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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2009

OR

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

to_

For the transition period from

Commission File Number:

001-31588

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MINNESOTA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

10900 Red Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN (Address of principal executive offices)

(952) 996-1674

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 \square NO \square

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. YES \square NO \boxtimes

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

Large Accelerated Filer 🗆 Accelerated Filer 🗆 Non-Accelerated Filer 🗖 Smaller Reporting Company 🖾

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS:

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class	Name of Exchange On Which Registered	Outstanding at May 1, 2009
Common Stock, par value \$.05 per share	NASDAQ	8,343,236

41-0957999

(Federal Employer Identification No.)

55343 (Zip Code)

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COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	March 31 2009			December 31 2008	
ASSETS			-		
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	16,506,467	\$	29,951,561	
		11,427,127		17 0 40 700	
Trade accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$295,000 and \$219,000, respectively		16,838,083		17,243,788	
Inventories Other current assets		27,889,586 652,461		29,398,443 861,039	
Deferred income taxes					
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,492,148 76,805,872		3,364,297 80,819,128	
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, net		11,931,692		12,014,541	
OTHER ASSETS:					
Investments		3,210,468			
Goodwill		4,560,217		4,560,217	
Deferred income taxes		588,811		643,667	
Prepaid pensions		577,779		566,137	
Other assets		131,311		134,101	
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS		9,068,586		5,904,122	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	97,806,150	\$	98,737,791	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	354,355	\$	348,373	
Accounts payable	Ф	2,870,453	\$ \$	4,126,756	
Accrued compensation and benefits		2,452,743	φ	2,985,233	
Other accrued liabilities		1,788,300		1,624,971	
Income taxes payable		56,017		11,430	
Dividends payable		1,001,486		994,169	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,523,354		10,090,932	
LONG TERM LIABILITIES:					
Long-term compensation plans		1,592,491		1,410,559	
Income taxes payable		649,490		733.683	
Long term debt - mortgage payable		2,683,610		2,774,474	
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		4,925,591		4,918,716	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES					
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share; 3,000,000 shares authorized; none issued					
Common stock, par value \$.05 per share; 30,000,000 shares authorized; 8,343,237 and 8,282,348 shares issued and					
outstanding, respectively		417,162		414,117	
Additional paid-in capital		33,500,851		33,019,154	
Retained earnings		50,710,398		50,503,410	
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax		(271,206)		(208,538)	
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		84,357,205		83,728,143	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$	97,806,150	\$	98,737,791	
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME

	Three Months Ended March 31				
	 2009		2008		
Sales from operations	\$ 26,764,958	\$	30,321,235		
Costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales	16,985,514		18,870,680		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	8,002,809		8,031,158		
Impairment and other charges related to JDL (Notes 4 and 11)	 0		3,220,754		
Total costs and expenses	 24,988,323		30,122,592		
Operating income	1,776,635		198,643		
Other income and (expenses):					
Investment and other income	210,537		188,756		
Gain on sale of assets	8,630		5,217		
Interest and other expense	(59,091)		(36,124)		
Other income, net	160,076		157,849		
Income before income taxes	1,936,711		356,492		
Income tax expense	 713,780		170,000		
Net income	1,222,931		186,492		
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:					
Additional minimum pension liability adjustments	11,961		44,410		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(74,629)		(242,975)		
Total other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(62,668)		(198,565)		
Comprehensive net income (loss)	\$ 1,160,263	\$	(12,073)		
Basic net income per share:	\$.15	\$.02		
Diluted net income per share:	\$.15	\$.02		
Average Basic Shares Outstanding	8,316,753		8,572,040		
Average Dilutive Shares Outstanding	8,319,373		8,613,618		
Dividends per share	\$.12	\$.12		
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COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Unaudited)

