFAS No. 148, we disclose the effect on net income and earnings per share of equity-based employee compensation, including stock options, that would have been recorded using the fair value based method. SFAS No. 123R, which will become effective for us beginning with our first quarter of fiscal 2006, will require us to record the cost of this equity-based compensation in our income statement based on the estimated fair value of the awards.

|   | Three Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  | Six Months Ended<br>January 31, |                  |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 2005                              | Restated<br>2004 | 2005                            | Restated<br>2004 |
|   | (In thousands)                    |                  |                                 |                  |
| Net income (loss) as reported   | \$ 17,368                         | \$ 13,594        | \$ 18,346                       | \$ (13,391)      |
| Add: Compensation expense, net of related tax effects   | 96                                | 149              | 179                             | 240              |
| Less: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects | (675)                             | (1,712)          | (1,354)                         | (3,436)          |
| Pro forma net income (loss)   | \$ 16,789                         | \$ 12,031        | \$ 17,171                       | \$ (16,587)      |
| Earnings (loss) per share:  |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| Basic:  |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| As reported   | \$ .51                            | \$ .40           | \$ .54                          | \$ (.40)         |
| Pro-forma   | .50                               | .36              | .51                             | (.49)            |
| Diluted:  |                                   |                  |                                 |                  |
| As reported   | \$ .51                            | \$ .40           | \$ .53                          | \$ (.40)         |
| Pro-forma   | .49                               | .35              | .50                             | (.49)            |

**10. Restatement**





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The historical financial information in this document for the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2004 has been restated due to accounting errors. These errors were discovered during two separate reviews, a comprehensive review of our balance sheet and a review of specific types of our customer contracts.

### Balance Sheet Review

During our fiscal 2004 year-end balance sheet review, we found various types of clerical and account reconciliation errors related primarily to the intercompany transfer of property and foreign currency items. The fixed asset errors of approximately \$1.9 million affected depreciation and amortization charges over the past seven years. We corrected all matters identified in the balance sheet review in our restatement, although such items were not individually material.

### Contract Review

We also reviewed our accounting for our customer contracts, including those that contain provisions for customer payment of mobilization fees, revenue sharing with customers and certain date contingencies. Because our contracts vary widely in terms and conditions, we reviewed the deliverables of each type of contract and, where required, applied the guidance of EITF 00-21. We determined that our accounting treatment for certain of these customer contracts was not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and adjusted our accounts accordingly. We had recognized mobilization fees as revenue during the period of mobilization rather than during the period of seismic data acquisition, as required by Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 104. In contracts with revenue sharing clauses and date contingencies, we recognized revenue before the price to be ultimately paid by the related customer was fixed or determinable under SAB No.104. In all cases, our errors related to customer contracts were related to the timing of revenue recognition.

The following is a summary of the effect of the restatement adjustments on our previously reported net income, earnings per share and total assets:

|   | Increase / (Decrease) from Previously<br>Reported Amounts for the |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | Three Months<br>Ended<br>January 31, 2004                         | Six Months<br>Ended<br>January 31, 2004 |
| (In thousands, except per share amounts)              |   |   |
| Net income (loss) as previously reported              | \$ 14,239   | \$ (12,108)                             |
| Pretax adjustments resulting from:                    |   |   |
| The balance sheet review                              | \$ (620)  | \$ (901)                                |
| The contract review                                   | (2)   | (487)                                   |
| Total pretax adjustments                              | (622)   | (1,388)                                 |
| Tax effect of restatement adjustments                 | 23  | (105)                                   |
| Total net adjustments                                 | (645)   | (1,283)                                 |
| Net income (loss) restated                            | \$ 13,594   | \$ (13,391)                             |
| Net income (loss) per common share basic and diluted: |   |   |
| As reported   | \$ .42  | \$ (.36)                                |
| Effect of the net adjustments                         | (.02)   | (.04)                                   |
| As restated   | \$ .40  | \$ (.40)                                |
| Total assets as reported                              | \$ 786,485  |   |

