# U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 

FORM 10-Q
(Mark One)
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Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2011
or
.. Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the Transition Period From to
Commission file number 000-25727
IKONICS CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Minnesota <br> (State or other jurisdiction of <br> incorporation or organization) | 41-0730027 <br> (I.R.S. employer <br> identification no.) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 4832 Grand Avenue | $\mathbf{5 5 8 0 7}$ |
| Duluth, Minnesota <br> (Zip code) |  |

(218) 628-2217

Issuer's telephone number
Not Applicable
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Check whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act 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 x No ${ }^{-}$

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files.) Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule $12 \mathrm{~b}-2$ of the Exchange Act). Yes " No x
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) |

State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common equity, as of the latest practical date: Common Stock, $\$ .10$ par value $-1,983,887$ shares outstanding as of November 10, 2011.

## IKONICS Corporation

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## PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. Condensed Financial Statements

## KONICS CORPORATION

## CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

|  | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { September } 30 \\ 2011 \end{array} \\ \hline \text { (unaudited) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } 31 \\ 2010 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| CURRENT ASSETS: |  |  |
| Cash | \$ 1,489,786 | \$ 1,291,383 |
| Short-term investments | 2,032,765 | 2,217,990 |
| Trade receivables, less allowance of \$52,000 in 2011 and \$60,000 in 2010 | 2,268,314 | 1,883,428 |
| Inventories | 2,310,850 | 2,198,064 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 93,570 | 63,965 |
| Deferred income taxes | 157,000 | 157,000 |
| Total current assets | 8,352,285 | 7,811,830 |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, at cost: |  |  |
| Land and building | 5,998,800 | 5,888,445 |
| Machinery and equipment | 2,986,376 | 2,455,238 |
| Office equipment | 693,176 | 642,100 |
| Vehicles | 234,650 | 234,650 |
|  | 9,913,002 | 9,220,433 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 4,506,669 | 4,207,500 |
|  | 5,406,333 | 5,012,933 |
| INTANGIBLE ASSETS, less accumulated amortization of \$414,285 in 2011 and \$376,983 in 2010 | 334,541 | 317,168 |
|  | \$14,093,159 | \$13,141,931 |

## LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

| CURRENT LIABILITIES: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounts payable | \$ 689,956 | \$ 441,830 |
| Accrued compensation | 322,218 | 282,196 |
| Other accrued expenses | 70,994 | 45,868 |
| Income taxes payable | 2,879 | 8,090 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,086,047 | 777,984 |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAXES | 171,000 | 171,000 |
| Total liabilities | 1,257,047 | 948,984 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: |  |  |
| Preferred stock, par value \$. 10 per share; authorized 250,000 shares; issued none |  |  |
| Common stock, par value $\$ .10$ per share; authorized $4,750,000$ shares; issued and outstanding $1,983,887$ shares in 2011 and $1,973,357$ shares in 2010 | 198,389 | 197,336 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 2,345,481 | 2,263,176 |
| Retained earnings | 10,292,242 | 9,732,435 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 12,836,112 | 12,192,947 |
|  | \$14,093,159 | \$13,141,931 |

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## IKONICS CORPORATION

## CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

|  | Three Month Ended September 30 |  | Nine Months <br> Ended September 30 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| NET SALES | \$4,361,312 | \$4,141,092 | \$12,601,843 | \$12,073,724 |
| COST OF GOODS SOLD | 2,681,509 | 2,474,188 | 7,601,207 | 7,093,266 |
| GROSS PROFIT | 1,679,803 | 1,666,904 | 5,000,636 | 4,980,458 |
| SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES | 1,254,016 | 1,086,577 | 3,865,352 | 3,409,441 |
| RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES | 129,541 | 163,420 | 366,940 | 528,622 |
| INCOME FROM OPERATIONS | 296,246 | 416,907 | 768,344 | 1,042,395 |
| INTEREST INCOME | 4,028 | 6,267 | 13,371 | 13,672 |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES | 300,274 | 423,174 | 781,715 | 1,056,067 |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE | 85,597 | 135,831 | 220,150 | 277,111 |
| NET INCOME | \$ 214,677 | \$ 287,343 | \$ 561,565 | \$ 778,956 |
| EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | \$ 0.11 | \$ 0.15 | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.40 |
| Diluted | $\$ \underline{ }$ | \$ 0.15 | $\$$ | \$ 0.39 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES |  |  |  |  |
| OUTSTANDING: |  |  |  |  |
| Basic | 1,983,613 | 1,974,162 | 1,981,028 | 1,971,248 |
| Diluted | $\underline{\underline{1,987,945}}$ | $\underline{\underline{1,975,882}}$ | 1,985,263 | 1,972,351 |

See notes to condensed financial statements.

