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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 10-Q

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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2003 or

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

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

Commission file number 000-25621

**E-LOAN, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**77-0460084**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**6230 Stoneridge Mall Road  
Pleasanton, California 94588**

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

**(925) 241-2400**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

As of October 31, 2003, 61,953,118 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, were issued and outstanding.

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**2003**  
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## PART I -- FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### E-LOAN, INC. BALANCE SHEETS (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>December 31,</b>	<b>September 30,</b>
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		<b>(Unaudited)</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (includes \$2,500 of restricted cash).....	\$ 36,321	\$ 49,105
Loans held-for-sale.....	393,386	67,548
Accounts receivable, prepaids and other current assets.....	10,779	25,445
Total current assets.....	<u>440,486</u>	<u>142,098</u>
Fixed assets, net.....	6,262	10,280
Retained interests in auto loans - trading.....	3,969	10,838
Deposits.....	1,319	--
Total assets.....	<u>\$ 452,036</u>	<u>\$ 163,216</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Warehouse and other lines payable.....	\$ 383,647	\$ 60,782
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities.....	12,339	19,351
Capital lease obligation, current portion.....	10	--
Notes payable, current portion.....	--	2,650
Total current liabilities.....	<u>395,996</u>	<u>82,783</u>
Total liabilities.....	<u>395,996</u>	<u>82,783</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 14):		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, 5,000,000 \$0.001 par value shares authorized at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003; 0 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003.....	--	--
Common stock, 150,000,000 \$0.001 par value shares authorized at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003; 59,420,446 and 61,320,975 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003.....	59	61
Additional paid-in capital.....	262,194	264,158
Accumulated deficit.....	(206,213)	(183,786)
Total stockholders' equity.....	<u>56,040</u>	<u>80,433</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity.....	<u>\$ 452,036</u>	<u>\$ 163,216</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**E-LOAN, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Revenues (Note 12).....	\$ 28,437	\$ 43,776	\$ 70,188	\$ 125,649
Operating expenses:				
Operations (Note 13).....	15,283	19,066	37,462	56,590
Sales and marketing.....	6,484	11,890	17,759	31,815
Technology.....	1,436	2,002	4,105	5,982
General and administrative.....	1,687	2,064	4,667	6,794
Total operating expenses.....	<u>24,890</u>	<u>35,022</u>	<u>63,993</u>	<u>101,181</u>
Income from operations.....	3,547	8,754	6,195	24,468
Other income, net.....	<u>51</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>844</u>
Income before taxes.....	3,598	9,050	6,229	25,312
Income taxes.....	(508)	(1,032)	(592)	(2,885)
Net income.....	<u>\$ 3,090</u>	<u>\$ 8,018</u>	<u>\$ 5,637</u>	<u>\$ 22,427</u>
Net income per share:				
Basic.....	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.37</u>
Diluted.....	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.34</u>
Weighted-average shares - basic.....	<u>59,017</u>	<u>61,065</u>	<u>57,058</u>	<u>60,285</u>
Weighted-average shares - diluted.....	<u>59,625</u>	<u>67,142</u>	<u>60,028</u>	<u>65,972</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**E-LOAN, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income.....	\$ 5,637	\$ 22,427
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets.....	3,063	3,572
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Loans held-for-sale.....	(107,196)	325,838
Retained interests in auto loans - trading.....	(1,696)	(6,869)
Accounts receivable, prepaids and deposits.....	(8,818)	(13,347)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other payables.....	5,330	7,012
Net cash provided by operating activities.....	(103,680)	338,633
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of fixed assets.....	(2,699)	(7,590)
Net cash used in investing activities.....	(2,699)	(7,590)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net.....	45	1,966
Proceeds from notes payable.....	--	6,800
Repayments of notes payable.....	--	(4,150)
Proceeds from warehouse and other lines payable.....	3,338,034	3,872,262
Repayments of warehouse and other lines payable.....	(3,231,395)	(4,195,127)
Payments on obligations under capital leases, net.....	(150)	(10)
Net cash used in financing activities.....	106,534	(318,259)
Net increase in cash.....	155	12,784
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period.....	32,538	36,321
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period.....	\$ 32,693	\$ 49,105
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest.....	\$ 6,190	\$ 8,071
Non-cash financing activities:		
Conversion of convertible debt into common stock.....	\$ 5,000	\$ --

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**E-LOAN, INC.**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. THE COMPANY**

E-LOAN, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated on August 26, 1996 and began marketing its services in June 1997. The Company is a consumer direct lender and debt advisor, providing borrowers with home purchase and refinance mortgage loans, home equity loans and home equity lines of credit and auto loans. The Company operates as a single operating segment.

**2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

**Interim Financial Information (unaudited)**

The accompanying financial statements as of September 30, 2002 and 2003 are unaudited. The unaudited interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual financial statements and, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments, which include only normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows as of September 30, 2002 and 2003. These financial statements and notes thereto are unaudited and should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited financial statements included in the Company's 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002. The results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the expected results for the year ending December 31, 2003.

**Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements**

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

**Reclassification**

Certain amounts in the financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2003 presentation.

**3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Company considers all highly liquid monetary instruments with an original maturity of three months or less from the date of purchase, to be cash equivalents. Both cash equivalents and short term investments are considered available-for-sale securities and are carried at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. As more fully described in Note 10, the Company must maintain a minimum cash and cash equivalents balance of the higher of \$15 million (including Restricted Cash) or the highest amount required by any other lender or agreement. The following summarizes cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2002</b>	<b>September 30, 2003</b>
Cash.....	\$ 33,821	\$ 46,605
Restricted cash.....	2,500	2,500
	<u>\$ 36,321</u>	<u>\$ 49,105</u>

## **Derivative instruments**

On January 1, 2001, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 133"), as subsequently amended by Statement of Financial Accounting No. 138. In accounting for its derivative financial instruments, SFAS 133 requires an entity to recognize all derivative assets or liabilities in the statement of financial condition and measure those instruments at fair value. The accounting for changes in fair value of the derivative depends on the intended use of the derivative and the resulting designation. An entity that elects to apply hedge accounting is required to establish at the inception of the hedge, the method it will use in assessing the effectiveness of the hedging derivative and the measurement approach for determining the ineffectiveness of the hedge. These methods must be consistent with the entity's approach to managing risk. The Company is a party to mortgage rate lock commitments to fund mortgage loans at interest rates previously agreed (locked) by both the Company and the borrower for specified periods of time. When the borrower locks their interest rate, the Company extends a put option to the borrower, whereby the borrower is not obligated to enter into the loan agreement, but the Company must honor the interest rate for the specified time period. Under SFAS 133 mortgage interest rate locks are derivatives. The Company is exposed to interest rate risk during the accumulation of interest rate lock commitments and loans prior to sale. The Company utilizes either a best efforts sell forward commitment or a mandatory sell forward commitment to economically hedge the changes in fair value of the loan due to changes in market interest rates. Both best efforts and mandatory sell forward commitments are derivatives under SFAS 133. Throughout the lock period the changes in the market value of interest rate lock commitments, best efforts and mandatory sell forward commitments are recorded as unrealized gains and losses and are included in the statement of operations in mortgage revenue. Once the mortgage loan is funded the Company hedges changes in the fair value of the loan, if not previously hedged at time of lock through use of a best efforts sell forward agreement, with a forward delivery commitment at a specified price.

The Company's management has made complex judgments in their application of SFAS 133. The judgments include the identification of hedging instruments, hedged items, nature of the risk being hedged, and how the hedging instrument's effectiveness will be assessed. The Company designates forward delivery commitments, where the Company intends to deliver the underlying loan into the commitment, as a fair value SFAS 133 hedge at the commitment date. In addition, the Company designates all non-mandatory forward sale agreements as fair value SFAS 133 hedges for underlying loans at funding date. The Company does not designate mandatory sell forward agreements as SFAS 133 hedges but does utilize them to economically hedge the changes in fair value of rate lock commitments with borrowers for which a non-mandatory forward sale agreement has not been obtained. The Company did not have a material gain or loss representing the amount of hedge ineffectiveness related to non-mandatory forward sale agreements or delivery commitments during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003. The effect on the Company's income statement from applying SFAS 133 was a \$0.8 million loss and a \$1.2 million loss, included in mortgage revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003, respectively.

In September 2003, the Company began hedging its interest rate risk on auto loan approvals. When the Company issues an auto loan approval, the Company extends a put option to the borrower, whereby the borrower is not obligated to enter into the loan agreement, but the Company must honor the interest rate for up to a 45-day period. Under SFAS 133, auto loan approvals are not considered derivatives. However, the company is still exposed to interest rate risk from issuance of approval to loan sale. The Company enters into amortizing swap contracts to economically hedge the interest rate changes in auto loan approvals. These swap contracts are considered derivatives under SFAS 133. The Company marks-to-market any changes in the value of outstanding swap contracts, which are recorded as unrealized gains and losses and included in the statement of operations in auto revenue. The effect on the Company's income statement from applying SFAS 133 was a \$0.1 million loss, included in auto revenues in both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003.

## **Sale of auto loans to qualified special purpose entity**

On June 17, 2002, the Company entered into an arrangement to sell auto loan receivables to a qualified special purpose entity ("QSPE"), E-Loan Auto Fund One, LLC ("E-Loan Auto"). These transactions involve the Company surrendering control over these assets to assure that the sold assets have been isolated from the Company and its

creditors. As E-Loan Auto has met the appropriate tests to be considered a QSPE, the assets and liabilities of E-Loan Auto are not consolidated in the financial statements of the Company. E-Loan Auto has obtained a secured borrowing facility from Merrill Lynch Bank USA to finance all purchases of loans from the Company. The Company recognizes a gain on the sale of auto loan receivables to E-Loan Auto in the period the sale occurs, which represents the difference between the sale proceeds to the Company and the Company's net carrying value of the receivables. Included in the proceeds received by the Company from the sale of loans is a beneficial interest related to loans owned by the QSPE, which is reflected on the Company's balance sheet as a retained interest asset. These retained interest assets are recorded on the balance sheet at fair value as trading assets, and are marked to market at each subsequent reporting period. In order to determine the fair value management estimates future excess cash flows to be received by the Company over the life of the loans. The Company makes various assumptions in order to determine the fair value of the estimated future excess cash flows to be generated by the auto loans sold to the QSPE. The most significant assumptions are the cumulative credit losses to be incurred on the pool of auto loan receivables sold, prepayment rates of the auto loans and the rate at which the estimated future excess cash flows are discounted. The assumptions used represent the Company's best estimates, and the use of different assumptions could produce different financial results. The Company will continue to monitor and may update its assumptions over time.

