

K TEL INTERNATIONAL INC

Form 10-Q

May 14, 2003

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

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

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

For the transition period from                      to

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**K-TEL INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Minnesota**

**41-0946588**

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**2655 Cheshire Lane North, Suite 100, Plymouth,  
Minnesota**

**55447**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**(763) 559-5566**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

As of May 13, 2003, there were 13,653,738 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding.

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**K-TEL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**FORM 10-Q**

**FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTH PERIODS**

**ENDED MARCH 31, 2003**

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**Important Factors Relating to Forward Looking Statements**

Certain statements of a non-historical nature under the caption Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and elsewhere in this Form 10-Q constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of terminology such as may, will, expect, anticipate, estimate, should, or continue or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical results or from those results currently anticipated or projected. Such factors include, among other things, the following: changes in consumer purchasing; demand for and market acceptance of new and existing products; the impact from competition for recorded music; the outcome of legal proceedings; dependence on suppliers and distributors; the outcome of the two subsidiaries' bankruptcy and liquidation; success of marketing and promotion efforts; technological changes and difficulties; availability of financing; foreign currency variations; general economic, political and business conditions; and other matters. The Company undertakes no obligation to release publicly the result of any revisions to these forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

**K-TEL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS - UNAUDITED**

*(in thousands)*

	March 31, 2003	June 30, 2002
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 83	\$ 75
Accounts receivable, net	2,076	1,656
Inventories	583	637
Royalty advances	245	282
Prepaid expenses and other	451	378
Total Current Assets	3,438	3,028
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$1,472 and \$1,418	110	162
Owned catalog masters, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,701 and \$2,829	869	1,060
	\$ 4,417	\$ 4,250
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS DEFICIT</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Loans payable to affiliate and other	\$ 11,359	\$ 10,253
Accounts payable	1,525	1,264
Accrued royalties	2,256	2,245
Reserve for returns	216	40
Net liabilities of discontinued operations	104	92
Total Current Liabilities	15,460	13,894
Shareholders Deficit:		
Common stock 50,000,000 shares authorized; par value \$.01; 13,653,738 issued and outstanding	136	136
Additional paid-in capital	21,292	21,292
Accumulated deficit	(32,107)	(30,771)
Cumulative translation adjustment	(364)	(301)
Total Shareholders Deficit	(11,043)	(9,644)
	\$ 4,417	\$ 4,250

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## K-TEL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS - UNAUDITED

*(in thousands - except per share data)*

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Nine Months Ended March 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Net Sales	\$ 1,923	\$ 1,766	\$ 5,295	\$ 5,251
<b>Costs and Expenses:</b>				
Cost of goods sold	990	719	2,486	2,135
Advertising	81	18	146	69
Selling, general and administrative	1,026	1,157	2,936	3,425
Total Costs and Expenses	2,097	1,894	5,568	5,629
Operating Loss	(174)	(128)	(273)	(378)
<b>Other Income (Expense):</b>				
Interest expense	(130)	(177)	(399)	(346)
Other income (expense)	(75)	2	(190)	(48)
Total Other Income (Expense)	(205)	(175)	(589)	(394)
Loss from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes	(379)	(303)	(862)	(772)
<b>Income Taxes</b>				
Loss from Continuing Operations	(379)	(303)	(862)	(772)
<b>Discontinued Operations:</b>				
Loss from Discontinued Operations	(60)	(4)	(474)	(146)
Net Loss	\$ (439)	\$ (307)	\$ (1,336)	\$ (918)
<b>Loss per Share Basic and Diluted:</b>				
Continuing Operations	\$ (.03)	\$ (.02)	\$ (.06)	\$ (.06)
Discontinued Operations			(.04)	(.01)
Net Loss	\$ (.03)	\$ (.02)	\$ (.10)	\$ (.07)
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	13,654	13,654	13,654	13,654
<b>Basic and Diluted:</b>				
<b>Comprehensive Loss:</b>				
Net Loss	\$ (439)	\$ (307)	\$ (1,336)	\$ (918)
Foreign Currency Gain (Loss)	(17)	43	(63)	(2)

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Comprehensive Loss	\$	(456)	\$	(264)	\$	(1,399)	\$	(920)
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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**K-TEL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - UNAUDITED**

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(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended March 31	
	2003	2002
<b>Cash flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (1,336)	\$ (918)
<b>Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Depreciation and amortization	246	296
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	1	4
Discontinued operations	3	(180)
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</b>		
Accounts receivable	(400)	(566)
Inventories	63	(28)
Royalty and other advances	46	(90)
Prepaid expenses and other	(66)	234
Accounts payable and other	250	(259)
Accrued royalties	14	189
Reserve for returns	177	(2)
Income taxes, net		7
Cash used in operating activities	(1,002)	(1,313)
<b>Cash flows provided by (used in) Investing Activities:</b>		
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	15	27
Purchases of property and equipment	(14)	
Music catalog additions		(114)
Cash used in investing activities	1	(87)
<b>Cash flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
Borrowings on loans payable	2,016	2,039
Payments on loans payable	(917)	(702)
Cash provided by financing activities	1,099	1,337
Effect of exchange rates on cash	(90)	37
Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	8	(26)
Cash and equivalents at beginning of period	75	173
Cash and equivalents at end of period	\$ 83	\$ 147

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.