## IKONICS CORPORATION

## CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

|  | Nine Months <br> Ended September 30 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2011 |  |  | 2010 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 561,565 |  | \$ 778,956 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation |  | 299,169 |  | 304,347 |
| Amortization |  | 37,302 |  | 39,214 |
| Stock based compensation |  | 19,502 |  | 21,952 |
| Gain on sale of equipment and vehicles |  | - |  | $(10,766)$ |
| Loss on intangible asset abandonment |  | - |  | 29,918 |
| Changes in working capital components: |  |  |  |  |
| Trade receivables |  | $(384,886)$ |  | $(171,507)$ |
| Inventories |  | $(339,825)$ |  | $(266,205)$ |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets |  | $(29,605)$ |  | $(33,316)$ |
| Accounts payable |  | 248,126 |  | 103,216 |
| Accrued expenses |  | 65,148 |  | $(6,204)$ |
| Income taxes payable |  | $(10,744)$ |  | $(74,189)$ |
| Net cash provided by operating activities |  | 465,752 |  | 715,416 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment |  | $(465,530)$ |  | $(155,681)$ |
| Proceeds from sale of equipment and vehicles |  | - |  | 19,200 |
| Purchases of intangibles |  | $(54,675)$ |  | $(35,421)$ |
| Purchases of short-term investments |  | $(2,240,321)$ |  | $(2,216,089)$ |
| Proceeds on sale of short-term investments |  | 2,425,546 |  | 807,041 |
| Net cash used in investing activities |  | $(334,980)$ |  | (1,580,950) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Repurchase of common stock |  | $(2,079)$ |  | $(15,130)$ |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options |  | 69,710 |  | 35,240 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities |  | 67,631 |  | 20,110 |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH |  | 198,403 |  | $(845,424)$ |
| CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD |  | 1,291,383 |  | 1,304,586 |
| CASH AT END OF PERIOD |  | $\underline{\underline{1,489,786}}$ |  | -459,162 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION |  |  |  |  |
| Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds received of \$4,090 and \$81,422, respectively | \$ | 230,894 |  | \$ 386,299 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF NONCASH OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |  |
| Equipment transferred from inventory to property, plant and equipment |  | 227,039 | \$ | S |

See notes to condensed financial statements.

## IKONICS CORPORATION

## NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

The balance sheet of IKONICS Corporation (the "Company") as of September 30, 2011, and the related statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, have been prepared without being audited.
In the opinion of management, these statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2011, and the results of operations and cash flows for all periods presented.
Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted. Therefore, these statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.
The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results that will be realized for the full fiscal year.
From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by FASB that are adopted by the Company as of the specified effective date. Management believes that the impact of the recently issued standards, which are not effective in the current year, will not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements upon adoption.
2. Short-Term Investments

The Company's $\$ 2,033,000$ of short-term investments is comprised of fully insured certificates of deposit with maturities ranging from six to twelve months and interest rates ranging from $0.4 \%$ to $1.6 \%$.
3. Inventories

The major components of inventories are as follows:

|  | Sep 30, 2011 | Dec 31, 2010 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Raw materials | \$ 1,883,031 | \$1,403,875 |
| Work-in-progress | 351,832 | 294,006 |
| Finished goods | 1,224,715 | 1,493,226 |
| Reduction to LIFO cost | (1,148,728) | (993,043) |
| Total Inventory | \$ 2,310,850 | \$2,198,064 |

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## NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4. Earnings Per Common Share (EPS)

Basic EPS is calculated using net income divided by the weighted average of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS is similar to Basic EPS except that the weighted average number of common shares outstanding is increased to include the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if the potential dilutive common shares, such as those shares subject to options, had been issued.

Shares used in the calculation of diluted EPS are summarized below:

|  | Three M | Ended |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sep 30, 2011 | Sep 30, 2010 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 1,983,613 | 1,974,162 |
| Dilutive effect of stock options | 4,332 | 1,720 |
| Weighted average common and common equivalent shares outstanding | 1,987,945 | 1,975,882 |


|  | Nine Months Ended |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sep 30, 2011 | Sep 30, 2010 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 1,981,028 | 1,971,248 |
| Dilutive effect of stock options | 4,235 | 1,103 |
| Weighted average common and common equivalent shares outstanding | 1,985,263 | 1,972,351 |

Options to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock with a weighted average price of $\$ 8.08$ were outstanding during the nine months ended September 30 , 2011 , but were excluded from the computation of common share equivalents because they were anti-dilutive. For the quarter ended September 30, 2011, options to purchase 10,000 shares of common stock with a weighted average price of $\$ 7.93$ were outstanding but were excluded from the computation of common share equivalents because they were antidilutive. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, options to purchase 16,250 shares of common stock with a weighted average price of $\$ 7.89$ were outstanding, but were excluded from the computation of common share equivalents because they were anti-dilutive.
5. Stock-Based Compensation

The Company maintains a stock incentive plan which authorizes the issuance of up to 442,750 shares of common stock. Of those shares, 35,950 were subject to outstanding options and 119,323 were reserved for future grants at September 30, 2011. The plan provides for granting eligible participants stock options or other stock awards, as described by the plan, at option prices ranging from $85 \%$ to $110 \%$ of fair market value at the date of grant. Options granted expire up to seven years after the date of grant. Such options generally become exercisable over a one to three year period.

The Company charged compensation cost of \$6,900 against income for the three months ended September 30, 2011 and $\$ 7,500$ for the three months ended September 30, 2010. For the first nine months of 2011 , the Company charged compensation cost of $\$ 19,500$ against income and $\$ 22,000$ for the same period in 2010 . As of September 30, 2011, there was approximately $\$ 40,600$ of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation awards granted. That cost is expected to be recognized over the next three years.

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(Unaudited)
The Company receives a tax deduction for certain stock option exercises during the period in which the options are exercised, generally for the excess of the market price at the time the stock options are exercised over the exercise price of the options, which increased the APIC pool, which is the amount that represents the pool of excess tax benefits available to absorb tax shortages. There were no excess tax benefits recognized during the three or nine month periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 , respectively. The Company's APIC pool totaled approximately $\$ 111,000$ at September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, respectively.