### Net Income Per Share

The Company computes net income per share in accordance with SFAS No. 128, *Earnings per Share*. Under the provisions of SFAS No. 128 basic net income per share is computed by dividing the net income available to common stockholders for the period by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share is computed by dividing the net income available to common stockholders for the period by the weighted average number of common and potential dilutive shares outstanding during the period, to the extent such potential dilutive shares are dilutive. Potential dilutive shares are composed of incremental common shares issuable upon the exercise of stock options and warrants, and the conversion of debt into common stock.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	(In Thousands)		(In Thousands)	
Numerator:				
Net income.....	\$ 3,090	\$ 8,018	\$ 5,637	\$ 22,427
Interest expense from convertible note.....	--	--	152	--
Net income assuming dilution.....	<u>\$ 3,090</u>	<u>\$ 8,018</u>	<u>\$ 5,789</u>	<u>\$ 22,427</u>
Denominator:				
Weighted average shares, basic.....	59,017	61,065	57,058	60,285
Effect of potentially dilutive securities:				
Convertible note.....	--	--	1,838	--
Warrants.....	8	771	103	710
Employee Stock Option Plan.....	600	5,306	1,029	4,977
Weighted average number of shares assuming dilution.....	<u>59,625</u>	<u>67,142</u>	<u>60,028</u>	<u>65,972</u>
Diluted net income per share.....	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.34</u>

## **Comprehensive Income**

Comprehensive income is comprised of net income and other non-owner changes in stockholders' equity. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively, comprehensive income equaled the net income.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In November 2002, the FASB issued FIN 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others (an interpretation of FASB Statements No. 5, 57, and 107 and rescission of FASB interpretation No. 34)". This Interpretation addresses the disclosures to be made by a guarantor in its interim and annual financial statements about its obligations under certain guarantees that it has issued. It also requires a guarantor to recognize, at the inception of a guarantee, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee. This Interpretation also incorporates, without change, the guidance in FASB Interpretation No. 34, Disclosure of Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others, which is being superseded. The initial recognition and initial measurement provisions of this Interpretation are applicable on a prospective basis to guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002, irrespective of the guarantor's fiscal year-end. The disclosure requirements in this Interpretation are effective for financial statements of interim or annual periods ending after December 15, 2002. The adoption of this interpretation will have no effect on the Company's financial statements.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities -- an interpretation of ARB No. 51" ("FIN 46"). The objective of this Interpretation is not to restrict the use of variable interest entities but to improve financial reporting by enterprises involved with variable interest entities. FIN 46 states that a business enterprise with a controlling financial interest in a variable interest entity should include the assets, liabilities, and results of the activities of the variable interest entity in consolidated financial statements with those of the business enterprise. FIN 46 applied immediately to variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003, and to variable interest entities in which an enterprise obtains an interest after that date. It applies in the first fiscal year or interim period beginning after December 15, 2003, to variable interest entities in which an enterprise holds a variable interest that it acquired before February 1, 2003. The adoption of this interpretation has had no effect on the Company's financial statements.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation – Transition and Disclosure". This Statement amends SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", to provide alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, this Statement amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements about the method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported results. This Statement is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002 for transition guidance and annual disclosure provisions and for financial reports containing financial statements for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2002 for interim disclosure provisions. The Company has adopted this statement, the result of which has had no effect on the Company's financial statements.

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS No. 149"). SFAS No. 149 amends and clarifies financial accounting and reporting for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts (collectively referred to as derivatives) and for hedging activities under FASB Statement No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. This Statement requires that contracts with comparable characteristics be accounted for consistently as either derivatives or hybrid instruments. This Statement is effective for contracts entered into or modified after June 30, 2003, and for hedging relationships designated after June 30, 2003. The adoption of this statement has had no effect on the Company's financial statements.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity". SFAS No. 150 changes the accounting for certain financial instruments that under previous guidance issuers could account for as equity. It requires that those instruments be classified as liabilities in

balance sheets. The guidance in SFAS No. 150 is generally effective for all financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective on July 1, 2003. The adoption of this statement has had no effect on the Company's financial statements.

#### 4. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company accounts for the effect of its stock-based compensation plans for employees under SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," using the optional intrinsic value method. The intrinsic value method results in compensation cost equal to the excess of the fair value of the stock over the exercise or purchase price at the date of award. Such compensation costs (if any) are recorded over the vesting period of the respective option and presented in the consolidated statement of operations as an operations expense, consistent with where the optionees' compensation is recorded. In contrast, the fair value approach results in compensation cost using an option-pricing model that takes into account the fair value at the grant date, the volatility of our stock price, the exercise price, the expected life of the award, the expected dividends, and the risk-free interest rate expected over the life of the award. The pro forma income statement effect of the Company's stock-based compensation plans as if it had adopted the fair value approach is as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	(In Thousands)		(In Thousands)	
Reported net income.....	\$ 3,090	\$ 8,018	\$ 5,637	\$ 22,427
Less: Employee stock based compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all employee stock option awards.....	(1,323)	(1,508)	(3,945)	(4,370)
Pro forma net income.....	<u>\$ 1,767</u>	<u>\$ 6,510</u>	<u>\$ 1,692</u>	<u>\$ 18,057</u>
Reported basic net income per share.....	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.37
Reported diluted net income per share.....	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.34
Pro forma basic net income per share.....	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.30
Pro forma diluted net income per share.....	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.27
Risk free interest rate - stock options.....	3.2%	3.2%	4.1%	3.0%
Risk free interest rate - ESPP.....	3.2%	2.3%	3.4%	2.4%
Average expected life - stock options.....	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Average expected life - ESPP.....	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Dividend yield.....	--	--	--	--
Expected volatility - stock options.....	80.9%	80.9%	98.3%	66.6%
Expected volatility - ESPP.....	100.2%	85.0%	99.3%	87.2%

#### 5. WARRANTS

On April 25, 2000, the Company issued two warrants to purchase up to 13.1 million shares of common stock to The Charles Schwab Corporation ("Schwab"), pursuant to a marketing agreement with Schwab. The first warrant to purchase 6,500,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$3.75, had a three-year term and expired unused

on April 25, 2003. The second warrant to purchase 6,600,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$15.00, had a three and a quarter term and an expiration date of July 25, 2003. On July 12, 2001 the Company exchanged the warrant to purchase 6,600,000 shares at \$15 per share for a new warrant to purchase 1,389,000 shares at \$5 per share. On June 27, 2003, this warrant was net exercised for 254,566 shares of common stock.

In February 2001, the Company issued a warrant to purchase 300,000 shares of common stock to Greenwich Capital in connection with a warehouse agreement at an exercise price of \$1.55 per share until February 23, 2006. In July 2003, Greenwich Capital assigned a portion of the warrant to an institutional investor in the amount of 150,000 common shares. At September 30, 2003, both warrants remain outstanding.

In June 2002, the Company issued a warrant to purchase 800,000 shares of common stock to Merrill Lynch Mortgage Capital, Inc. in connection with a line of credit agreement at an exercise price of \$1.22 per share until June 1, 2005. At September 30, 2003, this warrant remained outstanding.

## 6. LOANS HELD-FOR-SALE

The inventory of mortgage and home equity loans consists primarily of first and second trust deed mortgage loans and home equity lines of credit on residential properties located throughout the United States. All mortgage and home equity loans held-for-sale are pledged as collateral for borrowings at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003 (see Note 10).

The inventory of auto loans consists primarily of loans against new and used automobiles located throughout the United States. All of the auto loans held-for-sale are pledged as collateral for borrowings at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003 (see Note 10). The following summarizes loans held-for-sale at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2002</b>	<b>September 30, 2003</b>
Mortgage.....	\$ 370,854	\$ 50,635
Home equity.....	17,851	9,012
Auto.....	4,048	7,772
Net deferred origination revenue.....	633	129
	<u>\$ 393,386</u>	<u>\$ 67,548</u>

Included in loans held-for-sale is a SFAS 133 fair value adjustment amount of \$2.0 million and \$0.6 million at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003, respectively. The SFAS 133 amount represents the change in fair value from rate lock commitment date to funding of those loans held-for-sale. The total fair value of loans held-for-sale, including the expected embedded gain on those loans, is \$401.7 and \$68.6 million at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003, respectively.

## 7. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, PREPAIDS AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

The following summarizes accounts receivable, prepaids and other current assets at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2002</b>	<b>September 30, 2003</b>
Prepays.....	\$ 3,511	\$ 4,322
Accounts receivable.....	4,152	17,966
Interest receivable.....	1,432	1,165
SFAS 133.....	956	1,191
Deferred tax asset.....	728	728
Deposits.....	--	73
	<u>\$ 10,779</u>	<u>\$ 25,445</u>

Included in prepaids at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003 are prepayments for sales and marketing in the amounts of \$0.6 and \$2.4 million, respectively. Included in accounts receivable is the receivable due to the Company from sales of mortgage loans on its sale agreement with Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc. ("Greenwich Capital") in the amounts of \$1.9 million and \$14.5 million at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003, respectively (see Note 10). SFAS 133 is related to the fair value of derivatives at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003.