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|                          |    |         |
|--------------------------|----|---------|
| Adjustments              |    | 5,915   |
| Total assets as adjusted | \$ | 792,400 |

The following are the restated financial statements for the three and six month periods ended January 31, 2004 compared to the previously reported amounts:

## RESTATED

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(UNAUDITED)

|  | Three Months Ended January 31, 2004 |             |            | Six Months Ended January 31, 2004 |             |             |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | As<br>Reported                      | Adjustments | Restated   | As<br>Reported                    | Adjustments | Restated    |
| (In thousands, except per share amounts)                                 |                                     |             |            |                                   |             |             |
| <b>Statement of Operations</b>   |                                     |             |            |                                   |             |             |
| Revenues   | \$ 147,770                          | \$ (2,714)  | \$ 145,056 | \$ 252,120                        | \$ (4,657)  | \$ 247,463  |
| Cost of services   | 114,988                             | (2,124)     | 112,864    | 232,005                           | (3,291)     | 228,714     |
| Research and development   | 3,695                               |             | 3,695      | 7,140                             |             | 7,140       |
| General and administrative   | 6,383                               | 9           | 6,392      | 12,574                            | 9           | 12,583      |
| Operating income (loss)  | 22,704                              | (599)       | 22,105     | 401                               | (1,375)     | (974)       |
| Interest expense   | 4,197                               |             | 4,197      | 8,475                             | 1           | 8,476       |
| Other (income) expense, net  | (370)                               | 23          | (347)      | (517)                             | 12          | (505)       |
| Income (loss) before provision<br>for income taxes                       | 18,877                              | (622)       | 18,255     | (7,557)                           | (1,388)     | (8,945)     |
| Income taxes   | 4,638                               | 23          | 4,661      | 4,551                             | (105)       | 4,446       |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 14,239                           | \$ (645)    | \$ 13,594  | \$ (12,108)                       | \$ (1,283)  | \$ (13,391) |
| <b>Net income (loss), per share:</b>                                     |                                     |             |            |                                   |             |             |
| <b>Basic:</b>  |                                     |             |            |                                   |             |             |
| Income (loss) per common<br>share  | \$ .42                              | \$ (.02)    | \$ .40     | \$ (.36)                          | \$ (.04)    | \$ (.40)    |
| Weighted average common<br>shares (including exchangeable<br>shares)     | 33,745                              |             | 33,745     | 33,668                            |             | 33,668      |
| <b>Diluted:</b>  |                                     |             |            |                                   |             |             |
| Income (loss) per common<br>share  | \$ .42                              | \$ (.02)    | \$ .40     | \$ (.36)                          | \$ (.04)    | \$ (.40)    |
| Weighted average common<br>shares (including exchangeable<br>shares)     | 34,003                              |             | 34,003     | 33,668                            |             | 33,668      |
| <b>Comprehensive income (loss):</b>                                      |                                     |             |            |                                   |             |             |
| Net income (loss)  | \$ 14,239                           | \$ (645)    | \$ 13,594  | \$ (12,108)                       | \$ (1,283)  | \$ (13,391) |
| Other comprehensive income<br>(loss) (net of tax, \$0 in all<br>periods) |                                     |             |            |                                   |             |             |
| Foreign currency translation<br>adjustments                              | 570                                 | 14          | 584        | 5,935                             | 92          | 6,027       |
| Other unrealized gain (loss)   | (691)                               |             | (691)      | (604)                             |             | (604)       |
| Total other comprehensive<br>income (loss)                               | (121)                               | 14          | (107)      | 5,331                             | 92          | 5,423       |
| Comprehensive income (loss)  | \$ 14,118                           | \$ (631)    | \$ 13,487  | \$ (6,777)                        | \$ (1,191)  | \$ (7,968)  |