**K-TEL INTERNATIONAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(UNAUDITED)**

**1. BUSINESS AND LIQUIDITY**

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K-tel International, Inc. (the Company, K-tel, or the registrant ) was incorporated in 1968. Its corporate offices are located at 2655 Cheshire Lane North, Suite 100, Plymouth, Minnesota, and its phone number is (763) 559-5566. Through its operating subsidiaries, K-tel licenses its music catalog internationally and markets entertainment products mainly derived from its catalog through retail and direct response marketing channels in the United States and Europe. The Company is implementing a more focused method of distribution that targets the strengths of fewer individual retailers and supplies products suited to each retailer's needs. These new products are derived mainly from the Company's master recordings music catalog with the objective of realizing more competitive profit margins. Historically, K-tel subsidiaries had also distributed consumer products through operations which have been discontinued, and operated an Internet e-commerce site which has been suspended due to continuing losses. K-tel seeks to license its trademarks to other companies in businesses unrelated to K-tel's current operations. Licenses are granted for a royalty or fee, with no cost to the Company. The Company has licensed certain marks to K-tel Drug Mart Ltd., a Canadian direct marketer of prescription drugs beneficially owned by Philip Kives, the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of K-tel. K-tel Drug Mart, which recently began operations, offers prescription drugs from its pharmacy in Canada to persons in the United States. K-tel is merely a licensor of its mark to K-tel Drug Mart. To date, K-tel Drug Mart's operations have not generated any significant licensing revenues for the Company.

### Discontinued Operations

The Company's consumer products business, which was concentrated in Europe, consisted primarily of housewares, consumer convenience items and exercise equipment. The Company discontinued its consumer products operations in Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States in June 2000, November 2000 and January 2001 respectively although the Company continues to pursue its claim against a former supplier of defective goods to its German subsidiary. Accordingly, these activities have been presented in the accompanying financial statements as discontinued operations. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared to reflect the consumer products division as a discontinued operation. The Company's Loss from Discontinued Operations represents legal fees related to the Tristar Products, Inc. lawsuit described in Note 4.

### Going Concern

During the nine months ended March 31, 2003, the Company continued to sustain losses from continuing operations, amounting to \$862,000 during the period. Additionally, the Company had a working capital deficit of \$11,983,000 at March 31, 2003.

The Company's ability to continue its present operations and implement future expansion plans successfully is contingent mainly upon its ability to maintain its line of credit arrangements with K-5 Leisure Products, Inc. (See Note 3.), increase its revenues and profit margins, and ultimately attain and sustain profitable operations. Without increased revenues and sustained profitability, the cash generated from the Company's current operations will likely be inadequate to fund operations and service its indebtedness on an ongoing basis. Management is focusing its efforts on music licensing and limited music distribution. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will achieve profitable operations through these efforts. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of these uncertainties.

## **2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of Presentation - The accompanying condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( US GAAP ) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by US GAAP for complete financial statements. In the

opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and nine month periods ended March 31, 2003 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year as a whole. The unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheet for June 30, 2002 has been derived from audited consolidated

financial statements as of that date. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2002.

Principles of Consolidation - The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of K-tel International, Inc. and its domestic and foreign subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Revenue Recognition The Company derives its revenue from several different sources: the sale of music compilations (predominately compact discs) produced by the Company, and license revenue from the licensing of Company-owned masters. Revenue from music sales is recognized at the time of shipment to the customer, while license revenue is recognized when payment is received from customers or when known amounts are receivable, as prior to that date collection is not considered probable. Most music sales are made with a right of return of unsold goods. Estimated reserves for returns are established by management based upon historical experience and product mix and are subject to ongoing review and adjustment by the Company. These reserves are recorded at the time of sale and are reflected as a reduction in revenues.

Cost of Goods Sold - The Company expenses all product manufacturing, distribution and royalty costs associated with music sales as cost of goods sold. The Company also expenses royalties, commissions and amortization of its owned master recordings associated with its license revenue as costs of goods sold.

Shipping and Handling Costs The Company expenses within cost of goods sold all shipping and handling costs incurred in the shipment of goods.

Cash and Equivalents Cash and equivalents consist principally of cash and short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than ninety days.

Inventories Inventories, which consists of finished goods that include all direct product costs, are valued at the lower of cost, determined on a first-in, first-out basis, or net realizable value.

Owned Catalog Masters The Company capitalizes the costs to purchase owned master recordings at the time of acquisition. These costs are amortized over the estimated useful life of these master recordings, which is generally seven years and represents management's best estimate of the average period of value.

Rights to Use Music Product - Certain of the Company's compilation products are master recordings under license from record companies and publishers. In most instances, minimum guarantees or non-refundable advances are required to obtain the licenses and are realized through future sales of the product. The amounts paid for minimum guarantees or non-refundable advances are capitalized and charged to expense as sales are made. When anticipated sales appear to be insufficient to fully recover the minimum guarantees or non-refundable advances, a provision against current operations is made for anticipated losses. The unrealized portion of guarantees and advances is included in royalty advances in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. Licenses are subject to audit by licensors.

Property and Equipment - Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortization is provided using straight line or declining balance methods over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from three to nine years.

Long-Lived Assets - The Company evaluates its long-lived assets quarterly, or earlier if a triggering event occurs, to determine potential impairment by comparing the carrying value of those assets to the related undiscounted future cash flows of the assets. If an asset is determined to be impaired, it is written down to its estimated fair value.

Royalties - The Company has entered into license agreements with various record companies and publishers under which it pays royalties on units sold. The Company accrues royalties using contractual rates and certain estimated rates on applicable units sold. The contractual royalty liability is computed quarterly and the accrued royalty balance is adjusted accordingly. The royalty agreements are subject to audit by licensors.

Advertising - The Company expenses the costs of advertising when the advertising takes place, except for direct response advertising, which is capitalized and amortized over its expected period of future benefits (usually the period remaining under a related contract, which is generally less than one year). Direct response advertising consists primarily of television advertising whereby customers respond specifically to the advertising and where the Company can identify the advertising that elicited the response.