## **8. RETAINED INTERESTS IN AUTO LOANS**

In June 2002, the Company created a qualified special purpose entity, E-Loan Auto Fund One, LLC ("E-Loan Auto"), which purchases prime auto loans from the Company and then holds the loans. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003, the Company sold \$150.0 million and \$388.6 million in auto loans to E-Loan Auto and recognized \$1.9 million and \$5.3 million in related non-cash gain on sale. In exchange for the loans sold, the Company received cash of \$149.3 million and \$386.7 million from E-Loan Auto and a retained interest valued at \$2.6 million and \$7.2 million in the loans sold to E-Loan Auto. From inception through September 30, 2003, the Company has sold \$562.0 million in auto loans to E-Loan Auto and recognized \$8.4 million in related non-cash gain on sale. For the three months ended September 30, 2003, the average loan characteristics on auto loans sold to E-Loan Auto were \$18,162 loan size, 729 credit score, 17.1% new versus used car, and an average APR of 5.27%. The retained interest represents the Company's portion of the present value of the expected excess cash flows over the life of the loans, remaining after payment of interest, servicing fees and credit losses. Included in the retained interest is a contributed basis in the loans sold to E-Loan Auto of 0.5%. The contributed basis is the difference between the loan amount and the cash sale proceeds received from E-Loan Auto of 99.5% (of the unpaid principal balance), which represents over collateralization in those loans. Cash flows are to be distributed by E-Loan Auto in the following manner: first to the hedge counterparty, second to the servicer, custodian and administrator, third to the lender for interest expense, fourth to the lender for principal payments, fifth to the Company and the lender any remaining cash flows, to be split 85% and 15%, respectively, up to \$800 million in originations. After \$800 million in originations, all remaining cash flows will be paid directly to the Company. The servicing fee is passed through to a sub-servicer of the Company, and as such the Company does not capitalize a servicing asset for the loans sold to E-Loan Auto, since the cost to sub-serve equals the servicing fee.

The following table provides a summary of activity in the retained interests in auto loans:

Beginning Balance 01/01/03	\$ 3,969
Contributed basis in loans sold to E-Loan Auto	1,943
Non-cash gain on sale	5,285
Accretion of present value discount	729
Excess cash flows received	<u>(1,088)</u>
Ending Balance 09/30/03	\$ 10,838

At September 30, 2003, key valuation assumptions used to value the retained interests and the sensitivity of those assumptions to immediate 10% and 25% adverse changes in those assumptions are as follows:

	September 30, 2003 (dollars in thousands)
Balance sheet carrying value of retained interests - fair value	\$10,838
Weighted-average life (in months)	52.6
Prepayment speed assumptions (ABS)	1.2
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change (1.32)	(\$243)
Impact on fair value of 25% adverse change (1.50)	(\$614)
Expected credit losses (life of loan loss rate)	72 bps
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change (79 bps)	(\$245)
Impact on fair value of 25% adverse change (90 bps)	(\$634)
Residual cash flows discount rate (average annual rate)	12.0%
Impact on fair value of 10% adverse change (13.2%)	(\$234)
Impact on fair value of 25% adverse change (15.0%)	(\$570)

These sensitivities are hypothetical and should be used with caution. As the figures indicate, changes in fair value of the retained interests based on a variation in assumptions generally cannot be extrapolated because the relationship of the change in assumption to the change in fair value may not be linear. Also in the above table, the effect of a variation in a particular assumption on the fair value of the retained interest is calculated without changing any other assumption; in reality, changes in one factor may result in changes in another (for example, increases in market interest rates may result in lower prepayments but increased credit losses), which might magnify or counteract the sensitivities.

The discount rate was determined by assessing the risk related to the asset to account for the present value of the cash flows to be received over the life of the loans. As a result, the retained interest asset is an interest earning asset, with interest income accreted over time at the discount rate and included in Other Income, net. The loss rates were determined by researching existing data on losses obtained from credit rating agencies and analyzed by credit tiers (i.e. credit score ranges) to determine loss rates specific to credit tiers, as opposed to an averaged rate. The Company then compared these rates to those of two major national banks to ensure its loss rates are within a range of what other market participants would estimate. The prepayment speed projects prepayments on a monthly percentage of the original loan balance. All assumptions will be monitored over time and may be updated to reflect actual performance.

## 9. NOTES PAYABLE

On June 30, 2003, the Company obtained a \$5 million line of credit from Wells Fargo Bank, National Association to support working capital needs. The interest rate charged on borrowings against these funds is based on LIBOR plus 2% and is payable monthly. This line of credit agreement requires the Company to comply with various financial and non-financial covenants. In particular, the Company must not permit quarterly net income to be less than zero.

The line of credit expires on June 30, 2004.

## 10. WAREHOUSE AND OTHER LINES PAYABLE

As of September 30, 2003, the Company had a warehouse line of credit for borrowings of up to \$150 million for the interim financing of mortgage loans with GMAC Bank. The interest rate charged on borrowings against these funds is variable based on LIBOR plus various percentage points. Borrowings are collateralized by the related mortgage loans held-for-sale. This line of credit agreement requires the Company to comply with various financial and non-financial covenants. In particular, the Company must maintain a minimum unrestricted cash balance of \$12.5 million. The Company was in compliance with these covenants during the three and nine months ended and at September 30, 2003. The committed line of credit expires on November 30, 2003.

As of September 30, 2003, the Company had a warehouse line of credit for borrowings of up to \$75 million for the interim financing of mortgage loans with Residential Funding Corporation. The interest rate charged on borrowings against these funds is variable based on LIBOR plus various percentage points. Borrowings are collateralized by the related mortgage loans held-for-sale. This line of credit agreement requires the Company to comply with various financial and non-financial covenants. In particular, the Company must maintain a minimum unrestricted cash balance of \$12.5 million and must not permit quarterly net income to be less than zero. The Company was not in compliance with its current ratio covenant for the months ended April 30 and May 31, 2003 and subsequently obtained a waiver from the lender. The Company was in compliance with all covenants during the three months ended and at September 30, 2003. The committed line of credit expires on December 31, 2003.

As of September 30, 2003, the Company had an agreement to finance up to \$475 million of mortgage loan inventory pending sale of these loans to the ultimate mortgage loan investors with Greenwich Capital. Of this amount, \$200 million is available in committed funds. This loan inventory financing is secured by the related mortgage loans. The interest rate charged on borrowings against these funds is based on LIBOR plus various percentage points. This agreement includes various financial and non-financial covenants. In particular, the Company must maintain a minimum cash and cash equivalents balance of the higher of \$15 million (including Restricted Cash) or the highest amount required by any other lender or agreement. The Company was in compliance with these covenants during the three and nine months ended and at September 30, 2003. The line expires on March 30, 2004.

In addition, the Company has an uncommitted mortgage loan purchase and sale agreement with Greenwich Capital. Under the terms of this agreement, mortgage loans which are subject to a mandatory sell forward commitment between the Company and an investor, but have not yet been purchased, may be sold to Greenwich Capital with the accompanying trade assignment. This allows the Company to accelerate turnover and provide additional liquidity to fund additional mortgage loans. Revenue derived from sales under this agreement is included as a receivable on the balance sheet (see Note 7). The balance of loans sold related to these receivables was \$48.7 million and \$307.1 million as of December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003, respectively.

As of September 30, 2003, the Company had a \$10 million line of credit facility with Merrill Lynch Mortgage Capital, Inc. to support the interim funding of auto loans prior to their sale to the ultimate auto loan purchaser. The interest rate charged on this line is based on LIBOR plus various percentage points. This facility expires on July 13, 2004. This line includes various financial and non-financial covenants. The Company was in compliance with these covenants during the three and nine months ended and at September 30, 2003.

The following summarizes warehouse and other lines payable at December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2003 (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2002</b>	<b>September 30, 2003</b>
Warehouse lines - GMAC.....	\$ 68,955	\$ 38,681
Warehouse lines - Greenwich.....	311,549	17,170
Warehouse lines - RFC.....	--	--
Line of credit - Auto.....	3,143	4,931
	<u>\$ 383,647</u>	<u>\$ 60,782</u>

## 11. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

The following summarizes accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003 (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2002	September 30, 2003
Accounts payable.....	\$ 4,637	\$ 8,683
Accrued compensation.....	2,710	4,653
Income tax payable.....	1,665	1,479
Other current liabilities.....	1,898	1,831
Reserves.....	900	2,352
Interest payable.....	529	353
	<u>\$ 12,339</u>	<u>\$ 19,351</u>

Included in other current liabilities is an amount related to the fair value of SFAS 133 derivatives of \$1.7 and \$1.7 million at December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003, respectively.

Included in the accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities is an amount related to reserves the Company established for representation and warranties and premium repayment liability. The Company sells loans to loan purchasers on a servicing released basis without recourse. As such, the risk of loss or default by the borrower has generally been assumed by these purchasers. However, the Company is usually required by these purchasers to make certain representations relating to credit information, loan documentation and collateral. To the extent that the Company does not comply with such representations, or there are early payment defaults, the Company may be required to repurchase loans or indemnify these purchasers for any losses from borrower defaults. In connection with a majority of its loan sale agreements, the Company is also responsible for a minimum number of payments to be made on each loan, or else the Company may be required to refund the premium paid to it by the loan purchaser. As such, the Company records reserves based on certain assumptions in anticipation of future losses as a result of current activity.

