

LIONS GATE ENTERTAINMENT CORP /CN/

Form 10-Q

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**Form 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2003**

**or**

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

**For the transition period from        to        .**

**Commission File No. 1-14880**

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**Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**British Columbia, Canada**

*(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)*

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**555 Brooksbank Avenue,  
North Vancouver,  
British Columbia V7S 3S5**

**And**

**2700 Colorado Avenue, Suite 200**

**Santa Monica, California 90404**  
*(Address of principal executive offices)*

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(604) 609-6100**

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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 **þ**        No **o**

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

As of February 13, 2004, 90,889,139 shares of the registrant's no par value common stock were outstanding.


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**FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements contained within this report constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In some cases you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as may, intend, will, could, would, expect, believe, estimate or the negative of these terms, and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and are subject to risks and uncertainties. Also, these forward-looking statements present our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. Except for our ongoing obligation to disclose material information as required by federal securities laws, we do not intend to update you concerning any future revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this report.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those described in the Risk Factors sections of our Registration Statement on Form S-3 filed September 25, 2003 and related Prospectus Supplement filed October 9, 2003.

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	December 31, 2003	March 31, 2003
	(Unaudited)	(Note 2)
	(All amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars, except share amounts)	
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		
\$9,507	\$7,440	
Accounts receivable, net of reserve for video returns of \$63,847 (March 31, 2003 \$11,364) and provision for doubtful accounts of \$15,074 (March 31, 2003 \$7,677)		
123,973	94,908	
Investment in films and television programs		
451,765	206,275	
Property and equipment		
34,009	32,390	
Goodwill, net of accumulated amortization of \$5,643		
127,394	25,048	
Other assets		
27,042	19,135	
Future income taxes		
2,985	1,350	
	\$776,675	\$386,546
LIABILITIES		
Bank loans		
\$269,068	\$130,921	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		
141,417	48,888	
Accrued participations and residuals costs		
79,667	26,158	
Production loans		
13,570	20,339	
Subordinated notes		
47,865		
Long-term debt		
42,091	54,379	
Deferred revenue		
48,256	22,116	

Minority interests

702 9,028

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642,636 311,829

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Commitments and contingencies

**SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY**

Preferred shares, 200,000,000 shares authorized, issued in series, including 1,000,000 series A (1,986 and 11,830 shares issued and outstanding) and 10 series B (10 shares issued and outstanding) (liquidation preference \$5,064 and \$30,167)

5,631 32,519

Common stock, no par value, 500,000,000 shares authorized, 90,718,304 and 43,231,921 shares issued and outstanding

267,336 157,675

Contributed surplus

20,620

Accumulated deficit

(152,206) (107,942)

Cumulative translation adjustments

(7,342) (7,535)

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134,039 74,717

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\$776,675 \$386,546

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See accompanying notes.

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**LIONS GATE ENTERTAINMENT CORP.**

**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2003	Three Months Ended December 31, 2002	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2003	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2002
	(All amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts)			
<b>Revenues</b>				
\$77,429 \$61,867 \$232,132 \$233,924				
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Direct operating				
47,286 28,723 122,521 118,547				
Distribution and marketing				
36,913 23,230 109,152 77,611				
General and administration				
9,420 8,871 25,180 24,204				
Severance and relocation costs				
5,934 5,934				
Write-down of animation assets				
9,919 9,919				
Depreciation and amortization				
1,280 1,087 3,391 3,260				
Total expenses				
110,752 61,911 276,097 223,622				

**Operating Income (Loss)**

(33,323) (44) (43,965) 10,302

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**Other Expenses:**

Interest on debt initially incurred for a term of more than one year

5,317 2,288 10,251 7,503

Minority interests

(6,986) (51) (9,042) 580

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Total other expenses

(1,669) 2,237 1,209 8,083

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**Income (Loss) Before Equity Interests and Income Taxes**

(31,654) (2,281) (45,174) 2,219

Equity interests

30 16 (127) 462

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**Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes**

(31,624) (2,265) (45,301) 2,681

Income taxes

(1,861) (13) (2,128) 1,029

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**Net Income (Loss)**

(29,763) (2,252) (43,173) 1,652

Dividends on Series A preferred shares

(66) (396) (320) (1,188)

Accretion on Series A preferred shares

(131) (512) (771) (1,535)

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**Net Loss Available to Common Shareholders**

\$(29,960) \$(3,160) \$(44,264) \$(1,071)

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**Basic and Diluted Loss Per Common Share**

\$(0.36) \$(0.07) \$(0.70) \$(0.02)

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See accompanying notes.



90,718,304	\$267,336	1,986	\$5,631	10	\$	\$20,620	\$(152,206)	\$(7,342)	\$134,039
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Three Months Ended December 31, 2003	Three Months Ended December 31, 2002	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2003	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2002
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(All amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

**Operating activities:**

Net income (loss)

\$(29,763) \$(2,252) \$(43,173) \$1,652

Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash  
provided by (used in) operating activities:

Depreciation of property and equipment

1,126 928 2,930 2,782

Write-off of projects in development

177 128 1,180 658

Amortization of pre-operating costs

154 159 461 478

Amortization of deferred financing costs

2,586 342 3,284 1,045

Amortization of films and television programs

47,794 28,191 121,021 116,664

Accretion on subordinated notes

190 190

Minority interests

(6,986) (51) (9,042) 580

Severance and relocation costs

5,934 5,934

Write-down of animation assets

9,919 9,919

Equity interests

(30) (16) 127 (462)

Changes in operating assets and liabilities:

Accounts receivable, net

20,842 11,641 5,173 12,047

Increase in investment in films and television programs

(48,474) (43,620) (143,970) (143,145)

Other assets

6,242 (3,421) 5,375 (6,076)

Future income taxes

(2,246) (2,745)

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

(16,482) 5,569 (1,231) 4,061

Accrued participations and residuals costs

2,797 1,152 5,627 7,043

Deferred revenue

(2,297) 4,880 4,797 6,327

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**Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities**

(8,517) 3,630 (34,143) 3,654

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**Financing activities:**

Issuance of common stock, net of issue costs

73,824 104,590

Redemption of Series A preferred shares

(18,090)

Dividends paid on Series A preferred shares

(254) (792)

Financing fees paid

(11,287) (11,287)

Increase (decrease) in bank loans

60,974 4,095 81,308 (13,058)

Decrease in restricted cash

236 706

Decrease in production loans

(2,050) (11,044) (8,477) (404)

Issuance of subordinated notes, net of issue costs

56,663 56,663

Increase (decrease) in long-term debt

(12,777) (3,492) (15,642) 5,922

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**Net cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities**

165,347 (10,205) 188,811 (7,626)

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**Investing activities:**

Cash received from discontinued operation

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4,394	6,634
Acquisition of Artisan Entertainment Inc., net of cash acquired	
(149,559)	(149,559)
Purchase of property and equipment	
(212)	(309) (495) (1,958)

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## Net cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities

(149,771)	4,085	(150,054)	4,676
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## Net change in cash and cash equivalents

7,059	(2,490)	4,614	704
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## Foreign exchange effect on cash

(3,264)	(2,004)	(2,547)	(84)
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## Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period

5,712	11,755	7,440	6,641
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## Cash and cash equivalents end of period

\$9,507	\$7,261	\$9,507	\$7,261
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See accompanying notes.

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**LIONS GATE ENTERTAINMENT CORP.**

**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Nature of Operations**

Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. (the Company or Lions Gate) is a fully integrated entertainment company engaged in the development, production and distribution of feature films, television series, television movies and mini-series, non-fiction programming and animated programming, as well as the management of Canadian-based studio facilities. As an independent distribution company, the Company also acquires distribution rights from a wide variety of studios, production companies and independent producers.

**2. Basis of Presentation**

On December 15, 2003, the Company acquired Film Holdings Co., the parent company of Artisan Entertainment Inc. (Artisan) as described in Note 7. The acquisition is included in the December 31, 2003 balance sheet and all operating results and cash flows have been included in the statements of operations and cash flows for the 16-day period from the acquisition date through December 31, 2003.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of Lions Gate and all of its majority-owned and controlled subsidiaries, with a provision for minority interests. The Company controls a subsidiary company through a combination of existing voting interests and an ability to exercise various rights under certain shareholder agreements and debentures to acquire common shares.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in Canada (Canadian GAAP) which conforms, in all material respects, with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP), except as described in note 12, for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by Canadian or U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been reflected in these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Operating results for the quarter are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending March 31, 2004. Certain reclassifications have been made in the fiscal 2003 financial statements to conform to the fiscal 2004 presentation. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2003.

The balance sheet at March 31, 2003 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

Effective April 1, 2002, the Company adopted the United States dollar as its reporting currency as a substantial component of its operations are domiciled in the United States and the dominant market for trading volume of its common stock is on the American Stock Exchange. Prior to April 1, 2002, the Company's consolidated financial statements were presented in Canadian dollars. The functional currencies of each of the Company's operations in the United States and Canada are unchanged.

## NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED

### 3. Investment in Films and Television Programs

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The Company expects \$59.6 million of completed films and television programs excluding acquired library, will be amortized during the one-year period ending December 31, 2004, and \$59.9 million of accrued participants' share (including producer participations and residuals) will be paid during the one-year period ending December 31, 2004.

Additionally, the Company expects \$98.3 million of completed and released films and television programs excluding acquired library, will be amortized during the three-year period ending December 31, 2006.

Acquired libraries include the Trimark library acquired October 2000 and the Artisan library, acquired on December 15, 2003 (refer note 7). The Trimark library is being amortized over a period of twenty years from the acquisition date. The remaining amortization period as at December 31, 2003 is sixteen and three quarter years on the unamortized costs of \$35.7 million. The Artisan library includes acquired titles that are released at least three years prior to the date of acquisition and will be amortized over a period not to exceed 20 years from the date of acquisition. At December 31, 2003 the Artisan library has unamortized costs of \$224.6 million.

#### **4. Bank Loans**

On December 15, 2003, the Company and JP Morgan Chase Bank ( JP Morgan ) entered into an Amended and Restated Credit, Security, Guaranty and Pledge Agreement for a \$350 million five-year secured credit facility consisting of a \$200 million U.S. dollar-denominated revolving credit facility, a \$15 million Canadian dollar-denominated revolving credit facility and a \$135 million U.S. dollar-denominated term loan.