Proceeds from the exercise of stock options were $\$ 70,000$ and $\$ 35,000$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively.
The fair value of options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010 were estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

|  |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Dividend yield | 2011 |
| Expected volatility | $0 \%$ |
| Expected life of option | $40.5 \%-41.3 \%$ |
| Risk-free interest rate | $0 \%$ |
| Fair value of each option on grant date | Five Years |

There were 9,000 options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 4,000 options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2010.
Stock option activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 was as follows:

|  | Shares |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding at beginning of period | 40,500 | \$ 6.38 |
| Granted | 9,000 | 7.66 |
| Exercised | $(10,800)$ | 6.45 |
| Expired and forfeited | $(2,750)$ | 7.90 |
| Outstanding at September 30, 2011 | 35,950 | 6.56 |
| Exercisable at September 30, 2011 | 17,782 | 6.45 |

The aggregate intrinsic value of all options outstanding and for those exercisable at September 30, 2011 was $\$ 48,000$ and $\$ 26,000$, respectively.

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## NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)
6. Segment Information

The Company's reportable segments are strategic business units that offer different products and have varied customer bases. In previous years, there were three reportable segments: Domestic, Export and IKONICS Imaging. Domestic sells screen printing film, emulsions and inkjet receptive film to distributors located in the United States and Canada. IKONICS Imaging sells photo resistant film, art supplies, glass, metal medium and related abrasive etching equipment to end user customers located in the United States and Canada. The IKONICS Imaging segment also included products and customers for etched composites, ceramics, glass and silicon wafers along with sound deadening technology to the aerospace industry, which beginning in 2011 the Company now defines as Micromachining. In addition, IKONICS Imaging included products and customers related to proprietary inkjet technology used for mold texturing and referred to by the Company as Digital Texturing (DTX). Export sells primarily the same products as Domestic and the IKONICS Imaging products not related to Micromachining or DTX. Beginning in 2011, the Company no longer includes Micromachining and DTX financial information under the IKONICS Imaging segment. The financial information for Micromachining and DTX are combined into a new segment called "Other." As the Company is unable to provide comparable 2010 financial information for the newly defined segments, the Company will disclose in 2011 both the new basis and previous basis of segment reporting. The accounting policies applied to determine the segment information are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Management evaluates the performance of each segment based on the components of divisional income, and does not allocate assets and liabilities to segments except for accounts receivables which is allocated based on the previous segmentation. Financial information with respect to the reportable segments follows:

## For the three months ended September 30, 2011 (previous segment method):

|  | Domestic | Export | IKONICS <br> Imaging | Unalloc. | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$1,777,675 | \$1,463,776 | \$1,119,861 | \$ | \$4,361,312 |
| Cost of goods sold | 1,044,658 | 1,125,777 | 511,074 | - | 2,681,509 |
| Gross profit | 733,017 | 337,999 | 608,787 | - | 1,679,803 |
| Selling, general and administrative* | 326,341 | 150,390 | 453,597 | 323,688 | 1,254,016 |
| Research and development* | - | - | - | 129,541 | 129,541 |
| Income from operations | \$ 406,676 | \$ 187,609 | \$ 155,190 | \$(453,229) | \$ 296,246 |

## For the three months ended September 30, 2010 (previous segment method):

|  | Domestic | Export | IKONICS <br> Imaging | Unalloc. | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$1,671,062 | \$1,413,108 | \$1,056,922 | \$ | \$4,141,092 |
| Cost of goods sold | 888,023 | 1,021,437 | 564,728 | - | 2,474,188 |
| Gross profit | 783,039 | 391,671 | 492,194 | - | 1,666,904 |
| Selling, general and administrative* | 231,668 | 119,113 | 280,277 | 455,519 | 1,086,577 |
| Research and development* | - | - | - | 163,420 | 163,420 |
| Income from operations | \$ 551,371 | \$ 272,558 | \$ 211,917 | \$(618,939) | \$ 416,907 |

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## NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

## For the three months ended September 30, 2011 (new segment method):

|  | Domestic | Export | IKONICS <br> Imaging | Other | Unalloc. | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$1,777,675 | \$1,463,776 | \$878,428 | \$241,433 | \$ | \$4,361,312 |
| Cost of goods sold | 1,044,658 | 1,125,777 | 412,385 | 98,689 | - | 2,681,509 |
| Gross profit | 733,017 | 337,999 | 466,043 | 142,744 | - | 1,679,803 |
| Selling general and adminstrative* | 326,341 | 150,390 | 276,429 | 177,168 | 323,688 | 1,254,016 |
| Research and development* | - | - | - | - | 129,541 | 129,541 |
| Income from operations | \$ 406,676 | \$ 187,609 | \$189,614 | \$(34,424) | \$(453,229) | \$ 296,246 |

## For the nine months ended September 30, 2011 (previous segment method):



## For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 (previous segment method):

|  | Domestic | Export | IKONICS <br> Imaging | Unalloc. | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$4,962,625 | \$4,042,887 | \$3,068,212 | \$ | \$12,073,724 |
| Cost of goods sold | 2,589,379 | 2,827,152 | 1,676,735 | - | 7,093,266 |
| Gross profit | 2,373,246 | 1,215,735 | 1,391,477 | - | 4,980,458 |
| Selling, general and administrative* | 718,275 | 444,767 | 848,344 | 1,398,055 | 3,409,441 |
| Research and development* | - | - | - | 528,622 | 528,622 |
| Income from operations | $\underline{\text { \$1,654,971 }}$ | \$ 770,968 | \$ 543,133 | $\underline{\underline{(1,926,677)}}$ | \$ 1,042,395 |

