# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> Washington, D.C. 20549 

FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)
区 Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2007
OR
$\square \quad$ Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the transition period from $\qquad$ to $\qquad$
Commission File Number: 000-23329

## Charles \& Colvard, Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| North Carolina <br> (State or other jurisdiction of <br> incorporation or organization) | $56-1928817$ <br> (I.R.S. Employer <br> Identification No.) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 300 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite A, Morrisville, N.C. | 27560 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

919-468-0399
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer $\square$ Accelerated Filer $\boxtimes$ Non-Accelerated Filer
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes $\square$ No $\boxtimes$
As of July 31, 2007, there were $18,106,526$ shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock, no par value per share.

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## Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1: Financial Statements

Charles \& Colvard, Ltd. and Subsidiary Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended June 30, |  | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Net sales | \$ 7,582,133 | \$ 8,513,270 | \$13,362,799 | \$16,530,103 |
| Cost of goods sold | 2,084,015 | 2,126,440 | 3,433,635 | 4,236,183 |
| Gross profit | 5,498,118 | 6,386,830 | 9,929,164 | 12,293,920 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |
| Marketing and sales | 3,459,249 | 3,594,676 | 6,135,416 | 6,115,467 |
| General and administrative | 1,136,953 | 1,104,411 | 2,288,910 | 2,135,096 |
| Research and development | 13,234 | 15,562 | 28,872 | 36,158 |
| Total operating expenses | 4,609,436 | 4,714,649 | 8,453,198 | 8,286,721 |
| Operating income | 888,682 | 1,672,181 | 1,475,966 | 4,007,199 |
| Interest income | 153,188 | 203,506 | 324,816 | 408,528 |
| Income before income taxes | 1,041,870 | 1,875,687 | 1,800,782 | 4,415,727 |
| Income tax expense | 512,892 | 779,891 | 932,520 | 1,795,684 |
| Net income | \$ 528,978 | \$ 1,095,796 | \$ 868,262 | \$ 2,620,043 |
| Net income per share (Note 11): |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.05 | \$ 0.14 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.06 | \$ 0.05 | \$ 0.14 |
| Weighted-average common shares: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | 18,061,603 | 18,208,441 | 18,024,275 | 18,259,811 |
| Diluted | 18,289,008 | 18,728,997 | 18,291,466 | 18,829,721 |

Share and per share data for all periods presented reflect the one share for every four shares owned stock split, effected in the form of a $25 \%$ stock dividend, distributed on January 30, 2006.

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## Charles \& Colvard, Ltd. and Subsidiary

 Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)|  | June 30, 2007 | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Current Assets: |  |  |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 9,598,577 | \$13,762,786 |
| Accounts receivable (Note 3) | 10,489,766 | 14,320,672 |
| Interest receivable | 12,618 | 16,381 |
| Notes receivable | 391,020 | 376,030 |
| Inventory (Note 4) | 20,212,000 | 20,677,215 |
| Inventory on consignment (Note 5) | 1,904,568 | 2,023,542 |
| Prepaid expenses | 645,021 | 783,989 |
| Deferred income taxes | 581,163 | 583,322 |
| Total current assets | 43,834,733 | 52,543,937 |
| Long Term Assets |  |  |
| Notes receivable | - | 23,970 |
| Inventory (Note 4) | 18,113,858 | 11,808,140 |
| Furniture and equipment, net | 660,172 | 651,134 |
| Patent and license rights, net | 300,816 | 288,171 |
| Deferred income taxes | 982,968 | 686,621 |
| Total long term assets | 20,057,814 | 13,458,036 |
| Total assets | \$63,892,547 | \$66,001,973 |
| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity |  |  |
| Current Liabilities: |  |  |
| Accounts payable: |  |  |
| Cree, Inc. | \$ 1,272,701 | \$ 1,598,956 |
| Other | 1,146,364 | 2,870,752 |
| Income taxes payable | - | 413,387 |
| Accrued payroll | 258,263 | 322,383 |
| Accrued co-op advertising | 812,653 | 1,275,041 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 527,118 | 244,539 |
| Total current liabilities | 4,017,099 | 6,725,058 |
| Long Term Liabilities (Note 12) | 1,012,903 | - |
| Total liabilities | 5,030,002 | 6,725,058 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 7) |  |  |
| Shareholders' Equity (Notes 6 \& 9) |  |  |
| Common stock, no par value | 52,910,075 | 52,494,309 |
| Additional paid-in capital—stock options | 5,952,927 | 5,807,879 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss-foreign currency translation | (457) | (457) |
| Retained earnings | - | 975,184 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 58,862,545 | 59,276,915 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$63,892,547 | \$66,001,973 |

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## Charles \& Colvard, Ltd. and Subsidiary

 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

## Investing Activities:

| Purchase of furniture and equipment | $(105,413)$ |
| :---: | ---: |
| Patent and license rights costs | $(29,840)$ |
| Net cash used in investing activities | $(135,253)$ |

## Financing Activities:

| Stock options exercised | 230,964 | 200,983 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Payment of cash dividends | $(1,448,424)$ | $(1,480,360)$ |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | 58,669 | 127,562 |
| Purchase of common stock | - | $(2,854,325)$ |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (1,158,791) | $(4,006,140)$ |
| Change in cash and equivalents | $(4,164,209)$ | $(5,369,092)$ |
| Cash and equivalents, beginning of period | 13,762,786 | 21,003,551 |
| Cash and equivalents, end of period | \$ 9,598,577 | $\underline{\underline{\text { 15,634,459 }}}$ |
| Supplemental Schedule of Cash Flow Data: |  |  |
| Cash paid for income taxes | \$ 1,045,000 | \$ 69,000 |
| Supplemental Non-Cash Investing Activity: |  |  |
| Reduction of Notes Receivable | \$ 8,980 | \$ 58,984 |

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Charles \& Colvard, Ltd. and Subsidiary Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

## 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information. However, certain information or footnote disclosures normally included in complete financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed, or omitted, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In the opinion of management, the financial statements include all normal recurring adjustments which are necessary for the fair presentation of the results of the interim periods presented. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for the year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006, as set forth in the Company's Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2007.

In preparing financial statements that conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, management must make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and amounts of revenues and expenses reflected during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiary in Hong Kong, Charles \& Colvard (HK) Ltd. These consolidated financial statements also include the accounts of a Charles \& Colvard controlled company in China, Guangzhou Charles \& Colvard Trading Limited, a Chinese corporation. The Company is the beneficial owner of the entire interest in the controlled company, and has consolidated the accounts of the controlled company in its consolidated financial statements. All inter-company accounts have been eliminated.

