

FORM 10-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-13467

COMMONWEALTH BIOTECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Name of small business issuer in its charter)

Virginia
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

54-1641133
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

601 Biotech Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23235
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Issuer's telephone number: (804) 648-3820

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:

Common Stock, without par value per share
(Title of Class)

NASDAQ Capital Market
(Name of Exchange on which registered)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the issuer (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the issuer 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 if there is disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-B contained in this form, and no disclosure will be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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

The aggregate market value of the shares of common stock, without par value ("Common Stock"), of the registrant held by non-affiliates on June 30, 2008 was approximately \$7,692,620, based on the closing sales price of the shares of \$1.38 per share, as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market on June 30, 2008, multiplied by the number of shares outstanding on that date (5,574,362).

As of March 31, 2009, there were 6,666,449 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 15, 2009 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K. Portions of the registrant's Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 are incorporated by reference into Part II of this Form 10-K.

PART I

Item 1. Business.

Overview

Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. (the "Company" or "CBI") is a specialized life sciences outsourcing business that offers cutting-edge expertise and a complete suite of discovery and development services and chemistry and biology products through its subsidiary companies: CBI Services, Fairfax Identity Labs ("FIL") and Mimotopes Pty Limited ("Mimotopes"). In April of 2008, the company entered into a joint venture with Beijing-based, VenturePharm Laboratories, Ltd. ("VPL") in order to offer high throughput, low cost drug discovery services through new facilities in China. As of September 23, 2008 Exelgen Limited ("Exelgen") (formerly Tripos Discovery Research Ltd) was closed as recorded on the annual statements as a discontinued operation.

Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates realization of assets and satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. If the Company is unable to improve operating results and meet its debt obligations, it may have to cease operations. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern.

Total losses for the Company were \$9,862,746 and \$2,758,101 for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 respectively. Recent operating losses may continue into future periods and there can be no assurance by management that the Company's financial outlook will improve. For the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, losses from continuing operations were \$8,570,723 and \$2,979,800 respectively. Losses resulting from the goodwill impairment amounted to \$3,152,739 in 2008. Losses resulting from the extinguishment of debt were \$1,202,419 in 2008. Losses resulting from the discontinued operation in 2008 and 2007 were \$1,292,023 and \$561,134 respectively. In 2007, the Company reported a gain from the purchase of Exelgen in the amount of \$782,833.

The Company generated negative cash flows of \$2,290,159 in 2008, compared to an increase in cash of \$1,129,540 in 2007. Net working capital as of December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 was (\$5,256,055) and \$1,421,602 respectively. The negative working capital is primarily due to continuing losses and increased debt obligations in 2008.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$243,751 in cash and cash equivalents, which was an 89.9% decrease over the cash balance at December 31, 2007. This decrease is primarily due to cash utilized by Exelgen prior to the decision to discontinue the operation. Management believes the discontinuation of the Exelgen operations should improve cash flows going forward.

Cash used by operating activities was \$1,366,425 in 2008 as compared to cash used by operating activities of \$867,728 in 2007. The increase resulted from additional operating losses sustained by the Company.

Cash provided by investing activities for 2008 was \$52,258 in comparison to cash provided by investing activities of \$2,211,069 in 2007. The net change relates primarily to net cash acquired in the acquisition of Exelgen offset by the cost of acquiring Mimotopes. In addition, the 2008 activities reflect management's decision to reduce the purchase of capital expenditures.

Cash provided by financing activities for 2008 was \$185,865 as compared to cash used of \$508,849 in the 2007 Period. During 2008, the Company entered into multiple debt agreements providing \$1,000,000 of proceeds to offset current losses and debt payments. The Company reduced the principal amount on the mortgage through a one-time payment of \$400,000 as required by the lender. Elimination of capital lease payments associated with the discontinued operation is estimated to reduce the cash outflow of the Company by over \$1 million over the next twelve months.

The elimination of the Exelgen operation should benefit the Company's overall cash position. Additional cash resources will no longer be needed for the payments of the capital leases. The Company estimates a savings of \$1.1 million over the remaining life of the Exelgen leases which were due to expire in December 2009.

During 2009, the Company expects to re-negotiate the terms of its outstanding mortgage debt which becomes due in November 2009, including any non compliance with upcoming covenants which could cause the Company to be in default. The Company also believes that it will be able to satisfy its current debt obligations with LH Financial and Fornova through the issuance of common stock in lieu of cash payment. Subject to compliance with NASDAQ listing standards, the Company believes it will be able to satisfy its debt obligations.

Management has taken steps to improve the cash flow and liquidity of the Company. The Company has discontinued Exelgen operations, which entered into administration (See Note 14) as well as reduced personnel levels and marketing expenditures, curtailed costs, deferred directors' fees and a portion of employees' salaries. The Company has also reduced or delayed expenditures on items deemed non-critical to operations. In addition, the Company evaluates consolidated activities for each operation and takes advantage of opportunities where synergies exist. During 2008, the Company implemented a Profit Recovery Plan which outlines clear objectives related to the following:

- Strengthening of cash position to protect solvency through cost reduction efforts
- Maximizing revenue contracts in pharmaceutical and governmental sectors
- Monitoring monthly operations against budget projections
- Increase in sales

The cash position of the Company will again remain uncertain in 2009. However, the Company will continue to address the immediate needs for cash and liquidity through an aggressive approach on a number of fronts. As indicated previously, when confronted with static revenues and declining cash reserves, management reduced staffing through layoffs and attrition and reduced or eliminated non-production related expenditures. Fiscal practices have been strictly enforced which restrict all material purchases to service on-going work only and serve to minimize all material inventories. Management will continue adhering to these policies for the foreseeable future.

The lack of adequate cash resulting from the inability to generate cash flow from operations or to raise capital from external sources would force the Company to substantially curtail or cease operations and would, therefore, have a material adverse effect on its business. The Company is actively exploring the availability of varying financial and strategic transactions, which, if consummated, would address the Company's need to improve its financial condition and/or its operations.

There can be no assurance that any funds required during the next twelve months or thereafter can be generated from operations, that if such required funds are not internally generated that funds will be available from external sources, such as debt or equity financing or other potential sources or that any funds received would suffice to improve the Company's financial condition.

During the last year, the Company's business has undergone substantial change in relation to size, scale and scope of activities. The Company has developed significant capacity in peptide chemistry through the acquisition of Mimotopes. This strategic transaction complements the core capabilities in genomics and proteomics at CBI Services and FIL. In addition, resources have been invested in the establishment of VenturePharm Asia. The Company views this relationship as a key strategy in expanding production capabilities and services which will further the Company's ability to compete in the global market.

As a result of the above, there is substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. These financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability or classification of asset carrying amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that may result should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

The Company's independent auditors have included a paragraph emphasizing "going concern" in their report on the 2008 financial statements. These financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability or classification of asset carrying amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that may result should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

Business Units

Revenues from all four business units are derived principally from providing macromolecular synthetic and analytical services to researchers in the biotechnology industry or to researchers who are engaged in life sciences research in government or academic labs throughout the world. This arrangement distinguishes CBI from many other biotechnology companies in that revenues are derived from services rather than from the successful commercialization of a new biotechnology product. CBI believes that Mimotopes, CBI Services and FIL have all developed a strong reputation as leading providers in their respective markets. In 2008 CBI entered into a joint venture with VPL in anticipation of being able to provide scale and scope to its current offerings. The operations, areas of expertise and value proposition of the different entities which constitute CBI are outlined below:

At its Richmond location, CBI Services' core competencies are in the area of genomics and proteomics, principally serving the early stage research and development needs of its clients. These support true drug discovery at the most fundamental stage but also support many of the pre-clinical needs of our clients and, most recently, several clinical trials are being supported. We provide these services under the FDA's Good Laboratory Practices ("GLP") Guidelines (21 CFR Part 58). CBI is also able to provide clinical trial support under Good Clinical Practices ("GCP") Guidelines by virtue of its Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act ("CLIA") certification. Finally, CBI is increasing its capability to provide Good Manufacturing Practices ("GMP") support for drug product release and drug product testing criteria.

A unique feature of the Richmond location is its Bio-Safety Level 3 ("BSL-3") laboratory and its CDC Registration for Select Agents. The Company has capabilities in the area of bacterial and viral organisms and a very strong program in bio-threat toxin analysis. This capability has been at the core of the Company's government-based contracts.

Also at the Richmond location is Fairfax Identity Laboratories ("FIL"). FIL has been at the forefront of DNA technology of profiling for identity since it opened its doors in 1990. FIL's rigorous standards are designed to provide credible evidence that affects decisions regarding criminal trials, paternity, immigration, estate settlement, adoption, and other issues of identity. FIL provides Forensics, Paternity and Convicted Offender DNA Index System ("CODIS") services to government and private concerns. FIL is accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks, the National Forensic Science Technology Center, and the Department of Health, State of New York. All testing is done under CLIA guidelines. Its employees have extensive laboratory and courtroom experience.

The Melbourne-based Mimotopes Pty Ltd was acquired by CBI in 2007. It provides world class research grade peptide synthesis and analysis. This location also has several proprietary technologies for the preparation of peptide and small molecule libraries for drug discovery and for epitope analysis in support of its clients' vaccine development programs. Mimotopes also has a formal peptide alliance with Genzyme Pharmaceuticals, a world class provider of GMP pharmaceutical grade peptides and also enjoys a strong relationship with GL Biochem, a Shanghai-based peptide synthesis and reagent company.

CBI's China-based joint venture with VPL was signed in March 2008. To date, the facilities contemplated by the joint venture have not been completed, and no revenues have been generated, and CBI has received no assurances of when, if ever, it can expect to generate any revenues through the joint venture.

Target Markets

Each of CBI's business units has its own distinct capabilities and market focus, although significant overlap exists between the customer bases. The markets served by each of the business units are shown below:

| Business Unit | Market Segments Served | Applications |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| CBI Services | Government Biotechnology companies Pharmaceutical companies | Basic research Process research Immunology and vaccine development Drug development |
| Fairfax Identity Labs | Private individuals Medical community Legal community | Paternity and relationship testing Immigration testing Forensic DNA analysis |
| Mimotopes | Government Universities Biotechnology companies Pharmaceutical companies | Immunology and vaccine development Drug target screening Drug development |
| VenturePharm joint venture* | Biotechnology companies Pharmaceutical companies | Drug Development Pre-Clinical Support |

* As noted above, the VenturePharm joint venture has not yet generated any revenues from these, or any other, types of clients, and the Company cannot assure that any revenues will be generated.

All business units cater to the outsourcing requirements of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for reagents (such as peptides, proteins and small molecules), as well as drug research and development. The adoption of outsourcing by the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries is driven by three major deliverables:

(1) *Speed*. Faster discovery results accelerate the time to fail or advance a drug through the development pipeline. Eliminating bad leads early or shaving weeks or months from the time it takes to get a drug to market can mean millions of dollars in cost savings.

(2) *Quality*. All the advantages of an accelerated drug discovery program can be jeopardized if the results do not meet the strict quality standards of the pharmaceutical industry. High quality results depend on quality control, quality equipment and quality people.

(3) *Cost*. Speed and quality are necessary but insufficient conditions for success. The economic scarcity problem of unlimited wants and needs and limited resources applies to drug discovery outsourcing as well. The more suppliers can offer for less, the more successful they will be.

Growth Strategy

Adapting to the changing landscape in the outsourcing industry will be the key to our future success. We will need to become strategic partners, not just service providers. While we have several of those kinds of relationships now, we must expand that client base by building on our already acknowledged ability to support our clients' projects with insights and solutions by providing access to the wealth of intellectual capital at CBI. Innovative insights leads to innovative solutions.

Operations

CBI operates on a fee-for-service basis and has integrated a number of foundation technologies to provide a broad range of capabilities to customers who otherwise must go to several different sources for their needs. The Company's business units have a strong reputation for:

- World-leading expertise in drug development and discovery;
- An innovative and collaborative culture;
- Providing seamless information flow at all stages of the process;

- Providing customers with a shorter time to market; and
- Total intellectual property security.

Across the Company, the business units have technical capabilities and proprietary technology platforms that differentiate them from other providers. For example:

- Mimotopes' patented SynPhase Technology provides CBI with a competitive advantage to rapidly, efficiently and cost-effectively produce large libraries of research grade peptides.
- FIL is accredited by all major U.S. authorities and provides highly accurate DNA identity information.
- CBI Services' state-of-the-art laboratories, biodefense facility, government security clearance and accreditations provide it with access to contracts not appropriate for most contract research organizations.

All of CBI's business units operate under strict Standard Operating Procedures ("SOPs") which detail the particular technologies used to support projects. SOPs are made available to the customer upon request or, more commonly, are customized to meet their particular needs. In addition, CBI Services and FIL have instituted rigorous GLP reporting requirements, and have put in place the necessary features to meet all aspects of GLP compliance. The Quality Assurance Unit has enabled CBI Services and FIL to take on projects with customers who require adherence to compliance reporting. Other accreditations achieved by CBI Services and FIL include:

- ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and forensic requirements for accreditation FRA 1 and FRA 2;
- Forensic Quality Services accreditation for DNA forensic and CODIS analyses;
- American Association of Blood Banking accreditation for Paternity DNA identify testing;
- Department of Health, State of New York State Accreditation for forensic analyses;
- An FBI-approved Laboratory Quality Assurance Program for microbial forensics;
- College of American Pathologist testing certification for performance of molecular diagnostics;
- Designated Basic Sentinel Lab of the Laboratory Response Network of Bioterrorism;
- Compliance with and certification by CLIA for analysis of human samples;
- Select Agent Registration with the Centers of Disease Control ("CDC") and the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA");
- Continuous successful operation of a CDC accredited BSL3 laboratory since 1996;
- NRC license for use of radionuclides;
- DEA approval for experimental use and storage of Schedules 1-6 controlled substances; and
- EPA and Virginia DEQ compliance certifications.

Marketing

CBI believes that its business units have excellent customer service reputations. Sales and business development staff employ their technical know-how by way of a consultative/collaborative selling strategy and routinely assist clients with the design of their projects and synthesis of their products. In 2008, CBI companies boasted twelve of the top twenty global pharmaceutical companies as clients. However, marketing has been slow to develop at CBI, mainly due to limited resources. Much of the CBI's marketing is done by word-of-mouth and internet sales, and a very large percentage of CBI's business (more than 50% across the board) is due to repeat business from existing customers. CBI is focused on improving its formal marketing and sales efforts.

Intellectual Property

Each of CBI's business units is primarily focused on fee-for-service offerings; various intellectual properties have developed that have resulted in U.S. and international patents. For example, CBI Services has patented a potential human pharmaceutical product, termed HepArrest[®]. HepArrest is designed as a hospital drug for use in reversing the anti-coagulant effects of heparin. HepArrest was under pre-clinical development leading to an Investigational New Drug ("IND") application with a license partner, but on-going work has been interrupted while the Company's licensing partner re-organizes its product portfolio. The Company has other intellectual properties in the form of issued and pending patents, many of which underpin the various technology platforms employed by the individual business units.

CBI takes appropriate steps to protect its intellectual property rights and those of its customers. The Company's practice is to require its employees and consultants to execute non-disclosure and proprietary rights agreements upon commencement of employment or consulting arrangements with the Company. These agreements require that all proprietary information disclosed to the individual by CBI or its customers remain confidential.

Employees

Worldwide, CBI employs 65 full-time staff in Richmond and Melbourne. CBI has an entrepreneurial executive management team with a wealth of scientific and commercial experience in the biotechnology and life science industries.

Partners and Partnerships

The experience of CBI's staff coupled with its patented technology platforms and advanced laboratory facilities position the Company well for partnering with discovery companies and partners in drug development. CBI companies have developed strategic alliances with key life science companies, most notable being its partnership with Genzyme Pharmaceuticals. This relationship has created a brand that provides a total suite of peptide products and acts as an integrated "one-stop-shop" for peptide customers. In 2007, the alliance was listed as one of the top 5 leading global peptide providers in an independent analysis of the peptide industry (Bionest Partners, 2007). CBI is looking to adopt a similar partnering model with other industry partners.

U.S. Government Regulation

CBI complies with existing federal, state and local laws and regulations and does not anticipate that continuing compliance will have any material effect upon the capital expenditures, earnings or competitive position. While the Company does not require government regulatory approvals to provide for current services, numerous federal, state, and local agencies, such as federal and state environmental agencies, working condition and other similar regulators, have jurisdiction to take actions that could have a material adverse effect upon its ability to do business. CBI has put in place numerous procedures and guidelines which allows it to meet accreditation requirements of federal, state, and industry specific regulatory groups. CBI anticipates that it will continue to implement and upgrade the compliance capabilities under the FDA's GLP guidelines. The Company anticipates that eventually more of its service offerings will meet the FDA's GMP and cCMP guidelines.

Investor Relations

The Company is committed to presentation of its capabilities in appropriate forums, such as analyst conferences and forums.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

The Company is not required to provide the information required by this Item because the Company is a smaller reporting company.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

The Company is not required to provide the information required by this Item because the Company is a smaller reporting company.

Item 2. Properties.**Facilities**

CBI currently operates in two facilities, located in Richmond (Virginia) and Melbourne (Australia). The headquarters is located in Richmond. The Company owns its property in Richmond, subject to a mortgage held by Branch Banking and Trust Company (outstanding balance as of December 31, 2008 of \$3,128,745). The Company owns its property in Melbourne and leases the land upon which it sits and leases. The addresses of the properties are set forth below:

Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc.
601 Biotech Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23235
Facility approximate monthly payment: \$35,000; note matures November 2009

Mimotopes Pty Ltd
11 Duerdin Street
Clayton, Victoria 3168
Australia
Land monthly rent: \$7,730; Mimotopes owns the building

The Company's facility located in Richmond (Virginia) encompasses 32,000 square feet of state-of-the-art laboratory and administrative space. The building is designed to facilitate movement of samples throughout each laboratory, and where necessary, to maintain and ensure custody of samples. The building houses expansion space, which was purposefully left undeveloped to accommodate new technologies as they come on board.

The Company's facility located in Melbourne (Australia) has a functional floor area of 24,000 square feet, including 10,000 square feet of state-of-the-art laboratory space. The Company owns all plant and equipment at the site and rents the land from Monash University on a rolling seven-year lease with renewal options.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

CBI is not subject to any pending legal proceeding required to be disclosed.

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

CBI held its annual shareholder meeting during the fourth quarter of 2008, on December 5, 2008. The following matters were considered and approved at the meeting. Proxies were solicited in favor of each of the below matters, and each matter was approved at the meeting.