## For the nine months ended September 30, 2011 (new segment method):

|  | Domestic | Export | IKONICS <br> Imaging | Other | Unalloc. | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | \$4,905,010 | \$4,273,342 | \$2,654,097 | \$769,394 | \$ | \$ 12,601,843 |
| Cost of goods sold | 2,806,194 | 3,195,322 | 1,299,488 | 300,203 | - | 7,601,207 |
| Gross profit | 2,098,816 | 1,078,020 | 1,354,609 | 469,191 | - | 5,000,636 |
| Selling general and adminstrative* | 910,821 | 428,253 | 876,367 | 557,656 | 1,092,255 | 3,865,352 |
| Research and development* | - | - | - | - | 366,940 | 366,940 |
| Income from operations | \$1,187,995 | \$ 649,767 | \$ 478,242 | \$(88,465) | \$(1,459,195) | \$ 768,344 |

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(Unaudited)
Accounts receivable related to the "Other" segment are included in IKONICS Imaging. Accounts receivable by segment as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010 were as follows:

|  | Sep 30,2011 | Dec 31, 2010 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Domestic | $\$ 1,030,905$ | $\$ 874,535$ |
| Export | 782,844 | 725,007 |
| IKONICS Imaging | 466,767 | 325,334 |
| Unallocated, net of allowances | $-\underline{(12,202)}$ | $-\underline{(41,448)}$ |
| Total | $\underline{\underline{\$ 2,268,314}}$ | $\underline{\underline{\$ 1,883,428}}$ |

7. Income Taxes

The Company reports a liability for unrecognized tax benefits taken or expected to be taken when they are uncertain. During the first nine months of 2010, the statute of limitations for the relevant taxing authority to examine and challenge the tax position for an open year expired, resulting in a decrease in income tax expense of $\$ 27,000$ for the first nine months of 2010. As of September 30, 2011 and 2010, there was no liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

The Company is subject to taxation in the United States and various states. The material jurisdictions that are subject to examination by tax authorities primarily include Minnesota and the United States, for tax years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

## IKONICS CORPORATION

The information presented below in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, including those discussed under "Factors that May Affect Future Results" below, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Because actual results may differ, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Certain forward-looking statements are indicated by italics or by words such as "anticipate," "believe," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "predict," 'project," "should," "will," "would" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology.

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

The following management's discussion and analysis focuses on those factors that had a material effect on the Company's financial results of operations during the third quarter of 2011, the first nine months of 2011 and for the same periods of 2010. It should be read in connection with the Company's condensed unaudited financial statements and notes thereto included in this Form 10-Q. The discussion and analysis below with respect to IKONICS Imaging sales excludes Micromachining and DTX sales for all applicable periods during 2010. See Note 6 to the Company's condensed unaudited financial statements included in this Form 10-Q for more information regarding the change to the Company's reported segments beginning in 2011.

## Factors that May Affect Future Results

- The Company's expectation that for the remainder of 2011 its effective tax rate will be consistent with the tax rate in the first nine months of 2011 of $28 \%$-The effective tax rate for the final three months of 2011 may be affected by changes in federal and state tax law, unanticipated changes in the Company's financial position or the Company's operating activities and/or management decisions could increase or decrease its effective tax rate.
- The Company's belief that the quality of its trade receivables is high and that strong internal controls are in place to maintain proper collections-This belief may be impacted by domestic economic conditions, by economic, political, regulatory or social conditions in foreign markets, or by the failure of the Company to properly implement or maintain internal controls.
- The belief that the Company's current financial resources, its line of credit, cash generated from operations and the Company's capacity for debt and/or equity financing will be sufficient to fund current and anticipated business operations and capital expenditures. The belief that the Company's low debt levels and available line of credit make it unlikely that a decrease in product demand would impair the Company's ability to fund operations-Changes in anticipated operating results, credit availability, equity market conditions or the Company's debt levels may further enhance or inhibit the Company's ability to maintain or raise appropriate levels of cash.
- The Company's expectations as to the level and use of planned capital expenditures and that capital expenditures will be funded with cash on hand and cash generated from operating activities-This expectation may be affected by changes in the Company's anticipated capital expenditure requirements resulting from unforeseen required maintenance, repairs or capital asset additions. The funding of planned or unforeseen expenditures may also be affected by changes in anticipated operating results resulting from decreased sales, lack of acceptance of new products or increased operating expenses or by other unexpected events affecting the Company's financial position.
- The Company's belief that its vulnerability to foreign currency fluctuations and general economic conditions in foreign countries is not significant-This belief may be impacted by economic, political and social conditions in foreign markets, changes in regulatory and competitive conditions, a change in the amount or geographic focus of the Company's international sales or changes in purchase or sales terms.


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- The Company's expectation that research and development spending will grow and return to historic levels-These plans and expectations may be impacted by the Company's ability to identify, hire and retain qualified personnel, unexpected changes to resource requirements for other areas of the Company's business, the Company's ability to identify new technologies for product development and the overall performance of the Company.
- The Company's beliefs as to the future performance of its new technologies or particular segments-Actual performance may be impacted by general market conditions or conditions in particular industries in which the Company's products are used (including the aerospace and automotive industries), changes to the competitive landscape in the industries in which the Company competes (including pricing pressures from or new product offerings by existing or future competitors), lack of acceptance of new products or technologies, the availability of DTX printers that use the Company's products or increases to raw materials costs used to produce the Company's products.
- The Company's efforts to grow its international business-These efforts may be impacted by economic, political and social conditions in current and anticipated foreign markets, regulatory conditions in such markets, unanticipated changes in expenses or sales, changes in competitive conditions or other barriers to entry or expansion.
- The Company's belief as to future activities that may be undertaken to expand the Company's business-Actual activities undertaken may be impacted by general market conditions, competitive conditions in the industries in which the Company sells products, unanticipated changes in the Company's financial position, lack of acceptance of new products or the inability to identify attractive acquisition targets or other business opportunities.