The amended credit facility expires December 31, 2008 and bears interest in the case of revolving credit facility loans at 2.75% over the Adjusted LIBOR or the Canadian Bankers Acceptance rate, or 1.75% over the U.S. or Canadian prime rates and in the case of term loans at 3.25% over the Adjusted LIBOR, or 2.25% over the U.S. prime rates. The principal amount of the term loans is payable in four annual installments of \$20 million and a fifth installment of \$55 million payable on the last business day of December commencing in December 2004. Once repaid, amounts constituting the term loan commitment may not be reborrowed. The

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availability of funds under the credit facility is limited by the borrowing base, which is calculated on a monthly basis. The borrowing base assets at December 31, 2003 totaled \$381.2 million (March 31, 2003 \$166.4 million). At December 31, 2003, the revolving credit facility has an average variable interest rate of 4.15% on principal of \$129.0 million under the U.S. dollar credit facility, and an average variable interest rate of 4.43% on principal of \$135.0 million under the term loan. The Company had not drawn on the Canadian dollar credit facility as of December 31, 2003. The Company is required to pay a monthly commitment fee of 0.50% on the total credit facility of \$350.0 million less the amount drawn. The Company entered into a \$100 million interest rate swap at an interest rate of 3.08%, commencing January 2003 and ending September 2005. The swap is in effect as long as three month LIBOR is less than 5.0%. Fair market value of the interest rate swap at December 31, 2003 is \$2.2 million (March 31, 2003 \$3.2 million). Unrecognized fair valuation gains for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 amount to \$0.7 million and \$1.0 million.

The Company also has \$5.0 million in operating lines of credit and \$1.9 million in demand loans. The operating lines of credit bear interest at Canadian prime plus 0%-4% and the demand loans at Canadian prime plus 2%-4%.

**5. Subordinated Notes**

On December 3, 2003, through its US subsidiary Lions Gate Entertainment Inc., the Company sold \$60.0 million of 4.875% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes ( Notes ); in December 2003, the Company received \$57.0 million of net proceeds, after paying placement agents fees. The Company incurred offering expenses of \$0.3 million. Interest on the Notes is due semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 commencing on June 15, 2004 and the Notes mature on December 15, 2010. The Company may redeem all or a portion of the notes at its option on or after December 15, 2006 at 100% of their principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest through the date of redemption; provided, however, that the notes will only be redeemable if the closing price of the Company s common shares equals or exceeds 175% of the conversion price then in effect for at least 20 trading days within a period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the day before the date of the notice of optional redemption. The Notes are convertible, at the option of the holder, at any time before the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the maturity date of the Notes, unless previously redeemed, into common shares of the Company at a conversion rate of 185.0944 shares per \$1000 principal amount of Notes, which is equal to a conversion price of approximately \$5.40 per share. The conversion feature is valued at \$16.4 million, net of placement agents fees and offering expenses of \$0.9 million, and is classified as contributed surplus. The difference between the principal amount of \$60.0 million and the net carrying amount of \$42.7 million is being accreted as a charge to interest expense over the seven-year period from the date of issuance to the maturity date.

On December 15, 2003, the Company assumed, as part of the purchase, a \$5.0 million subordinated promissory note to Vialta, Inc ( Promissory Note ) issued by Artisan which bears interest at 7.5% per annum payable quarterly. The Promissory Note matures on April 1, 2005.

**6. Capital Stock**

**(a) Common Stock**

On October 3, 2003, the Company filed a shelf registration statement to potentially offer for sale common shares, preferred shares, debt securities, warrants, purchase contracts, units and depository shares. The Company may sell any combination of the foregoing securities in one or more offerings up to an aggregate initial offering price of \$250,000,000 during the twenty-five month period that the prospectus remains valid.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

In October 2003, the Company sold 28,750,000 common shares at a public offering price of \$2.70 per share and received \$73.5 million of net proceeds, after deducting underwriting expenses. The Company incurred offering expenses of \$0.5 million.

In June 2003, the Company sold 16,201,056 common shares at a public offering price of \$2.05 per share and received \$31.2 million of net proceeds, after deducting underwriting expenses. The Company incurred offering expenses of \$1.0 million.

**(b) Series A Preferred Shares**

In November 2003, 1,804 Series A Preferred Shares were converted to 2,000,087 common shares.

In June 2003, the Company repurchased 8,040 Series A Preferred Shares at a per share purchase price of \$2,250, or total purchase price of \$18.1 million. The difference of \$4.3 million, between the purchase price of the Series A Preferred Shares and the assigned value of the Series A Preferred Shares at the time of repurchase, represents a contribution by the preferred shareholders which accrues to the benefit of the remaining common shareholders and is classified on the balance sheet as contributed surplus.

In February 2004, the Company sent notice informing the preferred shareholders that it intends to convert all remaining Series A Preferred Shares into common shares on February 27, 2004.

**(c) Phantom Options**

On November 13, 2001, the Board of Directors of the Company resolved that 750,000 options, granted to certain officers of the Company to purchase common shares of the Company, be revised to entitle the holders to receive cash only and not common shares. The amount of cash received will be equal to the amount by which the trading price on the exercise notice date exceeds the option price of \$5.00 multiplied by the number of options exercised. The twenty-day average trading price prior to the exercise notice date has to be \$6.00 or above in order for the officers to exercise their options. These revised options are not considered part of the Employees and Directors Equity Incentive Plan. The Company will measure compensation cost as the amount by which the market value of the shares exceeds the option price. At December 31, 2003 the market price does not exceed \$6.00 and therefore there is no additional compensation cost required.

**(d) Warrants**

On December 15, 2003, the Board of Directors of the Company resolved that the term of the Company's 5,525,000 warrants issued in December 1999 would be extended by one year. The warrants will expire January 1, 2005 instead of January 1, 2004. The modification of these warrants is treated as an exchange of the original warrant for a new warrant. The fair value of the new warrant is measured at the date the new warrant is issued and the value of the old warrant is its fair value immediately before its terms were modified. The additional incremental fair value of the new warrant is \$2.0 million.

**7. Acquisitions**

On October 24, 2003, the Company entered into a definitive merger agreement with Film Holdings Co., the parent company of Artisan, an independent distributor and producer of film and entertainment content. Under the terms of the merger agreement, the Company acquired Film Holdings Co. by means of a merger of a subsidiary of the Company with and into Film Holding Co., pursuant to which Film Holdings Co. became a subsidiary of the Company. On December 15, 2003, the Company completed its acquisition of Film Holdings Co. for a total purchase price of \$169.5 million consisting of \$160.0 million in cash and direct transaction costs of \$9.5 million. In addition, the Company assumed debt of \$59.9 million and other obligations of \$157.0 million. Direct transaction costs are considered liabilities assumed in the acquisition, and as such, are



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included in the purchase price. Direct transaction costs include: amounts totaling \$3.4 million paid to lawyers, accountants and other consultants; amounts totaling \$0.7 million relating to the closure of Artisan's offices and facilities not required in the Company's operations after the acquisition; involuntary termination benefits totaling \$5.3 million payable to certain Artisan employees terminated under a severance plan and various other amounts totaling \$0.1 million. At December 31, 2003 the remaining liabilities under the severance plan and for the closure of offices and facilities are \$4.8 million and \$0.7 million, respectively.

The acquisition was accounted for as a purchase, with the results of operations of Artisan consolidated from December 15, 2003 onwards. The preliminary allocation of the purchase price to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values was as follows:

	(All amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)
Cash and cash equivalents	
\$19,946	
Accounts receivable	
31,625	
Investment in films and television programs	
228,927	
Other tangible assets acquired	
3,571	
Goodwill	
102,345	
Bank loans	
(54,900)	
Subordinated Notes	
(5,000)	
Other Liabilities assumed	
(157,009)	
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Total:	
\$169,505	
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A preliminary estimate of \$102.3 million has been allocated to goodwill. Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired. The preliminary allocation of the purchase price is subject to revision as more detailed analysis of investment in films and television programs and intangible assets is completed and additional information on the fair value of assets and liabilities becomes available. Any change in the fair value of the net assets of Artisan will change the amount of the purchase price allocable to goodwill. In addition, goodwill is subject to further change as the Company is evaluating consolidated goodwill for impairment as a result of the acquisition.

Severance and relocation costs incurred by Lions Gate, associated with the acquisition of Artisan, are not included in the purchase price, and as such, are recorded in the statements of operations. Severance and relocation costs of \$5.9 million include property lease abandonment costs of \$2.8 million, the write-off of capital assets no longer in use of \$2.1 million and severance of \$1.0 million. At December 31, 2003 the remaining liabilities under the severance plan and for the property lease abandonment are \$1.0 million and \$2.8 million, respectively.

The following unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations presented below illustrates the results of operations of the Company as if the following transactions occurred at April 1, 2002:

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(a) sold 28,750,000 common shares at a public offering price of \$2.70 per share for which the Company received \$73.5 million of net proceeds, after deducting underwriting expenses, and incurred offering expenses of \$0.5 million. Refer to note 6(a) for further discussion.

(b) issued \$60.0 million of 4.875% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes by Lions Gate Entertainment Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. The Company received \$57 million of net proceeds, after paying placement agents fees, and incurred offering expenses of \$0.3 million. Refer to note 5 for further discussion.



## **8. Income (Loss) Per Common Share**

Basic income (loss) per share is calculated after adjusting net income (loss) for dividends, accretion on Series A preferred shares and accretion on Subordinated Notes and using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 of 84,375,000 and 63,646,000 shares, respectively (2002 43,207,000 and 43,205,000 shares, respectively). The exercise of common share equivalents including employee stock options, share purchase warrants and Series A preferred shares could potentially dilute income (loss) per share in the future, but were not reflected in fully diluted income per share during the periods presented because to do so would be anti-dilutive.

The Company has elected to use the intrinsic value method in accounting for stock based compensation. In accordance with CICA 3870, the following disclosures are provided about the costs of stock based compensation awards using the fair value method.

The weighted average estimated fair value of each stock option granted during the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 was \$1.22 and \$0.79 respectively. The total stock compensation expense, based on the fair value, would be \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003, respectively. For disclosure purposes the fair value of each stock option granted was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions used for stock options granted: a dividend yield of 0%, expected volatility of 30%, risk-free interest rate of 3.5% and expected life of five years.