- (1) To elect three Class II members of the Board of Directors, to serve a term expiring at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders in 2011 or until his successor is duly elected and qualified;
- (2) To approve an amendment to the Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan to remove any limitation on the number of shares a participant may receive as an award;
- (3) To ratify the appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008

As to the first matter, the three Class II members were elected by the number of votes set forth below:

| Name | Votes Cast in Favor | Votes Cast Against/Withheld | Abstentions/Broker Non-votes |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bill Guo | 5,622,033 | 278,491 | 0 |
| Samuel P. Sears, Jr. | 5,378,835 | 521,689 | 0 |
| Daniel O. Hayden | 5,753,962 | 146,562 | 0 |

As to the second matter, the shareholders approved the removal of the limitation by the number of votes set forth below:

| Votes Cast in Favor | Votes Cast Against/Withheld | Abstentions/Broker Non-votes |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3,493,677 | 966,017 | 1,435,650 |

As to the third matter, the shareholders approved the re-appointment of BDO Seidman, LLP as the Company's independent registered accounting firm by the number of votes set forth below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, after BDO Seidman notified the Company of its decision to resign from serving in this capacity, the Company subsequently appointed Witt Mares, PLC as the Company's independent registered accounting firm.

| Votes Cast in Favor | Votes Cast Against/Withheld | Abstentions/Broker Non-votes |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 5,139,958 | 193,080 | 567,486 |

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Information

The information is as set forth on page 3 the Company's 2008 Annual Report to Shareholders under the caption "Stockholder Matters", filed with the SEC as Exhibit 13.1 hereto.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

Private Placement of Securities

On December 31, 2007, CBI entered into and closed a subscription agreement (the "Subscription Agreement") with six institutional investors, pursuant to which CBI issued and sold convertible notes at an initial aggregate price of \$1,950,000 and Class A Warrants and Class B Warrants to purchase shares of common stock on terms referenced therein. The Class A and Class B Warrants were issued in proportion to the amount of convertible notes purchased by each investor.

The convertible notes are due July 31, 2009 and were initially convertible into 975,000 shares of common stock at the rate of \$2.00 per share.

The Class A Warrants were initially exercisable for an aggregate of 975,000 shares of common stock, at an initial price of \$2.85 per share, subject to adjustment as provided in the Class A Warrants. The Class A Warrants may be exercised beginning six (6) months after issuance and expire sixty-five (65) months after their date of issuance.

The Class B Warrants were initially exercisable for an aggregate of 243,750 shares of common stock, at an initial price of \$5.00 per share, subject to adjustment as provided in the Class B Warrants. The Class B Warrants may be exercised beginning six (6) months after issuance and expire one (1) year after their date of issuance.

CBI was required by the terms of the Subscription Agreement to file after the closing date with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a registration statement to register the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the convertible notes and exercise of the warrants to permit the investors to resell such shares to the public. CBI filed the registration statement with the SEC on January 30, 2008 [Registration No. 333-148942].

Modification, Waiver and Acknowledgement Agreement

On September 18, 2008, the Company entered into a modification, waiver and acknowledgement agreement with LH Financial for the convertible debt described above. The Modification Agreement restructured the terms of the Subscription Agreement to reduce the exercise price of the Class A Warrants from \$2.85 to \$0.71 per common share and the exercise price of the Class B Warrants from \$5.00 to \$1.01 per common share, subject to further reduction as described in the Transaction Documents and subject to compliance with NASDAQ Listing Standards. The Modification Agreement also restructured the terms of the Agreement as follows:

- (1) the conversion price for every 33% of remaining principal amount of each Investor's pro rata portion of the Notes was reduced from \$2.00 to \$0.50 per common share, subject to further reduction as described in the transaction documents;
- (2) all interest accrued through March 31, 2008 on the debt shall be paid at a rate of 10% in shares of the Company's common stock and all interest further accrued between April 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008 on the debt shall be paid at the rate of 12% in shares of the Company's common stock; and

- (3) the exercise price of the Class A Warrants was reduced from \$2.85 to \$0.71 per common share, and the exercise price of the Class B Warrants was reduced from \$5.00 to \$1.01 per common share, subject to further reduction as described in the Transaction Documents.

As a result of the above modification, the Company reported an extraordinary loss of \$1,202,419 for the extinguishment of debt relative to the original beneficial conversion feature and debt discount. In addition, the Company recorded amortization of approximately \$872,000 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008. As of December 31, 2008, a new debt discount of \$373,033 has been recorded against the convertible debt and will be amortized as interest expense over the life of the debt using the level yield method. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2008, the Company received notices of conversion for \$145,000 in principal and \$106,831 in interest resulting in the issuance of 352,946 shares of common stock.

Fornova Agreement

On September 4, 2008, the Company completed the issuance of a \$500,000 convertible promissory note (the "Note") payable to Fornova Pharmaworld Inc. (the "Holder"). The maturity date of the Note is August 29, 2009. The Note has an interest rate of 10% per annum compounded monthly. The Company will pay interest on a monthly basis beginning on September 28, 2008. At any time between October 27, 2008 and August 21, 2009, the Holder may convert the Notes into shares of the Company's Common Stock at a conversion price of \$1.01 per share. Additionally, the Note features a call date of January 29, 2009. If exercised, the holder can call the Note in the amount of the outstanding principal balance plus accrued interest. If the holder's call feature is exercised, the Company would most likely satisfy the debt and accrued interest with common stock. As of March 31, 2009, the holder did not exercise this feature of the note.

Equity Compensation Plan

The following table provides information about CBI's equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2008:

| <u>Plan Category</u> | <u>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)</u> | <u>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)</u> | <u>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)</u> |
|--|--|--|--|
| Equity compensation plans approved by security holders | 828,936 | \$ 5.27 | 1,217,519 |
| Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 828,936 | \$ 5.27 | 1,217,519 |

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

The Company is not required to provide the information required by this Item because the Company is a smaller reporting company.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The information is as set forth on pages 5 through 18 of the Company's 2008 Annual Report to Shareholders under the caption "Selected Financial Data" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" respectively, filed with the SEC as Exhibit 13.1 hereto.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Company is not required to provide the information required by this Item because the Company is a smaller reporting company.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The Company's financial statements and the related notes thereto, together with the report of Witt Mares, PLC for 2008 and BDO Seidman, LLP for 2007, are set forth on pages 19 through 53 of the Company's 2008 Annual Report to Shareholders, filed with the SEC as Exhibit 13.1 hereto.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

BDO Seidman LLP ("BDO") served as the Company's independent public accountants for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2003, December 31, 2004, December 31, 2005, December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007. BDO opted to resign as the Company's auditors on December 23, 2008. BDO's reports on the Company's financial statements for each of the last five fiscal years did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion. Similarly, BDO did not modify either such report as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles. There were no disagreements between the Company and BDO regarding any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure. As disclosed in Forms 8-K filed with the SEC, because BDO notified the Company of its decision to resign, the decision to change accountants was not recommended or approved by the Company's audit or other committee of the Board of Directors or by the Board itself.

The Company is not presently involved in any disagreements with its independent auditors on accounting financial disclosures.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

CBI maintains a system of controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the reliability of the financial statements and other disclosures included in this report, as well as to safeguard assets from unauthorized use or disposition. CBI evaluated the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and Rule 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) under the supervision and with the participation of management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Vice President of Financial Operations, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Vice President of Financial Operations concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to information required to be included in the Company's periodic Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

CBI's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. CBI's internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of CBI's assets;

(2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and that CBI's receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with the authorization of its management and directors; and

(3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of CBI's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

CBI's management assessed the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008. In making this assessment, management used the framework set forth in the report entitled *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission, or COSO. The COSO framework summarizes each of the components of a company's internal control system, including (i) the control environment, (ii) risk assessment, (iii) control activities, (iv) information and communication, and (v) monitoring. Based on this assessment, CBI's management believes that, as of December 31, 2008, CBI's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

The annual report does not include an attestation report of CBI's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the SEC that permit CBI to provide only management's report in the annual report.

Item 9B. Other Information.

The Company has previously reported all information required to be disclosed during the fourth quarter of 2008 in a report on Form 8-K.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Executive Officers, Directors and Key Employees

The following individuals constitute our board of directors and executive management:

| Name | Age | Position | Appointment Year |
|-------------------------|-----|--|------------------|
| Bill Guo | 45 | Acting Chief Executive Officer, Chair and Director | 2008 |
| Richard J. Freer, Ph.D. | 66 | Chief Operating Officer and Director | 1992 |
| Robert B. Harris, Ph.D. | 56 | President | |
| Thomas R. Reynolds | 46 | Executive Vice President | |
| James H. Brennan | 56 | Vice President, Financial Operations | |
| James D. Causey | 56 | Director | 2004 |
| Daniel O. Hayden | 60 | Director | 2007 |
| Paul D'Sylva, Ph.D. | 39 | Director | 2007 |
| Samuel P. Sears, Jr. | 64 | Director | 2001 |
| Eric Tao | 42 | Director | 2009 |

Bill Guo MSc, MBA Bill Guo is our acting Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of our Board of Directors. Mr. Guo is the Chairman and founder of VenturePharm Group, a leading full service pharmaceutical company in Asia, and led its flagship VenturePharm Laboratories ("HK.8225") to become the first clinical research organization listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He has over 10 years global pharmaceutical industry experience from researcher to senior executive in North America at Johnson & Johnson, Novapharm and VenturePharm Canada. He has over 9 years of experience as an entrepreneur in China. Mr. Guo was a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Pharmaceutics and was awarded an MSc degree in industrial pharmacy from the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, an MBA program certificate from Herriot Watt University, Toronto, Canada, and an Executive education certificate from Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, UK. Fortune magazine recognized him as one of the top emerging entrepreneurs in China. He was also recipient of various rewards: 2005 National Hero awarded by the State Council of China; one of the ten best management elites in China in 2004; one of the ten most influential individuals in business in China, 2005; distinguished entrepreneur awarded from overseas by government of China, 2005; sole winner of Youth Chinese Entrepreneur Award organized by Asia Business Week in 2003 and 2005 Entrepreneurs and innovation by BCC (British Chamber of Commerce). Mr. Guo's term as a director runs through 2011, or until his successor is appointed.

Richard J. Freer, Ph.D. Since co-founding CBI in 1992, Dr. Freer has served as a director of CBI and, until 2008, as the Chairman of the Board of CBI. He assumed the role of Chief Operating Officer in 2002. From 1975 until 1997, Dr. Freer was employed in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Virginia Commonwealth University ("VCU"), first as an Associate Professor and then a full Professor. In addition, from 1988 through 1995, Dr. Freer was first Director and then Chair of the Biomedical Engineering Program. From 1996 through 1997, Dr. Freer served as Professor in VCU's Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics. Dr. Freer received a bachelor's degree in Biology from Marist College and a doctorate degree in Pharmacology from Columbia University. Dr. Freer's term as a director runs through 2009, or until his successor is appointed.

Robert B. Harris, Ph.D. Since founding CBI in 1992, Dr. Harris has served as the President of CBI. Dr. Harris served as a director of CBI from 1992 through 2008. He also served as the Chief Executive Officer from 2002 to 2007. Until 1997, Dr. Harris was employed in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics at VCU, first as an Assistant, then Associate and finally a full Professor. Dr. Harris received a joint bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Biology from the University of Rochester, and a master's degree and a doctorate degree in Biochemistry/Biophysical Chemistry from New York University.

Thomas R. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds currently serves CBI as Executive Vice President for Science and Technology. He assumed the role of CBI's Secretary in 1998. Since the founding of CBI in 1992, Mr. Reynolds has served as Vice President and Senior Vice President. From 1987 until 1997, Mr. Reynolds served as Manager of the Nucleic Acids Core Laboratory at the Massey Cancer Center in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Virginia Commonwealth University. Mr. Reynolds received a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the Pennsylvania State University.

James Brennan. Mr. Brennan became the Company's Vice President, Financial Operations in January 2006. From December 1997 until January 2006, he served as the Company's Contoller. From 1996 to 1997, Mr. Brennan served as the Contoller of Star Tobacco, a tobacco product manufacturer. From 1995, Mr. Brennan was the Contoller for Herald Pharmacal, a manufacturer of skin care products. Mr. Brennan received a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Mount St. Mary's College and a master's degree in Business Administration from Averett College.

James D. Causey. Since 2004, Mr. Causey has served as Vice President of Trader Publishing Company, a nationwide network of classified publications. From 2003 until 2004, Mr. Causey served as a consultant in the publishing industry. From 1999 to 2003, Mr. Causey served as the chief executive officer of Sabot Publishing, a Richmond, Virginia based publisher of leading special interest publications. Mr. Causey received a master's degree in business from the University of Maryland. Mr. Causey's term as a director runs through 2010, or until his successor is appointed.

Daniel O. Hayden. Mr. Hayden has been employed by Genzyme Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts ("Genzyme"), since 1999. Since 2003, Mr. Hayden has served as a Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Pharmaceuticals Business Unit of Genzyme. Prior to 2003, Mr. Hayden served Genzyme in a Vice President capacity. Genzyme is a leading, global biotechnology company, and its Pharmaceuticals Business Unit is a global specialty pharmaceutical chemicals business focused on the production of active pharmaceutical ingredients and intermediates in the lipid and peptide markets. Mr. Hayden serves as the Chairman of the internal Genzyme, Liestal Switzerland Board of Directors. Mr. Hayden's term as a director runs through 2011, or until his successor is appointed.

Paul D' Sylva, Ph.D. Dr. D'Sylva assumed the position of Chief Executive Officer of CBI in January 2007 and served in that position until 2009. Dr. D'Sylva served previously as the co-founder and Managing Director of PharmAust Limited. From 2001 to 2005, Dr. D'Sylva served as Director of Research and Development at Murdoch University. Dr. D'Sylva has a strong track record in raising investment capital for early stage business ventures and has led the development of a number of successful research joint-venture institutes, companies and funds. During his tenure at Murdoch University, he founded and directed the AU\$12.5m Investment Fund – Murdoch Westscheme Enterprise Partnership, founded and directed the commercial consulting company MurdochLink Pty Ltd, and was involved in the establishment and governance of a number of key research centers and institutes. He sits on the advisory board of the Centre for Computational Comparative Genomics, a joint-venture research institute in Bioinformatics based at Murdoch University and retains a non-executive role at Murdoch University as an Adjunct Professor of Business. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in public finance and econometrics. Dr. D'Sylva's term as a director runs through 2010, or until his successor is appointed.

Samuel P. Sears, Jr. Since March 1999, Mr. Sears has been in private practice as an attorney and has been providing business consulting services. From December 1998 through February 1999, Mr. Sears served as Vice Chairman of American Prescription Providers, Inc., a specialty pharmacy network offering prescriptions and nutraceuticals to patients with chronic diseases. From 1995 through May 1998, Mr. Sears was Chief Executive Officer and Chairman to Star Scientific, Inc., a tobacco company focusing on demonstrating the commercial viability of potentially less harmful tobacco products. Mr. Sears is a graduate of Harvard College and Boston College Law School. Mr. Sears' term as a director runs through 2011, or until his successor is appointed.

Eric Tao. On January 23, 2009, CBI appointed Mr. Eric Tao, Director and Chief Investment Officer of AGI Capital Group, Inc., to CBI's Board of Directors. Mr. Tao graduated from Pomona College in 1989 and the University of California Hastings College of Law in 1995. In addition to his position with AGI Capital Group, Inc., Mr. Tao also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Avant Housing, Hukilau, LLC, the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce of Northern California and the San Francisco YB Community Benefit District.

Audit Committee

The members of the Audit Committee as of December 31, 2008 were Samuel P. Sears, Jr., James D. Causey, Donald A. McAfee, Ph.D. Dr. McAfee resigned from CBI's Board of Directors (and, consequently, the Audit Committee) on January 21, 2009. Each member of the Audit Committee is independent under the rules of the SEC and the NASDAQ Capital Market. The Board of Directors has determined that Samuel P. Sears, Jr., who is an independent director, is an "audit committee financial expert" as such term is defined in Item 401(h)(2) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Exchange Act.

Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's directors and executive officers and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of the Company's equity securities to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission reports of ownership and changes in beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock. Directors, executive officers and greater than ten percent shareholders are required to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on a review of the copies of these reports furnished to the Company or written representations that no other reports were required, we believe that all reports were timely made.

Code of Conduct

CBI has adopted a Code of Conduct, which is applicable to all directors, officers and associates of the Company, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial and accounting officer.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The following table sets forth the compensation paid to or earned by (i) the Chief Executive Officer, and (ii) CBI's two other most highly compensated executive officers (collectively, the "Named Executive Officers") during each of CBI's last two fiscal years:

| Name and principal position ⁽¹⁾ | Year | Salary (\$) | Bonus (\$) | Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾ | Option Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾ | All other Compensation (\$) | Total (\$) |
|--|------|-------------|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Richard J. Freer, Ph.D. COO | 2008 | 167,900 | — | 12,557 | 43,800 | — | 224,257 |
| | 2007 | 215,250 | — | 85,927 | — | 14,666 ⁽²⁾ | 315,843 |
| Robert B. Harris, Ph.D. President | 2008 | 191,500 | — | 12,557 | 24,800 | 7,816 | 236,703 |
| | 2007 | 215,250 | — | 6,307 | 32,187 | 10,067 ⁽³⁾ | 231,624 |
| Paul D'Sylva, Ph.D. CEO ⁽⁴⁾ | 2008 | 162,500 | — | 6,250 | — | 16,588 | 185,338 |
| | 2007 | 156,628 | — | — | 52,400 | 60,011 ⁽⁵⁾ | 269,039 |

(1) Amounts reflect the dollar amount recognized for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, in accordance with FAS123(R) and thus may include amounts from awards granted in prior fiscal periods.

(2) Consists of \$4,344 payment for life and disability insurance in 2008. Consists of \$5,400 travel allowance, \$8,544 for health insurance, and \$722 payment for life and disability insurance in 2007.

(3) Consists of \$4,372 payment for health and dental insurance and a \$3,444 payment for life and disability insurance in 2008. Consists of \$5,400 travel allowance, a \$3,881 payment for health and dental insurance and a \$786 payment for life and disability insurance in 2007.

(4) Dr. D'Sylva served as CBI's CEO until January 23, 2009. Bill Guo currently serves as CBI's acting CEO.

(5) Consists of \$15,568 payment for health and dental insurance and a \$1,020 payment for life and disability insurance in 2008. Consists of \$50,000 in relocation costs, a \$9,225 payment for health and dental insurance and a \$786 payment for life and disability insurance in 2007.

Director Compensation

The following table shows all cash compensation paid to CBI's directors in 2008. Directors did not receive any compensation other than as stated in the chart below. Each option granted in the chart below has an exercise price of \$2.32 and expires on March 22, 2018.

| Name | Fees Earned or Paid in Cash | Options Received |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Donald A. McAfee, Ph.D. ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 11,000 | 3,000 |
| Daniel O. Hayden | \$ 13,500 | 3,000 |
| James D. Causey | \$ 13,500 | 3,000 |
| Samuel P. Sears, Jr. | \$ 13,500 | 3,000 |

⁽¹⁾ Dr. McAfee resigned from CBI's Board of Directors on January 21, 2009.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the value of outstanding equity awards held by the Named Executive Officers as of December 31, 2008.

| Name | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable | Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable | Option Exercise Price (\$) | Option Expiration Date | Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) | Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) ⁽¹⁾ |
|-------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Paul D'Sylva, Ph.D. | 40,000 | — | \$ 2.09 | 02/21/2017 | — | — |
| Richard J. Freer, Ph.D. | 16,666 | — | \$ 9.90 | 10/28/2009 | 100,000 ⁽²⁾ | 26,000 |
| | 16,666 | — | \$ 9.90 | 10/28/2010 | | |
| | 11,493 | — | \$ 9.90 | 10/28/2011 | | |
| | 7,069 | — | \$ 3.75 | 12/31/2011 | | |
| | 26,500 | — | \$ 3.85 | 11/09/2012 | | |
| | 7,885 | — | \$ 4.80 | 01/03/2018 | | |
| | 10,000 | — | \$ 3.30 | 11/13/2013 | | |
| | 10,000 | — | \$ 6.00 | 01/01/2017 | | |
| | 20,000 | — | \$ 4.35 | 01/01/2017 | | |
| Robert B. Harris, Ph.D. | 16,666 | — | \$ 9.90 | 10/28/2009 | | |
| | 16,666 | — | \$ 9.90 | 10/28/2010 | | |
| | 11,493 | — | \$ 9.90 | 10/28/2011 | | |
| | 12,619 | — | \$ 3.85 | 11/09/2011 | | |
| | 10,000 | — | \$ 3.30 | 11/13/2013 | | |
| | 10,000 | — | \$ 6.00 | 01/03/2015 | | |
| | 20,000 | — | \$ 5.35 | 02/03/2015 | | |
| | 3,943 | — | \$ 4.80 | 01/03/2016 | | |
| | 30,000 | — | \$ 2.48 | 01/03/2018 | | |

⁽¹⁾ Based upon the closing price of CBI's common stock on December 31, 2008, as reported by the NASDAQ Capital Market of \$0.26 per share.