## RESTATED

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2004

(UNAUDITED)

|   | As Reported | Adjustments<br>(In thousands) | Restated    |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>  |             |                               |             |
| Net income (loss)   | \$ (12,108) | \$ (1,283)                    | \$ (13,391) |
| Non-cash items included in net income (loss):   |             |                               |             |
| Depreciation and amortization, net (other than multi-client)  | 19,869      | 190                           | 20,059      |
| Amortization of multi-client library  | 105,731     | (285)                         | 105,446     |
| Loss on disposition of property and equipment   | 480         |                               | 480         |
| Equity in loss of joint venture   | 613         |                               | 613         |
| Deferred taxes  | 717         | 3,425                         | 4,142       |
| Amortization of unearned compensation   | 240         |                               | 240         |
| Change in operating assets/liabilities:   |             |                               |             |
| Accounts and notes receivable   | (39,205)    | (79)                          | (39,284)    |
| Materials and supplies inventory  | 993         | 10                            | 1,003       |
| Prepayments and other   | (462)       | (2,015)                       | (2,477)     |
| Income tax receivable   | 1,360       | (280)                         | 1,080       |
| Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities  | 14,467      | 1                             | 14,468      |
| Other   | (3,693)     | 256                           | (3,437)     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 89,002      | (60)                          | 88,942      |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>  |             |                               |             |
| Decrease in restricted cash investments   | 190         |                               | 190         |
| Investment in multi-client library, net cash  | (70,315)    | (22)                          | (70,337)    |
| Purchase of property and equipment  | (13,557)    |                               | (13,557)    |
| Sale of property and equipment  | 655         |                               | 655         |
| Sale of (RC)(2) software operation  | 2,000       |                               | 2,000       |
| Total cash used by investing activities   | (81,027)    | (22)                          | (81,049)    |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>  |             |                               |             |
| Payments on long-term debt  | (13,102)    |                               | (13,102)    |
| Net proceeds from the sale of common stock  | 1,524       |                               | 1,524       |
| Total cash used by financing activities   | (11,578)    |                               | (11,578)    |
| Currency loss on foreign cash   | 497         |                               | 497         |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents   | (3,106)     | (82)                          | (3,188)     |
| Beginning cash and cash equivalents balance   | 72,626      | (529)                         | 72,097      |
| Ending cash and cash equivalents balance  | \$ 69,520   | \$ (611)                      | \$ 68,909   |
| <b>Schedule of non-cash transactions:</b>   |             |                               |             |
| Capitalization of depreciation and amortization resulting in an increase in multi-client data library | \$ 9,915    | \$                            | \$ 9,915    |

Item 2.

**Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*This report on Form 10-Q and the documents incorporated by reference contain forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements include statements incorporated by reference to other documents we file with the SEC. Forward-looking statements include, among other things, business strategy and expectations concerning industry conditions, market position, future operations, margins, profitability, liquidity and capital resources. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of terminology such as may, will, expect, intend, estimate, anticipate or believe or similar expressions or the negatives thereof. These expectations are based on management's assumptions and current beliefs based on currently available information. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectation will be correct. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report on Form 10-Q. Our operations are subject to a number of uncertainties, risks and other influences, many of which are outside our control, and any one of which, or a combination of which, could cause our actual results of operations to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations are disclosed in Risk Factors and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.*

## **Overview**

We believe that, overall, global exploration for oil and gas is increasing, even in mature areas such as the North Sea and Nigeria. We also see increasing interest in new seismic reservoir imaging techniques, such as multi- or wide-azimuth acquisition, which offer better delineation of complex structures. We believe all of this to be promising for our business.

Our second quarter results for fiscal 2005 were outstanding and reflect record quarterly revenue. Our overall performance during the period is the result of being well positioned to take advantage of the increased exploration spending. This positioning includes having quality multi-client data in areas of current customer interest, data processing abilities that enable us to produce the best possible seismic images in difficult areas, and field operations that are capable of providing technical as well as health, safety and environmental excellence.