	Common	Stock		Additional Paid-in	Retained	Cumulative Other Comprehensive	
	Shares	Amount		Capital	Earnings	Income (Loss)	Total
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2008	8,282,349	\$ 414,117	\$	33,019,154	\$ 50,503,410	\$ (208,538)	\$ 83,728,143
Net income					1,222,931		\$ 1,222,931
Issuance of common stock under Employee Stock							
Purchase Plan	6,657	333		48,996			\$ 49,329
Issuance of common stock to Employee Stock							
Ownership Plan	55,100	2,755		427,025			\$ 429,780
Issuance of common stock under Employee Stock							
Option Plan	2,000	100		17,200			\$ 17,300
Tax benefit from non-qualified employee stock							
options							\$ _
Share based compensation					(14,458)		\$ (14,458)
Purchase of common stock	(2,869)	(143)	(11,524)	(1,001,485)		\$ (1,013,152)
Shareholder dividends							\$ _
Other comprehensive income						(62,668)	\$ (62,668)
BALANCE AT MARCH 31, 2009	8,343,237	417,162		33,500,851	 50,710,398	 (271,206)	84,357,205

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES C ONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Three Months E 2009	Ended March 31 2008
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 1,222,931	\$ 186,492
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	445,449	615,224
Deferred income taxes	(72,995)	(179,858)
Impairment and other charges related to JDL (Notes 4 and 11)		3,220,754
(Gain) loss on sale of assets	(8,630)	
Excess tax benefit from stock based payments		(34,216)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	388,618	(2,482,432)
Inventories	1,488,099	(423,191)
Prepaid income taxes	0	109,628
Other current assets	210,269	(2,652,146)
Accounts payable	(1,250,199)	225,867
Accrued compensation and benefits	79,223	(1,250,721)
Other accrued expenses	165,099	560,939
Income taxes payable	(39,605)	235,371
Other	(22,104)	(98,123)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,606,155	(1,966,412)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures	(370,942)	(1,237,346)
Purchases of investments	(18,109,595)	
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	10,545	
Proceeds from the sale of investments	3,472,000	
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,997,992)	(1,237,346)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash dividends paid	(994,168)	(1,029,130)
Mortgage principal payments	(84,882)	(76,166)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	66,629	297,911
Excess tax benefit from stock based payments		34,216
Purchase of common stock	(26,125)	(28,071)
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,038,546)	(801,240)
EFFECT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH	(14,711)	28,997
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(13,445,094)	(3,976,001)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	29,951,561	29,427,879
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 16,506,467	\$ 25,451,878
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Income taxes paid	\$ 826,381	\$ 36,425
Interest paid	58,747	6,397
Dividends declared not paid	1,001,486	1,033,868
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. N OTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of business

Communications Systems, Inc. (herein collectively called "CSI", "our" or the "Company") is a Minnesota corporation organized in 1969 which operates directly and through its subsidiaries located in the United States, Costa Rica, the United Kingdom and China. CSI is principally engaged through its Suttle and Austin Taylor business units in the manufacture and sale of modular connecting and wiring devices for voice and data communications, digital subscriber line filters, and structured wiring systems and through its Transition Networks business unit in the manufacture of media and rate conversion products for telecommunications networks. CSI also provides through its JDL Technologies business unit IT solutions including network design, computer infrastructure installations, IT service management, change management, network security and network operations services.

Financial statement presentation

The consolidated balance sheets and consolidated statement of changes in stockholders' equity as of March 31, 2009 and 2008 and the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, and the consolidated statements of cash flows for the periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 have been prepared by Company management. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which include only normal recurring adjustments except where noted) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows at March 31, 2009 and 2008 and for the periods then ended have been made.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted. We recommend these consolidated financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's December 31, 2008 Annual Report to Shareholders on Form 10-K. The results of operations for the periods ended March 31 are not necessarily indicative of operating results for the entire year.

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The estimates and assumptions used in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are based upon management's evaluation of the relevant facts and circumstances as of the time of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Except to the extent updated or described below, the significant accounting policies set forth in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, appropriately represent, in all material respects, the current status of accounting policies, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Cash equivalents and investments

For purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents. As of March 31, 2009, the Company had \$31.1 million in cash, cash equivalents and investments. Of this amount, \$6.9 million was invested in short-term money market funds that are not considered to be bank deposits and are not insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance company (FDIC) or other government agency. These money market funds seek to preserve the value of the investment at \$1.00 per share; however, it is possible to lose money investing in these funds. The remainder is operating cash and certificates of deposit, which are fully insured through the FDIC. The Company has not experienced any losses on its deposits of cash, cash equivalents and investments.