Foreign Currency - The operations of all foreign entities are measured in local currencies. Assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at period-end exchange rates. Revenues and expenses are translated at the average exchange rates prevailing during the period. Adjustments resulting from translating the financial statements of foreign entities into U.S. dollars are recorded as a separate component of shareholders' deficit.

Stock-based Compensation - The Company accounts for stock-based awards to employees using the intrinsic value method prescribed in APB No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, whereby the options are granted at market price, and therefore no compensation costs are recognized. The Company has elected to retain its current method of accounting as described above and has adopted the SFAS Nos. 123 and 148 disclosure requirements. If compensation expense for the Company's various stock option plans had been determined based upon the projected fair values at the grant dates for awards under those plans in accordance with SFAS No. 123, the Company's pro-forma net earnings, basic and diluted earnings per common share would have been as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31		Nine Months Ended March 31,	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
<b>Net loss (in thousands):</b>				
As reported	\$ (439)	\$ (307)	\$ (1,336)	\$ (918)
Pro forma	(472)	(425)	(1,435)	(1,272)
<b>Basic and Diluted EPS:</b>				
As reported	(.03)	(.02)	(.10)	(.07)
Pro forma	(.03)	(.03)	(.11)	(.09)

Income Taxes - Deferred income taxes are provided for temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities at currently enacted tax rates.

Net Income (Loss) Per Share - Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share have been computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. For all periods presented, common stock equivalents were excluded from the per share calculation as the effect would be antidilutive. For the nine months ended March 31, 2003 and 2002, weighted average options to purchase 2,312,876 and 2,330,906 shares of common stock, with weighted average exercise prices of \$5.79 and \$5.88 were excluded from the computation of common share equivalents for the respective periods as they were antidilutive. For the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2002, options to purchase 2,583,839 and 2,330,906 shares of common stock, with weighted average exercise prices of \$5.19 and \$5.88 were excluded from the computation of common share equivalents for the respective periods as they were antidilutive.

Stock Option Exchange - On March 18, 2003, a committee of the Company's board of directors comprised solely of independent directors, approved a Stock Option Exchange Program. The Program provides for a small number of

optionees who were previously awarded options to purchase shares of common stock under the Company's 1997 Stock Option Plan to exchange them for options to purchase an equal number of shares outside the Company's Stock Option Plan. The options to purchase an aggregate 2,137,939 shares of common stock have a weighted average price per share of \$5.95. Replacement options are proposed to be issued six months and one day after the date of cancellation of the existing options and shall be at an exercise price per share equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock as quoted on the Nasdaq OTC Bulletin Board on the date of grant and shall expire ten years after the date of grant. It is anticipated that there will be no compensation expense recognized as a result of this exchange.

Use of Estimates - Preparing consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, 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. Principal estimates include allowances for bad debt, inventory valuation, return reserves, royalty obligations, purchase commitments and product replacement costs. Actual results could differ from those estimates used by management.

### 3. LOANS PAYABLE TO AFFILIATE

K-tel has a Line of Credit Agreement with K-5 Leisure Products, Inc. ( K-5 ), the Company's largest shareholder controlled by Philip Kives, the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of K-tel. Under the terms of the agreement (the K-5 Facility ), K-5 has agreed to make available up to \$8,000,000 to K-tel on a revolving basis. The loan bears interest at a variable rate based upon the base rate of a nationally recognized

lending institution (4.25% at March 31, 2003), expires July 20, 2005, and is subordinated to the Foothill loan (see below). The K-5 Facility contains the same covenants as the Foothill loan agreement. K-tel has pledged the stock of its foreign subsidiaries as collateral for the loan, and the loan carries a subordinated position to the Foothill loan on all other assets of the Company. K-tel had outstanding balances of \$7,102,000 and \$6,026,000 as of March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2002 respectively under the K-5 Facility. At March 31, 2003, K-tel obtained a waiver from K-5 for its non-compliance under the covenants, limitations and restrictions of the credit agreement.

In addition, K-tel has a second loan agreement with K-5, under which K-5 assumed rights and obligations under a loan from the Company's former banker (Foothill Capital Corporation) pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance Agreement dated February 27, 2001. This Foothill loan, which has been extended through July 20, 2005, provides for a \$10,000,000 credit facility consisting of a \$4,000,000 term loan due upon expiration, and a \$6,000,000 revolving facility under which borrowings are limited to a percent of eligible receivables. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at a variable rate based on a base rate of a nationally recognized lending institution plus 1% (5.25% at March 31, 2003) and are collateralized by the assets of certain Company subsidiaries in the United States, including accounts receivable, inventories, equipment, music library and general intangibles. The loan agreement contains certain financial and other covenants or restrictions, including the maintenance of a minimum shareholders' equity by K-tel, limitations on capital expenditures, restrictions on music library acquisitions, limitations on other indebtedness and restrictions on dividends paid by K-tel. As of March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2002, \$4,000,000 was outstanding under the term loan and there were no borrowings under the revolving facility. At March 31, 2003, K-tel obtained a waiver from K-5 for its non-compliance under the covenants, limitations and restrictions of the credit agreement.

K-tel has an overdraft privilege borrowing facility with The Royal Bank of Scotland in the United Kingdom. This facility is secured by a standby letter of credit for \$260,000 provided by K-tel International Ltd., a Canadian company controlled by Philip Kives and is payable on demand in accordance with normal banking practices. Borrowings bear interest of 2% per annum over the base rate (a total of 6% at March 31, 2003) and are subject to a minimum of 6% per annum. K-tel had outstanding balances of \$218,000 and \$227,000 as of March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2002 respectively.