⁽²⁾ Restricted Shares vest in equal quarterly installments of 10,000 Shares beginning on January 1, 2010.

Employment Agreements

Notwithstanding the terms of the written employment agreements with the individuals described below, the following members of management voluntarily agreed (i) to defer salary from January through October 2008 until such time as the Company's financial results improved and (ii) to receive a reduced salary in November and December 2008. To the extent the Company's financial results improve, these individuals would receive the deferred salary (January through October) but would not receive the difference between the reduced salary and contractual salary (November and December).

PAUL D'SYLVA, PH.D.

As of January 1, 2008, CBI entered into an amended employment agreement with Dr. D'Sylva pursuant to which Dr. D'Sylva will serve as Chief Executive Officer. This agreement expired on January 23, 2009. On January 23, 2009, Dr. D'Sylva resigned as Chief Executive Officer and received 200,000 shares of restricted stock in the Company in lieu of other contractual rights discussed below. His previous employment agreement provided Dr. D'Sylva:

- a base salary of at least \$225,000, with any amount above such minimum level to be determined by the Board of Directors;
- a grant, on January 1, 2008 and annually on January 1 for each subsequent year of his contract, of 50,000 restricted shares of common stock;
- an annual bonus to be based upon financial performance criteria determined by the Board of Directors. Assuming full satisfaction of such financial performance criteria, the maximum cash bonus payable shall not be less than \$25,000 per year;
- a number of annual incentive stock option and restricted stock grants to be based upon financial performance criteria determined by the Board of Directors. Assuming full satisfaction of such financial performance criteria, Dr. D'Sylva is eligible to receive incentive stock options to purchase an aggregate of 10,000 Shares of common stock and 5,000 Shares of restricted common stock on a yearly basis. Such options and restricted Shares shall vest in three equal yearly installments beginning on the date that is one year following the date of grant;
- a grant of 30,000 Shares of restricted common stock with such Shares vesting in annual installments on January 15, 2009, January 15, 2010, and January 15, 2011.
- participation in any and all employee benefit plans.

Under the employment agreement, upon Dr. D'Sylva's death, CBI was to pay Dr. D'Sylva's beneficiary an amount equal to (i) one month's salary, and (ii) a cash, option and restricted stock bonus with respect to that portion of our company's fiscal year completed prior to Dr. D'Sylva's death. In addition, upon Dr. D'Sylva's death, all unvested, restricted Shares of CBI's stock held by Dr. D'Sylva were to vest immediately.

If CBI terminated Dr. D'Sylva's employment for any reason or if Dr. D'Sylva terminated his employment for "Good Reason," as such terms are defined in the employment agreement, Dr. D'Sylva was entitled to (a) a lump cash sum equal to the aggregate amount of one years salary and (b) medical, dental and life insurance benefits for the same 12 month period. As noted above, Dr. D'Sylva elected to receive 200,000 shares of restricted stock in lieu of this benefit.

To the extent a "Change-of-Control," as such term is defined in the employment agreement, occurs during the term of the agreement, Dr. D'Sylva, at his sole option, may deem such event to be a termination of employment without Cause. As a result, Dr. D'Sylva would be entitled to receive (a) a lump cash sum equal to the aggregate amount of two years' salary and (b) medical, dental and life insurance benefits for the same 24 month period. In addition, all unvested options and Shares of restricted stock held by Dr. D'Sylva will immediately vest.

To the extent Dr. D'Sylva becomes "Disabled," as such term is defined in the employment agreement, during the term of the agreement, CBI shall continue pay him his full salary and benefits until he shall become eligible for disability income under our disability plan. While receiving disability income payments, CBI shall pay Dr. D'Sylva the difference between such payments and his salary (without bonus), and he shall continue to participate in our company's benefit plans until December 31, 2009.

The agreement contains a non-competition provision, which prohibits Dr. D'Sylva from competing with CBI or soliciting its employees under certain circumstances. A court may, however, determine that this non-competition provision is unenforceable or only partially enforceable.

RICHARD J. FREER, PH.D.

As of January 1, 2008, CBI entered into an amended employment agreement with Dr. Freer pursuant to which Dr. Freer will serve as Chairman of the Board and Chief Operating Officer. This agreement expires on December 31, 2011. The employment agreement provides Dr. Freer with:

- a base salary of at least \$202,500, with any amount above such minimum level to be determined by the Board of Directors;

- a grant, on January 1, 2008 and annually on January 1 for each subsequent year of his contract, of 35,000 restricted shares of common stock;
- an annual bonus to be based upon financial performance criteria determined by the Board of Directors. Assuming full satisfaction of such financial performance criteria, the maximum cash bonus payable shall not be less than \$25,000 per year;
- a number of annual incentive stock option and restricted stock grants to be based upon financial performance criteria determined by the Board of Directors. Assuming full satisfaction of such financial performance criteria, Dr. Freer is eligible to receive incentive stock options to purchase an aggregate of 10,000 Shares of common stock and 5,000 Shares of restricted common stock on a yearly basis. Such options and restricted Shares shall vest in three equal yearly installments beginning on the date that is one year following the date of grant;
- a grant of 50,000 Shares of restricted common stock on June 27, 2005 and a grant of 50,000 Shares of restricted common stock on January 1, 2006, with such Shares vesting in quarterly installments of 10,000 Shares beginning on January 1, 2010; and
- participation in any and all employee benefit plans.

Under the employment agreement, upon Dr. Freer's death, CBI shall pay Dr. Freer's beneficiary an amount equal to (i) one month's salary, and (ii) a cash, option and restricted stock bonus with respect to that portion of our company's fiscal year completed prior to Dr. Freer's death. In addition, upon Dr. Freer's death, all unvested, restricted Shares of CBI's stock held by Dr. Freer shall immediately vest.

If CBI terminates Dr. Freer's employment for any reason or if Dr. Freer terminates his employment for "Good Reason," as such terms are defined in the employment agreement, Dr. Freer is entitled to (a) a lump cash sum equal to the aggregate amount of one years salary and (b) medical, dental and life insurance benefits for the same 12 month period.

To the extent a "Change-of-Control," as such term is defined in the employment agreement, occurs during the term of the agreement, Dr. Freer, at his sole option, may deem such event to be a termination of employment without Cause. As a result, Dr. Freer would be entitled to receive (a) a lump cash sum equal to the aggregate amount of two years' salary and (b) medical, dental and life insurance benefits for the same 24 month period. In addition, all unvested options and Shares of restricted stock held by Dr. Freer will immediately vest.

To the extent Dr. Freer becomes "Disabled," as such term is defined in the employment agreement, during the term of the agreement, CBI shall continue pay him his full salary and benefits until he shall become eligible for disability income under our disability plan. While receiving disability income payments, CBI shall pay Dr. Freer the difference between such payments and his salary (without bonus), and he shall continue to participate in our company's benefit plans until December 31, 2009.

The agreement contains a non-competition provision, which prohibits Dr. Freer from competing with CBI or soliciting its employees under certain circumstances. A court may, however, determine that this non-competition provision is unenforceable or only partially enforceable.

ROBERT B. HARRIS, PH.D.

As of January 1, 2007, CBI entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Harris pursuant to which Dr. Harris will serve CBI as President. This agreement expires on December 31, 2011. The employment agreement provides Dr. Harris with:

- a base salary of at least \$225,000, with any amount above such minimum level to be determined by the Board of Directors;
- an annual bonus to be based upon financial performance criteria determined by the Board of Directors. Assuming full satisfaction of such financial performance criteria, the maximum cash bonus payable shall not be less than \$25,000 per year; and
- a number of annual incentive stock option and restricted stock grants to be based upon financial performance criteria determined by the Board of Directors. Assuming full satisfaction of such financial

performance criteria, Dr. Harris is eligible to receive incentive stock options to purchase an aggregate of 5,000 Shares of common stock and 5,000 Shares of restricted common stock on a yearly basis. Such options and restricted Shares shall vest in three equal yearly installments beginning on the date that is one year following the date of grant; and

- participation in any and all employee benefit plans.

Under the employment agreement, upon Dr. Harris' death, CBI shall pay Dr. Harris' beneficiary an amount equal to (a) one month's salary, and (b) a cash, option and restricted stock bonus with respect to that portion of our fiscal year completed prior to Dr. Harris' death.

CBI may terminate Dr. Harris' employment at any time for "Cause," as such term is defined in the employment agreement, without incurring any continuing obligations to Dr. Harris.

If CBI terminates Dr. Harris' employment for any reason other than for "Cause" or if Dr. Harris terminates his employment for "Good Reason," as such term is defined in the employment agreement, Dr. Harris is entitled to (a) receive salary and benefits for a period of twelve months following the date of termination and (b) medical, dental and life insurance benefits until December 31, 2011.

To the extent that CBI has not offered to renew this agreement or enter into another employment arrangement with substantially similar or better terms for Dr. Harris on or before the date that is one year prior to the expiration date of this agreement, Dr. Harris may declare CBI in default, and terminate this agreement for "Good Reason." As such, Dr. Harris would be entitled to the benefits noted above for such a termination.

To the extent a "Change-of-Control," as such term is defined in the employment agreement, occurs during the term of the agreement, Dr. Harris, at his sole option, may deem such event to be a termination of employment without Cause. As a result, Dr. Harris would be entitled to receive the benefits noted above. In addition, all unvested options and Shares of restricted stock held by Dr. Harris will immediately vest.

To the extent Dr. Harris becomes "Disabled," as such term is defined in the employment agreement, during the term of the agreement, CBI shall continue pay him his full salary and benefits until he shall become eligible for disability income under our disability plan. While receiving disability income payments, CBI shall pay Dr. Harris the difference between such payments and his salary (without bonus), and he shall continue to participate in our company's benefit plans until December 31, 2011.

The agreement contains a non-competition provision, which prohibits Dr. Harris from competing with CBI or soliciting its employees under certain circumstances. A court may, however, determine that this non-competition provision is unenforceable or only partially enforceable.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

This table below contains certain information about the beneficial owners known to CBI as of March 31, 2009 of more than 5% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock.

| <u>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</u> | <u>Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned</u> | <u>Percent of Class</u> |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| VenturePharm Laboratories, Ltd ⁽¹⁾ No 3 Jinzhuang Sijiqing Haidian District 100089 China | 2,613,426 | 39.20% |

⁽¹⁾ As of August 19, 2008, VPL acquired the outstanding stock from PharmAust Chemistry LTD, an Australian Limited company. Total shares transferred were 2,150,000. On July, 7, 2008, the Company completed a sale of stock subject to the \$1 million put right with VPL. Under the terms of the put agreement, the Company sold 463,426 shares of common stock to VPL at a price of \$2.15 per share. In consideration of the sale of shares, the Company received \$500,000 in cash and 2,229,664 of VPL's ordinary shares.

This table demonstrates the alignment of the interests of CBI's directors and executive officers with the interests of CBI's shareholders by showing how much of CBI's outstanding common stock is beneficially owned by CBI's directors, each of the Named Executive Officers and all directors and Named Executive Officers as a group as of March 31, 2009. Except as otherwise noted, the beneficial owners listed have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares shown.

| <u>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</u> | <u>Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership</u> | <u>Percentage of Class (%)⁽¹⁾</u> |
|--|--|--|
| Paul D'Sylva, Ph.D. ⁽²⁾ | 265,000 | 3.98 |
| Richard J. Freer, Ph.D. ⁽³⁾ | 326,753 | 4.90 |
| Robert B. Harris, Ph.D. ⁽⁴⁾ | 191,451 | 2.87 |
| Samuel P. Sears, Jr. ⁽⁵⁾ | 98,476 | 1.48 |
| Donald A. McAfee, Ph.D. ⁽⁶⁾ | 41,267 | * |
| James D. Causey ⁽⁷⁾ | 27,000 | * |
| Daniel O. Hayden ⁽⁸⁾ | 18,000 | * |
| Bill Guo ⁽⁹⁾ | 2,613,426 | 39.20 |
| Eric Tao ⁽¹⁰⁾ | 0 | * |
| All directors and executive officers as a group (10 persons)⁽¹¹⁾ | 3,581,373 | 53.72% |

* Less than 1%.

⁽¹⁾ Applicable percentages are based on 6,666,449 shares outstanding on March 31, 2009. Also includes shares of common stock subject to options and warrants that may be exercised within 60 days of March 31, 2009. Such shares are deemed to be outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage ownership of the individual holding such shares, but are not deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage of any other person shown in the table. This table is based upon information supplied by officers, directors, and principal shareholders and Schedule 13Gs filed with the SEC. Unless indicated in the footnotes to this table and subject to community property laws where applicable, CBI believes that each of the shareholders named in this table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares indicated as beneficially owned.

⁽²⁾ Dr. D'Sylva's address is 601 Biotech Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235.

- (3) Dr. Freer's address is 601 Biotech Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235. The number of shares deemed to be beneficially held by Dr. Freer includes currently exercisable options to purchase an aggregate of 51,454 shares of common stock.
- (4) Dr. Harris' address is 601 Biotech Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235. The number of shares deemed to be beneficially held by Dr. Harris includes currently exercisable options to purchase an aggregate of 46,299 shares of common stock.
- (5) Mr. Sears' address is 601 Biotech Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235. The number of shares deemed to be beneficially held by Mr. Sears includes currently exercisable options to purchase an aggregate of 35,029 shares of common stock.
- (6) Mr. McAfee's address is 601 Biotech Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235. The number of shares deemed to be beneficially held by Mr. McAfee includes currently exercisable options to purchase an aggregate of 35,029 shares of common stock. Dr. McAfee resigned from CBI's Board of Directors on January 21, 2009.
- (7) Mr. Causey's address is 601 Biotech Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235. The number of shares deemed to be beneficially held by Mr. Causey includes currently exercisable options to purchase an aggregate of 24,000 shares of common stock.
- (8) Mr. Hayden's address is 601 Biotech Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235. The number of shares deemed to be beneficially held by Mr. Hayden represent currently exercisable options to purchase an aggregate of 13,000 shares of common stock.
- (9) Mr. Guo's address is 601 Biotech Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235. The number of shares deemed to be beneficially owned by Mr. Guo includes 2,613,426 shares held by VPL over which Mr. Guo exercises voting power.
- (10) Mr. Tao's address is 601 Biotech Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23235.
- (11) Includes currently exercisable options and warrants to purchase an aggregate of 265,811 shares of common stock within 60 days of March 17, 2008.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Director Independence

CBI believes that it meets the independence standards adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the NASDAQ Capital Market.

Related Transactions

On February 9, 2007, CBI acquired all outstanding capital stock of Mimotopes, from PharmAust Chemistry Ltd, an Australian limited company and parent company of Mimotopes ("Chemistry"). As consideration for the acquisition, the Company issued an aggregate of 2,150,000 unregistered shares of its common stock, without par value per share, to Chemistry. On February 9, 2007, the closing price of the Company's common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market was \$2.15 per share. In connection with the closing of this transaction, the Company appointed Paul D'Sylva, Ph.D. as the Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company. The Company entered into a formal employment agreement with Dr. D'Sylva as of February 9, 2007. At the time of the acquisition, Dr. D'Sylva served as the Managing Director of PharmAust Limited, an Australian limited company and the parent company of Chemistry. Dr. D'Sylva has since terminated his employment with PharmAust Limited.

On August 19, 2008, VPL acquired all of the Company's common stock held by Chemistry. Concurrently therewith, the Company and VPL entered into a put agreement, exercised on July 7, 2008, pursuant to which the Company sold 463,426 shares of common stock to VPL at a price of \$2.15 per share. In connection with these transactions, the Company appointed Bill Guo, VPL's Chairman, as a director of the Company.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

BDO Seidman, LLP, was appointed by CBI to serve as CBI's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2007 and 2008. As noted above, BDO Seidman, LLP resigned as auditor but has provided services during fiscal 2008.

Audit services provided by BDO Seidman, LLP included the examination of the consolidated financial statements of CBI for 2007. In addition, BDO Seidman, LLP provided certain services relating to CBI's quarterly reports for fiscal 2008.

Witt Mares, PLC, was appointed by CBI to serve as CBI's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2008. Audit services provided by Witt Mares, PLC for fiscal 2008 included the examination of the consolidated financial statements of CBI. In addition, Witt Mares, PLC provided certain tax-related services to CBI.

CBI's audit committee pre-approved all services provided by BDO Seidman, LLP and Witt Mares, PLC.

Fees Paid To Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Audit Fees

For fiscal 2007, CBI paid BDO Seidman, LLP's fees in the aggregate amount of \$225,000, for the annual audit of our financial statements and the quarterly reviews of the financial statements included in our Forms 10-Q/RSB.

For fiscal 2008, CBI paid BDO Seidman, LLP's fees in the aggregate amount of \$107,000 for the quarterly reviews of the financial statements included in our Forms 10-Q/RSB.

For fiscal 2008, Witt Mares, PLC fees of \$97,000, for the annual audit of our financial statements.

Audit Related Fees

For fiscal 2007, CBI paid BDO Seidman, LLP \$34,000, for audit-related services.

For fiscal 2008, CBI paid BDO Seidman, LLP \$4,600, for audit-related services.

Tax Fees

For fiscal 2007, CBI paid BDO Seidman, LLP \$11,000, for tax services.

For fiscal 2008, CBI paid BDO Seidman, LLP \$17,700, for tax services.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules

See "Exhibit Index."