Revenue Recognition

The Company's manufacturing operations (Suttle, Transition Networks and Austin Taylor) recognize revenue when the earnings process is complete, evidenced by persuasive evidence of an agreement, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the price is fixed or determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. Revenue is recognized for domestic and international sales at the shipping point or delivery to customers, based on the related shipping terms. Risk of loss transfers at the point of shipment or delivery to customers, and the Company has no further obligation after such time. Sales are made directly to customers and through distributors. Payment terms for distributors are consistent with the terms of the Company's direct customers. The Company records a provision for sale returns, sales incentives and warranty costs at the time of the sale based on historical experience and current trends.

JDL Technologies generally records revenue on hardware, software and related equipment sales and installation contracts when the revenue recognition criteria are met and products are installed and accepted by customer.

JDL records revenue on service contracts on a straight-line basis over the contract period, unless evidence suggests the revenue is earned in a different pattern. Each contract is individually reviewed to determine when the earnings process is complete. Contracts with the Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) are funded by the federal government's E-RATE program and must be approved by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) before payment can be received. Our policy is not to recognize E-RATE revenue on our VIDE contracts until they are approved by the SLD.

Comprehensive income

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, are as follows:

	March 31 2009	December 31 2008		
Foreign currency translation	\$ (927,003)	\$	(852,374)	
Minimum pension liability	655,797		643,836	
	\$ (271,206)	\$	(208,538)	

NOTE 2 - STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Common shares are reserved in connection with the Company's 1992 Stock Plan under which 2,500,000 shares of common stock may be issued pursuant to stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock or deferred stock granted to officers and key employees. Exercise prices of stock options under the Stock Plan cannot be less than fair market value of the stock on the date of grant. Rules and conditions governing awards of stock options, stock appreciation rights and restricted stock are determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, subject to certain limitations incorporated into the Stock Plan. At March 31, 2009, 1,074,239 shares remained available to be issued under the Stock Plan. All currently outstanding awards under the Stock Plan are vested. The options expire five years from date of grant.

Shares of common stock are also reserved for issuance in connection with a nonqualified stock option plan under which up to 200,000 shares may be issued to nonemployee directors (the "Director Plan"). The Director Plan provides for the automatic grant of nonqualified options for 3,000 shares of common stock annually to each nonemployee director concurrent with the annual stockholders' meeting. Exercise price is the fair market value of the stock at the date of grant. Options granted under the Director Plan vest when issued and expire 10 years from date of grant. At March 31, 2009, 28,000 shares are available to be issued under the Director Plan.

The Company also has an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP) for which 400,000 common shares have been reserved. Employees are able to acquire shares under the ESPP Plan at 95% of the price at the end of the current semi-annual plan term, which is June 30, 2009. The ESPP Plan is non-compensatory under current rules and does not give rise to compensation cost under SFAS No. 123(R).

No stock compensation expense was recognized for the three month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008. Excess tax benefits from the exercise of stock options included in financing cash flows for the three month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, were \$0 and \$34,000, respectively.

The following table summarizes the stock option transactions for the three months ended March 31, 2009. All outstanding stock options are currently exercisable.

	Options	Weighted average exercise price per share		Weighted average remaining contractual term
Outstanding – December 31, 2008	351,350	\$	9.99	2.78 years
Exercised	(2,000)		8.65	
Canceled	(103,450)		8.88	
Outstanding – March 31, 2009	245,900		10.47	3.66 years

The aggregate intrinsic value of all options (the amount by which the market price of the stock on the last day of the period exceeded the market price of the stock on the date of grant) outstanding at March 31, 2009 was \$14,000. The intrinsic value of all options exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2009 was \$2,000. Net cash proceeds from the exercise of all stock options were \$0 and \$231,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

NOTE 3 - INVENTORIES

Inventories summarized below are priced at the lower of first-in, first-out cost or market:

	March 31		
	2009		2008
Finished goods	\$ 17,242,800	\$	17,924,907
Raw and processed materials	10,646,786		11,473,536
Total	\$ 27,889,586	\$	29,398,443

NOTE 4 - GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill is required to be evaluated for impairment on an annual basis and between annual tests upon the occurrence of certain events or circumstances, according to SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. The standard requires a two-step process be performed to analyze whether or not goodwill has been impaired. Step one is to test for potential impairment, and requires that the fair value of the reporting unit be compared to its book value including goodwill. If the fair value is higher than the book value, no impairment is recognized. If the fair value is lower than the book value, a third step must be performed. The second step is to measure the amount of impairment loss, if any, and requires that a hypothetical purchase price allocation be done to determine the implied fair value of goodwill. If the implied fair value is lower than the carrying value, an impairment adjustment must be recorded.