Loss reserves due to violations of representations and warranties are recorded based on a percentage of current month originations. The Company currently calculates this loss rate exposure based on similar lending portfolios. Once the Company has endured a complete economic cycle, the rate will be determined based on actual losses as a percentage of origination volume on a historical basis. Premium repayment reserves, generated through early loan prepayments, are recorded based on a rate determined by calculating actual prepayments as a percentage of originations on a historical basis applied to current month originations. The following illustrates the changes in the reserve balance for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003 by product (in thousands):

	<u>Mortgage</u>	<u>Home Equity</u>	<u>Auto</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at 1/1/03.....	\$ 618	\$ 161	\$ 121	\$ 900
Increase to reserve.....	743	201	119	1,063
Losses incurred.....	(285)	(73)	(34)	(392)
Balance at 03/31/03.....	<u>\$ 1,076</u>	<u>\$ 289</u>	<u>\$ 206</u>	<u>\$ 1,571</u>
Increase to reserve.....	455	385	18	858
Losses incurred.....	(77)	(284)	(1)	(362)
Balance at 06/30/03.....	<u>1,454</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>2,067</u>
Increase to reserve.....	191	183	10	384
Losses incurred.....	(86)	(5)	(8)	(99)
Balance at 09/30/03.....	<u><u>\$ 1,559</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 568</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 225</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,352</u></u>

## 12. REVENUES AND OTHER INCOME, NET

The following table provides the components of revenues (in thousands):

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u>	
	<u>September 30,</u>		<u>September 30,</u>	
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Revenues:				
Mortgage.....	\$ 16,773	\$ 26,856	\$ 41,326	\$ 82,212
Interest income on mortgage loans.....	4,548	5,138	10,524	15,155
Home equity.....	3,129	7,412	8,680	16,685
Interest income on home equity loans.....	705	1,342	1,461	2,449
Auto.....	3,036	2,646	7,576	8,119
Other.....	246	382	621	1,029
Total revenues.....	<u><u>\$ 28,437</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 43,776</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 70,188</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 125,649</u></u>

The following table provides the components of other income, net (in thousands):

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Nine Months Ended</u>	
	<u>September 30,</u>		<u>September 30,</u>	
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Interest on short-term investments.....	\$ 52	\$ 40	\$ 193	\$ 143
Interest on retained interest asset.....	--	281	--	729
Interest expense on non-warehouse facility borrowings.....	(1)	(25)	(159)	(33)
Other.....	--	--	--	5
	<u><u>\$ 51</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 296</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 844</u></u>

## 13. OPERATING EXPENSES

The following table provides the components of operating expenses (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Compensation and benefits.....	\$ 11,152	\$ 15,109	\$ 29,832	\$ 45,308
Processing costs.....	1,353	371	2,410	1,862
Advertising and marketing.....	5,122	10,564	14,276	28,000
Professional services.....	1,069	2,218	2,452	5,703
Occupancy costs.....	1,166	1,442	3,085	4,561
Computer and internet.....	306	412	813	1,269
General and administrative.....	1,613	1,784	4,319	5,298
Interest expense on warehouse borrowings.....	3,109	3,122	6,806	9,180
Total operating expenses.....	\$ 24,890	\$ 35,022	\$ 63,993	\$ 101,181

Commissions and bonus compensation comprised 30% and 24% of total compensation and benefits in the three months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003. Commissions and bonus compensation comprised 25% and 26% of total compensation and benefits in the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003.

The following table provides detail of the operations component of total operating expenses classified by the following revenue-related categories (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Mortgage.....	\$ 7,822	\$ 9,708	\$ 19,638	\$ 28,823
Interest expense on mortgage loans.....	2,289	2,435	5,102	7,339
Home equity.....	2,333	3,733	5,508	9,932
Interest expense on home equity loans.....	392	647	743	1,467
Auto.....	2,430	2,543	6,383	9,029
Other.....	17	--	88	--
Total operations.....	\$ 15,283	\$ 19,066	\$ 37,462	\$ 56,590

## 14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT CONTINGENCIES

E-LOAN originates mortgage and home equity loans and manages the market risk related to these loans through various hedging programs. Additionally, in September 2003, the Company began managing its interest rate exposure related to auto loan approvals.

#### Loan commitments and hedging activities

The Company originates mortgage loans and sells them primarily through whole loan sales. The market values of mortgage loans are sensitive to changes in market interest rates. If interest rates rise between the time the Company enters into a rate lock with the borrower, the subsequent funding of the loan and the time the mortgage loans are committed for sale, there may be a decline in the market value of the mortgage loans. To protect against such possible declines, the Company has adopted an economic hedging strategy.

Individual mortgage loan risks are aggregated by loan type and pipeline production status and matched, based on duration, with the appropriate hedging instrument, thus mitigating basis risk until closing and delivery. The Company currently hedges its mortgage pipeline through mandatory forward sales of Fannie Mae mortgage-backed

securities and both mandatory and non-mandatory forward sale agreements with the ultimate investor. The Company determines which alternative provides the best execution in the secondary market.

The Company believes that it has implemented a cost-effective economic hedging program to provide a high level of protection against changes in the market value of rate-lock commitments. However, an effective strategy is complex and no hedging strategy can completely insulate the Company against such changes.

At September 30, 2003, the Company had provided locks to originate loans amounting to approximately \$322.0 million (the "locked pipeline"). At September 30, 2003, the Company had entered into non-mandatory forward loan sale agreements amounting to approximately \$263.1 million. These forward loan sale agreements do not subject the Company to mandatory delivery and there is no penalty if the Company does not deliver into the commitment. The Company is exposed to the risk that these counterparties may be unable to meet the terms of these sale agreements. The investors are well-established U.S. financial institutions; the Company does not require collateral to support these commitments, and there has been no failure on the part of the counterparties to meet the terms of these agreements to date.

At September 30, 2003, the Company had entered into mandatory sell forward commitments amounting to approximately \$98.0 million. The Company adjusts the amount of mandatory sell forward commitments held to offset changes in the locked pipeline and changes in the market value of unsold loans. At September 30, 2003, the Company had entered into \$38.5 million of commitments with third party investors to deliver loans related to funded loans held-for-sale.

The Company issues auto loan approvals on its prime loan production. Approved auto loan applicants are provided a guaranteed rate for up to a 45 day period. At September 30, 2003, the Company had entered into amortizing swap contracts in the amount of \$26.0 million.

#### **Future Commitments**

The Company has future payment commitments for leases and non-cancelable TV media aggregating \$2.5 million, \$4.5 million, \$2.7 million and \$2.7 million for the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively. The Company has commitments of \$9.3 million for the years 2007 and beyond.

## **ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements and the related Notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. This discussion contains, in addition to historical information, forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results could differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed below, as well as those discussed below under "Factors Affecting Future Operating Results." The Company disclaims any obligation to update information contained in any forward-looking statement. See "Forward-Looking Statements."

### **OVERVIEW**

The Company is a consumer direct lender and debt advisor whose revenues are derived primarily from the gain on sale of mortgage, home equity and auto loans that it underwrites, funds and sells. The Company also earns interest income on loans during the brief time they are held pending sale.

### **MORTGAGE REVENUES**

The Company's mortgage revenues are primarily derived from the origination and sale of self-funded loans. In prior years the Company derived a portion of its mortgage revenues from the brokering of loans. Brokered loans are funded through lending partners and the Company never takes title to the mortgage loan. Beginning in 2002, the Company no longer brokered mortgage loans. Self-funded loans are funded through the Company's own warehouse lines of credit and sold to mortgage loan purchasers typically within thirty days. Self-funded loan revenues consist

of proceeds in excess of the carrying value of the loan and origination fees less certain direct origination costs. These revenues are recognized at the time the loan is sold.

### ***INTEREST INCOME ON MORTGAGE AND HOME EQUITY LOANS***

The Company generates revenues from interest income on self-funded mortgage and home equity loans. The revenues realized are based on the loan amount multiplied by the contractual interest rate from the time of funding by the Company through time of sale. These revenues are recognized as earned during the period from funding to sale.

### ***HOME EQUITY REVENUES***

The Company's home equity revenues are derived from the origination and sale of self-funded loans. Self-funded loans are funded through the Company's own warehouse lines of credit and sold to home equity loan purchasers typically within sixty days. Self-funded loan revenues consist of proceeds in excess of the carrying value of the loan, origination fees less certain direct origination costs and other processing fees. These revenues are recognized at the time the loan is sold.

### ***AUTO REVENUES***

The Company funds auto loans using a line of credit and then sells them to either earn a gain on sale or a flat fee, depending on who the loans are sold to. Prime auto loans are sold to a qualified special purpose entity (QSPE) as more fully described below. Sub-prime auto loans are sold to sub-prime auto loan purchasers.

In July 2002, the Company began selling self-funded prime auto loans to a QSPE (see "Critical Accounting Policies"). Revenues from these sales consist of the discounted cash flows net of interest, servicing fees and credit losses. Revenues on prime auto loan sales are recognized when the loan is sold to the QSPE.

The Company's auto revenues on sub-prime loans are derived from the origination and sale of self-funded loans and from the brokering of auto loans. In the third quarter of 2003, the Company transitioned its sub-prime loan platform from self-funding to referral basis. Going forward, the Company will not be funding sub-prime auto loans. Auto brokerage revenues are comprised of a set origination fee. These revenues are recognized at the time a loan is closed. Self-funded loans are funded through an auto line of credit and sold to auto loan purchasers typically within ten business days. In April 2001, the Company began funding its auto loans prior to sale with borrowings against an auto line of credit. Self-funded loan revenues consist of the mark-up to the lending partner's loan price or a set origination fee. These revenues are recognized at the time a loan is sold.

### ***OTHER REVENUES***

The Company generates revenues from fees paid by various partners in exchange for consumer loan applications generated by advertising such partners' products on the Company's website. The current consumer loan programs offered include credit cards and unsecured personal loans. Additionally, the Company earns revenue from its credit report services. Other revenues generated approximately 1% of the total revenues in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003.

### **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following table sets forth certain items from the Company's statements of operations as a percentage of total revenues for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Revenues .....	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Operating expenses:				
Operations .....	54 %	44 %	53 %	45 %
Sales and marketing .....	23 %	27 %	25 %	25 %
Technology .....	5 %	5 %	6 %	5 %
General and administrative .....	5 %	5 %	7 %	5 %
Total operating expenses .....	87 %	81 %	91 %	80 %
Income from operations .....	13 %	19 %	9 %	20 %
Other income, net .....	-- %	1 %	-- %	1 %
Income before taxes .....	13 %	20 %	9 %	21 %
Income taxes .....	(2)%	(2)%	(1)%	(2)%
Net income .....	11 %	18 %	8 %	19 %

## Revenues

The following table provides the components of revenue shown as a percentage of total revenues:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Mortgage .....	59 %	61 %	59 %	66 %
Interest income on mortgage loans .....	16 %	12 %	15 %	12 %
Home equity .....	11 %	17 %	12 %	13 %
Interest income on home equity loans .....	2 %	3 %	2 %	2 %
Auto .....	11 %	6 %	11 %	6 %
Other .....	1 %	1 %	1 %	1 %
Total revenues .....	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %

Revenues increased \$15.4 million to \$43.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$28.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Revenues increased \$55.4 million to \$125.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$70.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. A significant portion of these increases resulted from growth in the dollar volume of mortgage and home equity loans closed and sold, as well as an increase in the revenue per loan for both mortgage and home equity. Mortgage revenues increased \$10.1 million to \$26.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$16.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Mortgage revenues increased \$40.9 million to \$82.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$41.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Prime refinance mortgages accounted for 81% and 52% of mortgage closed loan volume and 78% and 61% of mortgage revenue in the three months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively. The Company expects refinance activity to decline significantly in the remainder of 2003 and purchase and non-prime mortgage volume to decline, but by a smaller percentage than the industry. The Company expects mortgage revenue (excluding interest income) in 2003 to exceed 2002 levels. Home equity revenues increased \$4.3 million to \$7.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$3.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Home equity revenues increased \$8.0 million to \$16.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$8.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The Company expects that home equity revenues will grow in the remainder of 2003 as volumes increase. Revenues also increased due to an increase in interest income earned on mortgage and home equity loans. Auto revenues decreased \$0.4 million to \$2.6 million for the three months ended

September 30, 2003 from \$3.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Auto revenues increased \$0.5 million to \$8.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$7.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Auto refinance loans accounted for 36% and 57% of auto closed loan volume in the three months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively. The increase in auto revenues from the nine months ended September 30, 2002 to the nine months ended September 30, 2003 is largely a result of the new QSPE structure introduced in June 2002 that improved our ability to offer competitive rates to consumers which increased prime auto loan volume. In the third quarter of 2003, the Company transitioned its sub-prime loan platform from self-funding to referral basis. Going forward, the Company will not be funding sub-prime auto loans. The Company expects that auto revenues will decrease slightly through the remainder of 2003 as a result of a reduction in prime auto loan volume and a decrease in auto purchases due to the seasonality of the auto sales industry.