All of the Company's activities are within a single business segment. The following tables present certain data by geographic area:

| Net Sales | Three Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |
| United States | \$ | 6,344,607 | \$ | 7,169,695 |
| International |  | 1,237,526 |  | 1,343,575 |
| Total | \$ | 7,582,133 | \$ | 8,513,270 |


| Net Sales | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | 2006 |
| United States | \$ 10,919,314 | \$ 14,240,825 |
| International | 2,443,485 | 2,289,278 |
| Total | \$ 13,362,799 | \$ 16,530,103 |
| Furniture and equipment, net | June 30, 2007 | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| United States | \$ 614,798 | \$ 596,873 |
| International (All in Asia) | 45,374 | 54,261 |
| Total | \$ 660,172 | \$ 651,134 |
| Patent and license rights, net | June 30, 2007 | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| United States | \$ 107,121 | \$ 113,869 |
| International | 193,695 | 174,302 |
| Total | \$ 300,816 | \$ 288,171 |

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## 2. Newly Adopted/Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, which prescribed a recognition threshold and measurement process for recording in the financial statements uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Additionally, FIN 48 provides guidance on the de-recognition, classification, accounting in interim periods and disclosure requirements for uncertain tax positions. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 so the Company adopted FIN 48 as of January 1, 2007. The cumulative impact of applying the provisions of FIN 48 is an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. See Note 12 "Income Taxes" in these notes to our consolidated financial statements for more information.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("FAS 157"). This standard defines fair value, establishes a methodology for measuring fair value, and expands the required disclosure for fair value measurements. FAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We do not expect the implementation of FAS 157 to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ("FAS 159"). FAS 159 permits entities to measure eligible financial assets, financial liabilities and firm commitments at fair value, on an instrument-by-instrument basis, that are otherwise not permitted to be accounted for at fair value under other generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value measurement election is irrevocable and subsequent changes in fair value must be recorded in earnings. FAS 159 will be effective for fiscal years that begin after November 15, 2007. We do not expect the implementation of FAS 159 to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

## 3. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk are primarily cash equivalents and trade receivables. The Company maintains cash and cash equivalents with high quality financial institutions and invests in low risk securities, primarily money market funds.

Trade receivables potentially subject the Company to credit risk. The Company's standard payment terms are generally between 30 and 60 days for jewel distributors and generally between 60 to 90 days for jewelry manufacturers. In limited circumstances, the Company may extend terms longer than 90 days. The Company extends credit to its customers based upon an evaluation of the customer's financial condition and credit history.

One customer accounted for $49 \%$ and $55 \%$ of the Company's receivables at June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. This customer accounted for $15 \%$ and $19 \%$ of the Company's sales during the three and six months ended June 30,2007 compared to $41 \%$ and $42 \%$ of sales during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006. A second customer accounted for $26 \%$ and $21 \%$ of the Company's receivables at June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. This customer accounted for $35 \%$ and $26 \%$ of the Company's sales during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to $4 \%$ and $3 \%$ of sales during the three and six months ended June 30, 2006. A third customer accounted for $6 \%$ and $11 \%$ of the Company's receivables at June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively. This customer accounted for $11 \%$ and $12 \%$ of the Company's sales during the three and six months ended June 30,2007 compared to $28 \%$ of sales during each of the three and six months ended June 30, 2006.

## 4. Inventory

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market determined on a first in, first out basis. Inventory costs include direct material and labor, inbound freight, purchasing and receiving costs, inspection costs and warehousing costs. A significant amount of inventory must be maintained at all times to be prepared to react to possible customer demand for large purchases and for a variety of jewel styles. In addition, the Company has entered into certain agreements to consign inventory for new or expanding retail opportunities. These consignments require a significant amount of inventory to be maintained. Any inventory on hand in excess of the Company's current requirements based on historical and anticipated level of sales is classified as long-term on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

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The Company currently sells one grade of jewel. The grade is classified as "very good" and consists of near-colorless jewels that meet certain standards. Only "very good" jewels are valued in inventory. Jewels, including colored jewels, that have not met the Company's quality standards are not valued in inventory. As market conditions change, including the influences of customer demand, there may be a market for a portion of this unvalued inventory that management may pursue in the future.

Obsolescence is not a factor in the Company's inventory valuation. The Company's jewels do not degrade over time and inventory generally consists of the cuts and sizes most commonly used in the jewelry industry. All inventories are carefully reviewed for quality standards before they are entered into finished goods. As the quality of the Company's raw material has improved, so have the standards used to evaluate finished goods. To ensure the Company's inventory meets our current standards, the Company reviews the inventory on an ongoing basis.

Finished goods are shown net of a reserve for excess jewelry inventory of $\$ 40,000$ at June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006. The Company does not actively market its jewelry inventory. Jewelry inventory value is determined as the amount we would obtain by melting the gold in the jewelry and putting the jewels back into loose stone inventory. In addition, finished goods are shown net of a lower of cost or market reserve of \$400,000 at June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006. This reserve was established to allow for the carat weight loss associated with the re-cutting of a portion of the finished goods inventory. There are certain jewels in inventory that may be re-cut to achieve higher quality standards. The need for adjustments to these reserves is evaluated on a period by period basis.

The Company's inventories (excluding consignment inventory) consist of the following as of June 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006:

|  |  | June 30, 2007 | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2006 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw materials |  | \$ 4,793,763 | \$ 2,590,782 |
| Work-in-process |  | 9,600,645 | 13,102,777 |
| Finished goods |  | 23,931,450 | 16,791,796 |
| Total inventory |  | \$ 38,325,858 | \$ 32,485,355 |

There is $\$ 18,113,858$ and $\$ 11,808,140$ of inventory classified as long-term on the Company's consolidated financial statements as of June 30 , 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively.

## 5. Inventory on Consignment

Periodically, the Company sells jewels to customers on "memo" terms. For shipments on "memo" terms, the customer assumes the risk of loss and has an absolute right of return for a specified period. The Company does not recognize revenue on these transactions until the earlier of (1) the customer informing the Company that it will keep the jewels or (2) the expiration of the memo period. Jewels shipped to customers on "memo" are classified as inventory on consignment on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The $\$ 1,905,000$ of inventory on consignment at June 30 , 2007 represents potential revenue of $\$ 6,942,000$ and potential gross profit of $\$ 5,037,000$ based on the average cost per carat of inventory at June 30, 2007.

## 6. Common Stock

In March 2006, the Board of Directors authorized a repurchase program for up to $1,000,000$ shares of the Company's common stock. Repurchases were made in the open market at prevailing prices. This program expired in March 2007. There were 415,000 shares repurchased under the program at an average price of \$9.78. All of these purchases occurred during the year ended December 31, 2006.

In April 2007, the Board of Directors authorized another repurchase program for up to 1,000,000 shares of the Company's common stock. Repurchases can be made in the open market at prevailing prices or in privately negotiated transactions at prices at or below prevailing open market prices. This program expires in April 2008. There were no shares repurchased under this program during the three months ended June 30, 2007.