On January 17, 2008, VIDE, at that time, a major customer of the JDL Technologies segment for under successive contracts since 1998, VIDE notified the company that JDL was not selected as a vendor to provide services to VIDE for the 2008-2009 school year. The loss of the VIDE contract for 2008 - 2009 represented an event that required goodwill to be tested for impairment in accordance with SFAS 142. The Company completed the SFAS No. 142 evaluation at March 31, 2008 and recorded a goodwill impairment for the JDL Technologies segment of \$704,000.

No events or circumstances occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2009 that required an impairment test or adjustment to the financial statements.

NOTE 5 - WARRANTY

We provide reserves for the estimated cost of product warranties at the time revenue is recognized. We estimate the costs of our warranty obligations based on our warranty policy or applicable contractual warranty, historical experience of known product failure rates, and use of materials and service delivery costs incurred in correcting product failures. Management reviews the estimated warranty liability on a quarterly basis to determine its adequacy. The actual warranty expense could differ from the estimates made by the company based on product performance.

The following table presents the changes in the Company's warranty liability for the three months ended March 31, 2009 and 2008, the majority of which relates to a five-year obligation to provide for potential future liabilities for network equipment sales.

	 2009	 2008
Beginning Balance	\$ 593,000	\$ 518,000
Actual warranty costs paid	(95,000)	(61,000)
Amounts charged to expense	 160,000	 186,000
Ending balance	\$ 658,000	\$ 643,000

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NOTE 6 - CONTINGENCIES

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is exposed to legal actions and claims and incurs costs to defend against such actions and claims. Company management is not aware of any outstanding or pending legal actions or claims that would materially affect the Company's financial position or results of operations.



NOTE 7 – INCOME TAXES

In the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements, management calculates income taxes based upon the estimated effective rate applicable to operating results for the full fiscal year. This includes estimating the current tax liability as well as assessing differences resulting from different treatment of items for tax and book accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are recorded on the balance sheet. These assets and liabilities are analyzed regularly and management assesses the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income.

At March 31, 2009 there was \$526,000 of net uncertain tax benefit positions that would reduce the effective income tax rate if recognized. The Company records interest and penalties related to income taxes as income tax expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

The Company is subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of multiple state and foreign jurisdictions. The tax years 2005-2007 remain open to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and the years 2004-2007 remain open to examination by various state tax departments. The tax years from 2006-2008 remain open in Costa Rica.

The Company's effective income tax rate was 36.9% for the first three months of 2009. The effective tax rate differs from the federal tax rate of 35% due to state income taxes, foreign losses not deductible for U.S. income tax purposes, provisions for interest charges and settlement of uncertain income tax positions. There were no additional uncertain tax positions identified in the first quarter of 2009. The Company's effective income tax rate was approximately 48% for the three months ended March 31, 2008.

The Company's foreign operations have overall losses for the three months ended March 31, 2009. The foreign operations are subject to taxes in the countries in which they occur. The applicable tax rates in these foreign countries differ from the U.S. tax rate. Further, due to uncertainty regarding the realizability of the benefit of the foreign losses, the benefits have been reserved. The effect of the foreign operations is an overall rate increase of approximately 4.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2009.

NOTE 8 - SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company classifies its businesses into four segments: Suttle, which manufactures U.S. standard modular connecting and wiring devices for voice and data communications; Transition Networks, which designs and markets data transmission, computer network and media conversion products and print servers; JDL Technologies, (JDL), which provides IT services; and Austin Taylor which manufactures British standard telephone equipment and equipment enclosures for the U.K and international markets. Nonallocated corporate general and administrative expenses as categorized as "Other" in the Company's segment reporting. Management has chosen to organize the enterprise and disclose reportable segments based on products and services. There are no material intersegment revenues.