Executive Compensation Plans and Arrangements

The following is a list of all executive compensation plans and arrangements filed as exhibits to this annual report on Form 10-K or incorporated herein by reference:

1. Employment Agreement between the Company and Paul D'Sylva, PhD. (1)
 2. Employment Agreement between the Company and Robert Harris, Ph.D. (2)
 3. Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas R. Reynolds (3)
 4. First Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the Company and Richard J. Freer, Ph.D. (4)
 5. First Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the Company and James H. Brennan (5)
 7. Second Amendment to First Amended and Restated Employment Agreement for Richard J. Freer, Ph.D. (5)
 8. First Amendment to First Amended and Restated Employment Agreement for James H. Brennan (5)
 9. Officer's Severance Agreement for James H. Brennan (6)
 10. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (7)
 11. 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (8)
 12. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (9)
 13. 2007 Stock Incentive Plan (10)
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- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 28, 2007, File No. 001-13467.
 - (2) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 5, 2007, File No. 001-13467.
 - (3) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 10-KSB, dated April 9, 2008 (as amended on April 30, 2008), File No. 001-13467.
 - (4) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 28, 2005, File No. 001-13467.
 - (5) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 10-KSB, dated March 31, 2006, File No. 001-13467.
 - (6) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 10-KSB, dated March 31, 2003, File No. 001-13467.
 - (7) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-31731.
 - (8) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-51074.
 - (9) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-102368.
 - (10) Incorporated by reference to the Company's other definitive Proxy Statement dated April 12, 2007, File No. 001-13467

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description Of Exhibits |
|---------------------------|--|
| 3(i).1 | Articles of Incorporation of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. (1) |
| 3(i).2 | Articles of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. (2) |
| 3(ii).1 | Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. (3) |
| 3(ii).2 | Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. (4) |
| 4.1 | Form of Common Stock Certificate (1) |
| 4.2 | Form of Class A Warrant (5) |
| 4.3 | Form of Class B Warrant (5) |
| 4.4 | Form of Secured Convertible Promissory Note (5) |
| 10.1 | Subscription Agreement (5) |
| 10.2 | Security Agreement (5) |
| 10.3 | Stock Purchase Agreement by and among Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc., Pharmaust Limited and Pharmaust Chemistry Ltd. dated November 24, 2006 (6) |
| 10.4 | Voting and Lock-Up Agreement dated as of February 9, 2007 (7) |
| 10.5 | Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2007 (7) |
| 10.6 | Employment Agreement between the Company and Paul D'Sylva, Ph.D. (8) |
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| 10.14 | Officer's Severance Agreement for James H. Brennan (13) |
| 13.1 | Annual Report Ending Fiscal Year December 31, 2008 (20) |
| 21.1 | Subsidiaries of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. (14) |
| 23.1 | Consent of Witt Mares, PLC (20) |

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| 23.2 | Consent of BDO Seidman, LLP (20) |
| 31.1 | Certification of Richard J. Freer, Ph.D. (20) |
| 31.2 | Certification of James H. Brennan (20) |
| 32.1 | Section 906 Certification of Richard J. Freer, Ph.D. (20) |
| 32.2 | Section 906 Certification of James H. Brennan (20) |
| 99.1 | 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (15) |
| 99.2 | 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (16) |
| 99.3 | 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (17) |
| 99.4 | 2007 Stock Incentive Plan (18) |

- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-31731.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated October 31, 2007, File No. 001-13467.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated March 29, 2007, File No. 001-13467.
- (4) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated March 28, 2008, File No. 001-13467.
- (5) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated January 8, 2008, File No. 001-13467.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated November 29, 2007, File No. 001-13467.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated February 15, 2007, File No. 001-13467.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated February 28, 2007, File No. 001-13467.
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- (13) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 10-KSB, dated March 31, 2003, File No. 001-13467.
- (14) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-148942.
- (15) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Registration No. 333-31731.
- (16) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-51074.
- (17) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-102368.
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- (19) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Form 10-KSB, dated April 9, 2008 (as amended on April 30, 2008), File No. 001-13467.
- (20) Filed herewith.

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Dear Shareholders,

For CBI, 2008 has been a year of both opportunities and retrenchment. 2009 looks to be a year of challenges and, hopefully, with those challenges met, a year in which CBI emerges stronger. However, make no mistake, the challenges are and will continue to be significant. Cash is tight, capital markets are even tighter, and not only does CBI feel that pressure, so do our clients. As in most industries, external services are the first expenditure scrutinized in tough economic times. So, while there are positive signs in the industry such as a shift towards outsourcing of high tech services, CBI's future is by no means certain.

That being said, there have been some significant highlights for CBI in 2008.

Most notable is the signing of a joint venture agreement with a Beijing based CRO, Venturepharm Laboratories, Ltd. in March. This relationship was put in place to benefit both companies by merging our western presence with an eastern, high throughput, low cost center. The ultimate benefit to CBI would be to more effectively compete in the global market on the basis of scope, scale, and price. While we had hoped this joint venture would be a revenue source in the latter part of 2008 that, unfortunately, did not occur. The principal reason is construction and fit out of the China based facilities fell significantly behind schedule.

For CBI Services, it has been a year of flat revenues but one where we continue to diversify our revenue stream between government and commercial revenue sources. Most importantly, we are growing a very substantial revenue stream in clinical trial support. That, in addition to more contract work in support of some cGMP projects should provide some longer term projects with better margins going forward.

After nearly 8 years of intense and highly classified work on the FBI's Amerithrax investigation, CBI has recently been acknowledged as a major contributor to solving that horrendous crime where 5 people died as a result of anthrax being sent through the US mail. While not solely a 2008 project, the technologies developed by CBI scientists are just now being disclosed for peer review and are being lauded as groundbreaking in the area of microbial forensics. We are very pleased that what we knew to be the case – that is that the scientists here at CBI are un-paralleled in their insights and capabilities – is now being acknowledged publicly.

Fairfax Identity Labs (FIL) has had a solid year showing a modest but steady growth. More importantly, it has been growing its higher margin forensics business by adding several new law enforcement clients, including multi-year contracts from the New York State Police, Los Angeles County Police Department, and the City of Albuquerque, to name a few. In addition, FIL has won a multi-year contract from the State of Tennessee for their DNA sample analysis in support of the FBI's national registry of convicted offenders database (CODIS). Private paternity and immigration services were strong in 2008 as well.

FIL has also begun offering clinical genetics services and has several new clients in this area as well.

Mimotopes Pty Ltd, our Australian subsidiary, has also had some notable successes in 2008. Principally, there has been a significant resurgence of interest in their proprietary SynPhase technology for small molecule library production. There has also been an up tick in contracts for peptide libraries for both pharmaceuticals and vaccines. On the other hand, revenue from custom peptides has declined but that is being somewhat offset by a very strong relationship with a low cost, Shanghai-based peptide supplier, GL Biochem.

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Exelgen Ltd, our UK based small molecule drug discovery facility, unfortunately, fell victim to a declining revenue base for its western based chemistry services. With a cost base too high for the current market and an unmanageable equipment lease debt, we were forced to close this facility in September of 2008. A wonderful facility and an outstanding staff, unfortunately, lost.

As noted, 2009 will have challenges and the management and staff will work tirelessly to overcome those challenges. Although the global economic situation has few positives, there may be some benefit to companies such as ours. More specifically, and as discussed elsewhere in this report, the indications are that pharma and biotech will be outsourcing more in an effort to control internal expenses and leverage their drug discovery resources. This should mean more opportunities for CBI. We intend to identify and seize those opportunities.

Finally, as we do every year, we thank you our shareholders for your support, patience, and, yes, for your criticisms. We value them all but are especially appreciative this year given the circumstances of 2008.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Freer, PhD.
Chief Operating Officer

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Stockholder Matters

The Company's common stock trades on the NASDAQ Capital Market ("NASDAQ") under the symbol "CBTE". The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales price per share of common stock for the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively. These market quotations reflect inter-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, markdown, or commission and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

On March 27, 2009, the last reported sales price for a share of the Company's Common Stock on NASDAQ was \$0.27. As of March 27, 2009, there were 37 holders of record of the Company's Common stock and 1,053 beneficial holders.

The Company has not paid any cash dividends on its Common Stock. The Company intends to retain its earnings to finance the growth and development of its business and does not expect to declare or pay dividends in the foreseeable future. The declaration of dividends is within the discretion of the Company.

| <u>Period</u> | <u>High Stock Price</u> | <u>Low Stock Price</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1st Quarter, 2008 | \$2.87 | \$1.91 |
| 2nd Quarter, 2008 | \$3.14 | \$1.23 |
| 3rd Quarter, 2008 | \$1.51 | \$0.71 |
| 4th Quarter, 2008 | \$0.82 | \$0.23 |
| 1st Quarter, 2007 | \$2.30 | \$1.86 |
| 2nd Quarter, 2007 | \$3.79 | \$1.95 |
| 3rd Quarter, 2007 | \$3.79 | \$2.39 |
| 4th Quarter, 2007 | \$3.59 | \$2.36 |
| 1st Quarter, 2006 | \$4.99 | \$3.54 |
| 2nd Quarter, 2006 | \$3.63 | \$2.48 |
| 3rd Quarter, 2006 | \$2.99 | \$2.13 |
| 4th Quarter, 2006 | \$2.95 | \$1.98 |

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Selected Financial Data

Set forth below is selected financial data with respect to the years ended December 31, 2008, December 31, 2007, and December 31, 2006, which have been derived from the audited financial statements of the Company. The selected financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operation."

| | <i>As of and for the year ended December 31,</i> | | |
|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2006</u> |
| Operational Data | | | |
| Total revenues | \$ 9,435,494 | \$ 9,025,309 | \$ 6,532,482 |
| Loss from continuing operations | (8,570,723) | (2,979,800) | (1,152,649) |
| Loss from discontinued operations | (1,292,023) | (561,134) | — |
| Gain on acquisition of Exelgen | — | 782,833 | — |
| Net loss | \$ (9,862,746) | \$ (2,758,101) | \$ (1,152,649) |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share from continued operations | \$ (1.46) | \$ (0.58) | \$ (0.35) |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share from discontinued operations | (0.22) | (0.11) | — |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share from extraordinary gain of Exelgen acquisition | — | 0.15 | — |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share | \$ (1.68) | \$ (0.54) | \$ (0.35) |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 5,864,149 | 5,131,951 | 3,281,360 |
| Balance Sheet Data | | | |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 1,845,582 | \$ 8,283,180 | \$ 2,797,861 |
| Total Assets | 8,368,853 | 20,038,052 | 9,501,958 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 7,101,637 | 6,861,578 | 586,967 |
| Total Liabilities | 7,105,574 | 10,105,103 | 4,373,036 |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | \$ 1,263,279 | \$ 9,932,949 | \$ 5,128,922 |

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

The following should be read in conjunction with "Selected Financial Data" and the Company's Audited Financial Statements and Notes thereto included within.

Overview

Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. (the "Company" or "CBI") is a specialized life sciences outsourcing business that offers cutting-edge expertise and a complete array of discovery chemistry and biology products and services through its subsidiary companies: CBI Services, Fairfax Identity Labs ("FIL") and Mimotopes Pty Limited ("Mimotopes"). In March 2008, the company entered into a Joint Venture with Beijing-based, Venturepharm Laboratories, Ltd. in order to offer high throughput, low cost drug discovery services through new facilities in China. As of September 30, 2008 Exelgen Limited ("Exelgen") (formerly Tripos Discovery Research Ltd) was closed and is recorded on the annual statements as a discontinued operation.

Business Units

Revenues from all business units are derived principally from providing macromolecular synthetic and analytical services to researchers in the biotechnology industry or to researchers who are engaged in life sciences research in government or academic labs throughout the world. This arrangement distinguishes CBI from many other biotechnology companies in that revenues are derived from services rather than from the successful commercialization of a new biotechnology product. CBI believes that Mimotopes, CBI Services and FIL have all developed a strong reputation as leading providers in their respective markets. Finally, in 2008 CBI entered into a Joint Venture with Beijing based Venturepharm Laboratories, Inc. in anticipation of being able to provide scale and scope to its current offerings. The areas of expertise and value propositions are outlined below:

At its Richmond location, CBI Services' core competencies are in the area of genomics and proteomics, principally serving the early stage research and development needs of its clients. These support true drug discovery at the most fundamental stage but also support many of the pre-clinical needs of our clients and, most recently, several clinical trials are being supported. We provide these services under the FDA's Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) Guidelines (21CFR Part 58). CBI is also able to provide clinical trial support under Good Clinical Practices (GCP) Guidelines by virtue of its Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) certification. Finally, CBI is increasing its capability to provide Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) support for drug product release and drug product testing criteria.

A unique feature of the Richmond location is its Bio-Safety Level 3 (BSL-3) laboratory and its CDC Registration for Select Agents. The company has capabilities in the area of bacterial and viral organisms and a very strong program in bio-threat toxin analysis. This capability has been at the core of the company's government-based contracts.

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Also at the Richmond location is Fairfax Identity Laboratories (FIL). FIL has been at the forefront of DNA technology of profiling for identity since it opened its doors in 1990. FIL's rigorous standards are designed to provide credible evidence that affects decisions regarding criminal trials, paternity, immigration, estate settlement, adoption, and other issues of identity. FIL provides Forensics, Paternity and Convicted Offender DNA Index System ("CODIS") services to government and private concerns. FIL is accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks, the National Forensic Science Technology Center, and the Department of Health, State of New York. All testing is done under CLIA guidelines. Its employees have extensive laboratory and courtroom experience.

The Melbourne-based Mimotopes Pty Ltd was acquired by CBI in 2007. It provides world class research grade peptide synthesis and analysis. They also have several proprietary technologies for the preparation of peptide and small molecule libraries for drug discovery and for epitope analysis in support of its clients' vaccine development programs. They also have a formal peptide alliance with Genzyme Pharmaceuticals, a world class provider of GMP pharmaceutical grade peptides and also enjoys a strong relationship with GL Biochem, a Shanghai-based peptide synthesis and reagent company.

CBI's China based Joint Venture (JV) with Venturepharm Laboratories, Ltd was signed in March, 2008. Its development has been very disappointing to date with no revenues generated and no clear indication that the China based facilities, which were to be the flagship of the JV, will come on line anytime soon.

All business units cater to the outsourcing requirements of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for reagents (such as peptides, proteins and small molecules), as well as drug research and development. The adoption of outsourcing by the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries is driven by three major deliverables:

- (1) Speed. Faster discovery results accelerate the time to fail or advance a drug through the development pipeline. Eliminating bad leads early or shaving weeks or months from the time it takes to get a drug to market can mean millions of dollars in cost savings.
- (2) Quality. All the advantages of an accelerated drug discovery program can be jeopardized if the results do not meet the strict quality standards of the pharmaceutical industry. High quality results depend on quality control, quality equipment and quality people.
- (3) Cost. Speed and quality are necessary but insufficient conditions for success. The economic scarcity problem of unlimited wants and needs and limited resources applies to drug discovery outsourcing as well. The more suppliers can offer for less, the more successful they will be.

The Outsourcing Opportunity:

According to Frost & Sullivan, in 2007, pharma and biotech companies outsourced \$57 billion to contract research (\$17 billion) and contract manufacturing (\$40 billion) companies. That is expected to grow at 13% through 2011 to \$80 billion. The industry estimates on how much goes to research and development outsourcing are somewhat disparate but generally fall in the \$15-20 billion range. By any measure, the market is large and growing rapidly. It is being driven heavily by the industry's need to contain costs internally and to enhance pipeline product opportunities by entering into co-development relationships with partners. In many cases, the partners are service providers providing in kind support, access to proprietary technologies, IP enhancement, and the like.

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For CBI, the opportunity is without limit. For example, the results of a recent survey are very clearly pointing to an increasing reliance on drug development outsourcing within the industry. Some key findings.

- Our traditional client base will increase outsourcing in 2009 and;
- More specifically, the clients will increase R&D outsourcing in 2009 and;
- More importantly, they will be looking for “strategic” relationships rather than “tactical” providers of services simply on an “as needed” basis.

Interestingly, the principal “complaints” about providers in this sector were heavily weighted in intangibles rather than the deliverables of quality, timeliness, and cost. Comments regarding inflexibility, failure to take ownership, lack of commitment, poor customer service, and lack of communication were common.

So, while CBI will still welcome tactical relationships, becoming a strategic partner to our clients has to be our long term strategy. Management believes CBI will be able to compete effectively in this new business environment. CBI has huge intellectual capital to bring to its clients and, in fact, the principal conclusion from an independent Branding/Customer satisfaction survey of CBI’s clients was that CBI’s intellectual input to a project was the main differentiator between it and its competitors. Further, in the areas where the industry leaders found deficiencies (i.e., flexibility, taking ownership, commitment, customer service, communication), CBI was found to excel.

The opportunities are there and management believes CBI can thrive under this new business paradigm.

Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates realization of assets and satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. If the Company is unable to improve operating results and meet its debt obligations, it may have to cease operations. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern.

Total losses for the Company were \$9,862,746 and \$2,758,101 for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 respectively. Recent operating losses may continue into future periods and there can be no assurance by management that the Company’s financial outlook will improve. For the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, losses from continuing operations were \$8,570,723 and \$2,979,800 respectively. Losses resulting from the goodwill impairment amounted to \$3,152,739 in 2008. Losses resulting from the extinguishment of debt were \$1,202,419 in 2008. Losses resulting from the discontinued operation in 2008 and 2007 were \$1,292,023 and \$561,134 respectively. In 2007, the Company reported a gain from the purchase of Exelgen in the amount of \$782,833.

The Company generated negative cash flows of \$2,290,159 in 2008, compared to an increase in cash of \$1,129,540 in 2007. Net working capital as of December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 was (\$5,256,055) and \$1,421,602 respectively. The negative working capital is primarily due to continuing losses and increased debt obligations in 2008.

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As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$243,751 in cash and cash equivalents, which was an 89.9% decrease over the cash balance at December 31, 2007. This decrease is primarily due to cash utilized by Exelgen prior to the decision to discontinue the operation. Management believes the discontinuation of the Exelgen operations should improve cash flows going forward.

Cash used by operating activities was \$1,366,425 in 2008 as compared to cash used by operating activities of \$867,728 in 2007. The increase resulted from additional operating losses sustained by the Company.

Cash provided by investing activities for 2008 was \$52,258 in comparison to cash provided by investing activities of \$2,211,069 in 2007. The net change relates primarily to net cash acquired in the acquisition of Exelgen offset by the cost of acquiring Mimotopes. In addition, the 2008 activities reflect management's decision to reduce the purchase of capital expenditures.

Cash provided by financing activities for 2008 was \$185,865 as compared to cash used of \$508,849 in the 2007 Period. During 2008, the Company entered into multiple debt agreements providing \$1,000,000 of proceeds to offset current losses and debt payments. The Company reduced the principal amount on the mortgage through a one-time payment of \$400,000 as required by the lender. Elimination of capital lease payments associated with the discontinued operation is estimated to reduce the cash outflow of the Company by over \$1 million over the next twelve months.

The elimination of the Exelgen operation should benefit the Company's overall cash position. Additional cash resources will no longer be needed for the payments of the capital leases. The Company estimates a savings of \$1.1 million over the remaining life of the Exelgen leases which were due to expire in December 2009.

During 2009, the Company expects to re-negotiate the terms of its outstanding mortgage debt which becomes due in November 2009, including any non compliance covenants which causes the Company to be in default. The Company also believes that it will be able to satisfy its current debt obligations with LH Financial and Fornova through the issuance of common stock in lieu of cash payment. Subject to compliance with NASDAQ listing standards, the Company believes it will be able to satisfy its debt obligations.