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## 7. Commitments and Contingencies

## Operating Leases

In March 2004, the Company entered into a seven-year lease, beginning in August 2004, for approximately 16,500 square feet of mixed use space from an unaffiliated third party at a base cost of $\$ 11,727$ per month, plus additional rentals based on the Company's proportionate share of the lessor's operating costs. Terms of the lease provide for escalations of the base monthly rent throughout the lease term, up to $\$ 13,546$ at August 1,2010 . The lease also set forth twelve different months (August 2004-September 2004 and August 2005-May 2006) throughout the term where no rent was payable and provided for a $\$ 74,000$ moving allowance that was paid to the Company. The Company recognizes rent expense on a straight line basis, giving consideration to the free rent periods and the moving allowance paid to the Company. At the Company's discretion, the lease can be extended for three successive five-year periods. Finally, the lease provides the Company the right to terminate the lease at the end of five years for $\$ 192,000$.

The Company also maintains other operating leases in Hong Kong and China that expire at various dates through October 2008.
The future minimum lease payments of the Company are as follows: $\$ 117,000$ for the remainder of $2007, \$ 174,000$ in $2008, \$ 157,000$ in $2009, \$ 160,000$ in 2010 , and $\$ 95,000$ in 2011, totaling $\$ 703,000$. Rental expense incurred for operating leases for the three and six months ended June 30,2007 was $\$ 55,000$ and $\$ 131,000$, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30 , 2006, such expense was $\$ 78,000$ and $\$ 156,000$, respectively.

## Purchase Commitments

On June 6, 1997, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Exclusive Supply Agreement with Cree, Inc. ("Cree"). The exclusive supply agreement had an initial term of ten years that was extended in 2005 to July 2015. In connection with the exclusive supply agreement, the Company has committed to purchase a minimum of $50 \%$ (by dollar volume) of its requirements for silicon carbide ( SiC ) crystals from Cree. If the Company's orders require Cree to expand beyond specified production levels, the Company must commit to purchase certain minimum quantities. In December 2006, the Company agreed with Cree on a framework for purchases for 2007. The price per gram for purchases from Cree during 2007 is increasing by approximately $10 \%$ over what was paid per gram in 2006. For each quarter during 2007, the Company has committed to purchase approximately $\$ 3,200,000$ of usable material. Although the amount of usable material to be purchased by the Company is expected to remain constant each quarter in 2007, the Company's cost per quarter for the usable material may be less than $\$ 3,200,000$ depending upon the quality of the usable material provided by Cree during that quarter. During the three and six months ended June 30 , 2007, the Company purchased from Cree approximately $\$ 3,200,000$ and $\$ 6,400,000$ of raw material, respectively.

In February 2005, the Company entered into an Exclusive Supply Agreement with Norstel AB (formerly Jesperator AB) for the supply of SiC crystals for use in the manufacturing of moissanite jewels. In March 2007, the Company signed an amended agreement with Norstel AB that extended the term to December 31, 2009. Under the terms of the amended contract, the Company's minimum commitment for 2007 through 2009 under the agreement is $\$ 7.8$ million, of which approximately $\$ 465,000$ will be expensed as research and development. In addition, the Company advanced $\$ 400,000$ towards the purchase of certain equipment. This advance began to be repaid in January 2007 through a $20 \%$ reduction on the invoice for purchases of SiC crystals. The balance on the advance as of June 30 , 2007 was $\$ 391,020$. Effective October 1, 2007, pursuant to the amended agreement with Norstel AB, the Company will receive a $35 \%$ reduction on the invoice for subsequent purchases of SiC crystals until the advance is repaid. The minimum purchase commitment during 2007 is $\$ 1,600,000$, of which approximately $\$ 275,000$ will be expensed as research and development. The agreement provides the Company with an option to extend the term of the agreement for a four-year period. Purchases from Norstel during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 were approximately $\$ 20,000$ and $\$ 45,000$, respectively.

## Contingencies

The Company has agreed with a jewelry manufacturer to purchase all unsold items of a specific moissanite test program at a retailer. The Company will only purchase the jewelry if the manufacturer is unable to sell the jewelry through other retail outlets after a set period of time. The jewels involved in this test distribution are on consignment to the manufacturer. If all of the jewelry is not sold, it is estimated that the maximum amount for which the Company would be obligated is approximately $\$ 260,000$ for the gold and labor portion of the jewelry.

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## 8. Comprehensive Income

There was no other comprehensive income for any of the periods presented in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

## 9. Dividends

On December 21, 2005, the Company declared a one share for every four shares owned stock split, effected in the form of a $25 \%$ stock dividend, distributed on January 30, 2006. Pursuant to this dividend, total cash of $\$ 24,280$ and $3,658,999$ shares of our common stock were distributed to shareholders. The stock dividend provided shareholders as of the record date with one share for every four shares owned and cash in lieu of fractional shares. All share and per share amounts for all periods presented in these financial statements reflect the effect of this stock split.

On April 18, 2006, the Company declared a $\$ 0.08$ per share cash dividend distributed on June 15, 2006. Pursuant to this dividend, total cash of $\$ 1,456,080$ was distributed to shareholders. Due to the Company's accumulated deficit, the dividend was charged against common stock.

On April 24, 2007, the Company declared a $\$ 0.08$ per share cash dividend distributed on June 15, 2007. Pursuant to this dividend, total cash of $\$ 1,448,424$ was distributed to shareholders resulting in a decrease of $\$ 1,441,843$ in retained earnings and a $\$ 6,581$ decrease in common stock.

## 10. Share-Based Compensation

The following table summarizes the components of the Company's share-based compensation included in net income:

|  | Three Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| Employee Stock Options | \$ | 63,623 | \$ | 56,659 |  | 120,896 | \$ | 85,058 |
| Consultant Stock Options |  | (634) |  | - |  | 1,368 |  | $(62,573)$ |
| Restricted Stock Awards |  | 76,266 |  | 7,539 |  | 152,511 |  | 25,415 |
| Income Tax Benefit |  | $(39,399)$ |  | $(14,772)$ |  | $(79,610)$ |  | $(4,635)$ |
| Total | \$ | 99,856 | \$ | 49,426 |  | \$ 195,165 | \$ | 43,265 |

In addition, $\$ 1,394$ and $\$ 2,987$ of share-based compensation was capitalized as a cost of inventory during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, respectively. There was $\$ 1,952$ and $\$ 2,594$ of share-based compensation capitalized as a cost of inventory during the three and six months ended June 30,2006 , respectively.

The following is a summary of activity for the Company's two stock option plans:

|  | 1996 Option Plan |  |  | 1997 Omnibus Plan |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Shares } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Weighted- <br> Average <br> Exercise <br> Price |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Shares } \end{gathered}$ | WeightedAverageExercisePrice |  |
| Outstanding, December 31, 2006 | 49,369 | \$ | 3.51 | 1,202,319 | \$ | 6.84 |
| Granted | - |  | - | 21,500 |  | 6.40 |
| Exercised | 47,524 |  | 3.54 | 17,273 |  | 3.62 |
| Canceled | 1,845 |  | 2.63 | 10,572 |  | 4.36 |
| Outstanding, June 30, 2007 | - |  | - | 1,195,974 |  | 6.91 |

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The following summarizes information about stock options at June 30, 2007:


The aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding, exercisable, vested or expected to vest at June 30,2007 was $\$ 1,085,372$. This amount is before applicable income taxes and represents the closing stock price of the Company's common stock at June 30, 2007 less the grant price, multiplied by the number of options that have a grant price that is less than the closing stock price. This amount represents the amount that would have been received by the optionees had these options been exercised on that date. This value is the same for options outstanding, exercisable, vested or expected to vest due to all unvested options having an exercise price higher than the closing price on June 30, 2007. During the six months ended June 30, 2007, the aggregate intrinsic value of options exercised was \$162,011.