On December 15, 2003, the Board of Directors of the Company resolved that the term of the Company's 5,525,000 warrants issued in December 1999 would be extended by one year. The warrants will expire January 1, 2005 instead of January 1, 2004. The modification of these warrants is treated as an exchange of the original warrant for a new warrant. The fair value of the new warrant is measured at the date the new warrant is issued and the value of the old warrant is its fair value immediately before its terms were modified. The additional incremental fair value of the new warrant is \$2.0 million.

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During the quarter ending September 30, 2003, the Company modified the terms of 3,048,000 options of certain officers of the Company, extending the expiry dates to coincide with their employment contract dates. The vesting period and exercise prices were unchanged. The modification of these options is treated as an exchange of the original award for a new award. The value of the new award is measured at the date the new award is granted and the value of the old award is its fair value immediately before its terms were modified. The additional compensation cost for the incremental value of the new award plus unallocated compensation costs for the old award is attributed over the remaining service period. In the case of the options modified the total additional compensation to be expensed over the service period is \$0.8 million. At December 31, 2003, there are no additional service requirements on 2,214,667 options and \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million incremental value relating to these options would be expensed for the three and nine months ending December 31, 2003, respectively.

Three Months Ended December 31, 2003	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2003
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(All amounts in thousands of  
U.S. dollars, except per share  
amounts)

The resulting pro-forma basic loss per common share is calculated as follows:

Numerator:

Net Loss Available to Common  
Shareholders  
\$(29,960) \$(44,264)  
Less: stock compensation expense  
calculated using intrinsic value method

Add: stock compensation expense  
calculated using fair value method  
(645) (1,008)  
Add: incremental fair value of  
modified warrants  
(2,031) (2,031)

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Adjusted Net Loss Available to  
Common Shareholders  
\$(32,636) \$(47,303)

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Denominator:

Weighted Average Common Shares  
Outstanding (thousands)  
84,375 63,646

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Adjusted Basic and Diluted Loss Per  
Common Share  
\$(0.39) \$(0.74)

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## 9. Segment Information

CICA Section 1701 Segment Disclosures requires the Company to make certain disclosures about each reportable segment. The Company has four reportable business segments: Motion Pictures, Television, Animation and Studio Facilities. The Company's reportable business segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services, and are managed separately.

Motion Pictures consists of the development and production of films, acquisition of North American and worldwide distribution rights, North American theatrical, video and television distribution of films produced and acquired and worldwide licensing of distribution rights to films produced and acquired.

Television consists of the development, production and worldwide licensing of distribution rights and North American video distribution of television productions including television series, television movies and mini-series and non-fiction programming.

Animation consists of the development, production and worldwide licensing of distribution rights of animated and live action television series, television movies and feature films, from our interest in Cin  Groupe.

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Studio Facilities consists of management of an eight-soundstage studio facility in Vancouver, Canada. Rental revenue is earned from soundstages, production offices and other services such as equipment rental to tenants that produce or support the production of feature films, television series, movies and commercials. Tenancies vary from a few days to five years depending on the nature of the project and the tenant.

Segmented information by business is as follows:

Three Months Ended December 31, 2003	Three Months Ended December 31, 2002	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2003	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2002
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(All amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

Segment revenues

Motion Pictures

\$54,165 \$43,598 \$166,583 \$163,280

Television

17,129 12,199 51,728 42,161

Animation

4,557 4,862 8,904 24,514

Studio Facilities

1,578 1,208 4,917 3,969

\$77,429 \$61,867 \$232,132 \$233,924

Segment profit (loss)

Motion Pictures

\$(14,943) \$2,602 \$(22,937) \$17,085

Television

1,309 305 6,026 (1,382)

Animation

(11,111) 672 (13,021) 3,575

Studio Facilities

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1,020 720 3,221 2,536

\$(23,725) \$4,299 \$(26,711) \$21,814

Segment profit (loss) is defined as segment revenue less segment direct operating, distribution and marketing, general and administration expenses, severance and relocation costs and write-down of animation assets. The reconciliation of total segment profit (loss) to the Company's income (loss) before income taxes is as follows:

Three Months Ended December 31, 2003	Three Months Ended December 31, 2002	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2003	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2002
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(All amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

Total segment profit (loss)

\$(23,725) \$4,299 \$(26,711) \$21,814

Less:

Corporate general and administration expense

(3,473) (3,256) (9,018) (8,252)

Corporate severance and relocation costs

(4,845) (4,845)

Depreciation and amortization

(1,280) (1,087) (3,391) (3,260)

Interest

(5,317) (2,288) (10,251) (7,503)

Minority interests

6,986 51 9,042 (580)

Equity interests

30 16 (127) 462

\$(31,624) \$(2,265) \$(45,301) \$2,681

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**10. Supplementary Cash Flow Statement Information**

Interest paid during the nine months ended December 31, 2003 amounted to \$8.2 million (December 31, 2002 \$6.2 million).

Income taxes paid during the nine months ended December 31, 2003 amounted to \$1.7 million (December 31, 2002 \$1.1 million).

**11. Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company is from time to time involved in various claims, legal proceedings and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. Except as noted below, the Company does not believe that adverse decisions in any pending or threatened proceedings, or any amount which the Company might be required to pay by reason thereof, would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or future results of the Company.

We are currently involved in an arbitration proceeding relating to our distribution of a motion picture. The plaintiff alleges that we did not release the film in accordance with the contract and has claimed damages for up to \$35 million. Closing arguments were held in October 2003. The arbitrator rendered an award in favor of the claimant for \$0.3 million that was paid by the Company in December 2003. The claimant has until March 2005 to make a motion to vacate the award. If the motion to vacate is granted and the matter is retried and we fail to prevail as we did in the first hearing on the key issues, this matter could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations of future periods. We deny these allegations and maintain that we acted within our rights.

**12. Reconciliation to United States GAAP**

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP. The material differences between the accounting policies used by the Company under Canadian GAAP and U.S. GAAP are disclosed below in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Under U.S. GAAP, the net loss, comprehensive loss and loss per share figures for the three months and nine months ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the shareholders' equity as at December 31, 2003 and March 31, 2003 are as follows:

	<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>				<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>
	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>December 31, 2003</b>	<b>December 31, 2002</b>	<b>December 31, 2003</b>	<b>December 31, 2002</b>	<b>December 31, March 31, 2003</b>
<b>As reported under Canadian GAAP</b>	<b>\$(29,763)</b>	<b>\$(2,252)</b>	<b>\$(43,173)</b>	<b>\$1,652</b>	<b>\$134,039</b>
Discontinued operation(a)					
(185) (2,760) (2,131) (2,131)					
Adjustment for capitalized pre-operating costs(b)					
93 93 279 279 (1,067) (1,346)					
Interest swap mark-to-market(c)					
688 951 (2,212) (3,163)					
Accounting for stock-based compensation(d)					
(395) (581) (581)					
Provision for investment in subsidiary(j)					
(8,020) (8,020) (8,020)					
Accounting for business combinations(e)					
(1,145) (1,145)					
Accounting for income taxes(f)					
1,900 1,900					
Reclassification of Series A preferred shares outside shareholders' equity(g)					
(5,178) (28,987)					
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<b>Net Loss/ Shareholders' Equity under U.S. GAAP</b>	<b>(37,397)</b>	<b>(2,344)</b>	<b>(50,544)</b>	<b>(829)</b>	<b>115,605</b>
(37,397) (2,344) (50,544) (829) 115,605 39,845					
Adjustment to cumulative translation adjustments account (net of tax of \$nil)(h)					
(341) (1,825) 193 (114)					
Other comprehensive income (loss)(h)					
(9) 230 (32) (32)					


**Comprehensive Loss Attributable to Common Shareholders / Shareholders  
Equity under U.S. GAAP**

\$(37,738) \$(4,178) \$(50,351) \$(713) \$115,573 \$39,813


**Basic and Diluted Loss per Common Share under U.S. GAAP(i)**

\$(0.47) \$(0.07) \$(0.84) \$(0.07)


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Reconciliation of movement in Shareholders' Equity under U.S. GAAP:

	<b>December 31, 2003</b>	<b>March 31, 2003</b>
	<b>(All amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)</b>	
<b>Balance at beginning of the period</b>		
\$39,813	\$46,289	
Increase in common stock		
109,048		
Increase in additional paid in capital		
17,956		
Dividends paid on Series A preferred shares		
(320)	(1,584)	
Accretion on Series A preferred shares(g)		
(573)	(1,383)	
Net loss under U.S. GAAP		
(50,544)	(3,798)	
Adjustment to cumulative translation adjustments account(h)		
193	62	
Other comprehensive income(h)		
227		
<b>Balance at end of the period</b>		
\$115,573	\$39,813	

**(a) Accounting for Discontinued Operation**

Under Canadian GAAP, effective April 1, 2002 and continuing until November 8, 2002, the date of the sale of the Company's investment in Mandalay, the carrying value of the investment is presented as a discontinued operation and the results of Mandalay are reported separately for the current and comparable period. Under U.S. GAAP, the investment in Mandalay was not considered a discontinued operation and would be accounted for using the equity method. Accordingly, in the three months and nine months ended December 31, 2002, Mandalay's net loss of \$0.2 million and \$2.8 million respectively would be recorded as a reduction in net income.

**(b) Accounting for Capitalized Pre-Operating Period Costs - One-Hour Series Business**

Under Canadian GAAP, the Company deferred certain pre-operating costs related to the launch of the television one-hour series business amounting to \$3.0 million. This amount is being amortized over five years commencing in the year ended March 31, 2000. Under U.S. GAAP, all start-up costs are to be expensed as incurred. The amounts are presented net of income taxes for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million respectively (December 31, 2002 - \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million respectively).

**(c) Interest Swap Mark-to-Market**

Under U.S. GAAP, the interest swap does not meet the criteria of an effective hedge and therefore fair valuation gains for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 of \$0.7 million and \$1.0 million respectively (December 31, 2002 \$nil and \$nil respectively) are recorded in the statements of operations. Under Canadian GAAP, the interest swap is an effective hedge and no fair valuation adjustment is recorded.