The following table summarizes dollar volume of loans closed and sold and the revenue in both dollars and average basis points (“BPS”) (dollars in thousands except BPS):

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>Nine Months Ended</b>	
	<b>September 30,</b>		<b>September 30,</b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Mortgage</b>				
\$ Volume	\$ 944,538	\$ 1,289,200	\$ 2,627,834	\$ 3,613,950
Revenue	\$ 16,773	\$ 26,856	\$ 41,326	\$ 82,212
BPS	178	208	157	227
<b>Home Equity</b>				
\$ Volume	\$ 123,879	\$ 275,227	\$ 345,652	\$ 635,185
Revenue	\$ 3,129	\$ 7,412	\$ 8,680	\$ 16,685
BPS	253	269	251	263
<b>Auto</b>				
\$ Volume	\$ 169,305	\$ 193,582	\$ 460,501	\$ 526,417
Revenue	\$ 3,036	\$ 2,646	\$ 7,576	\$ 8,119
BPS	179	137	165	154

The following table reflects the percentages of the Company’s mortgage closed loan volume from purchase and refinance loans as compared to the total market (according to Mortgage Bankers Association of America) through 2003. The Mortgage Bankers Association of America data for the third quarter of 2003 below represents its estimate as of October 22, 2003:

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>Q1 03</b>	<b>Q2 03</b>	<b>Q3 03</b>
<b>E-LOAN Mortgage*</b>						
Purchase	61%	16%	21%	25%	32%	48%
Refinance	39%	84%	79%	75%	68%	52%
<b>Total Market*</b>						
Purchase	81%	43%	41%	29%	32%	32%
Refinance	19%	57%	59%	71%	68%	68%

\* Excludes home equity and auto loan volume

## Operating Expenses

**Total Operating Expenses.** Total operating expenses increased \$10.1 million to \$35.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$24.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Total operating expenses increased \$37.2 million to \$101.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$64.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The increase over the nine months was primarily due to increases in interest expense on warehouse borrowings, due to higher volumes, as well as increases in compensation and benefits due to growth in headcount. Total operating expenses also increased in both the three and nine months due to additional advertising and marketing spend.

**Operations.** Operations expense is comprised of both fixed and variable expenses, including employee compensation and expenses associated with the production and sale of loans and interest expense paid by the Company under the warehouse and line of credit facilities it uses to fund mortgage, home equity and auto loans held-for-sale.

The following table provides detail of the Company's operations expenses classified by the following revenue-related categories (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Mortgage .....	\$ 7,822	\$ 9,708	\$ 19,638	\$ 28,823
Interest expense on mortgage loans.....	2,289	2,435	5,102	7,339
Home equity.....	2,333	3,733	5,508	9,932
Interest expense on home equity loans.....	392	647	743	1,467
Auto.....	2,430	2,543	6,383	9,029
Other.....	17	--	88	--
Total operations.....	\$ 15,283	\$ 19,066	\$ 37,462	\$ 56,590

Operations expense increased \$3.8 million to \$19.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$15.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Operations expense increased \$19.1 million to \$56.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$37.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Operations expense decreased as a percentage of revenue from 54% to 44% and 53% to 45% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively. The increase in absolute dollars is primarily due to increases in mortgage, home equity and auto operations expenses, due to higher volumes. In the nine months ended September 30, 2003, auto operations expense included expenses of approximately \$1.3 million related to the one-time transition of auto operations from Florida to California. The Company completed the transition in June.

**Direct Margin.** Direct margin is defined as revenue minus operations expense, which includes variable and fixed expenses.

The following table provides detail of the Company's direct margin classified by the following revenue-related categories (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Mortgage.....	\$ 8,951	\$ 17,148	\$ 21,688	\$ 53,389
Mortgage interest margin.....	2,259	2,703	5,422	7,816
Home equity.....	796	3,679	3,172	6,753
Home equity interest margin.....	313	695	718	982
Auto.....	606	103	1,193	(910)
Other.....	229	382	533	1,029
Total direct margin.....	\$ 13,154	\$ 24,710	\$ 32,726	\$ 69,059

Direct margin increased \$11.5 million to \$24.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$13.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Direct margin increased \$36.4 million to \$69.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$32.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The growth in direct margin is due largely to the contribution from mortgage volume coupled with technology and process improvements. Additionally, the increase in direct margin is due to the positive spread of interest income over interest expense. The Company anticipates that mortgage revenue per loan will decline significantly in the remainder of 2003, as the overall level of refinance activity declines and competitive pricing pressure increases. Auto direct margin was negative in the nine months ended September 30, 2003 due to the one-time expense of approximately \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 related to the transition of auto operations from Florida to California.

**Sales and Marketing.** Sales and marketing expense is primarily comprised of expenses related to advertising, promotion and distribution partnerships and employee compensation and other expenses related to personnel. Sales and marketing expense increased \$5.4 million to \$11.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$6.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Sales and marketing expense increased \$14.0 million to \$31.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$17.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Sales and marketing expense increased as a percentage of revenue from 23% to 27% for the three months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively, and remained constant as a percentage of revenue at 25% for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003. Sales and marketing expenses are expected to increase to approximately 36% of total revenues in the fourth quarter of 2003.

**Technology.** Technology expense includes employee compensation, the introduction of new technologies and the support of E-LOAN's existing technological infrastructure. Technology expense increased \$0.6 million to \$2.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$1.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Technology expense increased \$1.9 million to \$6.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$4.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Technology expense remained constant as a percentage of revenue at 5% for the three months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively. Technology expense decreased as a percentage of revenue from 6% to 5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively. Technology expenses are expected to stay fairly constant in absolute dollars in the upcoming quarters.

**General and Administrative.** General and administrative expense is primarily comprised of employee compensation and professional services. General and administrative expense increased \$0.4 million to \$2.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from \$1.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. General and administrative expense increased \$2.1 million to \$6.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from \$4.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. General and administrative expense remained constant as a percentage of revenue at 5% for the three months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively and decreased as a percentage of revenue from 7% to 5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively. General and administrative expenses are expected to stay fairly constant in absolute dollars in the upcoming quarters.

**Other Income, net.** Other income, net, increased \$0.2 million to \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2003 from income of \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2002. Other income, net, increased \$0.8 million to \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003 from income of \$0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. The increase is primarily attributable to the interest income generated from the retained interest asset.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S., which require the Company to make estimates and assumptions (see Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements). The Company believes that of its significant accounting policies (see Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements), the following may involve a higher degree of judgment and complexity.

**Retained interest in auto loans.** On June 17, 2002, the Company entered into an arrangement to sell auto loan receivables to a qualified special purpose entity (QSPE), E-Loan Auto Fund One, LLC ("E-Loan Auto"). These

transactions involve the Company surrendering control over these assets to assure that the sold assets have been isolated from the Company and its creditors. As E-Loan Auto has met the appropriate tests to be considered a QSPE the assets and liabilities of E-Loan Auto are appropriately not consolidated in financial statements of the Company. E-Loan Auto has obtained a secured borrowing facility from Merrill Lynch Bank USA to finance all purchases of loans from the Company. The Company recognizes a gain on the sale of auto loan receivables to E-Loan Auto in the period in which the sale occurs, which represents the difference between the sale proceeds to the Company and the Company's net carrying value of the receivables. Included in the proceeds received by the Company from the sale of loans is a beneficial interest related to loans owned by the QSPE, which is reflected on the Company's balance sheet as a retained interest asset. These retained interest assets are recorded on the balance sheet at fair value as trading assets, and are marked to market at each subsequent reporting period. In order to determine the fair value management estimates future excess cash flows to be received by the Company over the life of the loans. The Company makes various assumptions in order to determine the fair value of the estimated future excess cash flows to be generated by the auto loans sold to the QSPE. The most significant assumptions are the cumulative credit losses to be incurred on the pool of auto loan receivables sold, prepayment rates of the auto loans and the rate at which the estimated future excess cash flows are discounted. The assumptions used represent the Company's best estimates, and the use of different assumptions could produce different financial results. The Company will continue to monitor and may update its assumptions over time.