The fair value of each option grant is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model. The valuations of options granted during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 were based on the following assumptions:

|  | Three Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| Weighted-average grant date fair value | \$ | 2.93 | \$ | 7.08 | S | 4.15 | \$ | 6.54 |
| Weighted-average expected lives (in years) |  | 4.00 |  | 6.00 |  | 5.88 |  | 4.09 |
| Weighted-average risk-free interest rate |  | 4.73\% |  | 4.96\% |  | 4.52\% |  | 4.58\% |
| Dividend yield |  | 0\% |  | 0\% |  | 0\% |  | 0\% |
| Volatility factor |  | . 678 |  | . 871 |  | . 704 |  | . 642 |

The expected life of an option represents the estimated period of time until exercise occurs and the Company generally uses the midpoint of the vesting period and the life of the grant to estimate the expected life of an option. This methodology is not materially different from the Company's historical data on exercise timing. The risk-free interest rate is based on the implied yields on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues over the expected life of the option. Although the Company has recently issued dividends, a dividend yield was not used due to the uncertainty of future dividend payments. Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the Company's stock.

As of June 30, 2007, the unrecognized share-based compensation expense related to non-vested stock options is approximately $\$ 460,000$, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 21 months.

The following is a summary of activity for restricted stock granted by the Company:

|  | Number <br> of <br> ohares | Grant Date <br> Fair Value |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Non-vested at January 1, 2007 | 27,377 | $\$ 11.14$ |
| Granted | 63,806 | 4.78 |
| Vested | 27,377 | 11.14 |
| Cancelled | $\underline{-}$ | - |
| Non-vested at June 30, 2007 | $\underline{\underline{63,806}}$ | 4.78 |

In May 2006, the Company granted its non-employee board members an aggregate of 27,377 shares of restricted stock. The fair value of the restricted stock granted was $\$ 305,000$ based on the closing market price of the Company's common stock on May 19, 2006. These shares vested on May 21, 2007 after the oneyear term on the board expired.

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In May 2007, the Company granted its non-employee board members an aggregate of 63,806 shares of restricted stock. The board members cannot sell these shares until their one-year term on the board expires on the date of the annual meeting in May 2008. The fair value of the restricted stock granted was $\$ 305,000$ based on the closing market price of the Company's common stock on May 21, 2007. These are the only restricted stock awards currently outstanding for the Company. As of June 30, 2007, unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested restricted stock was $\$ 279,584$ which will be amortized on a straight line basis through May 2008.

## 11. Net Income Per Share

Basic net income per share computations are based on the weighted-average common shares outstanding. Diluted net income per share computations include the dilutive effect, if any, of stock options using the treasury stock method. The following table reconciles the differences between the basic and diluted earnings per share presentations:

|  | Three Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| Numerator: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income |  | 528,978 |  | 1,095,796 | \$ | 868,262 |  | \$ 2,620,043 |
| Denominator: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted Average Shares Outstanding |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 18,061,603 |  | 18,208,441 |  | 18,024,275 |  | 18,259,811 |
| Stock Options |  | 227,405 |  | 520,556 |  | 267,171 |  | 569,910 |
| Diluted |  | 18,289,008 |  | 18,728,997 |  | 18,291,446 |  | 18,829,721 |
| Net Income Per Share: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.06 | \$ | 0.05 | \$ | \$ 0.14 |
| Diluted | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.06 | \$ | 0.05 |  | \$ 0.14 |

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, stock options to purchase approximately 745,000 and 713,000 shares, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share because the options' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common shares. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2006, stock options to purchase approximately 363,000 and 195,000 shares, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share because the options' exercise prices were greater than the average market price of the common shares.

## 12. Income Taxes

The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 on January 1, 2007. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company recorded a $\$ 401,603$ reduction to the balance of retained earnings on January 1, 2007. Upon adoption, the liability for income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions at January 1, 2007 was $\$ 917,624$. This liability can be reduced by $\$ 347,840$ of offsetting tax benefits associated with the federal income tax benefit for state income taxes and timing differences. The net amount of $\$ 569,784$, if recognized, would favorably affect the Company's effective tax rate. The liability for income taxes associated with uncertain tax positions is shown on our consolidated balance sheets as "Long term liabilities".

The Company's policy for recording interest and penalties associated with tax audits is to record such items as a component of the provision for income taxes. In conjunction with the adoption of FIN 48, the Company accrued $\$ 70,142$ of interest and penalties at January 1, 2007. To the extent interest and penalties are not ultimately incurred with respect to uncertain tax positions, amounts accrued will be reduced and reflected as a reduction of the overall income tax provision.

In all of the significant federal and state jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns, the Company has analyzed filing positions for all tax years where the statute is open. The only periods subject to examination by the major tax jurisdictions where the Company does business are the 2003 through 2006 tax years. The Company does not believe that the outcome of any examination will have a material impact on its financial statements.

Within the next 12 months, the Company expects $\$ 154,000$ of its liability for uncertain tax positions related to a federal tax position to be settled through the filing of an accounting method change.

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## Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains 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. Statements expressing expectations regarding our future and projections relating to products, sales, revenues and earnings are typical of such statements and are made under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about our plans, objectives, representations and contentions and are not historical facts and typically are identified by use of terms such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "continue" and similar words, although some forward-looking statements are expressed differently.

All forward-looking statements are subject to the risks and uncertainties inherent in predicting the future. You should be aware that although the forward-looking statements included herein represent management's current judgment and expectations, our actual results may differ materially from those projected, stated or implied in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including, but not limited to the Company's ability to manage growth effectively, dependence on Cree, Inc. ("Cree") as the current supplier of the substantial majority of the raw material, ability to develop a material second source of supply, dependence on a limited number of jewelry manufacturing customers, dependence on continued growth and consumer acceptance of the Company's products, in addition to the other risks and uncertainties described in more detail in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. We undertake no obligation to update or revise such statements to reflect new circumstances or unanticipated events as they occur except as required by the federal securities laws, and you are urged to review and consider disclosures that we make in the reports that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission that discuss other factors relevant to our business.