**(d) Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation**

Under Canadian GAAP, the Company has elected to use the intrinsic value method in accounting for stock based compensation. During the quarter ended September 30, 2003 the Company modified terms of 3,048,000 options of certain officers of the Company. Such modification did not result in additional compensation expense under Canadian GAAP. Under U.S. GAAP, the modification of these options is treated as an exchange of the original award for a new award. The additional compensation cost for the three

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and nine months ended December 31, 2003 of \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, is calculated by multiplying the market price on the date of the modification times the number of options vested less the original exercise price times the number of options vested. The additional compensation cost is attributed over the remaining service period. In the case of the options modified there are no additional service requirements and the additional compensation is expensed immediately.

Under Canadian GAAP, the Company has elected to use the intrinsic value method in accounting for stock based compensation and options granted to a certain employee of the Company with an exercise price determined at a future date did not result in additional compensation expense. Under U.S. GAAP, these options are valued using variable accounting for stock-based compensation. The additional compensation cost is calculated by multiplying the market price on December 31, 2003 times the number of options vested less the market price on the date the options were granted times the number of options vested and is immaterial. The additional compensation cost is expensed in the current reporting period and adjusted each reporting period until such time as the exercise price is determined.

***(e) Accounting for Business Combinations***

Under Canadian GAAP, prior to January 1, 2001, costs related to activities or employees of an acquiring company were considered in the purchase price allocation. In fiscal 2001, the Company included \$1.4 million of such costs in the purchase price for an acquired company. Under U.S. GAAP, costs related to the acquiring company must be expensed as incurred. The amount is presented net of income taxes of \$0.3 million.

***(f) Accounting for Income Taxes***

Under Canadian GAAP, commencing in the year ended March 31, 2001, the Company used the asset and liability method to recognize future income taxes which is consistent with the U.S. GAAP method required under SFAS 109 except that Canadian GAAP requires use of the substantively enacted tax rates and legislation, whereas U.S. GAAP only permits use of enacted tax rates and legislation. For the year ended March 31, 2000, the Company used the deferral method for accounting for deferred income taxes, which differs from the requirements of SFAS 109. The use of substantively enacted tax rates under Canadian GAAP to measure future income tax assets and liabilities resulted in an increase in Canadian net future income tax assets (before valuation allowances) by \$0.2 million (December 31, 2002 \$0.1 million), with a corresponding increase in valuation allowances by \$0.2 million (2002 \$0.1 million).

SFAS 109 requires deferred tax assets and liabilities be recognized for temporary differences, other than non-deductible goodwill, arising in a business combination. In the year ended March 31, 2000, under U.S. GAAP, goodwill was increased to reflect the additional deferred tax liability resulting from temporary differences arising on the acquisition of Lions Gate Studios in fiscal 1999. Under Canadian GAAP, the Company did not restate income taxes for years prior to March 31, 2001, accordingly, there is a difference in the carrying amount of goodwill arising in the business combination of \$1.9 million as at December 31, 2003 (March 31, 2003 \$1.9 million).

***(g) Reclassification of Series A Preferred Shares and Accretion on Series A Preferred Shares***

Under Canadian GAAP, the Company's preferred shares have been included in shareholders' equity as the Company considers the likelihood of redemption by the holders to be remote. Under U.S. GAAP, the preferred shares would be presented outside of shareholders' equity.

Under Canadian GAAP, the fair value of the basic preferred shares was determined using the residual value method after determining the fair value of the common share purchase warrants and the preferred share

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conversion feature. Under U.S. GAAP, the carrying amount of the preferred shares is the residual value arrived at by taking proceeds less the fair value of the share purchase warrants less share issue costs.

Under Canadian GAAP, the difference between the carrying value and the redemption price is being accreted as a charge to accumulated deficit on a straight-line basis over five years whereas, under U.S. GAAP, the difference is being accreted using the effective interest method over five years.

***(h) Comprehensive Income (Loss)***

Comprehensive income (loss) consists of net income (loss) and other gains and losses affecting shareholders' equity that, under U.S. GAAP are excluded from the determination of net income or loss. Adjustment to cumulative translation adjustments comprises foreign currency translation gains and losses. Other comprehensive income (loss) comprises unrealized losses on investments available for sale based on the market price of the shares at December 31, 2003 net of income taxes of \$nil (December 31, 2002 \$nil).

***(i) Loss Per Share***

Basic loss per share under U.S. GAAP is calculated as follows:

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2003	Three Months Ended December 31, 2002	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2003	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2002
Numerator:				
Net Loss				
	\$(37,397)	\$(2,344)	\$(50,544)	\$(829)
Less:				
Incremental fair value of modified warrants				
	(2,031)	(2,031)		
Series A preferred share dividends(g)				
	(66)	(396)	(320)	(1,188)
Accretion on Series A preferred shares(g)				
	(71)	(348)	(573)	(1,032)
Net Loss Available to Common Shareholders				
	\$(39,565)	\$(3,088)	\$(53,468)	\$(3,049)

Denominator:

Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding  
(thousands)

84,375 43,232 63,646 43,232

Basic and Diluted Loss Per Common Share  
\$(0.47) \$(0.07) \$(0.84) \$(0.07)

On December 15, 2003, the Board of Directors of the Company resolved that the term of the Company's 5,525,000 warrants issued in December 1999 would be extended by one year. The warrants will expire January 1, 2005 instead of January 1, 2004. The modification of these warrants is treated as an exchange of the original warrant for a new warrant. The fair value of the new warrant is measured at the date the new warrant is issued and the value of the old warrant is its fair value immediately before its terms were modified. The additional incremental fair value of the new warrant is \$2.0 million.

**(j) Consolidated Financial Statements**

Under Canadian GAAP, the Company consolidates the financial statements of Cin  Groupe Corporation ( Cin  Groupe ). On July 10, 2001, as a condition of a \$9.2 million equity financing with a third party,

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CinéGroupe's Shareholders' Agreement was amended to allow for certain participatory super-majority rights to be granted to the shareholders. Therefore, under U.S. GAAP, the Company is precluded from consolidating CinéGroupe and accounts for its 29.4% ownership of CinéGroupe, commencing April 1, 2001, using the equity method.

Accounting for CinéGroupe using the equity method under U.S. GAAP would reduce the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations items to the following amounts:

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2003	Three Months Ended December 31, 2002	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2003	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2002
Revenues	\$ 72,872	\$ 57,005	\$ 223,228	\$ 209,410
Direct operating expenses				
42,535 25,519 113,131 99,766				
Distribution and marketing expenses				
36,913 23,142 109,133 77,265				
General and administration expenses				
8,422 7,973 22,583 22,392				

The Company evaluated its investment in CinéGroupe as CinéGroupe is unable to meet its financial obligations in the ordinary course of business and as a result is restructuring its operations. Under U.S. GAAP, the Company recorded a provision of \$8.0 million against its equity investment in CinéGroupe and against debentures and other receivables due from CinéGroupe during the quarter ended December 31, 2003.

The impact of using the equity method under U.S. GAAP on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2003 would be a reduction in total assets to \$727.3 million (March 31, 2003 \$340.6 million) and a reduction in debt (including bank loans, production loans and long-term debt) to \$350.2 million (March 31, 2003 \$182.0 million.).

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

*The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and related notes.*

#### **Overview**

We are an independent producer and distributor of film and television entertainment content. We release approximately 15 motion pictures theatrically per year in the domestic market. Our theatrical releases include films we produce in-house and films we acquire from third parties. We also have produced over 150 hours of television programming on average each of the last four years. Our disciplined approach to production, acquisition and distribution is designed to maximize our profit by balancing our financial risks against the probability of commercial success of each project. With our acquisition of Artisan Entertainment Inc. ( Artisan ) during the quarter (see discussion below) we now have a library of over 8,000 motion picture and television program titles. The majority of these titles are available for distribution directly to retailers and video rental stores. Some of these titles are also available for distribution to pay and free television channels and indirectly to international markets through third parties. We also own and operate a film and television production studio and own a majority interest in CinemaNow, an internet video-on-demand provider.

Our revenues are derived from the following business units:

Motion Pictures, which includes theatrical, home entertainment, television and international distribution. Theatrical revenues are derived from the domestic theatrical release of motion pictures in North America. Home entertainment revenues are derived from the sale of video and DVD releases of our own productions and acquired films, including theatrical releases and direct-to-video releases. Television revenues are primarily derived from the licensing of our motion picture product to the domestic cable, free and pay television markets. International revenues are derived from the licensing of our productions and acquired films to international markets on a territory-by-territory basis.

Television, which includes the licensing to domestic and international markets of one-hour drama series, television movies and non-fiction programming.

Animation, which includes an interest in Cin Groupe Corporation, a producer and distributor of animated feature films and television programming.

Studio Facilities, which includes Lions Gate Studios and the leased facility Eagle Creek Studios, which derive revenue from rental of sound stages, production offices, construction mills, storage facilities and lighting equipment to film and television producers.

Our primary operating expenses include the following:

Direct Operating Expenses, which include amortization of production or acquisition costs, bad debt expense and participation and residual expenses.

Distribution and Marketing Expenses, which primarily include the costs of theatrical prints and advertising and of video and DVD duplication and marketing.

General and Administration Expenses, which primarily include salaries and other overhead.

The functional currency of our business, based on the economic environment in which we primarily generate and expend cash, is the Canadian dollar and the U.S. dollar for the Canadian and U.S.-based businesses, respectively. Commencing with the period beginning April 1, 2002, condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars, as a substantial component of our operations are domiciled in the U.S. and the principal market for trading of our common shares is the American Stock Exchange. The functional currencies of each of the Company's operations in the United States and Canada are unchanged.

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### **Recent Developments**

*Sale of Common Shares.* In October 2003, the Company sold 28,750,000 common shares at a public offering price of \$2.70 per share and received \$73.5 million of net proceeds, after deducting underwriting expenses. The Company incurred offering expenses of \$0.5 million.

*Issuance of Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes.* In December 2003, Lions Gate Entertainment Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company sold \$60.0 million of 4.875% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes ( Subordinated Notes ) with a maturity date of December 15, 2010. In December 2003, the Company received \$57 million of net proceeds, after paying placement agents' fees. The Company incurred offering expenses of \$0.3 million. The Subordinated Notes are convertible, at the option of the holder, at any time prior to maturity into common shares of Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. The conversion feature is valued at \$16.4 million, net of placement agents' fees and offering costs, and is classified as contributed surplus.