#### 4. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

##### Class Action Suit

K-tel and certain of its current and former officers and directors were named as defendants in *In re K-tel International, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 98-CV-2480. This action consolidated twenty-three purported class actions that were initially filed in various United States District Courts in November 1998, and were subsequently transferred to, and consolidated in, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. On July 19, 1999, the plaintiffs filed an amended consolidated class action complaint that challenged the accuracy of certain public disclosures made by K-tel regarding its financial condition during the period from May 1998 through November 1998. The plaintiffs asserted claims under the federal securities laws and sought damages in an unspecified amount as well as costs, including attorneys' fees and any other relief the Court deemed just and proper. K-tel moved to dismiss the complaint, and on July 31, 2000, the United States District Court granted the Company's motion to dismiss. The Court also barred further actions by the plaintiffs and denied plaintiffs' request to amend the complaint in order to refile the complaint in the future. The plaintiffs appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and the Court of Appeals heard the matter in October 2001. On August 7, 2002 the Court of Appeals, in a two to one decision, denied the plaintiffs' appeal. On August 20, 2002 the plaintiffs applied for a rehearing by the full Court of Appeals. K-tel filed a response on September 15, 2002 to the plaintiffs' petition for rehearing at the request of the Court. On October 2, 2002, the Court denied the petition for rehearing. The plaintiffs had until January 1, 2003 to seek a writ of certiorari (a petition asking the Court for a discretionary review of a lower court decision) from the United States Supreme Court, but did not seek this writ. There having been no appeal filed, the case has been dismissed with prejudice on the merits.



RTL Shopping S. A.

The Company has been named in a lawsuit filed in France brought by RTL9, a French cable TV station. Initially, RTL9 was named as a defendant in a suit brought by a competitor of K-tel Marketing Ltd. alleging that RTL9 ran a commercial for K-tel Marketing which presented a product under brand names alleged to infringe on the competitor's own trademarks and also translated an English language script indicating that the product was "just like" or "as good as" others into "better than" in French, contrary to French law. The suit alleged trademark infringement, unfair competition, illicit comparative advertising and passing off. RTL9 then sued K-tel Marketing on October 4, 2000,

pursuant to an indemnification provision the parties had entered into. Subsequently, K-tel Marketing went into liquidation and RTL9 filed a suit in December 2000 against K-tel International, Inc. under its agreement to guarantee payment for the commercial time. On May 28, 2001, RTL9 presented documents in court identifying K-tel International (USA), Inc. as a target of its claim. On September 3, 2001 the Company filed documents disputing the claim and advising the court of K-tel (USA)'s Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing.

The initial lawsuit against RTL9 and the RTL9 claim against K-tel are proceeding together through the French courts, and the parties involved in the initial lawsuit continue to submit new briefs to the Court related to that action. The action seeks damages in the approximate amount of 20 million French Francs, or approximately \$2.8 million. The Company believes that RTL9 has no basis for a complaint against the Company. As the result of information supplied by the parties to the Court, RTL9 has proposed to drop the lawsuit.

K-tel International, Inc. vs. Tristar Products, Inc.

On March 14, 2000, K-tel and its subsidiary in Germany commenced an action for breach of express and implied warranties against Defendant Tristar Products, Inc. This action is venued in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. This action arises out of Tristar's sale to K-tel of a defective home exercise product called the BunBlaster for resale in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. By written contract, Tristar has agreed to indemnify K-tel for injuries and damages arising out of the resale of those goods. K-tel is seeking approximately \$2 million in consequential damages. Tristar is vigorously defending this claim. Discovery has been completed. The Court has ordered that the action be ready for trial by June 2, 2003, after which the Court will schedule a trial date.

On April 30, 2001, Tristar also asserted a patent and trademark/ trade-dress counterclaim against K-tel for allegedly passing off a product called the K-tel Hook and Hang while allegedly a distributor of the original patented Tristar Hook and Hang product. The Company denies the allegation because it never was a distributor of this or any similar product and intends to defend this action vigorously. Tristar has not identified the amount of damages it seeks with respect to this counterclaim. The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota issued an order on August 14, 2001 severing this action from the Company's action. This action is at an early stage and no discovery or other actions have occurred.

**Other Litigation and Disputes**

K-tel and its subsidiaries are also involved in other legal actions in the ordinary course of its business. With all litigation matters, management considers the likelihood of loss based on the facts and circumstances. If management determines that a loss is probable and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated, such amount is recorded as a liability. Although the outcome of any such legal actions cannot be predicted, in the opinion of management there is currently no legal proceeding pending or asserted against or involving K-tel for which the outcome is likely to have a material adverse effect upon the consolidated financial position or results of operations of K-tel.

Subsidiaries Bankruptcy and Liquidation

In March 2001, the Company's music distribution subsidiary in the United States, K-tel International (USA), Inc. ceased operations and filed for protection under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Although the bankruptcy court has not yet confirmed the formal plan of liquidation, the Company has not been informed by the trustee or its counsel of any plan by the court to attempt to hold it or any of its subsidiaries liable for any of the commitments of K-tel (USA). Management believes the Company will have no ongoing material liability related to K-tel (USA) as a result of the filing and the outcome of the bankruptcy proceeding.

In November 2000, the Company's consumer products subsidiary in the United Kingdom, K-tel Marketing Ltd., ceased operations and began voluntary liquidation proceedings. At the initial meeting of the creditors on November 24, 2000, the creditors voted for the liquidation to become a creditors' liquidation under English law. The Company has not been informed by the liquidators or their counsel of any plan to attempt to hold it or any of its subsidiaries liable for any of the commitments of K-tel Marketing Ltd. Management believes the Company will have no ongoing material liability related to K-tel Marketing Ltd. as a result of the liquidation proceeding.