Management has taken steps to improve the cash flow and liquidity of the Company. The Company has discontinued Exelgen operations, which entered into administration (See Note 14) as well as reduced personnel levels and marketing expenditures, curtailed costs, deferred directors' fees and a portion of employees' salaries. The Company has also reduced or delayed expenditures on items deemed non-critical to operations. In addition, the Company evaluates consolidated activities for each operation and takes advantage of opportunities where synergies exist. During 2008, the Company implemented a Profit Recovery Plan which outlines clear objectives related to the following:

- Strengthening of cash position to protect solvency through cost reduction efforts
- Maximizing revenue contracts in pharmaceutical and governmental sectors
- Monitoring monthly operations against budget projections
- Increase in sales

The cash position of the Company will again remain uncertain in 2009. However, the Company will continue to address the immediate needs for cash and liquidity through an aggressive approach on a number of fronts. As indicated previously, when confronted with static revenues and declining cash

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reserves, management reduced staffing through layoffs and attrition and reduced or eliminated non-production related expenditures. Fiscal practices have been strictly enforced which restrict all material purchases to service on-going work only and serve to minimize all material inventories. Management will continue adhering to these policies for the foreseeable future.

The lack of adequate cash resulting from the inability to generate cash flow from operations or to raise capital from external sources would force the Company to substantially curtail or cease operations and would, therefore, have a material adverse effect on its business. The Company is actively exploring the availability of varying financial and strategic transactions, which, if consummated, would address the Company's need to improve its financial condition and/or its operations.

There can be no assurance that any funds required during the next twelve months or thereafter can be generated from operations, that if such required funds are not internally generated that funds will be available from external sources, such as debt or equity financing or other potential sources or that any funds received would suffice to improve the Company's financial condition.

During the last year, the Company's business has undergone substantial change in relation to size, scale and scope of activities. The Company has developed significant capacity in peptide chemistry through the acquisition of Mimotopes. This strategic transaction complements the core capabilities in genomics and proteomics at CBI Services and FIL. In addition, resources have been invested in the establishment of VenturePharm Asia. The Company views this relationship as a key strategy in expanding production capabilities and services which will further the Company's ability to compete in the global market.

As a result of the above, there is substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. These financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability or classification of asset carrying amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that may result should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

The Company's independent auditors have included a paragraph emphasizing "going concern" in their report on the 2008 financial statements. These financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability or classification of asset carrying amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that may result should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

Results of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2008 Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2007

All financial comparisons are for continuing operations unless otherwise noted for discontinued operations or extraordinary item.

Revenues

During the course of the year, the Company had experienced fluctuations in all revenue categories. Continuation of existing projects or engagement for future projects is usually dependent upon the customer's satisfaction with the scientific results provided in initial phases of the scientific program. Continuation of existing projects or engagement of future projects also often depends upon factors beyond the Company's control, such as the timing of product development and commercialization programs of the Company's customers. The combined impact of commencement and termination of research contracts from several large customers and unpredictable fluctuations in revenue for laboratory services can result in very large fluctuations in financial performance.

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Total revenues increased by \$410,185 or 4.5% from \$9,025,309 during 2007 to \$9,435,494 during 2008.

Revenues realized from commercial contracts decreased by \$358,315 or 5.6%, from \$5,535,987 during 2007 to \$5,177,672 during 2008. Growth in both peptide and synphase revenues provided an increase of \$177,344 in commercial revenue for Mimotopes. CBI Services experienced a decrease in commercial revenues of \$493,606. The decrease reflects the re-allocation of budget funds shifted towards the private sector where higher profit margins can be achieved.

Revenues realized from various government contracts increased by \$222,750 or 14.7%, from \$1,518,363 during 2007 to \$1,741,113 during 2008. The addition of bio-security based government contracts awarded in the current year led to this increase.

Genetic identity increased by \$514,458 or 36.5%, from \$1,409,989 during 2007 to \$1,924,447 during 2008. The genetic identify sector has grown both organically and through the expansion of service into the global market in both paternity and forensics related services.

Clinical testing decreased by \$38,432 or 9.6%, from \$399,765 during 2007 to \$361,333 during 2008. The decrease resulted from the completion of a clinical trial during the first quarter of 2008 year.

Cost of Services

Cost of services consists primarily of costs associated with direct materials, direct labor and overhead. Cost of services decreased slightly by \$224,477 or 3.03%, from \$7,448,265 in 2007 to \$7,223,788 in 2008. Cost of services as a percentage of revenue decreased from 82.5% in 2007 to 76.6% in 2008. This decrease is reflective of management's continued effort to reduce expenses, monitor costs and capitalize on cost synergies that exist across the Company.

Direct labor decreased by \$126,459 from \$2,211,355 in 2007 to \$2,084,896 in 2008. In addition, the cost of direct labor as a percentage of revenue decreased from 24.5% in 2007 to 22.1% in 2008. The decrease as a percentage of revenue primarily relates to the shift in revenues that are less labor intensive in nature.

Direct materials increased by \$241,334 or 12.0%, from \$2,009,838 in 2007 to \$2,251,172 in 2008. Costs of materials as a percentage of revenue increased slightly, from 22.3% to 23.9% in 2007 and 2008, respectively. This increase, as a percentage of revenue, correlates to the shift in revenues which are less labor intensive and rely on a greater usage of materials.

Overhead represents costs such as indirect labor, depreciation, freight charges, repairs, facility maintenance and utilities. Overhead decreased by \$339,352 or 10.5%, from \$3,227,072 in 2007 to \$2,887,720 in 2008. The cost of overhead as a percentage of revenue decreased from 35.8% in 2007 to 30.6% in 2008. Cost reduction strategies implemented by management have benefited the Company in its ability to offset overall company costs including overhead.

Sales, General and Administrative

Sales, general and administrative expenses ("SGA") consist primarily of compensation and related costs for administrative, marketing and sales personnel, facility expenditures, professional fees, consulting, taxes, and depreciation. Total SGA costs increased \$591,308 or 12.5%, from \$4,137,410 in 2007 to \$4,728,718 in 2008. As a percentage of revenue, these costs increased from 45.8% in 2007 to 50.1% in 2008.

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Total general and administrative expenses increased by \$742,902 or 24.6%, from \$3,034,723 in 2007 to \$3,777,625 in the 2008 Period. As a percentage of revenue, these costs increased from 33.6% in 2007 to 40.0% in 2008. Of significance, the Company incurred higher costs associated with professional and consulting fees in the 2008 Period. Increased fees are representative of additional services rendered in connection with the prior year acquisitions and current year activities pertaining to VenturePharm Laboratories Limited.

Total sales and marketing costs decreased by \$151,594 or 13.7%, from \$1,102,687 in 2007 to \$951,093 in 2008. This decrease was primarily due to the elimination of sales and marketing staff which led to the reorganization of territories for the remainder of the staff.

Other Income (Expenses)

Interest income decreased by \$63,864 or 82.3%, from \$77,589 in 2007 to \$13,725 in 2008 resulting from a decrease in interest earning investments.

Other expenses incurred by the Company include interest, amortization and exchange gains and losses and the write off of goodwill. Interest and amortization increased by \$5,634,277 or 1,343.8%, from \$497,023 in 2007 to \$6,067,435 in 2008. The increase is mainly attributable to approximately \$2,259,229 of interest costs on the December 2007 issuance of convertible debt in a subscription agreement between the Company and LH Financial. At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$3,152,739 in goodwill related to the acquisitions of Fairfax Identity Labs in 2004 and Mimotopes in 2007. The Company has evaluated goodwill and has determined that it was fully impaired as of December 31, 2008. On September 18, 2008, the Company entered into a modification, waiver and acknowledgement agreement with LH Financial. The Company reported a loss of \$1,202,419 for the extinguishment of debt relative to the modification of the original agreement in September 2008 (See Note 15).

Discontinued Operations

On September 23, 2008, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Exelgen Limited ("Exelgen") entered into administration under the jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice, Bristol District Registry, Chancery Division, in the United Kingdom (the "High Court"). Exelgen filed a Notice of appointment of an administrator effective September 23, 2008.

Administration is the United Kingdom's insolvency process, which is governed by the Enterprise Act of 2002. A company must be insolvent as defined in the Insolvency Act of 1986 in order to qualify for administration. Administration is designed to enable a business to be held together while plans are formed either to put in place a financial restructuring to rescue the company, or to sell the business and assets to produce a better result for creditors than would be achieved at liquidation. Exelgen is subject to the protection of the High Court and creditors' enforcement actions and will be automatically stayed while the administrators formulate plans to sell the business and assets.

The Company's decision and approval by the Board of Directors to enter Administration for the Exelgen operation was based upon various profitability analyses and projections. The subsidiary's inability to support existing operational costs despite restructuring, combined with the lack of securing new contracts,

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were key factors supporting this action. In the coming period, the appointed administrator will actively pursue the sale of these assets on an individual basis. The Company reported a loss from discontinued operations of \$1,292,023 and \$561,134 in 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Extraordinary Gain

The Company reported an extraordinary gain from the purchase of Exelgen during the 2007 Period. The purchase price of Exelgen was \$1,475,000 (including acquisition costs). Total assets acquired amounted to \$8,249,000 and the Company assumed liabilities of \$5,991,000 resulting in negative goodwill of \$783,000 which is recorded as an extraordinary gain on the statement of operations.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates realization of assets and satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. If the Company is unable to improve operating results and meet its debt obligations, it may have to cease operations. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern.

Total losses for the Company were \$9,862,746 and \$2,758,101 for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 respectively. Recent operating losses may continue into future periods and there can be no assurance by management that the Company's financial outlook will improve. For the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, losses from continuing operations were \$8,570,723 and \$2,979,800 respectively. Losses resulting from the goodwill impairment amounted to \$3,152,739. Losses resulting from the extinguishment of debt were \$1,202,419 in 2008. Losses resulting from the discontinued operation were \$1,292,023 and \$561,134 respectively. In 2007, the Company reported a gain from the purchase of Exelgen in the amount of \$782,833.

The Company generated negative cash flows of \$2,290,159 in 2008 compared to an increase in cash of \$1,129,540 in 2007. Net working capital as of December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 was (\$5,256,055) and \$1,421,602 respectively. The negative working capital in the current period is primarily due to continuing losses and increased debt obligations in 2008.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$243,751 in cash and cash equivalents which represented an 89.9% decrease from the cash balance at December 31, 2007. This decrease is primarily due to cash utilized by Exelgen prior to the decision to discontinue the operation which should improve cash flows going forward.

The 2008 Period reflects cash used by operating activities of \$1,366,425 as compared to cash used by operating activities of \$867,728 during the 2007 Period. The increase over the prior period resulted from additional operating losses sustained by the Company.

Cash provided by investing activities for the 2008 Period was \$52,258 in comparison to cash provided by investing activities of \$2,211,069 in the 2007 Period. The net change relates primarily to net cash acquired in the acquisition of Exelgen offset by the cost of acquiring Mimotopes. In addition, current year activities reflect management's decision to reduce the purchase of capital expenditures in 2008.

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Cash provided by financing activities for 2008 was \$185,865 as compared to cash used of \$508,849 in the 2007 Period. During the 2008 year, the Company entered into multiple debt agreements providing \$1,000,000 of proceeds to offset current losses and debt payments. The Company reduced the principal amount on the mortgage through a one-time payment of \$400,000 as required by the lender. Elimination of capital lease payments associated with the discontinued operation is estimated to reduce the cash outflow of the Company by over \$1 million during the next twelve months.

The elimination of the Exelgen operation should benefit the Company's overall cash position. Additional cash resources will no longer be needed for the payments of the capital leases. The Company estimates a savings of \$1.1 million over the remaining life of the Exelgen leases which were due to expire in December 2009.

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In October 2008, NASDAQ Marketplace placed a temporary hold on Rule 4310(C4), which requires a listed business' shares to close above \$1 at least once in a 30 day period. The temporary hold is to remain in place till January 16, 2009. Due to the extent that the Company does not apply to Rule 4310 (C4) after January 16, 2009, Nasdaq will require that the Company needs to obtain compliance in this issue or be subject to delisting. On March 23, 2009, NASDAQ Marketplace announced its decision to extend the suspension of the ruling until Monday July 20, 2009.

The Company's business has undergone substantial change in relation to size, scale and scope of activities. During this time, the Company has developed significant capacity in peptide chemistry through the acquisition of Mimotopes. This strategic transaction compliments the core capabilities in genomics and proteomics at CBI Services and FIL. In addition, significant resources have been invested in the establishment of Venturepharm Asia. The Company views this relationship as a key strategy in expanding production capabilities and services which will further the Company's ability to compete in the global market.

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If operational results do not continue to improve, the Company will seek to obtain additional funding from VenturePharm Laboratories Limited. The Company has a \$3 million call option from VPL to CBI (see Note 17).

New Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, the Board having previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. The Statement does not require any new fair value measurements and was initially effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2008. In February 2008, the FASB approved the issuance of FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS 157-2. FSP FAS 157-2 defers the effective date of SFAS No. 157 until January 1, 2009 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities except those items recognized or disclosed at fair value on an annual or more frequently recurring basis. Adoption of SFAS No. 157 for financial assets and liabilities did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In December 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 141(R) *Business Combinations*, to further enhance the accounting and financial reporting related to business combinations. SFAS No. 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer in a business combination (1) recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any non controlling interest in the acquire, (2) recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase, and (3) determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS No. 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Therefore, the effects of the Company's adoption of SFAS No. 141(R) will depend upon the extent and magnitude of acquisitions after December 31, 2008.

In April 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position 142-3 ("FSP FAS 142-3), "Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets", which amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of intangible assets under FASB No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". The intent of this FSP is to improve the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142 and the period of the expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under FASB No. 141, "Business Combinations" and other U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The Company has determined there is no material impact to the consolidated financial statements upon the recent adoption of FSP FAS No. 142-3.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Non controlling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements – an amendment of ARB No. 51*, to create accounting and reporting standards for the non controlling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards that require (1) the ownership interest in subsidiaries held by parties other than the parent to be clearly identified and presented in the consolidated balance sheet within equity, but separate from the parent's equity, (2) the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and the non controlling interest to be clearly identified and presented on the face of the consolidated statement of income, (3) changes in a parent's ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling

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financial interest in its subsidiary to be accounted for consistently, (4) when a subsidiary is deconsolidated, any retained noncontrolling equity investment in the former subsidiary to be initially measured at fair value, and (5) entities to provide sufficient disclosures that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS No. 160 applies to fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008, and prohibits early adoption. Management has completed its review of the new guidance and determined there to be no material impact to the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. This Statement permits entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. For items for which the fair value option has been elected, unrealized gains and losses are to be reported in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option is irrevocable unless a new election date occurs, may be applied instrument by instrument, with a few exceptions, and applies only to entire instruments and not to portions of instruments. SFAS No. 159 provides an opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting. Management has adopted SFAS No. 159, the effect of implementation is not material to the Company's results of operations or financial position as no such elections have been made.

In March, 2008, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities—an Amendment of FASB Statement 133*. Statement 161 enhances required disclosures regarding derivatives and hedging activities, including enhanced disclosures regarding how: (a) an entity uses derivative instruments; (b) derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under FASB Statement No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*; and (c) derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. Specifically, Statement 161 requires:

- Disclosure of the objectives for using derivative instruments be disclosed in terms of underlying risk and accounting designation;
- Disclosure of the fair values of derivative instruments and their gains and losses in a tabular format;
- Disclosure of information about credit-risk-related contingent features; and
- Cross-reference from the derivative footnote to other footnotes in which derivative-related information is disclosed.

In June 2008, the FASB ratified the consensus reached on Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 07-05, *Determining Whether an Instrument (or Embedded Feature) Is Indexed to an Entity's Own Stock* ("EITF No. 07-05). EITF No. 07-05 clarifies the determination of whether an instrument (or an embedded feature) is indexed to an entity's own stock, which would qualify as a scope exception under SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, EITF No. 07-05 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. Early adoption for an existing instrument is not permitted. The Company has determined EITF No. 07-05 does not apply at December 31, 2008, but will evaluate at March 31, 2009.

In May 2008, the FASB issued Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position Accounting Principles Board 14-1 "Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)" ("APB 14-1"). APB 14-1 requires the issuer of certain convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash, or other assets, on conversion to separately account for the debt and equity components in a manner that reflects the issuer's non-convertible debt

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borrowing rate. APB 14-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and is applied retrospectively to all periods presented with a cumulative effect adjustment to the beginning retained earnings. We believe that the impact of adopting APB 14-1 could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements, but are currently evaluating.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 163, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. SFAS No. 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. SFAS No. 162 is effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Management does not expect the adoption of the provision of SFAS No. 162 to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In October 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 157-3, Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset Is Not Active. FSP 157-3 clarifies the application of SFAS No. 157 in determining the fair value of a financial asset during periods of inactive markets. FSP 157-3 was effective as of September 30, 2008 and did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8, Disclosure by Public Entities (Enterprises) about Transfers of Financial Assets and Interests in Variable Interest Entities. FSP FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 requires enhanced disclosures about transfers of financial assets and interests in variable interest entities. The FSP requires only additional disclosures concerning transfers of financial assets and interests in variable interest entities and adoption of the FSP will not affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Corporate Guidance

As a consequence of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the NASDAQ imposed certain changes in the rules of corporate governance which are aimed at strengthening its listing standards. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the rules imposed by NASDAQ which include:

- CBI's Board is composed of four independent and two employee directors.
- The independent directors serve on the three principal committees: Audit, Compensation and Nominating.
- The independent directors meet in executive session at each quarterly Board meeting.
- At least one independent director, Mr. Samuel P. Sears, who serves on the Audit Committee, meets all of the requirements as defined by the SEC for being a "financial expert."

The Audit Committee reviews and approves all related-party transactions. CBI has adopted a formal Corporate Code of Conduct. Copies are available on request from Dr. Richard Freer, Chief Operating Officer, and on the Company's website at www.cbi-biotech.com

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Critical Accounting Policies

A summary of the Company's critical accounting policies follows:

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue upon the completion of laboratory service projects, or upon the delivery of biologically relevant materials that have been synthesized in accordance with project terms. Laboratory service projects are generally administered under fee-for-service contracts or purchase orders. Any revenues from research and development arrangements, including corporate contracts and research grants, are recognized pursuant to the terms of the related agreements as work is performed, or as scientific milestones, if any, are achieved. Product sales are recognized when shipped. Amounts received in advance of the performance of services or acceptance of a milestone, are recorded as deferred revenue and recognized when completed.

Goodwill

Goodwill is recognized for the excess of purchase price over the fair value of tangible and identifiable intangible net assets of businesses acquired, in accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". The Company reviews and accounts for the impairment of goodwill in accordance with SFAS No. 142. Goodwill that has an indefinite useful life is not amortized, but instead is tested for impairment at least annually or whenever circumstances indicate potential impairment by comparing the carrying value of the reporting unit to its estimated fair value. The Company bases its estimates of fair value on projected cash flows. At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$3,152,739 in goodwill related to the acquisitions of Fairfax Identity Labs in 2004 and Mimotopes in 2007. The Company has evaluated goodwill and has determined that impairment exists as of December 31, 2008.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company reviews and accounts for the impairment of long-lived assets other than goodwill, including property and equipment and certain other non current assets in accordance with SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets". Long-lived assets besides goodwill are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. For long-lived assets other than goodwill that are to be held and used in operations, an impairment is indicated when the estimated total undiscounted cash flow associated with the asset or group of assets is less than carrying value. If impairment exists, an adjustment is made to write off the asset down to its fair value, and a loss is recorded as the difference between the carrying value and fair value.