*Valuation of derivative instruments.* On January 1, 2001, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 133"), as subsequently amended by Statement of Financial Accounting No. 138. In accounting for its derivative financial instruments, SFAS 133 requires an entity to recognize all derivative assets or liabilities in the statement of financial condition and measure those instruments at fair value. The accounting for changes in fair value of the derivative depends on the intended use of the derivative and the resulting designation. An entity that elects to apply hedge accounting is required to establish at the inception of the hedge the method it will use in assessing the effectiveness of the hedging derivative and the measurement approach for determining the ineffectiveness of the hedge. These methods must be consistent with the entity's approach to managing risk. The Company is a party to mortgage rate lock commitments to fund mortgage loans at interest rates previously agreed (locked) by both the Company and the borrower for specified periods of time. When the borrower locks their interest rate, the Company effectively extends a put option to the borrower, whereby the borrower is not obligated to enter into the loan agreement, but the Company must honor the interest rate for the specified time period. Under SFAS 133 mortgage interest rate locks are derivatives. The Company is exposed to interest rate risk during the accumulation of interest rate lock commitments and loans prior to sale. The Company utilizes either a best efforts sell forward commitment or a mandatory sell forward commitment to economically hedge the changes in fair value of the loan due to changes in market interest rates. Both best efforts and mandatory sell forward sale commitments are derivatives under SFAS 133. Throughout the lock period the changes in the market value of interest rate lock commitments, best efforts and mandatory forward sale commitments are recorded as unrealized gains and losses and are included in the statement of operations in mortgage revenue. Once the mortgage loan is funded the Company hedges changes in the fair value of the loan, if not previously hedged at time of lock through use of a best efforts sell forward agreement, by entering into a forward delivery commitment at a specified price.

The Company's management has made complex judgments in their application of SFAS 133. The judgments include the identification of hedging instruments, hedged items, nature of the risk being hedged, and how the hedging instrument's effectiveness will be assessed. The Company designates forward delivery commitments, where the company intends to deliver the underlying loan into the commitment, as a fair value SFAS 133 hedge at the commitment date. In addition, the Company designates all non-mandatory forward sale agreements as fair value SFAS 133 hedges for underlying loans at funding date. The Company does not designate mandatory sell forward agreements as SFAS 133 hedges but does utilize them to economically hedge the changes in fair value of rate lock commitments with borrowers for which a non-mandatory forward sale agreement has not been obtained. The Company did not have a material gain or loss representing the amount of hedge ineffectiveness related to non-mandatory forward sale agreements or delivery commitments during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2003.

In September 2003, the Company began hedging its interest rate risk on auto loan approvals. When the Company issues an auto loan approval, the Company extends a put option to the borrower, whereby the borrower is not obligated to enter into the loan agreement, but the Company must honor the interest rate for up to a 45-day period. Under SFAS 133, auto loan approvals are not considered derivatives. However, the company is still exposed to

interest rate risk from issuance of approval to loan sale. The Company enters into amortizing swap contracts to economically hedge the interest rate changes in auto loan approvals. These swap contracts are considered derivatives under SFAS 133. The Company marks-to-market any changes in the value of outstanding swap contracts, which are recorded as unrealized gains and losses and included in the statement of operations in auto revenue.

*Capitalized software.* In 1999, the Company adopted SOP 98-1, *Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use*, which requires that the Company expense computer software costs as they are incurred in the preliminary project stage. Once the capitalization criteria of the SOP have been met, external direct costs of materials and services consumed in developing or obtaining internal-use computer software and payroll and payroll related costs for employees who are directly associated with and who devote time to the internal-use computer software are capitalized. Capitalized costs are generally amortized over one to three years on a straight-line basis. As of September 30, 2003, the Company had capitalized approximately \$7.0 million in internally developed software costs of which \$3.6 million had been amortized.

*Reserves for loan originations.* The Company sells loans to loan purchasers on a servicing released basis without recourse. As such, the risk of loss or default by the borrower has generally been assumed by these purchasers. However, the Company is usually required by these purchasers to make certain representations relating to credit information, loan documentation and collateral. To the extent that the Company does not comply with such representations, or there are early payment defaults, the Company may be required to repurchase loans or indemnify these purchasers for any losses from borrower defaults. In connection with a majority of its loan sales agreements, the Company is also responsible for a minimum number of payments to be made on each loan, or else the Company may be required to refund the premium paid to it by the loan purchaser. As such, the Company records reserves based on certain assumptions in anticipation of future losses as a result of current activity.

Loan loss reserves due to violations of representations and warranties are recorded based on a percentage of current month originations. The Company currently calculates this loss rate exposure based on similar lending portfolios. Once the Company has endured a complete economic cycle, the rate will be determined based on actual losses as a percentage of origination volume on a historical basis. Premium repayment reserves, generated through early loan prepayments, are recorded based on a rate determined by calculating actual prepayments as a percentage of originations on a historical basis applied to current month originations.

*Stock Compensation.* The Company accounts for stock-based employee compensation arrangements in accordance with the provisions of Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* and related interpretations, and complies with the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. Under APB No. 25, compensation expense is based on the excess of the estimated fair value of the Company's stock over the exercise price, if any, on the date of grant. The Company accounts for stock issued to non-employees in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123 and the Emerging Issues Task Force Consensus in Issue No. 96-18, *Accounting for Equity Instruments That Are Issued to Non-Employees for Acquiring, or in Conjunction with Selling, Goods or Services*.

*Deferred Tax Asset.* The Company accounts for income taxes using the liability method in accordance with SFAS No. 109, *Accounting for Income Taxes*. Under this method, deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized. Management evaluates the recoverability of the deferred tax assets and the level of the valuation allowance. At such time as it is determined that it is more likely than not that the deferred tax asset will be realizable, the valuation allowance will be reduced. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the realization of favorable attributes in future tax returns, the Company has recorded a valuation allowance against its net deferred tax assets at September 30, 2003. The Company did not set up a valuation allowance against the state deferred tax asset that arose in 2002 because it is expected to be fully realized in 2003. The provision for income tax expense represents taxes payable for the current period, plus the net change in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

## **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

The Company's sources of cash include cash from the sale of mortgage, home equity and auto loans, borrowings under warehouse lines of credit and other credit facilities, brokerage fees, interest income, credit card referrals and

the sale of debt and equity securities in both private and public transactions. The Company's uses of cash include the funding of mortgage, home equity and auto loans, repayment of amounts borrowed under warehouse lines of credit, operating expenses, payment of interest, and capital expenditures primarily comprised of furniture, fixtures, computer equipment, software and leasehold improvements.

Net cash used by operating activities was \$103.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. This was primarily due to the use of cash from the increase in loans-held-for-sale, the retained interest in auto loans and accounts receivable, offset by cash provided by net income. The increase in loans held-for-sale as of September 30, 2002 is due to the amount of loans funded exceeding the amount of loan sales in the period.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$338.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003. Net cash provided by operating activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2003 was primarily due to the cash provided from the decrease in loans held-for-sale plus net income, offset by the use of cash due to the increase of the retained interest in auto loans and other assets. The decrease in loans held-for-sale as of September 30, 2003 is due to the amount of loan sales in the period exceeding the amount of loans funded. A funded loan remains held-for-sale until it is sold. During the nine months ended September 30, 2003, the Company sold substantially all of the loans included in the loan balance at December 31, 2002, as well as substantially all of the loans funded during the nine months ended September 30, 2003. This had a positive impact on revenue in the current quarter as we recognize revenue on self-funded loans at time of sale.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$2.7 million and \$7.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002 and 2003, respectively. Net cash used in investing activities was primarily for the purchase of software, furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$106.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2002. Net cash provided financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2002 was primarily from net proceeds from borrowings under the Company's warehouse lines of credit and other credit facilities. The ongoing funding of loans is facilitated through the use of warehouse and other lines of credit.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$318.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2003. Net cash used in financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2003 was primarily from net repayments on the Company's warehouse lines of credit and other credit facilities, offset by cash provided from the issuance of common stock.

The Company has a warehouse line of credit for borrowings of up to \$150 million for the interim financing of mortgage loans with GMAC Bank. The interest rate charged on borrowings against these funds is variable based on LIBOR plus various percentage points. Borrowings are collateralized by the related mortgage loans held-for-sale. The committed line of credit expires on November 30, 2003. Upon expiration, management believes it will either renew its existing line or obtain sufficient additional lines. This line of credit agreement requires the Company to comply with various financial and non-financial covenants. In particular, the Company must maintain a minimum unrestricted cash balance of \$12.5 million in addition to the requirement that the Company maintain at least one other warehouse facility of no less than \$100 million. Failure to comply with these, or any other covenants, could result in the obligation to repay all amounts then outstanding. The Company was in compliance with all covenants for this agreement during the three and nine months ended and at September 30, 2003.

The Company has a warehouse line of credit for borrowings of up to \$75 million for the interim financing of mortgage loans with Residential Funding Corporation. The interest rate charged on borrowings against these funds is variable based on LIBOR plus various percentage points. Borrowings are collateralized by the related mortgage loans held-for-sale. The committed line of credit expires on December 31, 2003. Upon expiration, management believes it will either renew its existing line or obtain sufficient additional lines. This line of credit agreement generally requires the Company to comply with various financial and non-financial covenants. In particular, the Company must maintain a minimum unrestricted cash balance of \$12.5 million, maintain at least one other warehouse facility of no less than \$100 million, and must not permit quarterly net income to be less than zero. Failure to comply with these, or any other covenants, could result in the obligation to repay all amounts then outstanding. The Company was not in compliance with its current ratio covenant for this agreement for the months ended April 30, and May 31, 2003, and subsequently obtained a waiver from the lender. The Company was in compliance with all covenants during the three months ended and at September 30, 2003.

The Company has an agreement to finance up to \$475 million of mortgage loan inventory pending sale of these loans to the ultimate mortgage loan investors with Greenwich Capital. Of this amount, \$200 million is available in committed funds. This loan inventory financing is secured by the related mortgage loans. The interest rate charged on borrowings against these funds is based on LIBOR plus various percentage points. The line requires the restriction of \$2.5 million in cash as additional collateral. The line expires March 30, 2004. Upon expiration, management believes it will either renew its existing line or obtain sufficient additional lines. This agreement includes various financial and non-financial covenants. In particular, the Company must maintain a minimum cash and cash equivalents balance of the higher of \$15 million (including Restricted Cash) or the highest amount required by any other lender or agreement. Additionally, the Company is required to maintain at least one other warehouse facility of no less than \$50 million. Failure to comply with these, or any other covenants, could result in the obligation to repay all amounts then outstanding. The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants for this agreement during the three and nine months ended and at September 30, 2003.

In addition, the Company has an uncommitted mortgage loan purchase and sale agreement with Greenwich Capital. Under the terms of this agreement, mortgage loans which are subject to a "take-out" commitment between the Company and an investor, but have not yet been purchased, may be sold to Greenwich Capital with the accompanying trade assignment. This allows the Company to accelerate turnover and provide additional liquidity to fund additional mortgage loans.