*Credit Facility.* On December 15, 2003, the Company and JP Morgan Chase Bank Inc. ( JP Morgan ) entered into an Amended and Restated Credit, Security, Guaranty and Pledge Agreement for a \$350 million credit facility consisting of a \$135 million five-year term loan and a \$215 million five-year revolving credit facility. The credit facility was used to finance our acquisition of Artisan, as referred to below, refinance indebtedness of the Company and for general business purposes.

*Merger.* On December 15, 2003, the Company acquired Film Holdings Co., the parent company of Artisan, by means of a merger of a subsidiary of the Company with and into Film Holding Co., pursuant to which Film Holdings Co. is the surviving corporation and a subsidiary of the Company. The purchase price of \$169.5 million consists of \$160 million in cash and direct transaction costs of \$9.5 million. The purchase price was allocated \$67.2 million to net assets acquired and \$102.3 million to goodwill based on a preliminary estimation of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The consolidated financial statements and the management's discussion and analysis of financial conditions and results included in the 10-Q include the results of Artisan from December 16 onwards. Due to the merger, the Company's results of operations for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 are not directly comparable to its results in other reporting periods.

*CinéGroupe.* We have a 29.4% ownership interest and majority voting power in CinéGroupe Corporation (together with its subsidiaries, CinéGroupe ), a Canadian animation company. CinéGroupe was unable to meet its financial obligations in the ordinary course of business and, as a result, has sought protection from its creditors. Pursuant to a petition filed by CinéGroupe, the Superior Court of the District of Montreal issued on December 22, 2003, an Initial Order pursuant to the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act. Pursuant to this order, all proceedings by CinéGroupe's creditors are suspended. This order was subsequently renewed and extended by virtue of a second order issued on January 21, 2004, pursuant to which CinéGroupe was granted until March 21, 2004, to file a plan of arrangement with its creditors or to ask the Court for another extension to do so. If a plan of arrangement is filed, CinéGroupe's creditors will be called upon to vote upon the plan at a meeting convened for this purpose. If the plan is approved during this meeting by a majority in number representing two-thirds in the value of the creditors, or class of creditors, the plan will then be presented to the court for approval. If the plan is approved and thereafter implemented, CinéGroupe's liabilities and obligations will be compromised in accordance with the plan, thereby allowing for CinéGroupe's successful restructuring. If no plan is filed, approved or implemented, CinéGroupe will then likely be declared bankrupt and/or be liquidated. Given that there can be no assurance that the plan will be accepted, CinéGroupe recorded a \$9.9 million write-down in assets, primarily in investment in films and television programs and property and equipment. We have disclosed this as write-down in animation assets in the statements of operations in the Company's accompanying financial statements.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The application of the following accounting policies, which are important to our financial position and results of operations, requires significant judgments and estimates on the part of management. For a summary of all of our significant accounting policies, including the accounting policies discussed below, see note 2 to the

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March 31, 2003 audited consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year then ended.

*Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.* Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP, which conforms, in all material respects, with U.S. GAAP, except as described in note 12 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. The U.S. dollar and the Canadian dollar are the functional currencies of our U.S. and Canadian-based businesses, respectively. Commencing with the period beginning April 1, 2002, our consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars as a substantial component of our operations are domiciled in the U.S. and the primary market for trading volume of our common shares is on the American Stock Exchange. Prior to April 1, 2002, our consolidated financial statements were presented in Canadian dollars. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in both Canada and the U.S., the financial statements of Canadian-based subsidiaries are translated for consolidation purposes using current exchange rates, with translation adjustments accumulated in a separate component of shareholders' equity. The functional currencies of each of the Company's operations in the United States and Canada are unchanged.

*Accounting for Films and Television Programs.* In June 2000, the Accounting Standards Executive Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants issued Statement of Position 00-2 - Accounting by Producers or Distributors of Films (SoP 00-2). SoP 00-2 established accounting standards for producers or distributors of films, including revenue recognition, capitalization and amortization of costs of acquiring films and television programs and accounting for exploitation costs, including advertising and marketing expenses.

We elected early adoption of SoP 00-2 and retroactively adopted SoP 00-2 effective as of April 1, 2000. We also elected to adopt SoP 00-2 for Canadian GAAP purposes. The prior years' financial statements were not restated, as the effect of the policy on the prior periods was deemed not reasonably determinable. Accordingly, opening accumulated deficit for the year ended March 31, 2001 was increased to reflect the cumulative effect of the accounting change in the amount of \$40.7 million (net of income taxes of \$1.5 million). The principal changes as a result of applying SoP 00-2 are as follows:

Advertising and marketing costs, which were previously capitalized to investment in films and television programs on the balance sheet and amortized using the individual film forecast method, are now expensed the first time the advertising takes place.

The capitalization of production costs for episodic television series is limited to revenue that has been contracted for on an episode-by-episode basis until such time as the criteria for recognizing secondary market revenues are met.

We capitalize costs of production, including financing costs, to investment in motion pictures and television programs. These costs are amortized to direct operating expenses in accordance with SoP 00-2. These costs are stated at the lower of unamortized motion picture or television program costs or fair value. These costs for an individual motion picture or television program are amortized in the proportion that current period actual revenues bear to management's estimates of the total revenue expected to be received from such motion picture or television program over a period not to exceed ten years from the date of delivery. Management regularly reviews, and revises when necessary, its total revenue estimates, which may result in a change in the rate of amortization and/or write-down of all or a portion of the unamortized costs of the motion picture or television program to its fair value. No assurance can be given that unfavorable changes to revenue estimates will not occur, which may result in significant write-downs affecting our results of operations and financial condition.

*Revenue Recognition.* Revenue from the sale or licensing of motion pictures and television programs is recognized upon meeting all recognition requirements of SoP 00-2. Revenue from the theatrical release of motion pictures is recognized at the time of exhibition based on the company's participation in box office receipts. Revenue from the sale of DVDs in the retail market, net of an allowance for estimated returns, is recognized on the later of shipment to the customer or street date (when it is available for sale by the customer). Under revenue sharing arrangements, rental revenue is recognized when we are entitled to receipts.

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and such receipts are determinable. Revenues from television licensing are recognized when the motion picture or television program is available to the licensee for telecast. For television licenses that include separate availability windows during the license period, revenue is allocated over the windows. Revenue from sales of international territories are recognized when the feature film or television program is delivered to the distributor for exploitation or is available to the distributor and no conditions for delivery exist, which under most sales contracts requires that full payment has been received from the distributor. For contracts that provide for rights to exploit a program on multiple media (e.g. theatrical, video, television) with a fee for a single motion picture or television program where the contract specifies the permissible timing of release to various media, the fee is allocated to the various media based on management's assessment of the relative fair value of the rights to exploit each media and is recognized as the program is released to each media. For multiple-title contracts with a fee, the fee is allocated on a title-by-title basis, based on management's assessment of the relative fair value of each title. Rental revenue from short-term operating leases of studio facilities is recognized over the term of the lease. Cash payments received are recorded as deferred revenue until all the conditions of revenue recognition have been met. We accrue for video returns and provide for allowances in the financial statements based on previous returns and our allowances history on a title-by-title basis in each of the video businesses.

**Income Taxes.** The Company recognizes future income tax assets and liabilities for the expected future income tax consequences of transactions that have been included in the financial statements or income tax returns. Future income taxes are provided for using the liability method. Under the liability method, future income taxes are recognized for all significant temporary differences between the tax and financial statement bases of assets and liabilities.

**Goodwill.** In November 2001, the CICA released Handbook Section 3062, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, to be applied by companies for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2002. Early adoption of CICA 3062 was permitted for companies with their fiscal year beginning on or after April 1, 2001, provided the first interim period financial statements had not been previously issued. We elected to early-adopt CICA 3062 on April 1, 2001. Under CICA 3062, goodwill is no longer amortized but is reviewed annually for impairment, or more frequently if impairment indicators arise, unless certain criteria have been met. CICA 3062 is similar, in many respects, to SFAS 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, under U.S. GAAP. Goodwill is required to be tested for impairment between the annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that more-likely-than-not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value.

## **Results of Operations**

### ***Three Months Ended December 31, 2003 Compared to Three Months Ended December 31, 2002***

Consolidated revenues for the three months ended December 31, 2003 of \$77.4 million increased \$15.5 million, or 25.0%, compared to \$61.9 million in the comparable period.

Motion pictures revenue of \$54.2 million this quarter increased \$10.6 million, or 24.3%, compared to \$43.6 million in the prior year's quarter. Theatrical revenue of \$2.9 million decreased \$0.3 million, or 9.4%, compared to \$3.2 million in the prior year's quarter. Significant theatrical releases in the current quarter are *Shattered Glass*, *Girl With A Pearl Earring*, *Wonderland* and *The Cooler* with revenue of approximately \$2.0 million. The most significant theatrical releases in the prior year's quarter were *Rules of Attraction* and *Secretary* with revenue of \$2.7 million. Video revenue of \$38.4 million increased \$12.3 million, or 47.1%, this quarter compared to \$26.1 million in the prior year's quarter. Significant video releases in the current quarter included *The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer*, *The Anna Nicole Show*, *Leprechaun Back 2 Tha Hood*, *Saturday Night Live: The Best of Chris Farley* and *Beyond Reanimator* with revenue of \$4.2 million. Video releases in previous quarters that continued to contribute significant revenues in the current quarter or were re-promoted in the current quarter include *Saturday Night Live: The Best of Will Ferrell*, *Will & Grace*, *House of 1000 Corpses*, *Saved By The Bell*, *Barbie of Swan Lake*, *Dirty Dancing*, *Reservoir Dogs* and *Confidence* with revenue of \$10.5 million. Significant video releases in the prior year's quarter included *Liberty Stands Still*, *Lovely and Amazing*, *Double Whammy* and *Wise Girls* with revenue of \$5.3 million. International revenue of

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\$9.4 million increased \$0.1 million, or 1.1%, compared to \$9.3 million in the prior year's quarter. The most significant international revenues earned in the current quarter were for *Wonderland*, *Confidence*, *Shattered Glass* and *Cat's Meow* with revenue of \$6.2 million. The most significant international revenue in the prior year's quarter was for *Cube 2*, *Rules of Attraction* and *Liberty Stands Still* with revenue of \$5.6 million. Television revenue from motion pictures of \$3.0 million decreased \$4.4 million, or 59.5%, this quarter compared to \$7.4 million in the prior year's quarter. The prior year's quarter included license fee revenue for *Monster's Ball*.