## Overview

We manufacture, market and distribute Charles \& Colvard created moissanite jewels (also called moissanite) for sale in the worldwide jewelry market. Moissanite, also known by its chemical name, silicon carbide ( SiC ), is a rare, naturally occurring mineral found primarily in meteors. As the sole manufacturer of scientifically-made moissanite jewels, our strategy is to establish Charles \& Colvard as a reputable, high-quality and sophisticated brand and position moissanite as a unique jewel, distinct from all others based on its exceptional fire, brilliance, luster, durability and rarity. Moissanite is marketed to its primary target market, the self-purchasing woman, as the perfect reward or indulgence for a woman celebrating her achievements, whether personal or professional, big or small. Moissanite is also marketed to the jewelry trade as a new jewelry category with a unique business opportunity.

Sales for the first six months of 2007 were $19 \%$ less than sales achieved during the first six months of 2006 primarily due to a weak overall jewelry retail environment and high inventory levels at two of our manufacturing customers and their retail customers. The weak jewelry market over the past year has resulted in slower than planned sell thru at the retail stores, resulting in an unplanned inventory build for both the retailers and our direct customers, the jewelry manufacturers. As a result of this inventory build, we have experienced lower replenishment orders than we expected. In addition, during the initial distribution at certain retailers in 2005 and 2006, large stocking orders were placed that established the inventory levels at the retail locations. Sell thru rates have not supported both the size of the assortment offered and the styles selected for the jewelry. The situation requires the jewelry manufacturer involved to allow the retailer to rebalance their inventories to more reasonable levels and more saleable styles. The manufacturer will typically rework the jewelry, reusing the components, as they build what they believe will be more sellable styles. This is a common practice in the jewelry industry. The combination of the factors discussed above resulted in our direct customers placing fewer orders for new moissanite jewels than the comparable period last year.

Concerning the new distribution opportunities for our company during 2007, it now appears that the anticipated additional distribution at Sears will not occur in 2007. We have been advised that the tests at approximately 150 Sears locations where moissanite jewelry is currently available will continue at least through the end of the year to give Sears more time to judge the sales results at the existing locations before making a decision about additional distribution.

We do expect to see the continued expansion of our category at Kohl's during the second half of 2007 to a total of approximately 835 retail locations at year end. This is up from the Kohl's distribution at 287 retail locations as of the

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end of the second quarter. That distribution is expected to be wholly supported by our customer, Samuel Aaron International ("SAI"). Other new distribution scheduled for the second half of the year includes 22 new Belk's locations, an expansion of the program at AFFES to 78 total outlets, and 25 new Zale Outlet locations.

Given the enhanced visibility to the inventory issues confronting certain current moissanite manufacturers and retailers, and the unlikely prospect of additional distribution at Sears for the remainder of the year, we do not expect to meet our earlier stated goal of increasing total annual net sales in 2007 over 2006 sales. Sales are expected to trend stronger in the second half compared to the first half with a larger percentage in the fourth quarter as retailers accelerate their rollout for the holiday season and the total moissanite door count continues to build.

## Results of Operations

The following table is intended to illustrate a tabular analysis of certain Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations data as a percentage of sales for both periods presented. A detailed explanation of our results of operations follows this table:

|  | Three Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 |  | 2006 |  |
| Sales | 100\% | \$ 7,582,133 | 100\% | \$ 8,513,270 |
| Gross profit | 73\% | 5,498,118 | 75\% | 6,386,830 |
| Marketing and sales expenses | 46\% | 3,459,249 | 42\% | 3,594,676 |
| General and administrative expenses | 15\% | 1,136,953 | 13\% | 1,104,411 |
| Operating income | 12\% | 888,682 | 20\% | 1,672,181 |
| Net income | 7\% | 528,978 | 13\% | 1,095,796 |
|  | Six Months Ended June 30, |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2007 |  | 2006 |
| Sales | 100\% | \$13,362,799 | 100\% | \$16,530,103 |
| Gross profit | 74\% | 9,929,164 | 74\% | 12,293,920 |
| Marketing and sales expenses | 46\% | 6,135,416 | 37\% | 6,115,467 |
| General and administrative expenses | 17\% | 2,288,910 | 13\% | 2,135,096 |
| Operating income | 11\% | 1,475,966 | 24\% | 4,007,199 |
| Net income | 6\% | 868,262 | 16\% | 2,620,043 |

## Three Months ended June 30, 2007 compared with Three Months ended June 30, 2006

Net sales were $\$ 7,582,133$ for the three months ended June 30 , 2007 compared to $\$ 8,513,270$ for the three months ended June 30, 2006, a decrease of $\$ 931,137$ or $11 \%$. Shipments of moissanite jewels, excluding consigned jewels, decreased $9 \%$ to approximately 46,800 carats from 51,100 carats. The average selling price per carat decreased by $3 \%$ due to a product mix in which a greater percentage of smaller size jewels, which have a lower price per carat, were sold. U.S. sales accounted for $84 \%$ of sales during each of the three months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006.
U.S. net sales and carat shipments, excluding consigned jewels, decreased by $12 \%$ and $7 \%$, respectively, for the three months ended June 30,2007 as compared to the three months ended June 30, 2006. U.S. sales decreased primarily due to a weak overall jewelry retail environment and high inventory levels at two of our manufacturing customers and their retail customers. Our four largest customers during the three months ended June 30, 2007, SAI , Reeves Park, K\&G Creations, and Stuller accounted for $35 \%, 15 \%, 11 \%$ and $9 \%$, respectively, of our sales during the period as compared to $4 \%, 41 \%, 28 \%$ and $5 \%$, respectively, for the same period of 2006. We expect that we will remain dependent on our ability and that of our largest customers to maintain and enhance their retail programs. While we believe our current relationships with these customers and retailers are good, a loss of any of these customer or retailer relationships could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

International net sales and carat shipments decreased by $8 \%$ and $15 \%$, respectively, for the three months ended June 30,2007 as compared to the same period of 2006. International sales decreased primarily due to decreased sales to Canada, partially offset by increased sales to Thailand and Taiwan. A portion of our international sales is due to jewels sold internationally that will be re-imported to North American retailers.

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Our gross profit margin was $72.5 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2007 compared to $75.0 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2006. The decreased gross profit margin percentage was primarily caused by higher production costs in the first-in, first-out accounting period relieved from inventory in the three months ended June 30, 2007 compared to the production costs for the related inventories sold in the three months ended June 30, 2006. Future gross profit margins will fluctuate based upon the costs being relieved from inventory under our first-in, first-out accounting policy and our average selling price per carat. Depending on the sizes shipped in any specific period and with possible fluctuations quarter to quarter, we expect that our annual gross profit margin percentage going forward will fall in a range between $65 \%$ and $75 \%$.

Marketing and sales expenses were $\$ 3,459,249$ for the three months ended June 30, 2007 compared to $\$ 3,594,676$ for the three months ended June 30, 2006, a decrease of $\$ 135,427$ or $4 \%$. As a percentage of sales, these expenses increased to $46 \%$ from $42 \%$ in the same period of 2006 . The primary reasons for the decrease in expenses were $\$ 430,000$ of decreased advertising expenses, partially offset by $\$ 155,000$ of increased compensation costs and $\$ 94,000$ of market research fees incurred during 2007. The Company intends to manage total marketing and sales expenses for 2007 to be approximately $43 \%$ to $48 \%$ of total net sales.