The Company has a \$10 million line of credit facility with Merrill Lynch Mortgage Capital, Inc. to support the interim funding of auto loans prior to the sale to the ultimate auto loan purchaser. The interest rate charged on this line is based on LIBOR plus various percentage points. This facility expires on July 13, 2004. Upon expiration, management believes it will either renew its existing line or obtain sufficient additional lines. The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants for this agreement during the three and nine months ended and at September 30, 2003.

In June 2002, the Company created a qualified special purpose entity, E-Loan Auto Fund One, LLC ("E-Loan Auto"), which purchases prime auto loans from the Company and then holds the loans. E-Loan Auto finances its purchases through a \$800 million credit facility with Merrill Lynch Bank USA, which can support originations through July 13, 2005. Borrowings are collateralized by the related auto loans held by E-Loan Auto. The Company is not obligated to repay any balance outstanding under the credit facility that exists between E-Loan Auto and Merrill Lynch Bank USA. Upon expiration, the Company anticipates that E-Loan Auto will either renew its existing line or obtain sufficient additional lines.

On June 30, 2003, the Company obtained a \$5 million line of credit from Wells Fargo Bank, National Association. The interest rate charged on borrowings against these funds is based on LIBOR plus 2% and is payable monthly. This line of credit agreement requires the Company to comply with various financial and non-financial covenants. In particular, the Company must not permit quarterly net income to be less than zero. The line expires on June 30, 2004. As of September 30, 2003, the Company had a balance of \$2.7 million on this line of credit.

The Company believes that its existing cash and cash equivalents as of September 30, 2003 will be sufficient to fund its operating activities, capital expenditures and other obligations for the next twelve months. However, if during that period or thereafter the Company is not successful in generating sufficient cash flow from operations, or in raising additional funds when required in sufficient amounts and on terms acceptable to the Company, it could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition. If additional funds are raised through the issuance of equity securities, the percentage ownership of its then-current stockholders would be reduced.

## **FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The statements contained in this Report that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements" (as such term is defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), which can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "estimated," "projects," "anticipated," "expects," "intends," "believes," or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy that involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements, such as the

Company's plans to increase the number of purchase loans, the relative importance of loans E-LOAN originates and sells and growth in the number of applications received, statements regarding development of E-LOAN's business, future operating results, anticipated capital expenditures, the expectations as to the use of capital resources and the availability of additional financing, and other statements contained in this Report regarding matters that are not historical facts, are only estimates or predictions and cannot be relied upon. No assurance can be given that future results will be achieved; actual events or results may differ materially as a result of risks facing the company or actual results differing from the assumption underlying such statements. Such risks and assumptions include, but are not limited to, E-LOAN's ability to access additional debt or equity financing in the future, secure replacement lines of credit for mortgage and auto loans, respond to increasing competition, secure additional loan purchasers, manage growth of E-LOAN's operations, as well as regulatory, legislative, and judicial developments that could cause actual results to vary materially from the future results indicated, expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. All written and oral forward-looking statements made in connection with this Report which are attributable to the Company or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the "Factors Affecting Future Operating Results" and other cautionary statements included herein. The Company disclaims any obligation to update information contained in any forward-looking statement.

## **FACTORS AFFECTING FUTURE OPERATING RESULTS**

The following important factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements made in this report or presented elsewhere by management from time to time.

**While we achieved our first profitable year during fiscal 2002, we have a history of losses, and we may not be able to maintain profitability.**

While we achieved our first profitable year during 2002, we have an accumulated deficit of \$183.8 million, as of September 30, 2003. Because we expect that our operating costs will increase to accommodate expected growth in loan applications, we will need to generate significant revenues to maintain profitability. We may not sustain or increase profitability on a quarterly or annual basis in the future. If revenues grow more slowly than we anticipate, or if operating expenses exceed our expectations or cannot be adjusted accordingly, our business, results of operations and financial condition will be adversely affected.

**We have a limited operating history and consequently face significant risks and challenges in building our business.**

We were incorporated in August 1996, initiated our online mortgage operations in June 1997 and acquired our online auto operations in September 1999. We cannot assure you that we will be able to operate successfully if a downturn in the mortgage or auto business occurs. As a result of our limited operating history, our recent growth and our reporting responsibilities as a public company, we may need to expand operational, financial and administrative systems and control procedures to enable us to further train and manage our employees and coordinate the efforts of our underwriting, accounting, finance, marketing, and operations departments.

**Our quarterly financial results are vulnerable to significant fluctuations and seasonality, which could adversely affect our stock price.**

Our revenues and operating results may vary significantly from quarter to quarter due to a number of factors. Certain months or quarters have historically experienced a greater volume of purchase money mortgage and auto loan applications and funded loans. As a result, we believe that quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our operating results are not a good indication of our future performance. It is possible that in some future periods our operating results may be below the expectations of public market analysts and investors. In this event, the price of our common stock may fall.

**Interest rate fluctuations could significantly reduce customers' incentive to refinance existing mortgage loans.**

A significant percentage of our mortgage customers use our services to refinance existing mortgages and they are motivated to do so primarily when interest rates fall below the rates of their existing mortgages. In an environment of rising or high interest rates relative to the interest rates on existing loans, consumers' incentive to refinance will be greatly reduced and the number of loans that we originate could significantly decline. As a result, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected.

**Our ability to engage in profitable secondary sales of loans may also be adversely affected by increases in interest rates.**

The mortgage loan purchase commitments we obtain are contingent upon our delivery of the relevant loans to the purchasers within specified periods. To the extent that we are unable to deliver the loans within the specified periods and interest rates increase during those periods, we may experience no gain or even a loss on the sale of these loans. In addition, any increase in interest rates will increase the cost of maintaining our warehouse and repurchase lines of credit on which we depend to fund the loans we originate. The interest direct margin earned on loans held-for-sale significantly benefited from the spread between long-term and short-term interest rates starting in 2001 and continuing through the second quarter of 2003. Based on historical trends, we would not expect the same level of benefit from interest rate spreads in a normal market. We have implemented a hedging program to manage the risk of loss due to fluctuations in interest rates, but our hedging efforts may not be successful, and no hedging strategy can completely eliminate interest rate risk. A sharp decrease in interest rates over a short period may cause customers who have interest rates on mortgage loans committed through us to either delay closing their loans or refinance with another lender. If this occurs in significant numbers, it may have an adverse effect on our business or quarterly results of operations.

**Our hedging strategy may not succeed in reducing our exposure to losses caused by fluctuations in interest rates.**

We attempt to manage our interest rate risk exposure on mortgage loan interest rate locks through hedging transactions using a combination of forward sales of mortgage-backed securities and forward whole-loan sales to fix the sales price of loans we expect to fund. An effective hedging strategy is complex, and we have limited experience administering a hedging program. A successful hedging program depends in part on our ability to properly estimate the number of loans that will actually close and is subject to fluctuations in the prices of mortgage-backed securities, which do not necessarily move in tandem with the prices of loans we originate and close. To the extent that we implement a hedging strategy but are unable to effectively match our purchases and sales of mortgage-backed securities with the sale of the closed loans we have originated, our gains on sales of mortgage loans will be reduced, or we will experience a net loss on those sales. In addition, in September 2003, we began managing our interest rate exposure related to our auto loan approvals by entering into amortizing swap contracts. Approved auto loan applicants are provided a guaranteed rate for up to a 45 day period. To the extent that we implement a hedging strategy but are unable to effectively match our coverage with anticipated loan volume, it is possible that we could experience a net loss on those loan approvals. Finally, if we are unable to obtain the necessary liquidity to execute our hedging programs through multiple hedge counterparties, our hedging strategy may not succeed. We currently have one counter-party for auto hedging and 15 counterparties for mortgage hedging.

**Uncertainty with respect to the time it takes to close mortgage loans can lead to unpredictable revenue and profitability.**

The time between the date an application for a mortgage loan is received from a customer and the date the loan closes can be lengthy and unpredictable. The loan application and approval process is often delayed due to factors over which we have little or no control, including the timing of the customer's decision to commit to an available interest rate, the close of escrow date for purchase loans, the timeliness of appraisals and the adequacy of the customer's own disclosure documentation. Purchase mortgage loans generally take longer to close than refinance loans as they are tied to the close of the property sale escrow date. This uncertain timetable can have a direct impact on our revenue and profitability for any given period. We may expend substantial funds and management resources supporting the loan completion process and never generate revenue from closed loans. Therefore, our results of operations for a particular period may be adversely affected if the mortgage loans applied for during that period do not close in a timely manner or at all.

**We have recently experienced significant growth in our business, and if we are unable to manage this growth, our business will be adversely affected.**

Over the past two years we have experienced significant growth, which has placed a strain on our resources and will continue to do so in the future. Our failure to manage this growth effectively could adversely affect our business. We may not be successful in managing or expanding our operations or maintaining adequate management, financial and operating systems and controls. Our headcount has grown substantially. At September 30, 2002 and 2003, we had 601 and 890 full-time employees, respectively.

**Our future success is dependent upon increased acceptance of the internet by consumers and lenders as a medium for lending.**

Our success will depend in large part on widespread consumer acceptance of obtaining mortgage and auto loans online. Increased consumer use of the Internet to provide for their lending needs is subject to uncertainty. The development of an online market for mortgage and auto loans has only recently begun, is rapidly evolving and likely will be characterized by an increasing number of market entrants. If consumer acceptance of the Internet as a source for mortgage, home equity and auto loans does not increase, our business, results of operations and financial condition will be adversely affected. A number of factors may inhibit Internet usage by consumers, including privacy and security concerns regarding their personal information. The adoption of online lending requires the acceptance of a new way of conducting business, exchanging information and applying for credit by consumers that have historically relied upon traditional lending methods. As a result, we cannot be sure that we will be able to compete effectively with traditional borrowing and lending methods.