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Forward Looking Statements

Management has included herein certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. When used, statements that are not historical in nature, including the words “anticipated”, “estimate”, “should”, “expect”, “believe”, “intend”, and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements are, by their nature, subject to certain risks and uncertainties.

Among the factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those projected are the following:

- business conditions and the general economy,
- the development and implementation of the Company’s long-term business goals,
- federal, state, and local regulatory environment,
- lack of demand for the Company’s services,
- the ability of the Company’s customers to perform services similar to those offered by the Company “in-house,”
- potential cost containment by the Company’s customers resulting in fewer research and development projects,
- the Company’s ability to receive accreditation to provide various services, including, but not limited to paternity testing
- the Company’s ability to hire and retain highly skilled employees,
- the Company’s ability to raise additional equity financing,
- the Company’s inability to pay debt obligations.

Other risks, uncertainties, and factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected are detailed from time to time in reports filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Forms 8-K, 10-QSB, and 10-KSB.



REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and
Stockholders of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc.
Richmond, Virginia

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, consolidated the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2008, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company's recurring losses from operations and inability to generate sufficient cash flow to meet its obligations and sustain its operations raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans concerning these matters are also discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Board of Directors
Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc.
Richmond, Virginia

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc and subsidiaries, as of December 31, 2007 and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, financial position of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

BDO Seidman, LLP

Richmond, Virginia
April 8, 2008 except for Note 14 which is as of March 31, 2009

Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc.

*Financial Statements**Consolidated Balance Sheets*

| | December 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| <i>Assets</i> | | |
| <i>Current assets</i> | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 243,751 | \$ 2,388,437 |
| Investments | 64,790 | — |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$64,000 and \$176,000 | 1,447,615 | 1,507,217 |
| Inventory (Note 18) | — | 102,004 |
| Prepaid assets and other assets | 89,426 | 154,737 |
| Assets of discontinued operations | — | 4,130,785 |
| Total current assets | <u>1,845,582</u> | <u>8,283,180</u> |
| <i>Property and equipment, net (Note 2)</i> | | |
| Total | <u>6,357,752</u> | <u>7,475,639</u> |
| <i>Other assets</i> | | |
| Restricted cash (Note 6) | 72,469 | 88,370 |
| Deferred financing fees | 93,050 | 254,783 |
| Deposits | — | 4,500 |
| Assets of discontinued operations | — | 687,849 |
| Goodwill | — | 3,243,731 |
| Total other assets | <u>165,519</u> | <u>4,279,233</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 8,368,853</u> | <u>\$ 20,038,052</u> |

See accompanying summary of accounting policies and notes to financial statements

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Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)

| | December 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Current maturities of long term debt (Note 3) | \$ 5,212,498 | \$ 657,593 |
| Accounts payable | 1,119,409 | 1,220,880 |
| Other current liabilities | 246,896 | 255,995 |
| Accrued payroll liabilities | 417,827 | 337,314 |
| Interest payable | 102,676 | 18,858 |
| Deferred revenue | 2,331 | 24,445 |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations | — | 4,346,493 |
| Total current liabilities | <u>7,101,637</u> | <u>6,861,578</u> |
| Long-term debt, less current maturities (Note 3) | 3,937 | 3,153,656 |
| Long term liability of discontinued operations | — | 89,869 |
| Total liabilities | <u>7,105,574</u> | <u>10,105,103</u> |
| Commitments and contingencies (Notes 3 and 4) | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | |
| Preferred stock, no par value 1,000,000 shares authorized - none outstanding | — | — |
| Common stock, no par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 2008 - 6,465,734 - 2007 - 5,520,545 issued and outstanding | — | — |
| Additional paid-in capital | 24,453,298 | 22,595,023 |
| Restricted stock | (100,333) | (200,667) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (Note 7) | (83,251) | 682,282 |
| Accumulated deficit | <u>(23,006,435)</u> | <u>(13,143,689)</u> |
| Total stockholders' equity | <u>1,263,279</u> | <u>9,932,949</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 8,368,853</u> | <u>\$ 20,038,052</u> |

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Consolidated Statements of Operations

| | <i>December 31,</i> | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
| Revenues | | |
| Genetic identity | \$ 1,924,447 | \$ 1,409,989 |
| Government contracts | 1,741,113 | 1,518,363 |
| Clinical services | 361,333 | 399,765 |
| Commerical contracts | 5,177,672 | 5,535,987 |
| Other revenue | 230,929 | 161,205 |
| Total revenues | <u>9,435,494</u> | <u>9,025,309</u> |
| Cost of services | | |
| Direct materials | 2,251,172 | 2,009,838 |
| Direct labor | 2,084,896 | 2,211,355 |
| Overhead | 2,887,720 | 3,227,072 |
| Total cost of services | <u>7,223,788</u> | <u>7,448,265</u> |
| Gross profit | <u>2,211,706</u> | <u>1,577,044</u> |
| Selling, general and administrative | | |
| Total SG&A | 4,728,718 | 4,137,410 |
| Operating loss | <u>(2,517,012)</u> | <u>(2,560,366)</u> |
| Other income/(expense) | | |
| Exchange losses | — | (83,761) |
| Realized losses | (82,257) | — |
| Interest expense | (1,630,020) | (413,262) |
| Goodwill impairment | (3,152,739) | — |
| Loss on debt extinguishment (Note 15) | (1,202,419) | — |
| Other income | 13,724 | 77,589 |
| Total other income/(expense) | <u>(6,053,711)</u> | <u>(419,434)</u> |
| Loss from continuing operations | <u>(8,570,723)</u> | <u>(2,979,800)</u> |
| Loss from discontinued operations (Note 14) | <u>(1,292,023)</u> | <u>(561,134)</u> |
| Extraordinary items Gain on acquisition of Exelgen (Note 13) | — | 782,833 |
| Net loss | <u>\$ (9,862,746)</u> | <u>\$ (2,758,101)</u> |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share from continued operations before extraordinary gain | (1.46) | (0.58) |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share from from discontinued operation before extraordinary gain | (0.22) | (0.11) |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share after extrordinary gain | <u>\$ (1.68)</u> | <u>\$ (0.69)</u> |

See accompanying summary of accounting policies and notes to financial statements

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Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

| | Number of Common Shares Outstanding | Additional Paid-in Capital | Restricted Stock | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) | Accumulated Deficit | Total |
|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance January 1, 2007 | 3,322,769 | \$ 15,823,614 | \$ (301,000) | \$ (8,104) | \$ (10,385,588) | \$ 5,128,922 |
| Issuance of common stock of Mimotopes | 2,150,000 | 4,622,550 | — | — | — | 4,622,550 |
| Issuance of common stock | 4,998 | 23,892 | — | — | — | 23,892 |
| Stock options exercised | 42,778 | 43,549 | — | — | — | 43,549 |
| Relative fair value of warrants and beneficial conversion impact on convertible securities | — | 1,950,000 | — | — | — | 1,950,000 |
| Restricted stock | — | — | 100,333 | — | — | 100,333 |
| Stock option expense | — | 131,418 | — | — | — | 131,418 |
| Net loss | — | — | — | — | (2,758,101) | (2,758,101) |
| Change in unrealized gain on interest rate swap | — | — | — | 8,104 | — | 8,104 |
| Foreign currency gain | — | — | — | 682,282 | — | 682,282 |
| Total comprehensive loss | — | — | — | — | — | (2,067,715) |
| Balance December 31, 2007 | 5,520,545 | \$ 22,595,023 | \$ (200,667) | \$ 682,282 | \$ (13,143,689) | \$ 9,932,949 |
| Issuance of common stock | 125,000 | 35,000 | — | — | — | 35,000 |
| Stock options exercised | 3,817 | 18,321 | — | — | — | 18,321 |
| Issuance of VenturePharm Stock | 463,426 | 1,000,000 | — | — | — | 1,000,000 |
| Relative fair value of warrants and beneficial conversion impact on convertible securities | 352,946 | 714,954 | — | — | — | 714,954 |
| Restricted stock | — | — | 100,334 | — | — | 100,334 |
| Stock option expense | — | 90,000 | — | — | — | 90,000 |
| Net loss | — | — | — | — | (9,862,746) | (9,862,746) |
| Change in unrealized loss on investments | — | — | — | (253,699) | — | (253,699) |
| Foreign currency loss | — | — | — | (511,834) | — | (511,834) |
| Total comprehensive loss | — | — | — | — | — | (10,628,279) |
| Balance December 31, 2008 | 6,465,734 | \$ 24,453,298 | \$ (100,333) | \$ (83,251) | \$ (23,006,435) | \$ 1,263,279 |

See accompanying summary of accounting policies and notes to financial statements

Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

| | Year Ended | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net loss | \$(9,862,746) | \$(2,758,101) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used by operating activities: | | |
| Loss on debt extinguishment | 1,202,419 | — |
| Extraordinary gain on purchase of Exelgen | — | (782,833) |
| Loss on disposal of subsidiary | 293,298 | — |
| Impairment of goodwill | 3,152,739 | — |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,739,949 | 893,050 |
| Unrealized loss on interest rate swap agreement | 50,195 | — |
| Stock-based compensation | 208,655 | 155,359 |
| Realized loss on investments | 123,246 | — |
| Interest expense satisfied with the issuance of stock | 106,831 | — |
| Changes in: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 1,043,822 | (203,783) |
| Prepaid expenses and inventory | 186,271 | (900,846) |
| Accounts payable and other current liabilities | (318,239) | 2,631,627 |
| Deposits | 4,500 | (4,500) |
| Deferred revenue | (297,365) | 102,299 |
| Net cash used by operating activities | <u>(1,366,425)</u> | <u>(867,728)</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchase of Exelgen | — | 2,809,679 |
| Proceeds from the sale of investments | 58,265 | — |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (6,007) | (147,566) |
| Purchase of Mimotopes | — | (451,044) |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | <u>52,258</u> | <u>2,211,069</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Issuance of common stock | 500,000 | — |
| Principal payments on long term debt | (1,071,578) | (1,892,296) |
| Deferred financing fees paid | (23,153) | (254,783) |
| Change in restricted cash | 280,596 | (355,319) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock option | — | 43,549 |
| Proceeds from issuance of convertible debt | — | 1,950,000 |
| Proceeds from long term debt | 500,000 | — |
| Net cash provided by (used by) financing activities | <u>185,865</u> | <u>(508,849)</u> |
| Effects of exchange rates | <u>(1,161,857)</u> | <u>295,048</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | <u>(2,290,159)</u> | <u>1,129,540</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | <u>2,533,910</u> | <u>1,404,370</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of year | <u>\$ 243,751</u> | <u>\$ 2,533,910</u> |
| Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information | | |
| Cash payments for interest | \$ 321,166 | \$ 726,350 |
| Non-cash investing and financing activities | | |
| Purchase of equipment through capital lease | \$ 142,964 | \$ 26,535 |
| Reduction of convertible debt through issuance of common stock | \$ 145,000 | \$ — |
| Fair value of stock issued in Mimotopes acquisition | \$ — | \$ 4,622,550 |
| Receipt of available-for-sale securities through issuance of common stock | \$ 500,000 | \$ — |

See Notes to Financial Statements

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of the Business

Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc., (the “Company” or “CBI”), was formed on September 30, 1992, for the purpose of providing specialized analytical laboratory services for the life scientist. The Company matured, it re-focused its core business activities and now provides integrated contract research support in four principal areas; bio-defense; laboratory support services for on-going clinical trials; comprehensive contract projects in the private sector; and through it’s Fairfax Identity Labs (FIL) division, for paternity testing, forensic case-work analysis and Convicted Offender Data Base Index System CODIS work. During 2007, the Company acquired Mimotopes Pty, Ltd. which has developed a number of proprietary and patented technologies and is an industry leader in the synthesis of research grade peptides. Exelgen, formally known as Tripos Discovery Research Ltd was acquired June 2007 and was a leading drug discovery services business that provided pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies with novel approaches to drug discovery. However, in September 2008, the decision was made to discontinue the operation. (see Note 14).

Consolidation Policy

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries’ Mimotopes Pty, Ltd, Australia and Exelgen, England, until Exelgen was deconsolidated on September 23, 2008 (see Note 14). All inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue upon the completion of laboratory service projects, or upon the delivery of biologically relevant materials that have been synthesized in accordance with project terms. Laboratory service projects are generally administered under fee-for-service contracts or purchase orders. Any revenues from research and development arrangements, including corporate contracts and research grants, are recognized pursuant to the terms of the related agreements as work is performed, or as scientific milestones, if any, are achieved. Product sales are recognized when shipped. Amounts received in advance of the performance of services or acceptance of a milestone, are recorded as deferred revenue and recognized when completed.

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Foreign Currency Translation

The Company's consolidated financial statements are reported in U.S. dollars. Assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries are translated using rates of exchange as of the balance sheet dates, and related revenues and expenses are translated at average rates of exchange in effect during the periods. Cumulative translation adjustments have been recorded as a separate component within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) of stockholders' equity. Realized gains and losses from foreign currency translations are included in other income (expense).

Fair Value Measurements

On January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 157 "Fair Value Measurements". Fair value is defined as the price at which an asset could be exchanged in a current transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties. A liability's fair value is defined as the amount that would be paid to transfer the liability to a new obligor, not the amount that would be paid to settle the liability with the creditor. Where available, fair value is based on observable market prices or parameters or derived from such prices or parameters. Where observable prices or inputs are not available, valuation models are applied. These valuation techniques involve some level of management estimation and judgment, the degree of which is dependent on the price transparency for the instruments or market and the instruments' complexity.

In February 2008, the FASB issued FSP No. FAS No. 157-2, Partial Deferral of the Effective Date of Statement 157, ("FSP No. 157-2"). FSP No. 157-2 delays the effective date of SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS No. 157") for all non financial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually) to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of SFAS No. 157 on nonfinancial liabilities, but does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value in the Consolidated Balance Sheets are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with the inputs used to measure the fair value. Hierarchical levels, defined by SFAS 157 and directly related to the amount of subjectivity associated with the inputs to fair valuation of these assets and liabilities, are as follows:

Level 1- Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. The types of assets and liabilities carried at Level 1 fair value generally are listed in active markets.

Level 2 – Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability through correlation with market data at the measurement date and for the duration of the instruments anticipated life. Fair value assets and liabilities that are generally included in this category are certain corporate debt securities, and certain financial instruments classified as derivatives where fair value is based on observable market inputs.

Level 3- Unobservable Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Consideration is given to the risk inherent in the inputs to the model.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At times, the Company maintains cash balances in excess of FDIC insured amounts.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash in Mimotopes represents the amount that is held by a third party in escrow as required under the terms of the Company's land lease agreement. The total amount held in escrow as of December 31, 2008 is \$72,469. Interest income earned on restricted cash is recorded in other interest income.

Investments

The Company classifies its investments in securities as available-for-sale. These investments are carried at the estimated fair value, with unrealized gains and losses reported in other comprehensive income (loss). Upon the sale of a security, the realized net gain or loss is reported in results from operations.

Accounts Receivable

The majority of our accounts receivable are due from trade customers. Credit is extended based on evaluation of our customers' financial condition and collateral is not required. Accounts receivable payment terms vary and are stated in the financial statements at amounts due from customers net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Accounts that are outstanding longer than the payment terms are considered past due. We determine our allowance by considering a number of factors, including the length of time trade accounts receivable are past due, our previous loss history, customers' current ability to pay their obligations to us, the condition of the general economy and the industry as a whole. The Company writes off accounts receivable when they become uncollectible, and payments subsequently received on such receivables are credited to the allowance for doubtful accounts.

Inventory

Inventories are stated at the lower of FIFO cost (first-in, first-out method) or market. The Company reviews its recorded inventory periodically and estimates an allowance for obsolete, excess, or slow moving items as necessary.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed principally by the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives providing depreciation and amortization for financial reporting purposes. The cost of repairs and maintenance is expensed as incurred. The estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| | <u>Years</u> |
| Buildings | 39.5 |
| Laboratory and computer equipment | 3 -10 |
| Furniture, fixtures and office equipment | 7 |

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Assets under capital lease obligations are recorded at the lesser of the present value of the minimum lease payments or the fair market value of the leased asset, at inception of the lease.

Deferred Financing Fees

Loan costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis, which approximates the interest method, over the expected term of the related obligations.

Goodwill

Goodwill is recognized for the excess of purchase price over the fair value of tangible and identifiable intangible net assets of businesses acquired, in accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". The Company reviews and accounts for the impairment of goodwill in accordance with SFAS No. 142. Goodwill that has an indefinite useful life is not amortized, but instead is tested for impairment at least annually or whenever circumstances indicate potential impairment by comparing the carrying value of the reporting unit to its estimated fair value. The Company bases its estimates of fair value on projected cash flows. At December 31, 2008, the Company had \$3,152,739 in goodwill related to the acquisitions of Fairfax Identity Labs in 2004 and Mimotopes in 2007. An analysis was performed, due to the current conditions of the Company and it was determined goodwill was fully impaired as of December 31, 2008.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company reviews and accounts for the impairment of long-lived assets other than goodwill, including property and equipment and certain other noncurrent assets in accordance with SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets". Long-lived assets besides goodwill are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. For long-lived assets other than goodwill that are to be held and used in operations, an impairment is indicated when the estimated total undiscounted cash flow associated with the asset or group of assets is less than carrying value. If impairment exists, an adjustment is made to write off the asset down to its fair value, and a loss is recorded as the difference between the carrying value and fair value.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company uses interest rate swap agreements to manage variable interest rate exposure on the majority of its long-term debt. The Company's objective for holding these derivatives is to decrease the volatility of future cash flows associated with interest payments on its variable rate debt. The Company does not issue derivative instruments for trading purposes. For derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is initially reported in "accumulated other comprehensive income or loss" on the consolidated balance sheets and subsequently reclassified to interest expense when the hedged exposure affects income (i.e. as interest expense accrues on the related outstanding debt). Differences between the amounts paid and amounts received under the swap agreements are recognized in interest expense.

Changes in the fair value of the derivative are accounted for through interest expense. The notional principal value of the Company's swap agreement outstanding as of December 31, 2008 is equal to the outstanding principal balance of the corresponding debt instrument.

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Income Taxes

Deferred taxes are provided on the asset and liability method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

Income (Loss) Per Common Share

Basic income (loss) per share has been computed on the basis of the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Common shares which can be issued upon exercise of stock options and warrants have not been included in the computation because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. Weighted average shares outstanding for basic and diluted loss per common share were 5,864,149 and 5,131,951 for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively (see Note 16).

Employee Stock Plans

The Company adopted a Stock Incentive Plan on June 24, 1997. The Plan provides for granting to employees, officers, directors, consultants and certain other non-employees of the Company options to purchase shares of common stock. A maximum of 410,000 shares of common stock may be issued pursuant to the Plan. Of the maximum number of shares to be issued under the Plan, 270,000 have been reserved for incentive awards to be granted to the founders of the Company, and 140,000 are reserved for incentive awards to be granted to others.

A 2000 Stock Incentive Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the shareholders. The Plan makes up to 300,000 shares of common stock available for grants of restricted stock awards and stock options in the form of incentive stock options and non-qualified options to employees, directors and consultants of the Company.

A 2002 Stock Incentive Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the shareholders. The Plan makes up to 600,000 shares of common stock available for grants of restricted stock awards and stock options in the form of incentive stock options and non-qualified options to employees, directors and consultants of the Company.