## Critical Accounting Estimates

The Company prepares its financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Therefore, the Company is required to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that the Company believes are reasonable based upon the information available. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. The accounting estimates, which IKONICS believes are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating its reported financial results, include the following:

Trade Receivables. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and adjusts credit limits based upon payment history and the customer's current credit worthiness, as determined by review of the current credit information. The Company continuously monitors collections and payments from its customers and maintains a provision for estimated credit losses based upon historical experience and any specific customer collection issues that have been identified. While such credit losses have historically been within expectations and the provisions established, the Company cannot guarantee that it will continue to experience the same collection history that has occurred in the past. The general payment terms are net 30-45 days for domestic customers and net 30-90 days for foreign customers. A small percentage of the trade receivable balance is denominated in a foreign currency with no concentration in any given country. At the end of each reporting period, the Company analyzes the receivable balance for customers paying in a foreign currency. These balances are adjusted to each quarter or year spot rate in accordance with guidance related to foreign currency matters.

Inventories. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market value using the last in, first out (LIFO) method. The Company monitors its inventory for obsolescence and records reductions in cost when required.

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Income Taxes. At September 30, 2011, the Company had net current deferred tax assets of $\$ 157,000$ and net noncurrent deferred tax liabilities of $\$ 171,000$. The deferred tax assets and liabilities result primarily from temporary differences in property and equipment, accrued expenses and inventory reserves. In connection with the recording of a $\$ 919,000$ impairment charge in 2009 related to an investment in a non-marketable equity security, the Company has recorded a deferred tax asset and corresponding full valuation allowance in the amount of $\$ 323,000$ as of September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010, as it is more likely that this asset will not be realized. The deferred tax asset related to the capital loss can be carried forward five years and must be offset by a capital gain. The Company has determined that is more likely than not that the remaining deferred tax assets will be realized and that an additional valuation allowance for such assets is not currently required. The Company accounts for its uncertain tax positions under the provision of FASB ASC 740, Income Taxes. At September 30, 2011, the Company had no reserves for uncertain tax positions.

Revenue Recognition. The Company recognizes revenue on sales of products when title passes, which can occur at the time of shipment or when the goods arrive at the customer location depending on the agreement with the customer. The Company sells its products to both distributors and end-users. Sales to distributors and end-users are recorded based upon the criteria governed by the sales, delivery and payment terms stated on the invoices from the Company to the purchaser. In addition to transfer of title/risk of loss, all revenue is recorded in accordance with the criteria outlined within the provisions regarding revenue recognition including:
(a) persuasive evidence of an arrangement (principally in the form of customer sales orders and the Company's sales invoices)
(b) delivery and performance (evidenced by proof of delivery, e.g., the shipment of film and substrates with bill of lading used for proof of delivery for FOB shipping point terms, and the carrier booking confirmation report used for FOB destination terms). Once the finished product is shipped and physically delivered under the terms of the invoice and sales order, the Company has no additional performance or service obligations to complete
(c) a fixed and determinable sales price (the Company's pricing is established and is not based on variable terms, as evidenced in either the Company's invoices or the limited number of distribution agreements; the Company rarely grants extended payment terms and has no history of concessions)
(d) a reasonable likelihood of payment (the Company's terms are standard, and the Company does not have a substantial history of customer defaults or nonpayment)
Sales are reported on a net basis by deducting credits, estimated normal returns and discounts. The Company's return policy does not vary by geography. The Company is not under a warranty obligation and the customer has no rotation or price protection rights. Freight billed to customers is included in sales. Shipping costs are included in cost of goods sold.

## Results of Operations

## Quarter Ended September 30, 2011 Compared to Quarter Ended September 30, 2010

Sales. The Company realized a $5.3 \%$ sales increase during the third quarter of 2011 with sales of $\$ 4.4$ million, compared to $\$ 4.1$ million in sales during the same period in 2010. Domestic Chromaline sales for the third quarter of 2011 were up $6.4 \%$ versus the third quarter of 2010 due to strong artwork film and emulsion sales. An increase in Asian and Latin American sales resulted in a $3.6 \%$ Export sales increase. Lower European sales partially offset these increases. IKONICS Imaging sales also increased 3.8\% during the third quarter of 2011 compared to the third quarter of 2010 due to growth in film sales. Third quarter results in 2011 also benefitted from increased Micromachining and DTX sales, which grew from $\$ 211,000$ in the third quarter of 2010 to $\$ 241,000$ in the same period in 2011.

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Gross Profit. Gross profit was $\$ 1.7$ million, or $38.5 \%$ of sales, in the third quarter of 2011 compared to $\$ 1.7$ million, or $40.3 \%$ of sales, for the same period in 2010 . The Domestic gross profit percentage, which decreased from $46.9 \%$ during the third quarter of 2010 to $41.2 \%$ in the third quarter of 2011, and Export gross profit percentage, which also decreased from $27.7 \%$ in the third quarter of 2010 to $23.1 \%$ in the third quarter of 2011, were both negatively impacted by raw material price increases. IKONICS Imaging was able to offset the negative impact of the raw material price increases with a more favorable mix related to sales of higher margin film products.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses were $\$ 1.3$ million, or $28.8 \%$ of sales, in the third quarter of 2011 , and $\$ 1.1$ million, or $26.2 \%$ of sales, for the same period in 2010. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses reflects higher personnel, promotion and consulting costs related to supporting the Company's Micromachining and DTX initiatives. Part of the higher personnel expenses are related to resources that were previously assigned to research and development, but have been reassigned to focus exclusively on Micromachining and DTX.