**The termination of one or more of our mortgage funding sources would adversely affect our business.**

We depend on GMAC Bank, formerly GE Capital Mortgage Services, Inc. ("GMAC Bank"), Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc. ("Greenwich Capital") and Residential Funding Corporation to finance our self-funded mortgage loan activities through the warehouse credit facilities they provide. If any of these warehouse credit facilities becomes unavailable, our business would be adversely affected. Under our agreements with each of these lenders, we make extensive representations, warranties and various operating and financial covenants. A material breach of these representations, warranties or covenants on any of our lines could result in the termination of our agreements and an obligation to repay all amounts outstanding at the time of termination. In the past, we have had to obtain waivers from our warehouse lenders as a result of our failure to comply with covenants regarding the issuance of capital stock, excess asset purchases and our failure to meet financial ratios. More recently, we obtained a waiver from one of our warehouse lenders due to a failure to meet a current ratio covenant for the months ended April 30 and May 31, 2003. Our agreement with Greenwich Capital expires on March 30, 2004, our agreement with GMAC Bank expires on November 30, 2003 and our agreement with Residential Funding Corporation expires on December 31, 2003. Upon expiration of these agreements management believes it will either renew its existing warehouse credit facilities or obtain sufficient additional credit facilities. However, we cannot assure you that these agreements will be renewed or extended past their current expiration dates, and additional sources of funding for our mortgage loans may not be available on favorable terms or at all.

**The termination of our auto line of credit would adversely affect our business.**

We have obtained a line of credit from Merrill Lynch Mortgage Capital Inc. to finance the funding of our auto loans, and this is our sole facility for auto loan fundings. If this credit facility becomes unavailable, our business could be adversely affected. Under our line of credit agreement, we make extensive representations, warranties and various operating and financial covenants. A material breach of these representations, warranties or covenants could result in the termination of the facility and an obligation to repay all amounts outstanding at the time of termination. In the past we have had to obtain waivers from our previous auto line of credit provider (Bank One, N.A.) as a result of our failure to comply with a covenant regarding a debt to tangible net worth ratio. Our line of credit with Merrill Lynch Mortgage Capital Inc. expires July 13, 2004. Upon expiration, management believes it will either renew its existing line or obtain sufficient additional lines. However, we cannot assure you that this agreement will be renewed or extended past its current expiration date, and additional sources of funding for our auto loans may not be available on favorable terms or at all.

**We are primarily dependent on two loan purchasers for all of our home equity business.**

For the nine months ended September 30, 2003, the majority of our home equity loans were purchased by Wells Fargo Bank and the Provident Bank pursuant to Home Equity Loan/Line Purchase Agreements. If either loan purchaser is unable or unwilling to purchase our home equity loans, we may experience delays in our ability to accept or process home equity loan applications until we are able to secure new sources of loan purchasers. Sufficient additional sources of loan purchasers for our home equity loans may not be available on favorable terms or at all.

**We are dependent on one loan purchaser for all of our auto loan business.**

We currently sell all of our prime auto loans to E-Loan Auto Fund One, LLC, a qualified special purpose entity (QSPE). The QSPE is dependent on Merrill Lynch Bank USA to provide the necessary financing to continue purchasing loans from us. If Merrill Lynch Bank USA is unable or unwilling to provide continuing financing to the QSPE, additional forms of financing may not be available on favorable terms or at all.

**We depend on the timely and competent services of various companies involved in the mortgage process; if these companies fail to timely and competently deliver these services, our business and reputation will be directly and adversely affected.**

We rely on other companies to perform services related to the loan underwriting process, including appraisals, credit reporting and title searches. Any interruptions or delays in the provision of these services may cause delays in the processing and closing of loans for our customers. If we are unsuccessful in managing the timely delivery of these services we will likely experience increased customer dissatisfaction and our business and reputation could be adversely affected.

**The loss of our relationship with any of our significant providers of automated underwriting would have an adverse effect on our business.**

We depend on automated underwriting and other services offered by government sponsored and other mortgage investors, including Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac ("Agencies"), to help ensure that our mortgage services can be offered efficiently and on a timely basis. We currently have an agreement with the Agencies that authorizes our use of their automated underwriting services and enables us to sell qualified first mortgages to these Agencies. We cannot assure you that we will remain in good standing with the Agencies or that the Agencies will not terminate our relationship. We expect to continue to process a significant portion of our conforming mortgage loans using the Agencies' systems. Our agreement with the Agencies can be terminated by either party. The termination of our agreements with the Agencies would adversely affect our business by reducing our ability to streamline the mortgage origination process.

**Any outages, delays or other difficulties experienced by the internet service providers, online service providers or other website operators on which our users depend could adversely affect our business.**

Our website has in the past and may in the future experience slower response times or decreased traffic for a variety of reasons. In addition, our users depend on Internet service providers, online service providers and other website operators for access to our websites. Many Internet users have experienced significant outages in the past, and could experience outages, delays and other difficulties due to system failures unrelated to our systems. Additionally, the Internet infrastructure may not be able to support continued growth in its use. Any of these problems could adversely affect our business.

**Our business will be adversely affected if we are unable to safeguard the security and privacy of our customers' financial data.**

Internet usage could decline if any well-publicized compromise of security occurred. We may incur significant costs to protect against the threat of security breaches or to alleviate problems caused by any breaches that occur. We also retain on our premises personal financial documents that we receive from prospective borrowers in connection with their loan applications. These documents are highly sensitive and if a third party were to misappropriate our customers' personal information, customers could possibly bring legal claims against us. We cannot assure you that our privacy policy will be deemed sufficient by our prospective customers or compliant with any federal or state laws governing privacy, which may be adopted in the future.

### **ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Interest rate movements significantly impact our volume of closed loans and represent the primary component of market risk to us. In a higher interest rate environment, consumer demand for mortgage loans, particularly refinancing of existing mortgages, declines. Interest rate movements affect the interest income earned on loans held for sale, interest expense on the warehouse lines payable, the value of mortgage loans held for sale and ultimately the gain on sale of mortgage and auto loans.

We attempt to minimize the interest rate risk associated with the time lag between when loans are rate-locked and when they are committed for sale or exchanged in the secondary market, through our hedging activities. Individual mortgage loan risks are aggregated by loan type and pipeline production status, and are then matched, based on duration, with the appropriate hedging instrument, thus mitigating basis risk until closing and delivery. We currently hedge our mortgage pipeline through mandatory forward sales of Fannie Mae mortgage-backed securities and both mandatory and non-mandatory forward loan sale agreements with the ultimate investor. We determine which

alternative provides the best execution in the secondary market. In addition, we do not believe our net interest income would be materially affected as a result of concurrent changes in long-term and short-term interest rates due to the short duration of time loans are held on the balance sheet prior to being sold (typically under thirty days). In September 2003, we began managing our interest rate exposure related to our auto loan approvals by entering into amortizing swap contracts.

We believe that we have implemented a cost-effective hedging program to provide a high level of protection against changes in the market value of rate-lock commitments and auto loan approvals. However, an effective strategy is complex and no hedging strategy can completely insulate the Company against such changes.

#### **ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

As of September 30, 2003, the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e)). Based upon that evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective at a reasonable level in timely alerting them to material information relating to the Company that is required to be included in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, do not expect that the Company's disclosure controls or internal controls will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met due to numerous factors, ranging from errors to conscious acts of an individual, or individuals acting together. In addition, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error and/or fraud may occur and not be detected.

## **PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

The Company is subject to various other legal proceedings and claims, either asserted or unasserted, which arise in the ordinary course of business. While the outcome of these claims cannot be predicted with certainty, management does not believe that the outcome of any of these legal matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial position or liquidity.

Please refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, filed on March 31, 2003 and our previous Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, which disclose claims which have been filed against the Company. There have been no material developments with respect to these claims since the previously filed Annual and Quarterly Reports.

### **Item 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds**

None

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None

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

None

**Item 5. Other Information**

None

**Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K**

(a) Exhibits:

- 3.1 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of E-LOAN dated July 2, 1999 (1)
- 3.2 Corrected Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of E-LOAN, Inc. dated February 15, 2001 (2)
- 3.3 Amended and Restated Bylaws of E-LOAN, Inc. dated March 16, 2001 (2)
- 10.21 First Amendment to Servicing and Custodian Agreement with E-Loan Auto Fund LLC and Systems & Services Technologies, Inc. dated July 14, 2003
- 10.23 Fourteenth Modification Agreement with GMAC dated August 11, 2003
- 10.24 Tri-Party Letter Agreement with Residential Funding Corporation and Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc. dated August 18, 2003
- 10.25 Amendment Two to Marketing, Promotion, Distribution, and Related Services Agreement with zipRealty, Inc. dated August 22, 2003\*
- 10.26 Mortgage Loan Custodial Agreement with Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc. and GMAC dated September 1, 2003
- 10.27 Second Amendment to Servicing and Custodian Agreement with E-Loan Auto Fund LLC and Systems & Services Technologies, Inc. dated September 1, 2003
- 10.28 Sixteenth Modification Agreement with GMAC Bank dated September 10, 2003
- 10.29 Amendment Number Seven to the Master loan and Security Agreement with Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc. dated September 16, 2003
- 10.30 Letter Agreement regarding Sale of Warehouse Credit Agreement from GMAC Bank dated September 23, 2003
- 10.31 Amendment Number Eight to the Master Loan and Security Agreement with Greenwich Capital Financial Products, Inc. dated September 24, 2003

- 31.1 Chief Executive Officer Certification of Periodic Financial Report Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002#
- 31.2 Chief Financial Officer Certification of Periodic Financial Report Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002#
- 32.1 Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002+
- 32.2 Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002+

(1) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2000, filed on August 14, 2000.

(2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Company's Amendment to its Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, filed on April 23, 2001.

(3) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, filed on March 31, 2003.

\* Confidential Treatment Requested

# Filed herewith

+ Furnished herewith

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

The Company filed one report on Form 8-K during the three months ended September 30, 2003 on July 24, 2003 for the purpose of reporting under Item 5 thereof the renewal of its auto loan credit facility. The Company also furnished to the SEC a report on Form 8-K on July 1, 2003 for the purpose of reporting under Item 9 that the Company would join the Russell 2000 ® and Russell 3000 ® stock indexes, and a report on July 31, 2003 for the purpose of reporting under Item 9 and Item 12 thereof the results of its second quarter financial results.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Security Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

E-LOAN, INC.

Dated: November 14, 2003

By: /s/ Matthew Roberts

Matthew Roberts

*Chief Financial Officer*

*(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer and Duly Authorized Officer)*