Television production revenue of \$17.1 million this quarter increased by \$4.9 million, or 40.2%, from \$12.2 million in the prior year's quarter, due primarily to an increase in the number of hours of one-hour drama series delivered during the current quarter. In the current quarter, 8.0 hours of one-hour drama series were delivered domestically contributing revenue of \$7.7 million, international and other revenue on one-hour drama series contributed revenue of \$3.6 million, television movies contributed revenue of \$1.1 million, video releases of television product contributed \$0.1 million and 30.5 hours of non-fiction programming were delivered contributing revenue of \$4.3 million. In the prior year's quarter, 2 hours of one-hour drama series were delivered domestically contributing revenue of \$2.2 million, international and other revenue on one-hour drama series contributed revenue of \$1.4 million, television movies contributed revenue of \$1.6 million, video releases of television product contributed \$2.2 million and 22.5 hours of non-fiction programming were delivered contributing revenue of \$4.5 million. Domestic deliveries of one-hour drama series in the current quarter included *I 800 Missing* and in the prior year's quarter included *Dead Zone*.

In animation, CinéGroupe's revenue of \$4.6 million this quarter decreased \$0.3 million, or 6.1%, compared to \$4.9 million in the prior year's quarter. The current quarter included 19.0 half-hours of television programming deliveries and the prior year's quarter included 20.0 half-hours of television programming deliveries.

Studio facilities revenue of \$1.6 million in the current quarter increased \$0.4 million, or 33.3%, compared to \$1.2 million in the prior year's quarter due primarily to an increase in rental rates and occupancy rates.

Direct operating expenses include amortization, bad debt expense, participation and residual expenses. Direct operating expenses of \$47.3 million this quarter were 61.1% of revenue, compared to direct operating expenses of \$28.7 million, which were 46.4% of revenue in the prior year's quarter. Direct operating expenses as a percent of revenue increased primarily due to lower margin motion picture titles in the current quarter, the inclusion of Artisan's direct operating expenses and an increase in bad debt expense primarily in animation as certain receivables are determined not to be collectible.

In the current quarter, we increased the provision for doubtful accounts by \$8.6 million to \$15.1 million at December 31, 2003 compared to \$6.5 million at September 30, 2003. The increase in the provision is primarily due to the addition of Artisan's provision at December 31, 2003.

Distribution and marketing expenses of \$36.9 million this quarter increased by \$13.7 million, or 59.1%, compared to \$23.2 million in the prior year's quarter. Theatrical P&A this quarter was \$8.0 million, compared to \$12.9 million in the prior year's quarter. Theatrical P&A in the current quarter included significant expenditures on *Shattered Glass*, *The Cooler*, *Wonderland*, *Girl With A Pearl Earring* and *Godsend*. Video distribution and marketing costs on motion picture and television product this quarter was \$26.5 million, compared to \$8.4 million in the prior year's quarter. Video distribution and marketing costs in the current quarter included significant expenditures on *The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer*, *Cabin Fever*, *Dirty Dancing*, *The Anna Nicole Show*, *Will & Grace*, *Saved By The Bell*, *Confidence*, *House of the Dead* and *Hot Wheels: World Race* and in the prior year's quarter included *Liberty Stands Still*, *Lovely and Amazing* and *Dead Zone*.

General and administration expenses of \$9.4 million this quarter compare to \$8.9 million of expenses in the prior year's quarter. In the current quarter production overhead of \$0.7 million is capitalized to investment in films and television programs. Due to increased internal production spending on films and television programs, the Company began to capitalize production overhead from the beginning of fiscal 2004. Without capitalized production overhead, general and administrative expenses increased \$1.2 million quarter-over-quarter, primarily due to the inclusion of Artisan expenses of \$0.6 million from the date of acquisition, and

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increase in professional fees primarily associated with amending our JP Morgan credit facility and an increase in salaries and benefits.

Severance and relocation costs of \$5.9 million represent costs incurred by Lions Gate, associated with the acquisition of Artisan, which include property lease abandonment costs of \$2.8 million, the write-off of capital assets no longer in use of \$2.1 million and severance of \$1.0 million.

Write-down of animation assets of \$9.9 million are costs associated with the restructuring of CinéGroupe's operations, which include write-down of projects in development, work in progress and completed projects in investment in films and television programs of \$9.4 million, write-down of capital assets of \$0.4 million and write-down of other investments of \$0.1 million.

Depreciation and amortization of \$1.3 million this quarter increased by \$0.2 million, or 18.2%, compared to \$1.1 million in the prior year's quarter. The increase is due to Artisan's amortization expense of \$0.2 million included from the date of acquisition.

Interest expense is \$5.3 million this quarter compared to \$2.3 million of interest expense in the prior year's quarter. In the current quarter \$0.3 million interest is capitalized to production costs, compared to \$0.1 million in the prior year's quarter, resulting from an increase in production financed by the credit facility in this quarter. Without capitalized interest, interest expense increased \$3.2 million, or 125.0%, over the prior year's quarter. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to the write-off of deferred financing costs of \$2.4 million associated with the previous credit facility which was repaid during the current quarter; interest, amortization of deferred financing costs and accretion on Subordinated Notes issued during the current quarter of \$0.5 million; and an increase in interest expense on the credit facility due to an increase in the credit facility balance and in the effective interest rate quarter-over-quarter.

Net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2003 was \$29.8 million or loss per share of \$0.36 on 84.4 million weighted average common shares outstanding (after giving effect to the Series A preferred share dividends and accretion on the Series A preferred shares). This compares to net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2002 of \$2.3 million or loss per share of \$0.07 on 43.2 million weighted average common shares outstanding (after giving effect to the Series A preferred share dividends and accretion on the Series A preferred shares).

Under U.S. GAAP, the net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2003 was \$37.4 million. The loss under U.S. GAAP is more than under Canadian GAAP, due primarily to a provision for investment in a subsidiary. Under U.S. GAAP, the Company does not consolidate CinéGroupe and has recorded a provision of \$8.0 million against the Company's investment, debentures and other receivables due from CinéGroupe as CinéGroupe is unable to meet its financial obligations in the ordinary course of business and is restructuring its operations (see further discussion in the overview section). Refer to note 12 of our accompanying financial statements.

### ***Nine months Ended December 31, 2003 Compared to Nine months Ended December 31, 2002***

Consolidated revenues for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 of \$232.1 million decreased \$1.8 million, or 0.8%, compared to \$233.9 million in the comparable period.

Motion pictures revenue of \$166.6 million this period increased \$3.3 million, or 2.0%, compared to \$163.3 million in the prior period. Theatrical revenue of \$20.2 million increased \$7.2 million, or 55.4%, compared to \$13.0 million in the prior period. Significant theatrical releases in the current period included *Cabin Fever*, *House of 1000 Corpses* and *Confidence* with revenue of approximately \$17.4 million. The most significant theatrical releases in the prior period were *Rules of Attraction* and *Frailty* with revenue of approximately \$5.6 million. Video revenue of \$111.7 million increased \$1.9 million, or 1.7% this period, compared to \$109.8 million in the prior period. Significant video releases in the current period included *Confidence*, *House of 1000 Corpses*, *Will & Grace* and *Secretary* with revenue of \$33.0 million. Significant video releases in the prior period included *Frailty*, *Monster's Ball*, *State Property* and *Rose Red* with revenue of \$56.8 million. International revenue of \$24.2 million increased \$2.6 million, or 12.0%, compared to \$21.6 million in the prior period. The most significant international revenues in the current period were for

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*Confidence*, *Cabin Fever* and *Wonderland* with revenue of \$11.9 million. The most significant international revenue in the prior period was for *Monster s Ball*, *Frailty*, *Rules of Attraction* and *Cube 2* with revenue of \$10.9 million. Television revenue from motion pictures of \$7.3 million decreased \$8.5 million, or 53.8%, this period compared to \$15.8 million in the prior period. The prior period included the pay television license fee for *Monster s Ball*.

Television production revenue of \$51.7 million this period increased by \$9.5 million, or 22.5%, from \$42.2 million in the prior period, due primarily to an increase in television movie and video revenue, partially offset by a decrease in one-hour series and non-fiction programming revenue. In the current period, 24.0 hours of one-hour drama series were delivered domestically contributing revenue of \$24.1 million, international and other revenue on one-hour drama series contributed revenue of \$9.2 million, television movies contributed revenue of \$7.6 million, video releases of television product contributed \$2.3 million and 62.0 hours of non-fiction programming were delivered contributing revenue of \$7.5 million. In the prior period, 26.0 hours of one-hour drama series were delivered domestically contributing revenue of \$14.6 million, international and other revenue on one-hour drama series contributed revenue of \$14.5 million, television movies contributed revenue of \$2.7 million and 51.0 hours of non-fiction programming were delivered contributing revenue of \$9.6 million. Domestic deliveries of one-hour drama series in the current period included *I-800 Missing* and *Dead Zone* and in the prior period included *Dead Zone*, *Tracker* and *No Boundaries*.

In animation, CinéGroupe s revenue of \$8.9 million this period decreased \$15.6 million, or 63.7%, compared to \$24.5 million in the prior period. The current period included 32.0 half-hours of television programming deliveries and the prior period included 72.0 half-hours of television programming deliveries.

Studio facilities revenue of \$4.9 million in the current period increased \$0.9 million, or 22.5%, compared to \$4.0 million in the prior period due primarily to an increase in rental rates and occupancy rates.

Direct operating expenses include amortization, bad debt expense, participation and residual expenses. Direct operating expenses of \$122.5 million this period were 52.8% of revenue, compared to direct operating expenses of \$118.5 million, which were 50.7% of revenue in the prior period. Direct operating expenses as a percent of revenue increased as the prior period included high margin motion picture releases, such as *Monster s Ball*, and the current period included increased bad debt expenses primarily in animation as certain receivables were determined not to be collectible. This was offset by a decrease in television direct operating expenses as a percentage of revenue as the current period included higher margin television series and television movie releases, the release of television titles on video and additionally the prior period included write-downs on *Tracker*.

In the current period, we increased the provision for doubtful accounts by \$7.4 million to \$15.1 million at December 31, 2003 compared to \$7.7 million at March 31, 2003. The increase in the provision is primarily due to the addition of Artisan s provision at December 31, 2003.