Research and Development Expenses. Research and development expenses during the third quarter of 2011 were $\$ 130,000$, or $3.0 \%$ of sales, versus $\$ 163,000$, or $3.9 \%$ of sales, for the same period in 2010. The decrease is due to lower staffing levels due to the reassignment of certain personnel to the Company's Micromachining and DTX businesses.

Interest Income. The Company earned $\$ 4,000$ of interest income in the third quarter of 2011 compared to $\$ 6,300$ of interest income in the third quarter of 2010 . The interest earned in the third quarter of 2011 and 2010 is related to interest received from the Company's short-term investments, which consisted of fully insured certificates of deposit with maturities ranging from six to twelve months.

Income Taxes. For the third quarter of 2011, the Company realized income tax expense of $\$ 86,000$, or an effective rate of $28.5 \%$, versus $\$ 136,000$, or an effective rate of $32.1 \%$ for the third quarter of 2010 . The income tax provision differs from the expected tax expense primarily due to the benefits of the domestic manufacturing deduction, and federal and state credits for research and development.

## Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 Compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010

Sales. The Company's sales increased $4.4 \%$ during the first nine months of 2011 to $\$ 12.6$ million versus sales of $\$ 12.1$ million during the first nine months of 2010 . Strong sales in Asia and Latin America drove a 5.7\% Export sales increase for the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010. DTX and Micromachining sales also grew $56.6 \%$ from $\$ 491,000$ in the first nine months of 2010 to $\$ 769,000$ in the same period of 2011. IKONICS Imaging sales increased $3.0 \%$ during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the first nine months of 2010 due to increased film and equipment sales. Partially offsetting these sales increases was a $1.2 \%$ Domestic sales decrease.

Gross Profit. Gross profit for the first nine months of 2011 was $\$ 5.0$ million, or $39.7 \%$ of sales, compared to $\$ 5.0$ million, or $41.3 \%$ of sales, for the same period in 2010 . Domestic and Export gross profit percentage decreased by $5.0 \%$ and $4.8 \%$, respectively, during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same period in 2010 . Raw material price increases along with a decrease in higher margin film sales have unfavorably affected the gross profit percentage for Export and Domestic. Higher margin DTX and Mircomachining sales along with an increase in higher margin IKONICS Imaging film sales partially offset the Export and Domestic gross margin decreases.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses were $\$ 3.9$ million, or $30.7 \%$ of sales, in the first nine months of 2011 compared to $\$ 3.4$ million, or $28.2 \%$ of sales, for the same period in 2010 . The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses reflects higher personnel, promotion and consulting costs related to supporting the Company's Micromachining and DTX initiatives. Part of the higher personnel expenses are related to resources that were previously assigned to research and development, but have been reassigned to focus exclusively on Micromachining and DTX.

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Research and Development Expenses. Research and development expenses during the first nine months of 2011 were $\$ 367,000$, or $2.9 \%$ of sales, versus $\$ 529,000$, or $4.4 \%$ of sales, for the same period in 2010 . The decrease is due to lower staffing levels due to the reassignment of certain personnel to the Company's Micromachining and DTX initiatives. Additionally, legal and patent related expenses were lower in 2011 along with research related production trials.

Interest Income. The Company earned $\$ 13,400$ of interest income during the first nine months of 2011 compared to $\$ 13,700$ of interest income for the same period in 2010. The interest earned in the first nine months of 2011 and 2010 is related to interest received from the Company's short-term investments, which consisted of fully insured certificates of deposit with maturities ranging from six to twelve months.

Income Taxes. During the first nine months of 2011, the Company realized an income tax expense of $\$ 220,000$, or an effective rate of $28.2 \%$, compared to income tax expense of $\$ 277,000$, or an effective rate of $26.2 \%$, for the same period in 2010 . The income tax provision for 2011 and 2010 differs from the expected tax expense due to the benefits of the domestic manufacturing deduction and federal and state credits for research and development. Additionally, the effective tax rate for the first nine months of 2010 was impacted by derecognizing a liability for unrecognized tax benefits relating to a tax year where the statute of limitations expired during the first nine months. A $\$ 27,000$ liability was derecognized in the first nine months of 2010. During the first nine months of 2010, the Company also recorded an out-of-period tax benefit adjustment of $\$ 15,000$ relating to December 31, 2009 estimates for tax credits as well as the receipt of interest of approximately $\$ 13,000$ related to Minnesota state income tax returns. The Company expects that for the remainder of 2011 the Company will record the provision for income taxes at an effective tax rate consistent with the first three quarters of 2011.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company has financed its operations principally with funds generated from operations. These funds have been sufficient to cover the Company's normal operating expenditures, annual capital requirements and research and development expenditures.

Cash on hand was $\$ 1,490,000$ and $\$ 459,000$ at September 30, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The Company generated $\$ 466,000$ in cash from operating activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2011, compared to generating $\$ 715,000$ of cash from operating activities during the same period in 2010 . Cash used in or provided by operating activities is primarily the result of net income adjusted for non-cash depreciation, amortization and certain changes in working capital components discussed in the following paragraph.