**5. BUSINESS SEGMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA DATA**

The Company markets and distributes entertainment products internationally and through its operating subsidiaries. K-tel's businesses are organized, managed and internally reported as three segments: retail music sales, music licensing and other, which consists primarily of e-commerce (which was closed in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2002). These segments are based on differences in products, customer type and sales and distribution methods. The Company's consumer product operations have been discontinued and are presented in the accompanying financial statements as discontinued operations and are therefore not included in the segment information.

The retail music segment consists primarily of the sales of pre-recorded music both from the Company's music master catalog and under licenses obtained from other record companies. The Company sells compact discs and DVD's directly to retailers, wholesalers and rack service distributors which stock and manage inventory within music departments for retail stores.

In the licensing segment, the Company licenses the rights to its master music catalog, consisting of original recordings and re-recordings of music from the 1950's through today, to third parties world-wide for use in albums, films, television programs, and commercials, for either a flat fee or a royalty based on the number of units sold.

Operating profits or losses of these segments include an allocation of general corporate expenses. Depreciation and amortization and capital additions are not significant and have therefore been excluded from presentation.

Certain financial information on the Company's continuing operating segments is as follows:

**BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Nine Months Ended March 31,</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Licensing</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total Company</b>
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(in thousands)

Net Sales	2003	\$	3,569	\$	1,726	\$	5,295
	2002		3,264		1,987		5,251
Operating Income (Loss)	2003	\$	(588)	\$	315	\$	(273)
	2002		(1,167)		789		(378)
Assets	2003	\$	3,045	\$	1,014	\$	358
	2002		2,201		1,480		323
							4,417
							4,004

**Three Months  
Ended March 31,**

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(in thousands)

Net Sales	2003	\$	1,385	\$	538	\$	1,923
	2002		962		804		1,766
Operating Income (Loss)	2003	\$	(183)	\$	9	\$	(174)
	2002		(537)		409		(128)

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

**Nine Months Ended  
March 31,**  
(in thousands)

			United States	Europe	Total
Net Sales	2003	\$	3,320	\$ 1,975	\$ 5,295
	2002		2,686	2,565	5,251
Assets	2003	\$	3,015	\$ 1,402	\$ 4,417
	2002		2,376	1,628	4,004

**Three Months Ended  
March 31,**  
(in thousands)

			United States	Europe	Total
Net Sales	2003	\$	1,240	\$ 683	\$ 1,923
	2002		902	864	1,766

## 6. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In June 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 146 (SFAS 146), *Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities*. SFAS 146 provides financial accounting and reporting guidance for costs associated with exit or disposal activities, including one-time termination benefits, contract termination costs other than for a capital lease, and costs to consolidate facilities or relocate employees. This statement is effective for exit or disposal activities that are initiated after December 31, 2002. Management does not believe this pronouncement will have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In November 2002, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 45 (FIN 45), *Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others*. FIN 45 addresses the disclosure requirements of a guarantor in its interim and annual financial statements about its obligations under certain guarantees that it has issued. FIN 45 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. The disclosure requirements of FIN 45 are effective for the Company for its quarter ended December 31, 2002. The liability recognition requirement is applicable prospectively to all guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002. This pronouncement is not anticipated to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In December 2002, the FASB issued Statement 148 (FAS 148), *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure*. FAS 148 amends the disclosure and certain transition provisions of Statement 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. Its disclosure provisions, which apply to all entities with employee stock-based compensation, are effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002. New interim period disclosures are required in financial statements for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2002. This pronouncement is not anticipated to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

In January 2003, the FASB issued Interpretation (FIN 46), *Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities*. FIN 46 is an interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, *Consolidated Financial Statements*, and addresses consolidation by business enterprises of variable interest entities. FIN 46 applies immediately to variable interest entities created or obtained after January 31, 2003 and it applies in the first fiscal year or interim period beginning after June 15, 2003, to variable interest entities in which an enterprise holds a variable interest that is acquired before February 1, 2003. This pronouncement is not anticipated to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

## 7. RECENTLY PASSED LEGISLATION

On July 30, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "Act"), which immediately impacts Securities and Exchange Commission registrants, public accounting firms, lawyers and securities analysts. This legislation is the most comprehensive since the passage of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. It has far reaching effects on the standards of integrity for corporate management, board of directors, and executive management. Additional disclosures, certifications and procedures will be required of the Company. Management does not anticipate any material adverse effect on the Company as a result of the passage of this legislation; however, the full scope of the Act has not yet been determined.





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

**General**

Through its operating subsidiaries, K-tel licenses its music catalog internationally and markets entertainment products mainly derived from its catalog in the United States and Europe through retail and direct response marketing channels.

For this analysis, the following changes in the Company's business should be considered: K-tel closed the operations of its German subsidiary, Dominion Vertriebs GmbH, in June 2000; one of its subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, K-tel Marketing Ltd., in November 2000; and a United States subsidiary, K-tel Consumer Products, Inc., in February 2001. These three closings represent the discontinuation of the Company's consumer products division and accordingly have been presented in the accompanying financial statements as discontinued operations. In addition, in March 2001, the Company's music distribution subsidiary in the United States, K-tel (USA) ceased operations and filed for protection under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

Through another subsidiary, K-tel is implementing a more-focused method of distribution that targets the strengths of fewer individual retailers and supplies products suited to each retailer's specific needs. These new products are derived from the Company's master recordings music catalog with the objective of realizing more competitive profit margins. As well, the Company seeks to license its name and marks to other businesses for a royalty or fee.

**THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003 VERSUS MARCH 31, 2002**

Net sales for the three months ended March 31, 2003 were \$1,923,000, an increase of 8.9% from sales of \$1,766,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2002. This increase resulted primarily from a significant increase in the number of titles available for sale to U.S. retail music stores.