Due to our selling and operational efforts and the robust seismic market, we have seen our backlog increase \$87 million from \$147 million at July 31, 2004 to \$234 million at April 30, 2005. We expect to complete most of the work in backlog over the next twelve months. It appears that our traditional pattern of revenue generation will occur again during fiscal 2005, with revenues in our second and third fiscal quarters being higher than in our first and fourth quarters. This pattern is driven by end-of-year spending, which results in high multi-client data library revenue in our second fiscal quarter, and high land acquisition activity during our second and third fiscal quarters, corresponding with the winter seismic season in Alaska and Canada.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2005, we reorganized our company into three geographic regions: North and South America (NASA), Europe, Africa, Middle East and CIS (EAME), and Asia Pacific (APAC). The managers of these regions are responsible for all facets of sales and operations and represent our customer interface. Centrally managed processing, acquisition, and reservoir professionals support these managers from locations around the globe. We feel this new organization allows our front-line managers to focus exclusively on their customers while allowing our company to develop and deploy technology consistently across our markets. We have put processes in place that will allow for the free movement of our seismic equipment across the three regions so that we may maximize our return on investment.

## **Restatement**

The historical financial information in this document has been restated for the first and second quarters of fiscal 2004 due to accounting errors. The impact of the restatement resulted in a decrease in the net income and net income per share of \$645,000 and \$0.02, respectively, for the three months ended January 31, 2004 and an increase in the net loss and net loss per common share of \$1,283,000 and \$0.04, respectively, for the six months ended January 31, 2004. (See Note 10 for the details of this restatement.)



**Results of operations**

*Three months ended January 31, 2005 compared with three months ended January 31, 2004 (restated)*

*Revenues.* Our revenues increased by 33% from \$145.1 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2004 to \$192.2 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2005. Each of our regions contributed to the increased revenue, which was driven primarily by increased contract work. NASA generated their \$26.6 million revenue increase through marine contract work in the Gulf of Mexico, where the Veritas Vantage and two source boats acquired a wide-azimuth survey and through land contract acquisition work in North America. Land contract revenue from South America was down significantly due to our decision to reduce our presence in that market. APAC's revenue increase was also generated in the marine contract market, where we operated the Veritas Viking II, the Pacific Sword and Veritas Searcher in Australia, India, Myanmar and New Zealand. EAME generated their increased revenue through sales of licenses to multi-client data for offshore Africa and the North Sea.

Revenues from our operating segments were as follows:

|               | 2005       | Three Months Ended January 31,             |           | Change |     |
|---------------|------------|--|-----------|--------|-----|
|               |            | Restated<br>2004<br>(Dollars in thousands) | \$        |        | %   |
| NASA          | \$ 135,107 | \$ 108,477                                 | \$ 26,630 |        | 25% |
| EAME          | 33,076     | 23,647                                     | 9,429     |        | 40% |
| APAC          | 24,045     | 12,932                                     | 11,113    |        | 86% |
| Total Revenue | \$ 192,228 | \$ 145,056                                 | \$ 47,172 |        | 33% |

Revenues by contract type were as follows:

|                      | 2005       | Three Months Ended January 31,             |           | Change |      |
|----------------------|------------|--|-----------|--------|------|
|                      |            | Restated<br>2004<br>(Dollars in thousands) | \$        |        | %    |
| <b>Multi-Client:</b> |            |  |           |        |      |
| Land                 | \$ 15,197  | \$ 15,479                                  | \$ (282)  |        | (2)% |
| Marine               | 72,470     | 66,912                                     | 5,558     |        | 8%   |
| Total Multi-Client   | 87,667     | 82,391                                     | 5,276     |        | 6%   |
| <b>Contract:</b>     |            |  |           |        |      |
| Land                 | 40,465     | 29,587                                     | 10,878    |        | 37%  |
| Marine               | 64,096     | 33,078                                     | 31,018    |        | 94%  |
| Total Contract       | 104,561    | 62,665                                     | 41,896    |        | 67%  |
| Total Revenue        | \$ 192,228 | \$ 145,056                                 | \$ 47,172 |        | 33%  |

*Operating income (loss).* Operating income increased from \$22.1 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2004 to \$33.7 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2005. Cost of services as a percent of revenue fell from 78% to 75% in the comparative periods. This decreasing cost and increasing revenue yielded an increase in margin (revenue less cost of services) of \$15.1 million. Increasing research and development costs of \$1.3 million and increasing general and administrative expense of \$2.2 million reduced the operating income increase to \$11.6 million.