During the first nine months of 2011, trade receivables increased by $\$ 385,000$. The increase in receivables was driven by higher sales volumes, especially in Export where customers typically have longer payment terms. The Company believes that the quality of its receivables is high and that strong internal controls are in place to maintain proper collections. Inventories increased by $\$ 340,000$ due to increased raw material purchases. The higher raw material purchases were due to the timing of a large restocking order, an increase in order quantities to take advantage of volume discounts and new raw materials necessary to support the manufacture and sale of the Company's new products. Prepaid expenses and other assets increased $\$ 30,000$, reflecting prepaid insurance premiums. Accounts payable increased $\$ 248,000$ due to the timing of payments to and purchases from vendors. Accrued expenses decreased $\$ 65,000$, reflecting the timing of compensation payments while the impact from income taxes payable decreased cash by $\$ 11,000$.

During the first nine months of 2011, investing activities used $\$ 335,000$. The Company's purchases of property and equipment for the year were $\$ 466,000$. These purchases were mainly for equipment to upgrade the capabilities of the Company's DTX and Micromachining operations, equipment to improve product quality and capacity, mandatory elevator improvements and hardware to upgrade the Company's computer network. In addition, the Company transferred $\$ 227,000$ of DTX equipment from inventory to equipment during the third quarter of 2011. This transfer does not affect cash flow from operations or investing activities for 2011 as the payment for this equipment occurred in 2010. Also during the first nine months of 2011, the Company incurred $\$ 55,000$ in patent

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application costs that the Company records as an asset and amortizes upon successful completion of the application process. The Company also invested $\$ 2,240,000$ in ten fully insured certificates of deposits during the first nine months of 2011 . Eleven certificates of deposit totaling $\$ 2,426,000$ matured during this same period in 2011 .

During the first nine months of 2010, investing activities used $\$ 1,581,000$. The Company invested $\$ 2,215,000$ in fully insured certificates of deposit with four $\$ 200,000$ certificates of deposit maturing during the first nine months of 2010 . Purchases of property and equipment totaled $\$ 155,000$, mainly for three vehicles and equipment purchases. The Company received $\$ 19,000$ from vehicle sales during the period. Also during the first nine months of 2010, the Company incurred $\$ 35,000$ in patent application costs that the Company records as an asset and amortizes upon successful completion of the application process.

During the first nine months of 2011, the Company received $\$ 68,000$ from financing activities as the Company received $\$ 70,000$ from the issuance of 10,800 shares of common stock from the exercise of stock options. The Company used $\$ 2,100$ in financing activities during the first nine months of 2011 to repurchase 270 shares of its own stock. During the first nine months of 2010, the Company received $\$ 20,000$ from financing activities. The Company received $\$ 35,000$ from the issuance of 8,000 shares of common stock from the exercise of stock options and the Company repurchased 2,200 shares of it own stock for $\$ 15,000$.

A bank line of credit exists providing for borrowings of up to $\$ 1,250,000$. Outstanding debt under this line of credit is collateralized by trade receivables and inventories and bears interest at 2.5 percentage points over the 30 -day LIBOR rate. The Company did not utilize this line of credit during the first nine months of 2011 and there were no borrowings outstanding as of September 30, 2011. The line of credit was also not utilized during the first nine months of 2010, and there were no borrowings outstanding under this line as of September 30,2010. The line of credit expired on October 30, 2011; however, a new $\$ 1,250,000$ line of credit which expires on October 30 , 2012 was established. Outstanding debt under this line of credit is collateralized by trade receivables and inventories and bears interest at 2.5 percentage points over the 30-day LIBOR rate.

The Company believes that current financial resources, its line of credit, cash generated from operations and the Company's capacity for debt and/or equity financing will be sufficient to fund current and anticipated business operations. The Company also believes that its low debt levels and available line of credit make it unlikely that a decrease in demand for the Company's products would impair the Company's ability to fund operations.

## Capital Expenditures

Through the first nine months of 2011, the Company had $\$ 466,000$ in capital expenditures. In addition, the Company transferred $\$ 227,000$ of DTX equipment from inventory to equipment during the third quarter of 2011. The DTX equipment was purchased for inventory in 2010. Instead of offering the DTX equipment for sale, the Company decided it would be necessary to keep the equipment for product testing and customer demonstrations. Capital expenditures during the first nine months were for equipment to upgrade the capabilities of the Company's DTX and Micromachining operations, equipment to improve product quality and capacity, mandatory elevator improvements and hardware to upgrade the Company's computer network. The Company expects total capital expenditures in 2011 to approximate $\$ 750,000$. Plans for capital expenditures in 2011 include two mandatory elevator upgrades and manufacturing equipment upgrades to improve quality and increase production. These commitments are expected to be funded with cash on hand and cash generated from operating activities.

## International Activity

The Company markets its products to numerous countries in North America, Europe, Latin America, Asia and other parts of the world. Foreign sales were approximately $34 \%$ of total sales during the first nine months of 2011 compared to $33 \%$ of sales during the same period in 2010. Higher volumes in Asia and Latin America positively impacted 2011 sales volumes for the first nine months. Fluctuations of certain foreign currencies have not significantly impacted the Company's operations because the Company's foreign sales are not concentrated in any one region of the world and the majority of international sales are conducted in U.S. dollars. The Company believes its vulnerability to uncertainties due to foreign currency fluctuations and general economic conditions in foreign countries is not significant.

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The Company's foreign transactions are primarily negotiated, invoiced and paid in U.S. dollars, while a portion is transacted in Euros. The Company has not implemented an economic hedging strategy to reduce the risk of foreign currency translation exposures, which management does not believe to be significant based on the scope and geographic diversity of the Company's foreign operations as of September 30, 2011. Furthermore, the impact of foreign exchange on the Company's balance sheet and operating results was not material in either 2011 or 2010.