General and administrative expenses were $\$ 1,136,953$ for the three months ended June 30, 2007 compared to $\$ 1,104,411$ for the three months ended June 30, 2006, an increase of $\$ 32,542$ or $3 \%$. As a percentage of sales these expenses increased to $15 \%$ from $13 \%$ in the same period of 2006 . The increase in expenses is primarily due to $\$ 69,000$ of increased legal fees and $\$ 51,000$ of incremental stock compensation costs. These increases, along with other general increases in general and administrative expenses were partially offset by $\$ 200,000$ of one-time compensation costs recorded during the three months ended June 30, 2006 associated with the change in status of Earl Hines, Senior Vice President of Manufacturing, from a full-time to a part-time employee. The increased legal fees are primarily associated with the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan and compliance with the new SEC executive compensation rules and regulations and related proxy disclosure requirements. The incremental stock compensation costs were associated with the grants of restricted stock to the non-employee members of our Board of Directors. We began making annual grants of restricted stock to our Board of Directors in May 2006, resulting in less compensation recorded in 2006 than 2007 ( 1.5 months of expense in 2006 vs 3 months in 2007) even though the grant date value of the annual grants has remained the same.

Interest income was $\$ 153,188$ for the three months ended June 30, 2007 compared to $\$ 203,506$ for the three months ended June 30, 2006, a decrease of $\$ 50,318$ or $25 \%$. This decrease resulted from lower cash balances, partially offset by a higher interest rate earned on our cash balances.

Our effective income tax rate for the three months ended June 30, 2007 was $49 \%$ compared to $42 \%$ for the three months ended June 30, 2006. Our statutory tax rate is $38.5 \%$ and consists of the Federal income tax rate of $34 \%$ and the North Carolina state income tax rate of $4.5 \%$, net of the federal benefit. Our effective income tax rate is higher than our statutory rate primarily due to our inability to currently recognize an income tax benefit for our operating losses in Hong Kong and China. We cannot recognize the income tax benefit of our losses in Hong Kong and China due to the uncertainty of generating sufficient future taxable income in these tax jurisdictions to offset the existing losses. Our effective income tax rate is higher than the same period in 2006 primarily due to charges associated with the adoption of FIN 48 on January 1, 2007 and the tax effect of our non U.S. operations being a larger percentage of U.S. pretax income. Under the provisions of FIN 48, we recorded $\$ 38,000$ of additional income tax during the three months ended June 30, 2007. This charge increased the 2007 effective tax rate by $4 \%$.

## Six Months ended June 30, 2007 compared with Six Months ended June 30, 2006.

Net sales were $\$ 13,362,799$ for the six months ended June 30 , 2007 compared to $\$ 16,530,103$ for the six months ended June 30, 2006, a decrease of $\$ 3,167,304$ or $19 \%$. Shipments of moissanite jewels, excluding consigned jewels, decreased $16 \%$ to approximately 82,100 carats from 98,200 carats. The average selling price per carat decreased by $3 \%$ due to a product mix in which a greater percentage of smaller size jewels, which have a lower price per carat, were sold. U.S. sales accounted for approximately $82 \%$ and $86 \%$ of sales during the six months ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.
U.S. net sales and carat shipments, excluding consigned jewels, decreased by $23 \%$ and $19 \%$, respectively, for the six months ended June 30,2007 as compared to the six months ended June 30 , 2006. U.S. sales decreased primarily due to a weak overall jewelry retail environment and high inventory levels at two of our manufacturing customers and their retail customers. Our four largest customers during the six months ended June 30, 2007, SAI, Reeves Park,

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K\&G Creations, and Stuller accounted for $26 \%, 19 \%, 12 \%$ and $11 \%$, respectively, of our sales during the period as compared to $3 \%, 42 \%, 28 \%$ and $6 \%$, respectively, for the same period of 2006 . We expect that we will remain dependent on our ability and that of our largest customers to maintain and enhance their retail programs. While we believe our current relationships with these customers and retailers are good, a loss of any of these customer or retailer relationships could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

International net sales and carat shipments increased by 7\% and 4\%, respectively for the six months ended June 30, 2007 as compared to the same period of 2006. International sales increased primarily due to increased sales to Thailand, United Kingdom, and Taiwan, partially offset by lower sales to Canada and Indonesia. A portion of our international sales is due to jewels sold internationally that will be re-imported to North American retailers.

Our gross profit margin was $74.3 \%$ for the six months ended June 30 , 2007 compared to $74.4 \%$ for the six months ended June 30, 2006. The gross profit margin percentage remained relatively flat as the production costs in the first-in, first-out accounting period relieved from inventory in the six months ended June 30 , 2007 compared to the production costs for the related inventories sold in the six months ended June 30, 2006 were approximately the same. Future gross profit margins will fluctuate based upon the costs being relieved from inventory under our first-in, first-out accounting policy and our average selling price per carat. Depending on the sizes shipped in any specific period and with possible fluctuations quarter to quarter, we expect that our annual gross profit margin percentage going forward will fall in a range between $65 \%$ and $75 \%$.

Marketing and sales expenses were $\$ 6,135,416$ for the six months ended June 30 , 2007 compared to $\$ 6,115,467$ for the six months ended June 30 , 2006, an increase of $\$ 19,949$ or less than $1 \%$. As a percentage of sales, these expenses increased to $46 \%$ from $37 \%$ in the same period of 2006. An increase in compensation expenses of $\$ 277,000$ along with other general increases in marketing and sales expenses were partially offset by a $\$ 319,000$ decrease in advertising expenses. The increase in compensation expenses was driven by increased salaries and relocation expenses for the newly hired Senior Vice President of Sales. The decrease in advertising expenses was primarily caused by a $\$ 229,000$ decrease in co-op advertising expense. Our co-op advertising program reimburses a portion of our customers' marketing costs based on the amount of their purchases from us, and is subject to the customer providing us documentation of all advertising copy that includes the Company's products. The Company intends to manage total marketing and sales expenses for 2007 to be approximately $43 \%$ to $48 \%$ of total net sales.

General and administrative expenses were $\$ 2,288,910$ for the six months ended June 30, 2007 compared to $\$ 2,135,096$ for the six months ended June 30, 2006, an increase of $\$ 153,814$ or $7 \%$. As a percentage of sales, these expenses increased to $17 \%$ from $13 \%$ in the same period of 2006. The increase in expenses is primarily due to $\$ 154,000$ of increased legal fees and $\$ 127,000$ of incremental stock compensation costs. These increases were partially offset by $\$ 200,000$ of one-time compensation costs recorded during the six months ended June 30, 2006 associated with the change in status of Earl Hines, Senior Vice President of Manufacturing, from a full-time to a part-time employee. The increased legal fees are primarily associated with the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan and compliance with the new SEC executive compensation rules and regulations and related proxy disclosure requirements. The incremental stock compensation costs were associated with the grants of restricted stock to the non-employee members of our Board of Directors. We began making annual grants of restricted stock to our Board of Directors in May 2006, resulting in less compensation recorded in 2006 than 2007 ( 1.5 months of expense in 2006 vs 6 months in 2007) even though the grant date value of the annual grants has remained the same.