The research and development cost increase of \$1.3 million was primarily related to our increased focus on multi-component (pressure and shear wave) acquisition and processing.

The general and administrative cost increase of \$2.2 million was primarily due to increased costs associated with the restatement of our financial statements and increased efforts in the area of financial controls. Research and development expense and general and administrative expense both grew due to increased incentive compensation related to our improved financial performance.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense decreased from \$4.2 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2004 to \$0.9 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2005. This decrease is due primarily to the issuance of our Convertible Senior Notes and the repayment of our term notes with the proceeds from the issuance of our Convertible Senior Notes in the third quarter of fiscal 2004. This refinancing resulted in a lower overall debt level and a significantly lower

interest rate. Our Convertible Senior Notes accrue interest at a rate of LIBOR less 0.75%, which currently equates to 2.26% and is much lower than the various tranches of debt in place in fiscal 2004.

*Income taxes.* Income taxes in the second quarter of fiscal 2005 were 49% of income before provision for income taxes due primarily to our inability to record deferred tax assets in certain jurisdictions because of historical losses generated in prior years. This treatment is consistent with fiscal 2004, however income earned by jurisdiction was different in fiscal 2004 resulting in a lower overall tax rate than fiscal 2005.

*Six months ended January 31, 2005 compared with six months ended January 31, 2004 (restated)*

*Revenues.* Our revenues increased by 30% from \$247.5 million in the first six months of fiscal 2004 to \$321.8 million in the first six months of fiscal 2005. This increase was driven primarily by increased marine contract work in NASA, EAME and APAC and higher sales of licenses to marine multi-client data in EAME. Most of NASA's marine contract revenue increase was generated by the acquisition of a wide-azimuth survey by the Veritas Vantage and two source boats. EAME's multi-client revenue increase came from sales of data licenses offshore Africa and in the North Sea.

Revenues from our operating segments were as follows:

|                        | 2005       | Six Months Ended January 31,<br>Restated<br>2004 | \$ | Change | %   |
|------------------------|------------|--|----|--------|-----|
| (Dollars in thousands) |            |  |    |        |     |
| NASA                   | \$ 214,857 | \$ 179,215                                       | \$ | 35,642 | 20% |
| EAME                   | 64,851     | 45,521   |    | 19,330 | 42% |
| APAC                   | 42,101     | 22,727   |    | 19,374 | 85% |
| Total Revenue          | \$ 321,809 | \$ 247,463                                       | \$ | 74,346 | 30% |

Revenues by contract type were as follows:

|                        | 2005       | Six Months Ended January 31,<br>Restated<br>2004 | \$ | Change  | %     |
|------------------------|------------|--|----|---------|-------|
| (Dollars in thousands) |            |  |    |         |       |
| <b>Multi-Client:</b>   |            |  |    |         |       |
| Land                   | \$ 26,013  | \$ 29,006  | \$ | (2,993) | (10)% |
| Marine                 | 106,751    | 92,373   |    | 14,378  | 16%   |
| Total Multi-Client     | 132,764    | 121,379  |    | 11,385  | 9%    |
| <b>Contract:</b>       |            |  |    |         |       |
| Land                   | 76,962     | 66,010   |    | 10,952  | 17%   |
| Marine                 | 112,083    | 60,074   |    | 52,009  | 87%   |
| Total Contract         | 189,045    | 126,084  |    | 62,961  | 50%   |
| Total Revenue          | \$ 321,809 | \$ 247,463                                       | \$ | 74,346  | 30%   |

*Operating income (loss).* Operating income increased from a loss of \$1.0 million in the first six months of fiscal 2004 to income of \$36.8 million in the first six months of fiscal 2005. During the first quarter of fiscal 2004, we changed our multi-client amortization accounting policy to include a minimum amortization from the date of survey completion, instead of only during the last 24 months of the survey's book life. As a result of this change, we recorded a charge of \$22.1 million in cost of services in the first quarter of fiscal 2004.