Distribution and marketing expenses of \$109.2 million this period increased by \$31.6 million, or 40.7%, compared to \$77.6 million in the prior period. Theatrical P&A this period was \$46.3 million, compared to \$32.7 million in the prior period. Theatrical P&A in the current period included significant expenditures on titles such as *Cabin Fever*, *Confidence* and *House of 1000 Corpses* and in the prior period on *Rules of Attraction* and *Frailty*. Video distribution and marketing costs on motion picture and television product this period were \$56.8 million, compared to \$39.9 million in the prior period. Marketing and duplication costs in the current period included significant expenditure on titles such as *Confidence*, *House of 1000 Corpses*, *Will & Grace* and *Secretary* and in the prior period on *Frailty* and *Monster s Ball*.

General and administration expenses of \$25.2 million this period compare to expenses of \$24.2 million in the prior period. In the current period, \$2.1 million of production overhead was capitalized to investment in films and television programs. Due to increased internal production spending on films and television programs, the Company began to capitalize production overhead from the beginning of fiscal 2004. Without capitalized production overhead, general and administrative expenses increased \$3.1 million period-over-period, primarily due to the inclusion of Artisan expenses of \$0.6 million from the date of acquisition, an increase in professional fees primarily associated with the amended JP Morgan credit facility and an increase in salaries and benefits.

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Severance and relocation costs of \$5.9 million represent costs incurred by Lions Gate, associated with the acquisition of Artisan, which include property lease abandonment costs of \$2.8 million, the write-off of capital assets no longer in use of \$2.1 million and severance of \$1.0 million.

Write-down of animation assets of \$9.9 million are costs associated with the restructuring of CinéGroupe's operations, which include write-down of projects in development, work in progress and completed projects in investment in films and television programs of \$9.4 million, write-down of capital assets of \$0.4 million and write-down of other investments of \$0.1 million.

Depreciation and amortization of \$3.4 million this period increased by \$0.1 million, or 3.0%, compared to \$3.3 million in the prior period. The increase is due to Artisan's amortization expense of \$0.2 million included from the date of acquisition.

Interest expense is \$10.3 million this period compared to \$7.5 million of interest expense in the prior period. The current period includes \$1.0 million interest capitalized to production costs, compared to \$0.1 million in the prior period resulting from an increase in production financed by the revolving credit facility in this period. Without capitalized interest, interest expense increased \$3.7 million, or 46.7%, over the prior period. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to the write off of deferred financing costs of \$2.4 million associated with the previous credit facility which was repaid during the current period; interest, amortization of deferred financing costs and accretion on Subordinated Notes issued during the current quarter of \$0.3 million; and an increase in interest expense on the credit facility due to an increase in the credit facility balance and in the effective interest rate period-over-period.

Other equity interests for the period include \$0.2 million equity interest in the loss of CinemaNow, which represents 55% of the losses of CinemaNow. During the quarter ending March 31, 2003, the Company purchased \$0.4 million of Series C Convertible Preferred Shares of CinemaNow as part of a CinemaNow round of financing. The round of financing and conversion of a debenture decreased the Company's voting and economic interests from 63% to 55%. As a result of the new investment in CinemaNow, the Company recorded equity interest in the loss of CinemaNow from the date of the new investment. Other equity interests for the period also includes \$0.1 equity interest in Christal Films Distribution Inc. ( Christal ), which consists of 75% of the net income of Christal compared to \$0.5 million equity interests in Christal for the prior period.

Net loss for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 was \$43.2 million or loss per share of \$0.70 on 63.6 million weighted average common shares outstanding (after giving effect to the Series A preferred share dividends and accretion on the Series A preferred shares). This compares to net income for the nine months ended December 31, 2002 of \$1.7 million or loss per share of \$0.02 on 43.2 million weighted average common shares outstanding (after giving effect to the Series A preferred share dividends and accretion on the Series A preferred shares).

Under U.S. GAAP, the net loss for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 was \$50.5 million. The loss under U.S. GAAP is more than under Canadian GAAP, due primarily to a provision for investment in a subsidiary. Under U.S. GAAP, the Company does not consolidate CinéGroupe and has recorded a provision of \$8.0 million against the Company's investment and debenture and other receivables due from CinéGroupe as CinéGroupe is unable to meet its financial obligations in the ordinary course of business and is restructuring its operations (see further discussion in the overview section). Refer to note 12 of our accompanying financial statements.

## **EBITDA**

EBITDA, defined as earnings before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization and minority interests of negative \$32.0 million for the three months ended December 31, 2003 decreased \$33.1 million compared to EBITDA of \$1.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2002. EBITDA of negative \$40.7 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2003 decreased \$54.7 million compared to EBITDA of \$14.0 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2002.

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EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. Management believes EBITDA to be a meaningful indicator of our performance that provides useful information to investors regarding our financial condition and results of operations. Presentation of EBITDA is consistent with our past practice, and EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure commonly used in the entertainment industry and by financial analysts and others who follow the industry to measure operating performance. While management considers EBITDA to be an important measure of comparative operating performance, it should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, operating income (loss), net income (loss) and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. EBITDA does not reflect cash available to fund cash requirements. Not all companies calculate EBITDA in the same manner and the measure as presented may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures presented by other companies.

The following table reconciles EBITDA to net income (loss):

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2003	Three Months Ended December 31, 2002	Nine months Ended December 31, 2003	Nine months Ended December 31, 2002
(Amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)				
EBITDA, as defined				
\$ (32,013) \$ 1,059 \$ (40,701) \$ 14,024				
Depreciation and amortization				
(1,280) (1,087) (3,391) (3,260)				
Interest				
(5,317) (2,288) (10,251) (7,503)				
Minority interests				
6,986 51 9,042 (580)				
Income taxes				
1,861 13 2,128 (1,029)				
Net income (loss)				
\$ (29,763) \$ (2,252) \$ (43,173) \$ 1,652				

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our liquidity and capital resources are provided principally through cash generated from operations and sale of common shares and debt instruments, a \$350 million credit facility with JP Morgan and production loans and other long-term debt.

*Bank loans.* On December 15, 2003, the Company and JP Morgan entered into an Amended and Restated Credit, Security, Guaranty and Pledge Agreement for a \$350 million five-year secured credit facility consisting of a \$200 million U.S. dollar-denominated revolving credit facility, a \$15 million Canadian dollar-denominated revolving credit facility and a \$135 million U.S. dollar-denominated term loan. The credit

facility was used to finance our acquisition of Artisan, refinance indebtedness of the Company and for general business purposes. The credit facility expires December 31, 2008 and bears interest in the case of revolving credit facility loans at 2.75% over the Adjusted LIBOR or the Canadian Bankers Acceptance rate, or 1.75% over the U.S. or Canadian prime rates and in the case of term loan at 3.25% over the Adjusted LIBOR, or 2.25% over the U.S. prime rates. The principal amount of the term loan is payable in four annual installments of \$20 million and a fifth installment of \$55 million payable on the last business day of December commencing in December 2004. Once repaid, amounts constituting the term loan commitment may not be reborrowed. The availability of funds under the credit facility is limited by the borrowing base, which is calculated on a monthly basis. The borrowing base assets at December 31, 2003 totaled \$381.2 million and we had drawn \$264.0 million of our \$350 million credit facility. At December 31, 2003, the credit facility has an average variable interest rate of 4.15% on principal of \$129.0 million under the U.S. dollar credit facility, and an average variable interest rate of 4.43% on principal of \$135.0 million under the term loan. The Company has not drawn on the Canadian dollar credit facility as of December 31, 2003. The Company is required to pay a monthly commitment fee of 0.50% on the total revolving credit facilities of \$350.0 million less the amount drawn. The Company entered into a \$100 million interest rate swap at an interest rate of 3.08%, commencing January 2003 and ending September 2005. The swap is in effect as long as three month LIBOR is less than 5.0%. Fair market value of the interest rate swap at December 31, 2003 is \$2.2 million. Unrecognized fair valuation gains for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 amount to \$0.7 million and \$1.0 million. Our credit facility contains various covenants, including limitations on indebtedness, dividends,

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capital expenditures and overhead costs, and maintenance of certain financial ratios. There can be no assurances that we will remain in compliance with such covenants or other conditions under our credit facility in the future.

*Filmed Entertainment Backlog.* Backlog represents the amount of future revenue not yet recorded from executed contracts for the licensing of motion pictures and television product for television exhibition and in international markets. Backlog at December 31, 2003 was \$108.7 million. Artisan contributed \$47.0 million of backlog at December 31, 2003.

*Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities.* Cash flows used in operating activities in the nine months ended December 31, 2003 were \$34.1 million compared to cash flows provided by operating activities of \$3.7 million in the nine months ended December 31, 2002. The decrease in cash flow from operating activities is primarily a result of the decline in operating results, an increase in accounts receivable and a decrease in accounts payable, partially offset by a decrease in other assets. These balances exclude Artisan's balances as of the date of acquisition.

*Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities.* Cash flows provided by financing activities in the nine months ended December 31, 2003 were \$188.8 million compared to cash flows used in financing activities of \$7.6 million in the nine months ended December 31, 2002 due primarily to proceeds from the issuance of common shares and subordinated notes and an increase in funds from the JP Morgan credit facility, offset by payment for the repurchase of Series A preferred shares, payment of financing fees and repayment of production loans and long-term debt.

*Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities.* Cash flows used in investing activities in the nine months ended December 31, 2003 were \$150.1 million, compared to cash flows provided by investing activities of \$4.7 million in the nine months ended December 31, 2002. Cash flows used in investing activities in the nine months ended December 31, 2003 were primarily for the acquisition of Artisan consisting of \$169.5 million purchase price less cash acquired of \$19.9 million. Cash flows provided by investing activities in the nine months ended December 31, 2002 were from cash received from a discontinued operation, offset by the purchase of capital assets.

*Anticipated cash requirements.* The nature of our business is such that significant initial expenditures are required to produce and acquire motion pictures and television programs, while revenues from these motion pictures and television programs are earned over an extended period of time after their completion or acquisition. As our operations grow, our financing requirements are expected to grow and management projects the continued use of cash in operating activities and therefore we are dependent on continued access to external sources of financing. We believe that cash flow from operations, cash on hand, credit lines available, tax shelter and production loan financing available will be adequate to meet known operational cash requirements for the foreseeable future, including the funding of future motion picture and television production, motion picture rights acquisitions, and theatrical and video release schedules. We monitor our cash flow, interest coverage, liquidity, capital base and debt-to-total capital ratios with the long-term goal of maintaining our creditworthiness.