Net interest income was $\$ 324,816$ for the six months ended June 30 , 2007 compared to $\$ 408,528$ for the six months ended June 30, 2006, a decrease of $\$ 83,712$ or $20 \%$. This decrease resulted from lower cash balances, partially offset by a higher interest rate earned on our cash balances.

Our effective income tax rate for the six months ended June 30 , 2007 was $52 \%$ compared to $41 \%$ for the six months ended June 30 , 2006. Our statutory tax rate is $38.5 \%$ and consists of the Federal income tax rate of $34 \%$ and the North Carolina state income tax rate of $4.5 \%$, net of the federal benefit. Our effective income tax rate is higher than our statutory rate primarily due to our inability to currently recognize an income tax benefit for our operating losses in Hong Kong and China. We cannot recognize the income tax benefit of our losses in Hong Kong and China due to the uncertainty of generating sufficient future taxable income in these tax jurisdictions to offset the existing losses. Our effective income tax rate is higher than the same period in 2006 primarily due to charges associated with the adoption of FIN 48 on January 1, 2007 and the tax effect of our non U.S. operations being a larger percentage of U.S. pretax income. Under the provisions of FIN 48, we recorded $\$ 67,000$ of additional income tax during the six months ended June 30, 2007. This charge increased the 2007 effective tax rate by $4 \%$.

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## Liquidity and Capital Resources

At June 30, 2007, we had approximately $\$ 9.6$ million of cash and cash equivalents and $\$ 39.8$ million of working capital as compared to $\$ 13.8$ million of cash and cash equivalents and $\$ 45.8$ million of working capital at December 31, 2006. As further described below, cash and cash equivalents decreased during the six months ended June 30, 2007 primarily as a result of $\$ 2.9$ million of cash used in operations and the $\$ 1.4$ million cash dividend distributed on June 15, 2007.

Cash and inventory account for $72 \%$ of our current assets. Our principal sources of liquidity are cash on hand and cash generated by operations. During the six months ended June 30 , 2007, $\$ 2.9$ million of cash was used in operations primarily as a result of a $\$ 5.7$ million increase in inventory and a $\$ 2.1$ million decrease in accounts payable, partially offset by a $\$ 3.8$ million decrease in accounts receivable.

We purchased $\$ 6.5$ million of raw material during the six months ended June 30, 2007. Management considers its investment in inventory essential to be able to meet the orders of its expanding customer base and to fulfill requests from our customers for consigned inventory. The Company's raw material inventories of silicon carbide crystals are purchased under exclusive supply agreements with a limited number of suppliers. Because the supply agreements restrict the sale of these crystals to only the Company, the suppliers negotiate minimum purchase commitments with the Company that may result in periodic levels of inventories that are higher than the Company might otherwise maintain. These agreements coupled with lower than expected sales resulted in $\$ 18.1$ million of our inventories being classified as long-term assets at June 30, 2007.

Income tax payments for the six months ended June 30, 2007 were $\$ 1.0$ million. During the year ended December 31, 2006, we fully utilized our U.S. Net Operating Loss ("NOL") carryforward. As a result, in 2006 we began making federal income tax payments for the tax year ended December 31, 2006. As of June 30,2007 , we have made estimated federal income tax payments that exceed our estimated tax liability by $\$ 75,000$. This $\$ 75,000$ overpayment is included in prepaid expenses on our consolidated balance sheets at June 30, 2007. Prior to 2006, federal income tax payments were limited to alternative minimum tax payments. Depending on our levels of income in future periods, our cash flow from operations will be negatively impacted by increased tax payments over prior periods. As of December 31, 2006, we had a North Carolina NOL carryforward of approximately $\$ 4.4$ million, which expires between 2012 and 2015. As of December 31, 2006, we also had a $\$ 4.1$ million NOL carryforward in Hong Kong that can be carried forward indefinitely and $\$ 451,000$ of a NOL carryforward in China that begins expiring in 2008.

Periodically, the Company sells jewels to customers on "memo" terms. For shipments on "memo" terms, the customer assumes the risk of loss and has an absolute right of return for a specified period. The Company does not recognize revenue on these transactions until the earlier of (1) the customer informing the Company that they will keep the jewels or (2) the expiration of the memo period. Any jewels shipped to our customers on "memo" terms are classified as inventory on consignment on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The $\$ 1.9$ million of inventory on consignment at June 30,2007 represents potential revenue of approximately $\$ 6.9$ million and potential gross profit of approximately $\$ 5.0$ million based on the average cost per carat of inventory at June 30, 2007.

On June 6, 1997, the Company entered into an Amended and Restated Exclusive Supply Agreement with Cree. The exclusive supply agreement had an initial term of ten years that was extended in January 2005 to July 2015. In connection with the exclusive supply agreement, the Company has committed to purchase a minimum of $50 \%$ (by dollar volume) of its requirements for SiC crystals from Cree. If the Company's orders require Cree to expand beyond specified production levels, the Company must commit to purchase certain minimum quantities. In December 2006, we agreed with Cree on a framework for purchases for 2007. Our price per gram for purchases from Cree during 2007 is increasing by approximately $10 \%$ over what we paid per gram in 2006 and for each quarter during calendar year 2007, the Company has committed to purchase approximately $\$ 3.2$ million of usable material. Although the amount of usable material to be purchased by the Company is expected to remain constant each quarter, the Company's cost per quarter for the usable material may be less than $\$ 3.2$ million depending upon the quality of the usable material provided by Cree during that quarter. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2007, we purchased approximately $\$ 3.2$ million and $\$ 6.4$ million of raw material from Cree, respectively.

In February 2005, we entered into an Exclusive Supply Agreement with Norstel AB (formerly Jesperator AB) for the supply of SiC crystals for use in the manufacturing of moissanite jewels. In March 2007, we signed an amended agreement with Norstel AB that extended the term to December 31, 2009. Under the terms of the amended contract,

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our minimum commitment for 2007 through 2009 under the agreement is $\$ 7.8$ million, of which approximately $\$ 465,000$ will be expensed as research and development. In addition, we have advanced $\$ 400,000$ towards the purchase of certain equipment. This advance began to be repaid in January 2007 through a $20 \%$ reduction on the invoice for subsequent purchases of SiC crystals. The balance on the advance as of June 30, 2007 was $\$ 391,020$. Effective October 1, 2007, pursuant to the amended agreement with Norstel AB, we will receive a $35 \%$ reduction on the invoice for subsequent purchases of SiC crystals until the advance is repaid. The minimum purchase commitment during 2007 is $\$ 1.6$ million, of which approximately $\$ 275,000$ will be expensed as research and development. The agreement provides us with an option to extend the term of the agreement for a four year period. Purchases from Norstel during the three and six months ended June 30,2007 were approximately $\$ 20,000$ and $\$ 45,000$, respectively.