The loss for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$439,000, or \$.03 per share, compared to a loss of \$307,000, or \$.02 per share, for the three months ended March 31, 2002.

General corporate expenses of \$179,000 and \$404,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and March 31, 2002 respectively have been allocated to the business segments.

The following sections discuss the results of continuing operations by business segment.

#### **BUSINESS SEGMENT RESULTS**

**Music**

Sales in the music segment were \$1,385,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$962,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$423,000, or 44%. Sales to retailers increased both in the U.S. and England because of increased and improved product offerings and additional customers, but sales decreased marginally in the English shopping channel and export markets.

Cost of goods sold in the music segment decreased to 64.6% of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to 70.0% of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2002. This decrease reflected slight improvements in profit margins in both the U.S. and England, even though the remaining U.S. inventory of DVD products was sold for less than cost. Advertising expenses within the segment, which consist primarily of co-operative advertising payments, trade advertising and promotions, increased to \$81,000 and were approximately 5.8% of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$29,000, or 3.0% of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2002. This increase was related to increased promotional programs with customers. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$590,000, or 42.6% of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$834,000, or 86.7% of sales for the three months ended March 31, 2002. The decrease of \$244,000 resulted mainly from cost reductions in Europe achieved by closing down the Company's music sales branch office in Germany and terminating an agreement to administer a catalog owned by Marathon Music.

As a result, the music segment incurred an operating loss of \$183,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to an operating loss of \$537,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002.

**Licensing**

Licensing revenue was \$538,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$804,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002, a decrease of 33%. This reflected a general reduction in licensing activity in the music industry. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$434,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$348,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$86,000, or 24.7%. While the Company continued to achieve operating cost reductions, new costs were incurred related to audits of the licensees of the Company's music catalog. Operating income in the licensing segment was \$9,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and \$409,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2002, a decrease of 97.8%.

**NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2003 VERSUS MARCH 31, 2002**

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Net sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 were \$5,295,000, an increase of .8% from sales of \$5,251,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2002. The loss for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 was \$1,336,000, or \$.10 per share, compared to a loss of \$918,000, or \$.07 per share, for the nine months ended March 31, 2002.

General corporate expenses of \$631,000 and \$881,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 and 2002 have been allocated to the business segments.

The following sections discuss the results of continuing operations by business segment.

**BUSINESS SEGMENT RESULTS**



Music

Sales in the music segment were \$3,569,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$3,264,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$305,000, or 9.3%. While domestic sales increased \$615,000, European music sales decreased \$310,000 primarily because of significant fragmentation in the shopping channel market in England as well as lower sales outside England. The Company does not expect sales to the shopping channel market to increase. Sales outside England were adversely affected by the strength of the British pound.

Cost of goods sold in the music segment increased to 60.4% of sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 compared to 55.7% of sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2002. This increase reflected reduced domestic gross profit margins that resulted from adverse currency fluctuations on products purchased for resale in the budget music market. Advertising expenses within the segment, which consist primarily of co-operative advertising payments, trade advertising and promotions, increased to \$166,000 and was approximately 4.7% of sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$80,000, or 2.5% of sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2002. This cost increase was related to the increased levels of advertising and customer promotions during the period. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$1,898,000, or 53.2% of sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$2,560,000, or 78.4% of sales for the nine months ended March 31, 2002. The reduction of \$662,000, or 25.9%, was mainly due to continuing efforts to achieve cost reductions particularly in Europe where the Company closed its music sales branch office in Germany and terminated an agreement to administer a catalog owned by Marathon Music.

As a result, the music segment incurred an operating loss of \$588,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 compared to an operating loss of \$1,167,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2002.

### **Licensing**

Licensing revenue was \$1,726,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$1,987,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2002, a decrease of \$261,000, or 13%. While European revenue decreased \$280,000, domestic revenue from licensing activity increased \$19,000. The decrease in Europe reflected a reduced level of licensing in the music industry. While domestic licensing experienced this as well, licensing revenue from the Company's main license increased significantly. In mid-2002, the Company undertook a program to audit licensees of the music catalog in order to verify compliance with the terms of license agreements. The first audit was undertaken at Madacy Entertainment ( Madacy ) and determined that a significant amount of revenue had not been reported to the Company. During the nine months ended March 31, 2002 Madacy has made royalty payments that are more appropriate under the license, and the Company's revenue has increased accordingly during the year. While the Company expects other licensing activity to continue at a reduced level at least through the remainder of the fiscal

year, the Company is hopeful that current efforts will help reverse this trend for the Company in the next fiscal year. Madacy has made interim payments to the Company while the audit results are finalized. Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$1,079,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 compared to \$880,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$199,000, or 22.6%. This increase was attributable to costs associated with the Madacy audit. Operating income in the licensing segment was \$315,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2003 and \$789,000 for the nine months ended March 31, 2002, a decrease of 60%.

### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

The notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements included with this Form 10-Q include disclosures regarding recently issued accounting pronouncements, none of which are expected to have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

### **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

K-tel has a Line of Credit Agreement with K-5 Leisure Products, Inc. ( K-5 ), the Company's largest shareholder controlled by Philip Kives, the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of K-tel. Under the terms of the agreement (the K-5 Facility ), K-5 has agreed to make available up to \$8,000,000 to K-tel on a revolving basis. The loan bears interest at a variable rate based upon the base rate of a nationally recognized lending institution (4.25% at March 31, 2003), expires July 20, 2005, and is subordinated to the Foothill loan (see below). The K-5 Facility contains the same covenants as the Foothill loan agreement. K-tel has pledged the stock of its foreign subsidiaries as collateral for the loan, and the loan carries a subordinated position to the Foothill loan on all other assets of the Company. K-tel had outstanding balances of \$7,102,000 and \$6,026,000 as of March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2002 respectively under the K-5 Facility. At March 31, 2003, K-tel obtained a waiver from K-5 for its non-compliance under the covenants, limitations and restrictions of the credit agreement.