Excluding the charge for the change in our accounting method, our operating income in the first six months of fiscal 2005 would have been \$15.6 million greater than in the same period last year. Our margin (revenues less cost of services) increased by \$20.0 million due to our revenue increase and a decrease in cost of services as a percent of revenue of approximately 2%.

Research and development costs increased by \$2.2 million from the prior year due in part to our development of multi-component (pressure and shear wave) acquisition and processing.

General and administrative expense increased by \$2.4 million due partly to the expenses associated with the restatement of our historical financial statements and our increased efforts in the area of financial controls. Research and development expense and general and administrative expense both grew due to increased incentive compensation related to our improved financial performance.

*Interest expense.* Interest expense decreased from \$8.5 million in the first six months of fiscal 2004 to \$1.7 million in the first six months of fiscal 2005. This decrease is due primarily to the issuance of our Convertible Senior Notes and the repayment of our term notes with the proceeds from the issuance of our Convertible Senior Notes in the third quarter of fiscal 2004. The refinancing resulted in a significantly lower interest rate. Our Convertible Senior Notes accrue interest at a rate of LIBOR less 0.75%, which currently equates to 2.26% and is much lower than the various tranches of debt in place in the comparable period in fiscal 2004. In addition, strong cash flows over the past 12 months has allowed us to reduce overall levels of debt.

*Income taxes.* Income taxes in fiscal 2005 were 50% of income before provision for income taxes due primarily to our inability to record deferred tax assets in certain jurisdictions because of historical losses generated in prior years. This treatment is consistent with fiscal 2004.

#### **Liquidity and capital resources**



*Cash flow and liquidity*

Our internal sources of liquidity are cash on hand and cash flow from operations. External sources include public financing, equity sales, equipment financing, our Credit Facility, and trade credit. We believe that our current cash balance and cash flow from operations will be adequate to meet our liquidity needs over the next twelve months. We expect our cash balance to continue to increase during the remainder of fiscal 2005.

Net cash provided by operating activities increased by \$72.7 million for the six months ended January 31, 2005 compared to the six months ended January 31, 2004 primarily as a result of improvements in working capital. Net cash used by investing activities decreased by \$5.8 million for the six months ended January 31, 2005 compared to the six months ended January 31, 2004 as a result of decreased investment in our multi client data library. Our cash investment for fiscal 2005 is projected to be approximately \$225 million and includes capital expenditures to replace and upgrade existing equipment of approximately \$80 million, and investment in our data library of approximately \$145 million. Insurance proceeds are expected to cover substantially all of the costs of the Veritas Viking's replacement equipment. We expect to fund the remainder of these investments from our current cash on hand and from internally generated funds.

While we believe that we have adequate sources of funds to meet our liquidity needs, our ability to meet our obligations depends on our future performance, which is subject to many factors beyond our control. Key factors affecting future results include utilization levels of acquisition and processing assets and demand for multi-client library surveys, all of which are driven by exploration spending and, ultimately, the underlying commodity prices.

***Debt structure***

As of January 31, 2005, our long-term debt outstanding consisted of \$155.0 million of Convertible Senior Notes due 2024. In addition, we have a Credit Facility consisting primarily of a revolving loan facility permitting borrowings of up to \$55.0 million and we have various unsecured lines of credit totaling \$8.5 million which may be used exclusively for letters of credit and bank guarantees.