On April 24, 2007, the Company declared a $\$ 0.08$ per share cash dividend distributed on June 15, 2007. Pursuant to this dividend, total cash of $\$ 1.4$ million was distributed to shareholders. The Company expects to review the dividend policy on an annual basis and payment of future dividends will be dependent on the facts and circumstances at the time of that review.

In March 2006, the Board of Directors authorized a repurchase program for up to $1,000,000$ shares of the Company's common stock. This program expired in March 2007. There were 415,000 shares repurchased under the program at an average price of $\$ 9.78$. All of these purchases occurred during the year ended December 31, 2006.

In April 2007, the Board of Directors authorized another repurchase program for up to $1,000,000$ shares of the Company's common stock. Repurchases can be made in the open market at prevailing prices or in privately negotiated transactions at prices at or below prevailing open market prices. This program expires in April 2008. There were no shares repurchased under this program during the three months ended June 30, 2007.

Based on our cash and cash equivalents and other working capital, management believes that our existing capital resources are adequate to satisfy our capital requirements for at least the next 12 months and management does not believe that we will need additional sources of capital for the foreseeable future.

## Newly Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, which prescribed a recognition threshold and measurement process for recording in the financial statements uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Additionally, FIN 48 provides guidance on the de-recognition, classification, accounting in interim periods and disclosure requirements for uncertain tax positions. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 so the Company adopted FIN 48 as of January 1, 2007. The cumulative impact of applying the provisions of FIN 48 is an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. See Note 12 "Income Taxes" in the notes to our consolidated financial statements for more information.

## Newly Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("FAS 157"). This standard defines fair value, establishes a methodology for measuring fair value, and expands the required disclosure for fair value measurements. FAS 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We do not expect the implementation of FAS 157 to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 ("FAS No. 159"). FAS No. 159 permits entities to measure eligible financial assets, financial liabilities and firm commitments at fair value, on an instrument-by-instrument basis, that are otherwise not permitted to be accounted for at fair value under other generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value measurement election is irrevocable and subsequent changes in fair value must be recorded in earnings. FAS No. 159 will be effective for fiscal years that begin after November 15, 2007. We do not expect the implementation of FAS 159 to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

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## Item 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates has not changed significantly from our disclosure in Item 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

## Item 4: Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

As of June 30, 2007, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures in accordance with Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act. Based on their evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that the information that the Company is required to disclose in its Exchange Act reports was recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer also concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.
(b) Changes in internal control over financial reporting

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

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## Part II - OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings

On October 4, 2006, the Company received an English translation of an action filed on June 9, 2006 in the South Korean Intellectual Property Office by MC Lab Corporation. MC Lab Corporation is seeking invalidation of the Company's current South Korean patent on the basis of an alleged lack of inventiveness as compared to certain prior art. Management believes that the South Korean patent was properly issued and the Company will vigorously defend the action. A decision is currently expected before the end of 2007. The Company does not presently have material sales in South Korea and the decision will not be legally binding in any other jurisdiction.

## Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

(c) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Charles \& Colvard did not make any purchases of its common stock during the three and six months ended June 30, 2007.

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid Per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly-Announced Plan | Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet be Purchased Under the Plan (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apr 1, 2007 - Apr 30, 2007 | - | - | - - | 1,000,000 |
| May 1, 2007 - May 31, 2007 | - | - | - | 1,000,000 |
| June 1, 2007 - June 30, 2007 | - | - | - | 1,000,000 |
| Total | - | - | - | 1,000,000 |

(1) In April 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to $1,000,000$ shares of the Company's common stock through open market or privately negotiated transactions at prices at or below prevailing prices. This plan expires in April 2008.

## Item 4: Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Charles \& Colvard, Ltd. was held on May 21, 2007. At the meeting, the shareholders voted on the election of directors, the adoption of the Charles \& Colvard 2007 Stock Incentive Plan and the ratification of the selection of Deloitte \& Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2007. The following seven nominees were each elected to the Board for a one-year term: Frederick A. Russ, Robert S. Thomas, Laura C. Kendall, Lisa A. Gavales, Geraldine L. Sedlar, Lynn L. Lane and Robert A. Leggett. Additionally, the adoption of the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan was not approved and the appointment of Deloitte \& Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2007 was ratified. The number of votes cast for, against or withheld, as well as the number of abstentions and broker non-votes, as applicable, for each proposal are as follows:
A. Election of Directors

| Director Nominee | Votes For |
| :--- | ---: |
|  | Votes Withheld |
| Frederick A. Russ | $3,515,224,832$ |
| Robert S. Thomas | $13,751,410$ |
| Robert A. Leggett | $2,989,173$ |
| Laura C. Kendall | $2,942,965$ |
| Lisa A. Gavales | $3,523,612$ |
| Geraldine L. Sedlar | $13,216,978$ |
| Lynn L. Lane | $3,687,698$ |
|  | $3,689,474$ |

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B. Adoption of the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan

|  | Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker NonVotes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adoption of the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan | 4,818,944 | 5,492,201 | 38,795 | 6,390,644 |

C. Ratification of Appointment of Deloitte \& Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2007.
Ratification of Appointment of Deloitte \& Touche LLP $\quad \frac{\text { Votes For }}{15,518,133} \quad \frac{\text { Votes Against }}{838,645} \quad \frac{\text { Abstentions }}{383,805}$

## Item 6: Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
| :---: | :---: |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws of Charles \& Colvard, Ltd., effective July 19, 2007, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on July 25, 2007. |
| 10.101 | Letter Agreement, effective June 26, 2007 between Stuller, Inc. and Charles \& Colvard, Ltd., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.101 to Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on June 29, 2007.* |
| 31.1 | Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 31.2 | Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |
| 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. |

* Portions of this exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of an application for confidential treatment pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.


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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Charles \& Colvard, Ltd.
/s/ Robert S. Thomas
Robert S. Thomas
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ James R. Braun
James R. Braun
Vice President of Finance \& Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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## I, Robert S. Thomas, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Charles \& Colvard, Ltd.;
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 included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant'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 registrant 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 registrant, 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 registrant'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 registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant'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 registrant'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 registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

August 6, 2007
/s/ Robert S. Thomas
Robert S. Thomas
Chief Executive Officer

## I, James R. Braun, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Charles \& Colvard, Ltd.;
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 included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant'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 registrant 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 registrant, 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 registrant'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 registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant'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 registrant'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 registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

August 6, 2007
/s/ James R. Braun
James R. Braun
Vice President of Finance and Chief 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 Quarterly Report of Charles \& Colvard, Ltd. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2007 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Robert S. Thomas, Chief 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 Securities 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.

## 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 Quarterly Report of Charles \& Colvard, Ltd. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending June 30, 2007 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, James R. Braun, Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial 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 Securities 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.

Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer August 6, 2007


[^0]:    See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