In addition, K-tel has a second loan agreement with K-5, under which K-5 assumed rights and obligations under a loan from the Company's former banker (Foothill Capital Corporation) pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance Agreement dated February 27, 2001. This Foothill loan, which has been extended through July 20, 2005, provides for a \$10,000,000 credit facility consisting of a \$4,000,000 term loan due upon expiration, and a \$6,000,000 revolving facility under which borrowings are limited to a percent of eligible receivables. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at a variable rate based on a base rate of a nationally recognized lending institution plus 1% (5.25% at March 31, 2003) and are collateralized by the assets of certain Company subsidiaries in the United States, including accounts receivable, inventories, equipment, music library and general intangibles. The loan agreement contains certain financial and other covenants or restrictions, including the maintenance of a minimum shareholders' equity by K-tel, limitations on capital expenditures, restrictions on music library acquisitions, limitations on other indebtedness and restrictions on dividends paid by K-tel. As of March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2002, \$4,000,000 was outstanding under the term loan and there were no borrowings under the revolving facility. At March 31, 2003, K-tel obtained a waiver from K-5 for its non-compliance under the covenants, limitations and restrictions of the credit agreement.

K-tel has an overdraft privilege borrowing facility with The Royal Bank of Scotland in the United Kingdom. This facility is secured by a standby letter of credit for \$260,000 provided by K-tel International Ltd., a Canadian company controlled by Philip Kives and is payable on demand in accordance with normal banking practices. Borrowings bear interest of 2% per annum over the base rate (a total of 6% at March 31, 2003) and are subject to a minimum of 6% per annum. K-tel had outstanding balances of \$218,000 and \$227,000 as of March 31, 2003 and June 30, 2002 respectively.

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K-tel has primarily funded its operations to date through internally generated capital, proceeds from stock option exercises and secured loans from K-5. Management currently believes that K-tel has sufficient cash and borrowing capacity to ensure the Company will continue operations in the near term. Although K-5 continues to advance funds sufficient to meet the Company's needs at this time, there can be no assurance that this will be adequate or continue in the future or that K-tel will be able to obtain additional financing upon favorable terms when required.

The Company's ability to continue its present operations and implement future expansion plans successfully is contingent mainly upon its ability to maintain its line of credit arrangements with K-5 Leisure Products, Inc. (See Note 3.), increase its revenues, and ultimately attain and sustain profitable operations. Without increased revenues and sustained profitability, the cash generated from the Company's current operations will likely be inadequate to fund operations and service its indebtedness on an ongoing basis. Management is focusing its efforts on music licensing and limited music distribution. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will achieve

profitable operations through these efforts. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of these uncertainties.

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

There have been no material changes in the Company's market risk during the nine months ended March 31, 2003. For additional information, refer to page 14 of the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

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

The Company maintains a system of disclosure controls and procedures that is designed to provide reasonable assurance that information, which is required to be disclosed, is accumulated and communicated to management timely. Within the 90 days prior to the date of this report, K-tel carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of K-tel's management, including K-tel's Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of K-tel's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(c) and 15d-14(c). Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that K-tel's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in alerting them in a timely manner to material information relating to the Company (including its consolidated subsidiaries) required to be included in the Company's periodic SEC filings.

There were no significant changes in K-tel's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation.

**PART II**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Class Action Suit

K-tel and certain of its current and former officers and directors were named as defendants in *In re K-tel International, Inc. Securities Litigation*, No. 98-CV-2480. This action consolidated twenty-three purported class actions that were initially filed in various United States District Courts in November 1998, and were subsequently transferred to, and consolidated in, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. On July 19, 1999, the plaintiffs filed an amended consolidated class action complaint that challenged the accuracy of certain public disclosures made by K-tel regarding its financial condition during the period from May 1998 through November 1998. The plaintiffs asserted claims under the federal securities laws and sought damages in an unspecified amount as well as costs, including attorneys' fees and any other relief the Court deemed just and proper. K-tel moved to dismiss the complaint, and on July 31, 2000, the United States District Court granted the Company's motion to dismiss. The Court also barred further actions by the plaintiffs and denied plaintiffs' request to amend the complaint in order to refile the complaint in the future. The plaintiffs appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, and the Court of Appeals heard the matter in October 2001. On August 7, 2002 the Court of Appeals, in a two to one decision, denied the plaintiffs' appeal. On August 20, 2002 the plaintiffs applied for a rehearing by the full Court of Appeals. K-tel filed a response on September 15, 2002 to the plaintiffs' petition for rehearing at the request of the Court. On October 2, 2002, the Court denied the petition for rehearing. The plaintiffs had until January 1, 2003 to seek a writ of certiorari (a petition asking the Court for a discretionary review of a lower court decision) from the United States Supreme Court, but did not seek this writ. There having been no appeals filed, the case has been dismissed with prejudice on the merits.

RTL Shopping S. A.

The Company has been named in a lawsuit filed in France brought by RTL9, a French cable TV station. Initially, RTL9 was named as a defendant in a suit brought by a competitor of K-tel Marketing Ltd. alleging that RTL9 ran a commercial for K-tel Marketing which presented a product under brand names alleged to infringe on the competitor's own trademarks and also translated an English language script indicating that the product was just like or as good as others into better than in French, contrary to French law. The suit alleged trademark infringement, unfair competition, illicit comparative advertising and passing off. RTL9 then sued K-tel Marketing on October 4, 2000, pursuant to an indemnification provision the parties had entered into. Subsequently, K-tel Marketing went into liquidation and RTL9 filed a suit in December 2000 against K-tel International, Inc. under its agreement to guarantee payment for the commercial time. On May 28, 2001, RTL9 presented documents in court identifying K-tel International (USA), Inc. as a target of its claim. On September 3, 2001 the Company filed documents disputing the claim and advising the court of K-tel (USA)'s Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing.