## Future Outlook

The Company has spent on average over $4 \%$ of its sales dollars for the past few years in research and development; in the first nine months of 2011 this dropped to $3 \%$. The reduction in the first nine months is due to the Company moving to commercialize its new technologies (Micro Machining and Industrial Inkjet Solutions). Two chemists who were intimately involved in the development of these technologies have been made Product Managers in the Company. This reassignment puts the Company's technical people, with their broad product knowledge, directly in contact with industrial customers, who demand technical sales and support. In connection with the reassignment of these two chemists, the Company began including their compensation in selling, general and administrative expenses. As new research projects are identified, the Company anticipates that its Research and Development staff will grow to meet these needs and spending will return to historic levels.

The new technologies of Micromachining and Industrial Inkjet (DTX) grew rapidly during the first nine months of 2011 and represented a small but increasing portion of the Company's sales. For the first nine months of 2011, the combined Micromachining and DTX sales were $57 \%$ percent above the same period in 2010 , and the Company anticipates further strong growth. Micromachining's aviation sound deadening technology has shown growth with several new customers interested in adopting the Company's technology, and the Company believes there are new opportunities for the machining of composite materials for the aerospace industry. The Company's machining of electronic wafers is also showing increased profitability. The Company believes Micromachining offers a unique value proposition, which the industry is just beginning to recognize.

DTX is a proprietary system for putting textures into steel molds for the plastic injection mold making; the primary end customer is automotive. The Company sells inkjet fluid and custom made substrates for use by printers supplied by the Company and its strategic partners, Colour Scanner Technology GMBH and the Trans Tech division of Illinois Tool Works Inc. The Company was awarded a European patent on its DTX technology in 2010 and has a patent pending in North America and Japan. The first DTX printer was sold in 2010 to a domestic customer, and it is generating consumable sales. Several potential customers worldwide have evidenced interest in this technology, and the Company anticipates sales once its strategic partners have printers available. The Company's strategic partners have been reluctant to manufacture these specialized printers until market demand became evident; the Company believes that this is now evident and printers are in production.

In 2010, the Company developed and applied for a patent on its I-HE photo resist film for the etching of electronic wafers and developed I-XE low silicone photo resist film for the aerospace industry. Both films have been well received and have begun to generate profitable sales which the Company believes will continue in 2011 .

Domestically, the Company has combined its Chromaline Screen Print Product and its IKONICS Imaging units under one leadership. These have been profitable, mature markets and require aggressive strategies to grow market share. Although there will be challenges, the Company believes these businesses have strong potential for continued growth

In addition to its traditional emphasis on domestic markets, the Company will continue efforts to grow its business internationally by attempting to develop new markets and expanding market share where it has already established a presence.

Other future activities undertaken to expand the Company's business may include acquisitions, building improvements, equipment additions, new product development and marketing opportunities.

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## Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The Company does not expect that the adoption of recent accounting pronouncements will have a material impact on its financial statements.

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

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## ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Not applicable

## ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the Company's disclosure control and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")). Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rule 13a-15(d) and Rule 15d15(d) of the Exchange Act that occurred during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is 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

None

## ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Not applicable

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

The Company repurchased shares as indicated in the table below during the first nine months of $2011^{11}$ :
(a) Total
Number

of $\quad$| Shares Purchased |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

(1) In prior years, the Company's board of directors had authorized the repurchase of 250,000 shares of common stock. A total of 206,640 shares have been repurchased under this program, including 270 shares repurchased during the second quarter of 2011 . The plan allows for an additional 32,761 shares to be repurchased.

## ITEM 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

Not applicable

## ITEM 4. [Removed and Reserved]

## ITEM 5. Other Information

None

## TEM 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2011:

| $\frac{\text { Exhibit }}{3.1}$ | Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended. ${ }^{1}$ | Description |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3.2 | By-Laws of the Company, as amended. |  |
| 31.1 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications of CEO |  |
| 31.2 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications of CFO |  |

Incorporated by reference to the like numbered Exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 10-SB (File No. 000-25727)
Incorporated by reference to the like numbered Exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 22 , 2007 (File No. 000 25727).

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101 Interactive Data Files Pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T
Copies of Exhibits will be furnished upon request and payment of the Company's reasonable expenses in furnishing the Exhibits.

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## IKONICS CORPORATION

## SIGNATURES

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

IKONICS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jon Gerlach Jon Gerlach,
Chief Financial Officer and
Vice President of Finance

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I, William C. Ulland, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of IKONICS Corporation;
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 and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13 a $15(\mathrm{e})$ and $15 \mathrm{~d}-15(\mathrm{e})$ ) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules $13 \mathrm{a}-15 \mathrm{f}$ and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we 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 (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) 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.
5. The registrant's other certifying officer 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.

I, Jon Gerlach, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of IKONICS Corporation;
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 and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13 a $15(\mathrm{e})$ and $15 \mathrm{~d}-15(\mathrm{e})$ ) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules $13 \mathrm{a}-15 \mathrm{f}$ and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we 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 (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) 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.
5. The registrant's other certifying officer 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.

## SECTION 1350 CERTIFICATIONS

Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, each of the undersigned certifies that this periodic report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in this periodic report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of IKONICS Corporation.

## Date: November 14, 2011

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/s/ William C. Ulland
William C. Ulland
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer
and President
/s/ Jon Gerlach
Jon Gerlach
Chief Financial Officer
and Vice President of Finance


[^0]:    See notes to condensed financial statements

[^1]:    * The Company does not allocate all general and administrative expenses or any research and development expenses to its operating segments for internal reporting.