A 2007 Stock Incentive Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the shareholders. The Plan makes up to 1,000,000 shares of common stock available for grants of restricted stock awards and stock options in the form of incentive stock options and non-qualified options to employees, directors and consultants of the Company.

Incentive awards may be in the form of stock options, restricted stock, incentive stock or tax offset rights. In the case of incentive stock options (within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), the exercise price will not be less than 100% of the fair market value of shares covered at the time of the grant, or 110% for incentive stock options granted to persons who own more than 10% of the Company's voting stock. Options granted under the Plans generally vest over a five-year period from the date of grant and are exercisable for ten years, except that the term may not exceed five years for incentive stock options granted to persons who own more than 10% of the Company's outstanding common stock.

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New Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. This Statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 applies to other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, the Board having previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. The Statement does not require any new fair value measurements and was initially effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2008. In February 2008, the FASB approved the issuance of FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS 157-2. FSP FAS 157-2 defers the effective date of SFAS No. 157 until January 1, 2009 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities except those items recognized or disclosed at fair value on an annual or more frequently recurring basis. Adoption of SFAS No. 157 for financial assets and liabilities did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In December 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 141(R) *Business Combinations*, to further enhance the accounting and financial reporting related to business combinations. SFAS No. 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer in a business combination (1) recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any non controlling interest in the acquire, (2) recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase, and (3) determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. SFAS No. 141(R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Therefore, the effects of the Company's adoption of SFAS No. 141(R) will depend upon the extent and magnitude of acquisitions after December 31, 2008.

In April 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position 142-3 ("FSP FAS 142-3), "Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets", which amends the factors that should be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life of intangible assets under FASB No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". The intent of this FSP is to improve the consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142 and the period of the expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under FASB No. 141, "Business Combinations" and other U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The Company has determined there to be no material impact to the consolidated financial statements upon the recent adoption of FSP FAS No. 142-3.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, *Non controlling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements – an amendment of ARB No. 51*, to create accounting and reporting standards for the non controlling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards that require (1) the ownership interest in subsidiaries held by parties other than the parent to be clearly identified and presented in the consolidated balance sheet within equity, but separate from the parent's equity, (2) the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and the non controlling interest to be clearly identified and presented on the face of the consolidated statement of income, (3) changes in a parent's ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling financial interest in its subsidiary to be accounted for consistently, (4) when a subsidiary is deconsolidated, any retained noncontrolling equity investment in the former subsidiary to be initially

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measured at fair value, and (5) entities to provide sufficient disclosures that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS No. 160 applies to fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008, and prohibits early adoption. Management has completed its review of the new guidance and determined there to be no material impact to the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. This Statement permits entities to choose to measure eligible items at fair value at specified election dates. For items for which the fair value option has been elected, unrealized gains and losses are to be reported in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option is irrevocable unless a new election date occurs, may be applied instrument by instrument, with a few exceptions, and applies only to entire instruments and not to portions of instruments. SFAS No. 159 provides an opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting. Management has adopted SFAS No. 159, the effect of implementation is not material to the Company's results of operations or financial position as no such elections have been made.

In March, 2008, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities—an Amendment of FASB Statement 133*. Statement 161 enhances required disclosures regarding derivatives and hedging activities, including enhanced disclosures regarding how: (a) an entity uses derivative instruments; (b) derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under FASB Statement No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*; and (c) derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity's financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. Specifically, Statement 161 requires:

- Disclosure of the objectives for using derivative instruments be disclosed in terms of underlying risk and accounting designation;
- Disclosure of the fair values of derivative instruments and their gains and losses in a tabular format;
- Disclosure of information about credit-risk-related contingent features; and
- Cross-reference from the derivative footnote to other footnotes in which derivative-related information is disclosed.

In June 2008, the FASB ratified the consensus reached on Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 07-05, *Determining Whether an Instrument (or Embedded Feature) Is Indexed to an Entity's Own Stock* ("EITF No. 07-05"). EITF No. 07-05 clarifies the determination of whether an instrument (or an embedded feature) is indexed to an entity's own stock, which would qualify as a scope exception under SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. EITF No. 07-05 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. Early adoption for an existing instrument is not permitted. The Company has determined EITF No. 07-05 does not apply at December 31, 2008, but will evaluate at March 31, 2009.

In May 2008, the FASB issued Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position Accounting Principles Board 14-1 "Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)" ("APB 14-1"). APB 14-1 requires the issuer of certain convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash, or other assets, on conversion to separately account for the debt and equity components in a manner that reflects the issuer's non-convertible debt borrowing rate. APB 14-1 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008 and is applied

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retrospectively to all periods presented with a cumulative effect adjustment to the beginning retained earnings. We believe that the impact of adopting APB 14-1 could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements, but are currently evaluating.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 163, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. SFAS No. 162 identifies the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles to be used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. SFAS No. 162 is effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board amendments to AU Section 411, The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Management does not expect the adoption of the provision of SFAS No. 162 to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In October 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 157-3, "Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset When the Market for That Asset Is Not Active". FSP 157-3 clarifies the application of SFAS No. 157 in determining the fair value of a financial asset during periods of inactive markets. FSP 157-3 was effective as of September 30, 2008 and did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8, Disclosure by Public Entities (Enterprises) about Transfers of Financial Assets and Interests in Variable Interest Entities. FSP FAS 140-4 and FIN 46(R)-8 requires enhanced disclosures about transfers of financial assets and interests in variable interest entities. The FSP requires only additional disclosures concerning transfers of financial assets and interests in variable interest entities and adoption of the FSP will not affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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1. Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates realization of assets and satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. If the Company is unable to improve operating results and meet its debt obligations, it may have to cease operations. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern.

Total losses for the Company were \$9,862,746 and \$2,758,101 for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 respectively. Recent operating losses may continue into future periods and there can be no assurance by management that the Company's financial outlook will improve. For the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, losses from continuing operations were \$8,570,723 and \$2,979,800 respectively. Losses resulting from the goodwill impairment amounted to \$3,152,739 in 2008. Losses resulting from the extinguishment of debt were \$1,202,419 in 2008. Losses resulting from the discontinued operation were \$1,292,023 and \$561,134 respectively. In 2007, the Company reported a gain from the purchase of Exelgen in the amount of \$782,833.

The Company generated negative cash flows of \$2,290,159 in 2008 compared to an increase in cash of \$1,129,540 in 2007. Net working capital as of December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 was (\$5,256,055) and \$1,421,602 respectively. The negative working capital in the current period is primarily due to continuing losses and increased debt obligations in 2008.

As of December 31, 2008, the Company had \$243,751 in cash and cash equivalents which resulted in a 89.9% decrease over the cash balance at December 31, 2007. This decrease is primarily due to cash utilized by Exelgen prior to the decision to discontinue the operation which should improve cash flows going forward.

The 2008 Period reflects cash used by operating activities of \$1,366,425 as compared to cash used by operating activities of \$867,728 during the 2007 Period. The increase over the prior period resulted from additional operating losses sustained by the Company.

Cash provided by investing activities for the 2008 Period was \$52,258 in comparison to cash provided by investing activities of \$2,211,069 in the 2007 Period. The net change relates primarily to net cash acquired in the acquisition of Exelgen offset by the cost of acquiring Mimotopes. In addition, current year activities reflect management's decision to reduce the purchase of capital expenditures in 2008.

Cash provided by financing activities for 2008 was \$185,865 as compared to cash used of \$508,849 in the 2007 Period. During the 2008 year, the Company entered into multiple debt agreements providing \$1,000,000 of proceeds to offset current losses and debt payments. The Company reduced the principal amount on the mortgage through a one-time payment of \$400,000 as required by the lender. Elimination of capital lease payments associated with the discontinued operation is estimated to reduce the cash outflow of the Company by over \$1 million over the next twelve months.

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The elimination of the Exelgen operation should benefit the Company's overall cash position. Additional cash resources will no longer be needed for the payments of the capital leases. The Company estimates a savings of \$1.1 million over the remaining life of the Exelgen leases which were due to expire in December 2009.

During 2009, the Company expects to re-negotiate the terms of its outstanding mortgage debt which becomes due in November 2009, including any non compliance with covenants which causes the Company to be in default. The Company also believes that it will be able to satisfy its current debt obligations with LH Financial and Fornova through the issuance of common stock in lieu of cash payment. Subject to compliance with NASDAQ listing standards, the Company believes it will be able to satisfy its debt obligations.

Management has taken steps to improve the cash flow and liquidity of the Company. The Company has discontinued Exelgen operations, which entered into administration (See Note 14) as well as reduced personnel levels and marketing expenditures, curtailed costs, deferred directors' fees and a portion of employees' salaries. The company has also reduced or delayed expenditures on items deemed non-critical to operations. In addition, the Company evaluates consolidated activities for each operation and takes advantages of opportunities where synergies exist. During 2008, the Company implemented a Profit Recovery Plan which outlines clear objectives related to the following:

- Strengthening of cash position to protect solvency through cost reduction efforts
- Maximizing revenue contracts in pharmaceutical and governmental sectors
- Monitoring monthly operations against budget projections
- Increase in sales

The cash position of the Company will again remain uncertain in 2009. However, the Company will continue to address the immediate needs for cash and liquidity through an aggressive approach on a number of fronts. As indicated previously, when confronted with static revenues and declining cash reserves, management reduced staffing through layoffs and attrition and reduced or eliminated non-production related expenditures. Fiscal practices have been strictly enforced which restricts all material purchases to service on-going work only and serve to minimize all material inventories. Management will continue adhering to these policies for the foreseeable future.

The lack of adequate cash resulting from the inability to generate cash flow from operations or to raise capital from external sources would force the Company to substantially curtail or cease operations and would, therefore, have a material adverse effect on its business. The Company is actively exploring the availability of varying financial and strategic transactions, which, if consummated, would address the Company's need to improve its financial condition and/or its operations.

There can be no assurance that any funds required during the next twelve months or thereafter can be generated from operations or that if such required funds are not internally generated that funds will be available from external sources, such as debt or equity financing or other potential sources.

During the last year, the Company's business has undergone substantial change in relation to size, scale and scope of activities. The Company has developed significant capacity in peptide chemistry through the acquisition of Mimotopes. This strategic transaction compliments the core capabilities in genomics and proteomics at CBI Services and FIL. In addition, resources have been invested in the establishment of

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VenturePharm Asia. The Company views this relationship as a key strategy in expanding production capabilities and services which will further the Company's ability to compete in the global market.

As a result of the above, there is substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. These financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability or classification of asset carrying amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that may result should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

The Company's independent auditors have included a paragraph emphasizing "going concern" in their report on the 2008 financial statements. These financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability or classification of asset carrying amounts or the amounts and classification of liabilities that may result should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

2. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

| | <i>December 31,</i> | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
| Land | \$ 403,919 | \$ 404,269 |
| Building | 6,547,882 | 6,900,142 |
| Laboratory Equipment | 5,764,330 | 5,927,599 |
| Furniture, fixtures and office and computer equipment | 1,090,703 | 1,173,514 |
| | 13,806,834 | 14,405,524 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 7,449,082 | 6,929,885 |
| | <u>\$ 6,357,752</u> | <u>\$ 7,475,639</u> |

Depreciation expense was \$695,730 and \$829,121 for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. The Mimotopes facility is subject to a land lease. Lease payments associated with this land lease amounted to \$86,925 in 2008.

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3. Long Term Debt:

| | <i>December 31,</i> | |
|---|---------------------|--------------|
| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
| <i>Long term debt consists of:</i> | | |
| Mortgage payable to BB&T due in monthly installments of approximately \$35,000 with an interest rate of 5.75% as of December 31, 2008. The loan will mature in November 2009 and is collateralized by the corporate offices and laboratory facilities located in Richmond, Virginia, as well as all assets of the Company. The Company also entered into an interest rate swap agreement essentially locking the interest rate paid by the Company to 7.975%. | \$ 3,128,745 | \$ 3,634,362 |
| In January 2005, the Company entered into a capitalized leasing agreement with Technology Leasing Concepts for two pieces of laboratory equipment. The monthly principal and interest payments are \$11,378 with an interest rate of 7.5%. Both leases are for a forty-eight month period. | 13,626 | 147,686 |
| In February 2007, the Company entered into a thirty-six month capitalized leasing agreement with Technology Leasing Concepts for several pieces of computer equipment. The monthly principal and interest payments are \$898. | 11,588 | 20,188 |
| Capitalized lease agreement with Bank of America which matures in April 2008. The lease is collateralized by laboratory equipment located in Bude, Cornwall England. The quarterly principal and interest payments are approximately \$218,000 with an interest rate of 6.91%. | — | 419,611 |
| Capitalized lease agreement with Lombard North Central which matures in December 2008. The lease is collateralized by laboratory equipment located in Bude, Cornwall England. The quarterly principal and interest payments are approximately \$298,000 with an interest rate of 7.41%. | — | 1,088,133 |
| Lease agreement with De Lage Landen which matures in February 2009. The lease is collateralized by laboratory equipment located in Bude, Cornwall England. The quarterly principal and interest payments are approximately \$97,000 with an interest rate of 8.66%. | — | 434,944 |

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3. Long Term Debt: (continued)

| | <i>December 31,</i> | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
| <i>Long term debt consists of (continued)</i> | | |
| Capitalized lease agreement with Societe Genrale which matures in December 2008. The lease is collateralized by laboratory equipment located in Bude, Cornwall England. The quarterly principal and interest payments are approximately \$48,000 with an interest rate of 10.07%. | \$ — | \$ 146,159 |
| Secured convertible promissory note with LH Financial which matures in June 2009. The note is collateralized by a security interest in substantially all of the assets of the Company. Interest compounds monthly at an annual rate of 10% to 12%. Interest is payable in cash, or at the election of the Company, with registered shares of common stock. The amount payable at December 31, 2008 represents the gross note amount of \$1,805,000 which is reflected net of a discount of \$248,689 in the consolidated balance sheets. | 1,805,000 | 1,950,000 |
| Convertible promissory note with Fornova Pharmaworld Inc. which matures in August 2009. Interest compounds monthly at a rate of 10%. The Holder may convert the Note into shares of the Company's common stock at any time between October 27, 2008 and August 21, 2009. In addition, the note features a call option at January 29, 2009. | 500,000 | — |
| Miscellaneous capital leases | 6,165 | 9,013 |
| | <u>5,465,124</u> | <u>7,850,096</u> |
| Less amounts in Discontinued Operations | — | 2,088,847 |
| Less current maturities and unamortized discounts | 5,212,498 | 657,593 |
| Less discount on convertible promissory notes | 248,689 | 1,950,000 |
| | <u>\$ 3,937</u> | <u>\$3,153,656</u> |

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The mortgage includes certain restrictive covenants, which require the Company to maintain minimum levels of the current ratio, debt to net worth and cash flow ratio's. At December 31, 2008, the Company was in violation of covenants, however, the Company was granted a waiver of the covenants by the bank for a period of three months to March 31, 2009.

4. Leasing Commitments

The Company leases equipment and facilities under non-cancelable operating leases. Total expense for the years ended December 31, 2008, and 2007 was \$110,889 and \$67,305 respectively. Leases are secured by the equipment. Future minimum lease payments and the present value thereof under capitalized leases and future minimum rentals under all non-cancelable operating leases with remaining terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2008 are as follows:

| <u>Year Ended December 31,</u> | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 2009 | \$ 46,215 |
| 2010 | 23,826 |
| 2011 | 20,436 |
| 2012 | 20,436 |
| Total | <u>\$110,913</u> |

5. Retirement Plan

CBI and FIL maintain a 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") which covers substantially all employees. Under the Plan, employees may elect to defer a portion of their salary, up to the maximum allowed by law, and the Company can elect to match the contribution up to 1% of the employee's contribution. Company contributions were \$23,997 and \$20,348 for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Mimotopes is required by law to make contributions to a retirement plan covering all of its eligible employees at a rate of 9% of their base earnings. Company contributions were \$76,949 and \$157,693 for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

6. Restricted Cash

Under the terms of the Company's mortgage, \$400,000 was held in escrow at December 31, 2007 by BB&T. At the discretion of BB&T, these funds were released in March 2008 to pay down the principal balance of the mortgage.

Under the terms of the Company's land lease in Australia, \$72,469 is being held in escrow at December 31, 2008. This amount is equivalent to one year of lease payments.

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7. Comprehensive Income/(Loss)

The components of comprehensive loss, net of tax, for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 were as follows:

| | Twelve Months Ended December 31, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Net Loss | \$ (9,862,746) | \$ (2,758,101) |
| Change in fair value of interest rate swap | — | 8,104 |
| Unrealized loss of investments | (253,699) | — |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (511,834) | 682,282 |
| Total comprehensive loss | <u>\$ (10,628,279)</u> | <u>\$ (2,067,715)</u> |

8. Investments Available for Sale

The following table summarizes the Company's investment in VPL stock which was obtained in July 2008 and is classified as securities available-for-sale as of December 31, 2008 and are carried at estimated fair value. Unrealized losses are considered temporary and will be monitored for other than temporary impairment going forward.

| | Cost | Gross Unrealized Loss | Estimated Fair Value |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Investments | \$ 318,489 | \$ 253,699 |

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9. Fair Value Disclosure

The following table presents information about the Company's assets and liabilities which are measured at fair value, on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2008, and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques utilized by the Company to determine such fair value.

| | <u>Significant In Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)</u> | <u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u> | <u>Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u> |
|---|---|--|--|
| <u>Assets:</u> | | | |
| Investment securities, available for sale | \$ 64,790 | \$ — | \$ — |
| <u>Liabilities:</u> | | | |
| Interest Rate Swap | \$ — | \$ 148,688 | \$ — |

Level 1- Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date. The types of assets and liabilities carried at Level 1 fair value generally are listed in active markets.

Level 2 – Inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) are either directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability through correlation with market data at the measurement date and for the duration of the instruments anticipated life. Fair value assets and liabilities that are generally included in this category are certain corporate debt securities, and certain financial instruments classified as derivatives where fair value is based on observable market inputs.

Level 3- Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Consideration is given to the risk inherent in the inputs to the model.

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10. Income Taxes

The difference between expected income tax benefits and income tax benefits recorded in the financial statements is explained below:

| | December 31, | |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Income taxes (benefit) computed at statutory rate | \$(2,808,000) | \$ (963,800) |
| State income tax benefit, net | (262,500) | (143,600) |
| Change in valuation allowance | 1,724,700 | 1,248,600 |
| Impairment of goodwill-Mimotopes | 799,000 | — |
| Goodwill amortization-CBI | 225,300 | — |
| Non-taxable Gain | — | (156,600) |
| Other | 321,500 | 15,400 |
| | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> |

The significant components of deferred income tax assets and liabilities consist of the following:

| | December 31, | |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| Deferred tax assets | | |
| Net operating loss carryforward | \$ 6,708,600 | \$ 14,036,300 |
| Research and development credit carryforward | 52,600 | 52,600 |
| Intangibles | 122,200 | 192,000 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | 21,200 | 59,400 |
| Stock based compensation | 85,000 | 50,000 |
| Other | 33,200 | 30,600 |
| | <u>7,022,800</u> | <u>14,420,900</u> |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | |
| Tax depreciation in excess of book depreciation | 124,800 | 135,300 |
| Net deferred tax asset before valuation allowance | 6,898,000 | 14,285,600 |
| Less valuation allowance | 6,898,000 | 14,285,600 |
| Net deferred tax asset | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> |

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10. Income Taxes (continued)

Operating loss carryforwards at December 31, 2008 relating to US operations of approximately \$18,000,000 may be used to offset future taxable income and expire through 2026. The Company also has research and development credit carryforwards at December 31, 2008 of approximately \$53,000 that expire through 2022. A valuation allowance has been established for deferred tax assets at December 31, 2008 as realization is dependent upon generating future taxable income.