The initial lawsuit against RTL9 and the RTL9 claim against K-tel are proceeding together through the French courts, and the parties involved in the initial lawsuit continue to submit new briefs to the Court related to that action. The action seeks damages in the approximate amount of 20 million French Francs, or approximately \$2.8 million. The Company believes that RTL9 has no basis for a complaint against the Company. As the result of information supplied by the parties to the Court, RTL9 has proposed to drop the lawsuit.

K-tel International, Inc. vs. Tristar Products, Inc.

On March 14, 2000, K-tel and its subsidiary in Germany commenced an action for breach of express and implied warranties against Defendant Tristar Products, Inc. This action is venued in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. This action arises out of Tristar's sale to K-tel of a defective home exercise product called the BunBlaster for resale in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. By written contract, Tristar has agreed to indemnify K-tel for injuries and damages arising out of the resale of those goods. K-tel is seeking approximately \$2 million in consequential damages. Tristar is vigorously defending this. Discovery has been completed. The Court has ordered that the action be ready for trial by June 2, 2003, after which the Court will schedule a trial date.

On April 30, 2001, Tristar also asserted a patent and trademark/ trade-dress counter-claim against K-tel for allegedly passing off a product called the K-tel Hook and Hang while allegedly a distributor of the original patented Tristar Hook and Hang product. The Company denies the allegation because it never was a distributor of this or any similar



product and intends to defend this action vigorously. Tristar has not identified the amount of damages it seeks with respect to this counterclaim. The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota issued an order on August 14, 2001 severing this action from the Company's action. This action is at an early stage and no discovery or other actions have occurred.

**Other Litigation and Disputes**

K-tel and its subsidiaries are also involved in other legal actions in the ordinary course of its business. With all litigation matters, management considers the likelihood of loss based on the facts and circumstances. If management determines that a loss is probable and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated, such amount is recorded as a liability. Although the outcome of any such legal actions cannot be predicted, in the opinion of management there is currently no legal proceeding pending or asserted against or involving K-tel for which the outcome is likely to have a material adverse effect upon the consolidated financial position or results of operations of K-tel.

#### Subsidiaries Bankruptcy and Liquidation

In March 2001, the Company's music distribution subsidiary in the United States, K-tel International (USA), Inc. ceased operations and filed for protection under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Although the bankruptcy court has not yet confirmed the formal plan of liquidation, the Company has not been informed by the trustee or its counsel of any plan by the court to attempt to hold it or any of its subsidiaries liable for any of the commitments of K-tel (USA). Management believes the Company will have no ongoing material liability related to K-tel (USA) as a result of the filing and the outcome of the bankruptcy proceeding.

In November 2000, the Company's consumer products subsidiary in the United Kingdom, K-tel Marketing Ltd., ceased operations and began voluntary liquidation proceedings. At the initial meeting of the creditors on November 24, 2000, the creditors voted for the liquidation to become a creditors' liquidation under English law. The Company has not been informed by the liquidators or their counsel of any plan to attempt to hold it or any of its subsidiaries liable for any of the commitments of K-tel Marketing Ltd. Management believes the Company will have no ongoing material liability related to K-tel Marketing Ltd. as a result of the liquidation proceeding.

## **ITEM 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

On January 13, 2003, the Company issued non-qualified stock options to purchase 95,000 shares of common stock to each of Jay William Smalley, Richard R. Marklund and Wesley C. Hayne, in consideration of their agreements to serve on the Company's Audit Committee and Compensation/Stock Option Committee. On January 13, 2003, the Company also issued to Mr. Smalley a non-qualified stock option to purchase 15,000 shares of common stock in consideration of past and continued service on the Company's board of directors. The foregoing options were authorized by the Company's board of directors effective November 27, 2002 and were granted outside the Company's 1997 Stock Option Plan in transactions not involving any public offering pursuant to the exemption from registration in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933. Such securities are restricted as to sale or transfer, unless registered under the Securities Act, and instruments representing such securities contain restrictive legends preventing sale, transfer or other disposition unless registered under the Securities Act. In addition, the recipients of such securities received, or had access to, material information concerning the Company including, but not limited to, reports on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q and Form 8-K, as filed with the SEC. The options were vested in full upon grant and are exercisable at \$0.05 per share for a period of ten years from the date of grant.

## **ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K**

(a) EXHIBITS

See Index to Exhibits.

(b) REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

There were no reports filed under Form 8-K by the Company during the three month period ended March 31, 2003.

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

K-TEL INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
REGISTRANT

Dated: May 13, 2003

/S/ PHILIP KIVES  
PHILIP KIVES  
CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated: May 13, 2003

/S/ DENNIS WARD  
DENNIS WARD  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
(principal accounting officer)

**CERTIFICATIONS**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14

I, Philip Kives, President and Chief Executive Officer of K-tel International, Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of K-tel International, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in paragraph (c) Rule 13a-14) for the registrant and we have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls

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and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and

6. The other certifying officer and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Dated: May 13, 2003

By /s/ Philip Kives  
Philip Kives  
President and Chief Executive Officer

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14

I, Dennis Ward, Chief Financial Officer of K-tel International, Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of K-tel International, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in paragraph (c) Rule 13a-14) for the registrant and we have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
  - c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent



functions):

a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and

6. The other certifying officer and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Dated: May 13, 2003

By /s/ Dennis Ward  
Dennis Ward  
Chief Financial Officer

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

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