The Convertible Senior Notes bear interest at a per annum rate which equals the three-month LIBOR rate, adjusted quarterly, minus a spread of 0.75%. The current interest rate on the Convertible Senior Notes, from March 15, 2005 through June 14, 2005, equates to 2.26%. The Convertible Senior Notes are our senior unsecured obligations and are convertible under certain circumstances into a combination of cash and our common stock. In general, upon conversion of a note, the holder of such note will receive cash equal to the principal amount of the note and shares of our common stock for the note's conversion value in excess of such principal amount. We entered into a registration rights agreement in which we agreed to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 90 days of March 3, 2004 to register resales of the notes and associated shares of

common stock. We filed a registration statement on May 28, 2004 in compliance with the registration rights agreement; however, the registration statement is not yet effective. Because our registration statement was not effective on August 31, 2004 as required by the indenture, we have been incurring liquidated damages in the amount of \$2,153 per day since August 31, 2004. We will continue to incur these damages until the registration is effective.

Under certain circumstances and at the option of the holder, the Convertible Senior Notes are convertible prior to the maturity date into cash and shares of our common stock. Certain of these circumstances may result in classification of the Convertible Senior Notes as current on our balance sheet. These circumstances include:

1. the closing sale price of our common stock is over 120% of the conversion price, which is currently \$24.03 (with 120% being \$28.84) for 20 trading days in the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the fiscal quarter preceding the quarter in which the conversion occurs;
2. if we called the notes for redemption and the redemption has not occurred;
3. the occurrence of a five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price of the notes was less than 95% of the closing sale price of our common stock on such day multiplied by the number of shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes; or
4. the occurrence of specified corporate transactions.

Should any of these circumstances occur, the Senior Notes would be convertible at the then current stock price times the conversion ratio of 41.6146. This amount would be payable in cash equal to the principal amount of the notes, the par value adjusted for dividends or other equity transactions, and the additional amount payable in shares of our common stock. Currently, the maximum amount payable by us on conversion is \$155 million in cash plus approximately 6.5 million shares. For clarity, conversion at a \$40 stock price would result in our payment of \$155 million in cash and 2.575 million shares of common stock. This settlement method is prescribed in the indenture and is not optional at the discretion of any party. The shares issuable from such conversion are considered in the calculation of diluted earnings per share.

As of January 31, 2005, there were no borrowings and \$1.8 million in letters of credit outstanding under the revolving loan facility. Borrowings under the Credit Facility, including swing-line loans, bear interest at a variable rate determined on the date of borrowing that is related to various base rates and margins depending upon our leverage ratio and the location of the borrowing. The Credit Facility expires in February 2006. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of the assets of the company residing in the U.S. including the accounts receivable from certain of our foreign subsidiaries.

We obtained waivers from our lenders under our Credit Facility extending the due date for our delivery of financial statements to them to July 29, 2005. If we are unable to meet this deadline or are unable to extend it further, our ability to borrow under the Credit Facility will be restricted.

We have various unsecured lines of credit, with lending institutions that operate in geographic areas not covered by the lending institutions in our Credit Facility, totaling \$8.5 million that may be used exclusively for the issuance of letters of credit and bank guarantees. As of January 31, 2005, \$3.3 million in letters of credit were outstanding under these lines.

*Critical accounting policies*

While all of our accounting policies are important in assuring that we adhere to current accounting standards, certain policies are particularly important due to their impact on our financial statements. These are described in detail in Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Significant Accounting Policies included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2004 which description is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 3.**

**Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures Regarding Market Risk**

From time to time we enter into contracts with customers whereby payment is not in our US Dollars, functional currency. During the six months ended January 31, 2005, we entered into such contracts with customers whereby payments, to be received in November 2004 and January 2005 were to be made in the British Pound and the Norwegian Kroner. To protect us against exposure to exchange rate risk, we entered into currency exchange contracts with financial institutions; however, at January 31, 2005, there were no such contracts outstanding.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**



## Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision of and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as to the effectiveness, design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of January 31, 2005. The evaluation considered our various procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported in the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded, as a result of the material weaknesses described below, that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of January 31, 2005.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is defined as a process designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and Board of Directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

We have restated our annual financial statements for fiscal periods of 2002 through 2003 due to our failure to properly record revenue and expenses in the appropriate periods. Based upon our investigations and those of the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors, we believe these accounting errors are the result of mistakes and omissions, but the fact that they were not detected and corrected in a timely manner leads us to conclude that we had material weaknesses in the operation of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting as of the end of the period covered by this report. A material weakness in internal control over financial reporting is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements would not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by employees in the normal course of their work.