Our current financing strategy is to finance corporate operations and to leverage investment in motion picture and television programs through equity, operating credit facilities and single-purpose production financing. We usually obtain financing commitments, including, in some cases, funds from government incentive programs and foreign distribution commitments. These commitments have averaged at least 70% of the budgeted third-party costs of a project before commencing production. In addition, we may acquire businesses or assets, including individual films or libraries that are complementary to our business. Such a transaction could be financed through equity, cash flow from operations or debt facilities.

Principal debt repayments due during the following twelve months ending December 31, 2004 of \$46.9 million consist primarily of \$20 million of term loans on the JP Morgan credit facility due December 2004, \$13.1 million of production loans and \$5.1 million of German tax shelter financings. Production loans are secured by accounts receivable, which we expect to collect and use for repayment of

Our Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes with principal of \$60 million are entitled to interest at 4.875%, payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15, beginning on June 15, 2004. Interest payable for the following twelve months ending December 31, 2004 is \$2.9 million.

*Commitments.* The table below presents future commitments under contractual obligations and commercial commitments at December 31, 2003 by expected maturity date.

(Amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

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**Item 3. *Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.***  
**Currency and Interest Rate Risk Management**

Market risks relating to our operations result primarily from changes in interest rates and changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Our exposure to interest rate risk results from the financial debt instruments that arise from transactions entered into during the normal course of business. As part of our overall risk management program, we evaluate and manage our exposure to changes in interest rates and currency exchange risks on an ongoing basis. We may use hedges and derivative financial instruments in the future, within guidelines approved or to be approved by the Board of Directors for counterpart exposure, limits and hedging practices, in order to manage our interest rate and currency exposure. We have no intention of entering into financial derivative contracts, other than to hedge a specific financial risk.

*Currency Rate Risk.* We incur certain operating and production costs in foreign currencies and are subject to market risks resulting from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. Our principal currency exposure is between Canadian and U.S. dollars, although this exposure has been mitigated through the structuring of the revolving credit facility as a \$15 million Canadian dollar-denominated credit facility and a \$200 million U.S. dollar-denominated credit facility. Each facility is borrowed and repaid in the respective country of origin, in local currency. We also enter into foreign exchange contracts to hedge future production expenses denominated in Canadian dollars. Gains and losses on the foreign exchange contracts are capitalized and recorded as production costs when the gains and losses are realized. During the nine months ended December 31, 2003, we completed foreign exchange contracts denominated in Canadian dollars. The net gains resulting from the completed contracts for the three and nine months ended December 31, 2003 amounted to \$0.1 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. As at December 31, 2003, we had contracts to sell US\$18.1 million in exchange for Canadian \$24.3 million over a period of 22 weeks at a weighted average exchange rate of 1.34. Net unrecognized gains at December 31, 2003 amounted to \$0.7 million. These contracts are entered into with

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a major financial institution as counterpart. The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterpart, which is limited to the cost of replacing the contracts, at current market rates. These forward exchange contracts do not subject us to risk from exchange rate movements because gains and losses on the contracts offset losses and gains on the transactions being hedged. No collateral or other security was pledged as security to support these financial instruments. We currently intend to continue to enter into such contracts to hedge against future material foreign currency exchange rate risks.

**Interest Rate Risk.** We are exposed to cash flow risk due to changes in market interest rates related to our outstanding debt. For example, our credit facilities, production loans and some of our long-term debt bears interest on borrowings outstanding at various time intervals and at market rates based on either the Canadian prime rate or the U.S. prime rate, plus a margin ranging from -0.08% to 4.0%. Our principal risk with respect to our debt is interest rate risk, to the extent not mitigated by the interest rate swap. We entered into a \$100.0 million interest rate swap at an interest rate of 3.08%, commencing January 2003 and ending September 2005. The swap is in effect as long as three month LIBOR is less than 5.0%. Fair market value of the interest rate swap at December 31, 2003 is \$2.2 million. Unrecognized fair valuation gains for the three months and nine months ended December 31, 2003 amount to \$0.7 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.

The table below presents principal debt repayments and related weighted average interest rates for our credit facilities and other debt obligations at December 31, 2003 by expected maturity date.

**Expected Maturity Date Year Ended March 31,**

<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>
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(Amounts in thousands of U.S. dollars)

**Bank Loans:**

Variable(1)  
\$ 20,000 20,000 20,000 20,000 \$184,017  
Variable(2)  
4,242 808

**Other Debt:**

Fixed(3)  
1,728 1,189 16,588  
Fixed(4)  
5,085 5,513 8,212  
Fixed(5)  
804 716  
Variable(6)  
14,812 471 259 95 95 95  
Fixed(7)  
60,000  
Fixed(8)  
5,000

\$24,943 \$21,995 \$32,500 \$28,307 \$21,284 \$260,700

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- (1) Term loan and revolving credit facility, which expire December 31, 2008. Average variable interest rate on principal of \$135.0 million equal to U.S prime plus 0.43% and average variable interest rate on principal of \$129.0 million equal to U.S. prime plus 0.15%.
  - (2) Demand loans at Canadian prime plus 2% to 4% and lines of credit due September 1, 2004 and the earlier of December 21, 2004 or submission of a reorganization plan at Canadian prime plus 0% to 4%.
  - (3) Average fixed interest rate equal to 4.88%.
  - (4) Non interest-bearing.
  - (5) Average fixed interest rate equal to 10.8%.
  - (6) Majority consists of production loans secured by accounts receivable. Average variable interest rate on production loans equal to Canadian prime plus 1.52%.
  - (7) Subordinated notes with fixed interest rate equal to 4.875%. The difference of \$17.1 million between the principal amount due on maturity of \$60.0 million and the carrying value of \$42.9 million is included in contributed surplus and is being accreted over the remaining seven years to maturity. We have included the \$17.1 million in the debt repayment schedule above.
  - (8) Promissory notes with fixed interest rate equal to 7.5%.

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**Item 4.    *Controls and Procedures***

The term “disclosure controls and procedures” is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ). These rules refer to the controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within required time periods. As of December 31, 2003, the end of the period covered by this report, the Company had carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that such controls and procedures were effective. The Company reviews its disclosure controls and procedures on an ongoing basis and may from time to time make changes aimed at enhancing their effectiveness and to ensure that they evolve with the Company’s business.

**Table of Contents****PART II****Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

We are currently involved in an arbitration proceeding relating to our distribution of a motion picture. The plaintiff alleges that we did not release the film in accordance with the contract and has claimed damages for up to \$35 million. Closing arguments were held in October 2003. The arbitrator rendered an award in favor of the claimant for \$0.3 million that was paid by the Company in December 2003. The claimant has until March 2005 to make a motion to vacate the award. If the motion to vacate is granted and the matter is retried and we fail to prevail as we did in the first hearing on the key issues, this matter could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations of future periods. We deny these allegations and maintain that we acted within our rights.

**Item 6. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules, and Reports on Form 8-K.**

(a) Exhibits filed for Lions Gate through the filing of this Form 10-Q.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Documents</b>
3.1(1)	Articles of Incorporation
3.2(2)	Amendment to Articles of Incorporation providing the terms of the Series A Preferred Shares dated as of December 20, 1999
3.3(3)	Amendment to Articles of Incorporation providing the terms of the Series B Preferred Shares dated as of September 26, 2000
3.4(4)	Amendment to Articles of Incorporation to change the size of the Board of Directors dated as of September 12, 2001
3.5(5)	Amendment to Articles of Incorporation amending the terms of the Series A Preferred Shares dated as of September 10, 2003
4.1(1)	Trust Indenture between the Company and CIBC Mellon Trust Company dated as of April 15, 1998
4.2(2)	Warrant Indenture between the Company and CIBC Mellon Trust Company dated as of December 30, 1999
4.3(6)	Indenture dated as of December 3, 2003 among Lions Gate Entertainment Inc., Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. and JP Morgan Trust Company, National Association
4.4(6)	Form of 4.875% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2010
4.5(6)	Form of Guaranty of 4.875% Convertible Subordinated Notes Due 2010
10.1	Amended and Restated Credit, Security, Guaranty and Pledge Agreement, dated as of December 15, 2003 among Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., Lions Gate Entertainment Inc., the Guarantors referred to therein, the Lenders referred to therein, JP Morgan Chase Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank (Toronto Branch), Fleet National Bank and BNP Paribas dated as of December 15, 2003
10.2	Employment Agreement between the Company and Jon Feltheimer dated as of August 15, 2003
10.3	Employment Agreement between the Company and Michael Burns dated as of September 1, 2003
10.4	Contribution Agreement dated as of December 3, 2003, between Lions Gate Entertainment Inc. and Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.
31.1	Chief Executive Officer's Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Chief Financial Officer's Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.1	Chief Executive Officer's Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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Exhibit Number	Description of Documents
32.2	Chief Financial Officer's Certification Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998 (File No. 000-27730).
- (2) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000 (File No. 000-27730).
- (3) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 (File No. 1-14880).
- (4) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2001 (File No. 1-14880).
- (5) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3 as filed on September 25, 2003 (File No. 333-109101)

- (6) Incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed on December 5, 2003.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

(i) On October 7, 2003, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K regarding its engagement in discussions and activities with respect to possible acquisitions or business combinations.

(ii) On October 15, 2003, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K regarding the completion of the pricing for an offering of 25,000,000 common shares with respect to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-109101).

(iii) On October 27, 2003, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K announcing that the Company and Artisan Entertainment had entered into a definitive merger agreement.

(iv) On November 14, 2003, the Company furnished a report on Form 8-K attaching its press release dated November 14, 2003, announcing its financial results for its fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2003.

(v) On December 5, 2003, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K regarding the completion of the private placement of an aggregate amount of \$50 million of subsidiary Lions Gate Entertainment Inc.'s 4.875% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2010 in addition to the placement agents' exercise of their option to place an additional \$10 million aggregate amount of notes.

(vi) On December 30, 2003, the Company filed a report on Form 8-K announcing the acquisition of Films Holding Co., the parent company of Artisan Entertainment, and noting that it will file the required financial statements of the business acquired and pro forma financial information within 60 days thereafter.

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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.

LIONS GATE ENTERTAINMENT CORP.

By: /s/ JAMES KEEGAN

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James Keegan  
*Chief Financial Officer*

Date: February 17, 2003