11. Stock Compensation

Stock-Based Compensation Plans - Stock-based compensation expense recognized during a period is based on the value of the portion of stock-based awards that is ultimately expected to vest during the period. Stock-based compensation expense recognized in the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 included compensation expense for stock-based awards granted prior to, but not yet vested as of December 31, 2008, based on the fair value on the grant date.

Stock-based compensation expense related to employee stock options recognized under SFAS No. 123(R) for the year ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 was approximately \$184,290 and \$131,418, respectively, and is included in selling, general and administrative. As of December 31, 2008, total unamortized stock-based compensation cost related to non-vested stock awards was \$90,000, net of expected forfeitures, which is expected to be recognized over the 2009 fiscal year.

The total intrinsic value of stock awards (which is the amount by which the stock price exceeded the exercise price of the options on the date of exercise) exercised during the year ended December 31, 2008 was \$ 0. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company did not receive cash from the exercise of stock awards.

The following table sets forth fair value per share information, including related weighted-average assumptions, used to determine compensation cost for stock options consistent with the requirements of SFAS No. 123R.

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11. Stock Compensation (continued)

| | <u>2008</u> | <u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u> |
|---|----------------|--|----------------|--|
| Options and warrants outstanding, beginning of year | 785,877 | \$ 5.52 | 924,839 | \$ 6.07 |
| Granted | 90,863 | 4.00 | 64,000 | 2.05 |
| Exercised | — | — | (42,778) | 1.02 |
| Expired | (47,804) | 9.11 | (160,184) | 8.56 |
| Options and warrants outstanding, end of year | <u>828,936</u> | <u>\$ 5.27</u> | <u>785,877</u> | <u>\$ 5.52</u> |
| Options and warrants exercisable, end of year | <u>783,936</u> | <u>\$ 5.13</u> | <u>757,187</u> | <u>\$ 5.32</u> |
| Weighted-average fair value per option and warrants granted during the year | | \$ 0.94 | | \$ 1.31 |

The following table sets forth fair value per share information, including related weighted-average assumptions, used to determine compensation cost for our stock awards consistent with the requirements of SFAS No. 123R.

The assumption used to determine the fair value per option are as follows:

| Assumptions: | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|---------|--------|
| Expected volatility | | 123.40% | 63.61% |
| Expected annual dividend yield | | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Risk free rate of return | | 2.25% | 4.59% |
| Expected option term (years) | | 10 | 10 |

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11. Stock Compensation (continued)

The following table summarizes information about stock options and warrants outstanding at December 31, 2008:

| <u>Exercise Price Per Share</u> | <u>Number Outstanding</u> | <u>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)</u> | <u>Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share</u> | <u>Number Exercisable</u> | <u>Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--|
| \$0.90 - 2.00 | 22,058 | 6 | \$ 1.36 | 22,058 | \$ 1.36 |
| \$2.01 - 5.49 | 506,681 | 5 | 3.82 | 461,681 | 3.70 |
| \$5.50 - 7.00 | 84,350 | 1 | 5.98 | 84,350 | 5.98 |
| \$7.01 - 9.49 | 124,000 | 4 | 7.57 | 124,000 | 7.57 |
| \$9.50 - 12.50 | 91,847 | 2 | 9.90 | 91,847 | 9.90 |
| \$0.90 - 12.50 | 828,936 | | \$ 5.27 | 783,936 | \$ 5.13 |

The following table summarizes information about Restricted Stock Unit (RSU) activity for the year ended December 31, 2008:

| | <u>Number of Restricted Stock Units</u> | <u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Non-vested at December 31, 2007 | 44,459 | \$ 4.52 |
| Granted | — | — |
| Vested | 22,208 | 4.52 |
| Forfeited | — | — |
| Non-vested at December 31, 2008 | 22,251 | \$ 4.52 |

At December 31, 2008, there was approximately \$101,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) granted under our stock plan which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.8 years. Compensation expense related to RSUs for the years ended December 31, 2008, and 2007 was \$100,000 for each period, and is included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

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12. Purchase of Mimotopes

In February 2007, the Company acquired all outstanding shares of Mimotopes Pty Ltd, an Australian limited company by issuing 2,150,000 shares of its common stock to PharmAust Chemistry Ltd, an Australian limited company. Based on the 2,150,000 shares at \$2.15 per shares, the acquisition price for the purchase of Mimotopes was \$4,622,550. In addition, the Company incurred \$432,262 of acquisition related costs. Goodwill amounted to \$2,463,762 which is not deductible for income tax purposes. The issuance of the shares amounted to approximately 39.5% of the Company's then outstanding shares. The results of operations of Mimotopes are included in the Company's financial statements for the period beginning February 1, 2007 and are reported on a consolidated basis. The estimated fair value of the assets and liabilities acquired were as follows:

| | <u>As of February 1,</u> <u>2007</u> <u>\$(000)</u> |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Cash | \$ 107 |
| Accounts receivable | 645 |
| Other current assets | 34 |
| Property plant and equipment | 2,199 |
| Total assets acquired | <u>2,985</u> |
| Accounts payable and accruals | (376) |
| Long term debt | <u>(18)</u> |
| Total liabilities assumed | (394) |
| Net assets acquired | <u>\$ 2,591</u> |

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13. Purchase Of Exelgen (Formerly Known As “Tripos Discovery Research”)

In June 2007, the Company acquired all outstanding shares of Exelgen, an English limited company. The purchase price of Exelgen was \$1,474,581 (including acquisition costs) resulted in negative goodwill of \$782,833 which is recorded as an extraordinary gain on the Consolidated Statement of Operations. The estimated fair value of the assets and liabilities acquired were as follows:

| | As of June 1, 2007 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$(000) |
| Cash | \$ 4,759 |
| Accounts receivable | 1,070 |
| Inventory | 2,091 |
| Other current assets | 329 |
| Total assets acquired | 8,249 |
| Accounts payable and accruals | 1,828 |
| Other current liabilities | 2,940 |
| Long term debt | 1,223 |
| Total liabilities assumed | 5,991 |
| Net assets acquired | <u>\$ 2,258</u> |

If the acquisition of Exelgen occurred at the beginning of January 2007, the Company's pro forma results would have been as follows:

| | For the Year Ended December 31, 2007 |
|--|---|
| Revenue | \$ 14,618,514 |
| Operating expenses (1) | (20,425,422) |
| Extraordinary gain | 782,833 |
| Proforma net loss | <u>\$ (5,024,075)</u> |
| Proforma loss before extraordinary gain | <u>\$ (5,806,908)</u> |
| Diluted loss per share before extraordinary gain | \$ (1.10) |
| Diluted loss per share | \$ (0.96) |

(1) The consolidated loss for Exelgen includes \$2,801,397 of impairment charges that were previously written off prior to the acquisition.

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14. Discontinued Operations

On September 23, 2008, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Exelgen Limited ("Exelgen") entered into administration under the jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice, Bristol District Registry, Chancery Division, in the United Kingdom (the "High Court"). Exelgen filed a Notice of appointment of an administrator, appointing PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP effective September 23, 2008.

Administration is the United Kingdom's insolvency process, which is governed by the Enterprise Act of 2002. A company must be insolvent as defined in the Insolvency Act of 1986 in order to qualify for administration. Administration is designed to enable a business to be held together while plans are formed either to put in place a financial restructuring to rescue the company, or to sell the business and assets to produce a better result for creditors than would be achieved at liquidation. Exelgen is subject to the protection of the High Court and creditors' enforcement actions and will be automatically stayed while the administrators formulate plans to sell the business and assets.

The Company's decision and approval by the Board of Directors to enter administration for the Exelgen operation was based upon various profitability analyses and projections. The subsidiary's inability to support existing operational costs despite restructuring, combined with the lack of securing new contracts, were key factors supporting this action. In the coming period, the appointed administrator will actively pursue the sale of these assets on an individual basis. Due to the lack of control of Exelgen by the Company, the Company has no further commitment to Exelgen.

As of September 23, 2008, the Company has deconsolidated the operations of Exelgen and recorded a loss related to the remaining net investment as a discontinued operation for the subsidiary.

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Assets and liabilities of the discontinued operation as of December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 are as follows:

14. Discontinued Operations (continued)

| | December 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets of discontinued operations | | |
| Cash | \$ — | \$ 145,473 |
| Restricted Cash | — | 646,773 |
| Accounts receivable | — | 1,387,296 |
| Inventory | — | 2,062,460 |
| Prepays | — | 535,556 |
| Fixed assets | — | 41,076 |
| Total assets of discontinued operation | \$ — | \$4,818,634 |
| Liabilities of discontinued operation | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ — | \$ 817,702 |
| Other current liabilities | — | 1,034,636 |
| Customer deposits | — | 495,177 |
| Leases | — | 2,088,847 |
| Liabilities of discontinued operations | \$ — | \$4,436,362 |

The components of the loss from the discontinued operations are as follows:

| | For the year ended | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | December 31, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
| Revenues | \$ 1,731,169 | \$ 3,396,883 |
| Cost of services | (2,325,441) | (3,176,876) |
| Gross Profit | (594,272) | 220,007 |
| Sales, general and administrative | 316,176 | 474,226 |
| Operating loss | (910,448) | (254,219) |
| Other income/(expense) | 32,871 | 13,812 |
| Interest expense | (121,148) | (320,727) |
| Loss on disposal of subsidiary | (293,298) | — |
| Loss from discontinued operation | \$(1,292,023) | \$ (561,134) |

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15. Long Term Debt with Conversion Features

LH Financial Agreement

On December 31, 2007 the Company issued \$1,950,000 of convertible debt in a subscription agreement between the Company and LH Financial. The debt carries an interest rate of 10% annually and matures in July 31, 2009. Quarterly interest payments may be made in the form of either cash or common stock. The debt may be converted into shares of common stock at a conversion price of \$2.00 per share. In conjunction with the debt, the Company also issued Class A warrants to purchase 975,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.85 per share that expire in May 2013. The fair value of the Class A warrants is \$1.79 per share. The fair value of the Class A warrants is calculated using the Black-Scholes method. Assumptions for Class A warrants include the stock asset price at \$2.55 and a stock option price of \$2.85 with a maturity date of 5 years and effective interest rate of 3.40%. The Company also issued Class B warrants to purchase 243,750 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share. The fair value of the Class B warrants is \$.36 per share. The fair value of the Class B warrants is calculated using the Black-Scholes method. The debt carries a beneficial conversion feature, which along with the relative fair value of the warrants, resulted in a debt discount of \$1,950,000 which was recorded against the convertible debt and offset in additional paid in capital. The Company registered the required minimum number of shares based upon the agreement on April 30, 2008 and will register the remaining shares by July 31, 2009 as required under the agreement. During the second Quarter of 2008, the Company received notice of conversion of \$100,000 of the principle amount of the note which resulted in the issuance of 50,000 shares of common stock.

Modification, Waiver and Acknowledgement Agreement

On September 18, 2008, the Company entered into a modification, waiver and acknowledgement agreement with LH Financial for the convertible debt listed above. Under the modified Agreement, the restructured the terms of the Agreement is that the exercise price of the Class A Warrants was reduced from \$2.85 to \$0.71 per common share, and the exercise price of the Class B Warrants was reduced from \$5.00 to \$1.01 per common share, subject to further reduction as described in the Transaction Documents. Under the modified Agreement, the restructured the terms of the Agreement is as follows:

- (1) the conversion price for every 33% of remaining principal amount of each Investor's pro rata portion of the Notes was reduced from \$2.00 to \$0.50 per common share, subject to further reduction as described in the transaction documents;
- (2) all interest accrued through March 31, 2008 on the debt shall be paid at a rate of 10% in shares of the Company's common stock and all interest further accrued between April 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008 on the debt shall be paid at the rate of 12% in shares of the Company's common stock: and
- (3) the exercise price of the Class A Warrants was reduced from \$2.85 to \$0.71 per common share, and the exercise price of the Class B Warrants was reduced from \$5.00 to \$1.01 per common share, subject to further reduction as described in the Transaction Documents.

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15. Long Term Debt with Conversion Features (continued)

As a result of the above modification, the Company reported an loss of \$1,202,419 for the extinguishment of debt relative to the original beneficial conversion feature and debt discount. In addition, the Company recorded amortization of approximately \$872,000 for the year ended December 31, 2008. At September 30, 2008, a new debt discount of \$373,033 was recorded against the convertible debt and will be amortized as interest expense over the life of the debt using a method that approximates the level yield method. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company received notices of conversion for \$145,000 in principal and \$106,831 in interest resulting in the issuance of 352,946 shares of common stock.

Fornova Agreement

On September 4, 2008, the Company completed the issuance of a \$500,000 convertible promissory note ("the Note") payable to Fornova Pharmaworld Inc. ("the Holder"). The maturity date of the Note is August 29, 2009. The Note has an interest rate of 10% per annum compounded monthly. The Company will pay interest on a monthly basis beginning on September 28, 2008. At any time between October 27, 2008 and August 21, 2009, the Holder may convert the Notes into shares of the Company's common stock at a conversion price of \$1.01 per share. Additionally, the Note features a call date beginning January 29, 2009, if exercised the holder can call the note in the amount of the outstanding principal balance plus accrued interest. If the holder's call feature is exercised, the Company would most likely satisfy the debt and accrued interest with common stock.

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16. Earnings per Share

The Company follows the guidance provided in the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 128, Earnings Per Share, which establishes standards for computing and presenting earnings per share and applies to entities with publicly held common stock or potential common stock. Basic earnings (loss) per common share are computed by dividing the net earnings (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted per share amounts assume the conversion, exercise or issuance of all potential common stock instruments such as warrants and convertible securities, unless the effect is to reduce a loss or increase earnings per share.

| | December 31, | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 |
| <i>Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share:</i> | | |
| Loss from continuing operations | \$ (8,570,723) | \$ (2,979,800) |
| Loss from discontinued operations | (1,292,023) | (561,134) |
| Gain on acquisition of Exelgen | — | 782,833 |
| Net loss | \$ (9,862,746) | \$ (2,758,101) |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share from continued operations before extraordinary gain | \$ (1.46) | \$ (0.58) |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share from discontinued operations before extraordinary gain | \$ (0.22) | \$ (0.11) |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share after extraordinary gain | \$ (1.68) | \$ (0.54) |
| Weighted average share outstanding | 5,864,149 | 5,131,951 |

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17. Joint Venture

On March 28, 2008 the Company entered into a strategic relationship with VenturePharm Laboratories Limited, a Cayman Islands limited company (VPL) with its principal offices in Beijing, Peoples Republic of China. This relationship is multi-faceted and was entered into following a private transaction between VPL and PharmAust Limited (PAA), an Australian company, whereupon VPL acquired all of the 2.15 million shares of CBI held by PAA as of October 2008.

Coincident with the transaction, CBI entered into a) an Ancillary Agreement with VPL to provide a \$1 million put option from CBI to VPL and a \$3 million call option from VPL to CBI both at a 10% discount to market with a three year expiration date, b) a Voting Lock Up Agreement to require VPL to vote in favor of all matters brought before the shareholders for a period of six months and to escrow its acquired shares for a eighteen months, c) a Registration Rights Agreement to be effective after twenty-four months, and d) a Joint Venture (JV) agreement to establish an unincorporated JV which provides CBI access on a preferred basis to the extensive, low cost capabilities of VPL in China. Total expenses for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 were \$85,823 which represents sales and marketing costs. The joint venture will be jointly funded and managed once finalized. As of December 31, 2008, the current facilities are under construction with an anticipated completion date of mid-2009.

Exercise of the Put Option

On July, 7, 2008, the Company completed a sale of stock subject to the \$1 million put right with VPL. Under the terms of the put agreement, the Company sold 463,426 shares of common stock to VPL at a price of \$2.15 per share. In consideration of the sale of shares, the Company received \$500,000 in cash and 2,229,664 of VPL's ordinary shares.

18. Inventory

Inventory consisted of the following:

| | <u>December 31,</u> | |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>2008</u> | <u>2007</u> |
| Raw materials | — | \$ 102,004 |
| | <u>—</u> | <u>\$ 102,004</u> |

During 2007, the Company had inventory on hand of \$102,004. As of December 31, 2008, there was no inventory. See further explanation in Footnote 14, Discontinued Operations.

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President

James H. Brennan, MBA
Vice President, Financial Operations

Directors of the Company

Richard J. Freer, Ph.D.
Chief Operating Officer

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Chairman of the Board
VenturePharm Lab

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-51074) and S-3 (No. 333-51078) of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. of our report dated March 27, 2009, relating to the consolidated financial statements, which appear in the Annual Report to Shareholders, which is incorporated by reference in the Form 10-K.

Witt Mares, PLC
/s/ Witt Mares, PLC

Richmond, Virginia
March 31, 2009

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc.
Richmond, Virginia

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (No. 333-51074) and S-3 (No. 333-51078) of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. of our report dated April 8, 2008 except for Note 14 which is as of March 31, 2009, relating to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007, which appear in this Form 10K.

/s/ BDO Seidman, LLP
Richmond, Virginia

March 31, 2009

CERTIFICATION

I, Richard J. Freer, Ph.D., certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this amended Annual Report on Form 10-K of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc.;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information referred to in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the small business issuer as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- (4) The small business issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the small business issuer and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the small business issuer, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the small business issuer's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the small business issuer's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the small business issuer's most recent fiscal annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the small business issuer's internal control over financial reporting; and
- (5) The small business issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the small business issuer's auditors and the audit committee of the small business issuer's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the small business issuer's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the small business issuer's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 31, 2009

/s/ Richard J. Freer, Ph.D.
Richard J. Freer, Ph.D.
Principal Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, James H. Brennan, certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this amended Annual Report on Form 10-K of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc.;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information referred to in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the small business issuer as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- (4) The small business issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the small business issuer and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the small business issuer, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the small business issuer's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the small business issuer's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the small business issuer's most recent year end annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the small business issuer's internal control over financial reporting; and
- (5) The small business issuer's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the small business issuer's auditors and the audit committee of the small business issuer's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the small business issuer's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the small business issuer's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 31, 2009

/s/ James H. Brennan

James H. Brennan
Principal Accounting and Financial Officer

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

In connection with the amended Annual Report of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2009 (the "Report"), I, Richard J. Freer, Ph.D., Principal Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

March 31, 2009

/s/ Richard J. Freer, Ph.D.

Richard J. Freer, Ph.D.
Principal Executive Officer

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

In connection with the amended Report of Commonwealth Biotechnologies, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2009 (the "Report"), I, James H. Brennan, Vice President Financial Operations of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

March 31, 2009

/s/ James H. Brennan

James H. Brennan
Principal Accounting and Financial Officer