Our inquiry into these matters indicated that in our largest operating division:

Reconciliations were not always adequately performed or adequately reviewed, with such reconciliations including:

Sub-ledger to general ledger

Bank account to cash balance

Tax provision to tax return

Discrepancies identified through reconciliation were not always addressed

Periodic reviews of all balance sheet accounts by management personnel were not performed.

A global contract review revealed the following issues related to revenue recognition:

Revenue generated through the mobilization of our seismic equipment was recognized during the period of mobilization, rather than over the period when the equipment was actually used for seismic data acquisition.

Revenue was recognized on a proportional performance basis on projects where the governing contracts contained date contingencies that required the use of completed contract method of revenue recognition.

Revenue was pre-maturely recognized from several arrangements where the customer could share in the proceeds from future sales of data licenses. Some, or all, of the revenue from the customer participating in the future revenue should have been deferred until the net amount ultimately paid by that customer for the data license is known. The periods of deferral range from a few months to an indefinite number of years, depending upon the contractual terms. In some arrangements, the period of deferral will also depend upon the pace of license sales, with a high rate of sales shortening the effective deferral period.

It should be noted that all of these revenue recognition issues involved only the timing of revenue recognition.

#### **Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting**

During the second quarter of fiscal 2005, we began to make the following changes to our internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting:

Increased the size and scope of our internal audit department

Increased our documentation, review and remediation efforts with regard to internal controls

Increased the formality of our review processes, such as account reconciliation and customer contract review

Increased the segregation of duties between individuals within each accounting function

Installed a software-enabled system to effect monitoring and change management of our internal controls

Required, on a quarterly basis, support certification regarding accounting and controls from operational management and others with particular knowledge or span of control

Selected an external agency for our whistle-blower hotline

Involved corporate finance in the hiring and review of divisional accounting personnel

Established a formal evaluation and implementation process regarding changes in accounting rules

Within the division where the internal control deficiencies were noted we have:

Replaced certain accounting personnel

Changed reporting relationships

Reorganized the accounting function with increased segregation of duties

Evaluated and are addressing staffing requirements, including quantity and qualifications of personnel

Due to the material weaknesses noted above, in preparing our financial statements for the quarter ended January 31, 2005, we performed additional procedures to ensure that those financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Section 404**

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires that we document and test the internal controls over financial reporting and to assert in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2005, whether the internal controls over financial reporting at July 31, 2005 are effective. Any material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting existing at that date will preclude us from making a positive assertion. We are currently undergoing a comprehensive effort to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

In response to the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and our material weakness in certain areas, we are formalizing our entire control framework and all of our control procedures. We have done significant work in evaluating, documenting, testing and remediating this framework and processes in a concerted effort to be in compliance with Section 404 by our required deadline for fiscal 2005. During the course of these activities and in addition to the material weakness in our disclosure controls described above, we have identified certain internal control issues and deficiencies which we believe should be improved and corrected. We have a remediation plan for these issues and expect to have completed our remediation and testing prior to the end of fiscal 2005 in order to make a positive assertion as to the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, however, there can be no assurance that all the identified issues and deficiencies or any other issues that may arise from continued testing will be resolved in time to do so.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 6.**

**Exhibits**

*Exhibits filed with this report:*



**Exhibit**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|------------|---|
| *31.1      | Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Chief Executive Officer. |
| *31.2      | Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Chief Financial Officer. |
| *32.1      | Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Chief Executive Officer. |
| *32.2      | Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by Chief Financial Officer. |

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\* filed herewith

**SIGNATURES**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2005.

**Veritas DGC Inc.**

By:

/s/ Mark E. Baldwin  
mark E. Baldwin  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ Vincent M. Thielen  
vincent m. thielen  
Vice President, Corporate Controller  
(Chief Accounting Officer)