Information concerning the Company's continuing operations in the various segments for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008 is as follows:

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SEGMENT INFORMATION - THREE MONTHS

	Suttle	Transition Networks	JDL Technologies	Austin Taylor	Other	Total
Three months ended March 31, 2009:			0	·		
Sales	\$ 11,850,004	\$ 12,136,783	\$ 2,081,068	\$ 697,103	\$ —	\$ 26,764,958
Cost of sales	9,069,855	5,824,834	1,437,413	653,412	—	\$ 16,985,514
Gross profit	2,780,149	6,311,949	643,655	43,691	—	9,779,444
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,566,242	4,923,330	320,552	280,936	911,748	\$ 8,002,808
Operating income (loss)	\$ 1,213,907	\$ 1,388,619	\$ 323,103	\$ (237,245)	\$ (911,748)	\$ 1,776,636
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 150,164	\$ 147,424	\$ 41,484	\$ 14,973	\$ 91,404	\$ 445,449
Capital expenditures	\$ 239,097	\$ 75,301	\$	\$ 40,299	\$ 16,245	\$ 370,942
Assets	\$ 22,368,797	\$ 27,188,008	\$ 3,629,215	\$ 4,278,670	\$ 40,341,460	\$ 97,806,150
	Suttle	Transition Networks	JDL Technologies	Austin Taylor	Other	Total
Three months ended March 31, 2008:						
Sales	\$ 12,447,583	\$ 13,048,578	¢ 2 150 525			
	• • • • • • • • •	\$ 15,046,576	\$ 3,159,535	\$ 1,665,539	\$ —	\$ 30,321,235
Cost of sales	8,960,468	6,843,865	\$ 3,159,535 1,724,141	\$ 1,665,539 1,342,207	\$	\$ 30,321,235 \$ 18,870,681
Gross profit					•	\$ 18,870,681 11,450,554
Gross profit Selling, general and administrative expenses	8,960,468	6,843,865	1,724,141 1,435,394 228,704	1,342,207	· _	\$ 18,870,681 11,450,554 \$ 8,031,158
Gross profit	8,960,468 3,487,115	6,843,865 6,204,713	1,724,141 1,435,394	1,342,207 323,332		\$ 18,870,681 11,450,554
Gross profit Selling, general and administrative expenses	8,960,468 3,487,115	6,843,865 6,204,713	1,724,141 1,435,394 228,704	1,342,207 323,332		\$ 18,870,681 11,450,554 \$ 8,031,158
Gross profit Selling, general and administrative expenses Impairment and other charges related to JDL	8,960,468 3,487,115 1,673,180	6,843,865 6,204,713 4,784,026	1,724,141 1,435,394 228,704 3,220,754	1,342,207 323,332 282,622	1,062,626	\$ 18,870,681 11,450,554 \$ 8,031,158 \$ 3,220,754
Gross profit Selling, general and administrative expenses Impairment and other charges related to JDL Operating income (loss)	8,960,468 3,487,115 1,673,180 \$ 1,813,935	6,843,865 6,204,713 4,784,026 \$ 1,420,687	1,724,141 1,435,394 228,704 3,220,754 \$ (2,014,064)	1,342,207 323,332 282,622 \$ 40,710	1,062,626 \$ (1,062,626)	\$ 18,870,681 11,450,554 \$ 8,031,158 \$ 3,220,754 \$ 198,642

NOTE 9 – PENSIONS

The Company's U.K. based subsidiary Austin Taylor maintains defined benefit pension plans that cover approximately 10 active employees. The Company does not provide any other post-retirement benefits to its employees. Components of net periodic benefit cost of the pension plans were:

	T	ree months E	arch 31	
		2009		2008
Service cost	\$	8,000		14,000
Interest cost		60,000		78,000
Expected return on plan assets		(58,000)		(78,000)
Amortization of unrecognized (gain)/loss		_		_
	\$	10,000	\$	14,000

NOTE 10 - NET INCOME PER SHARE

Basic net income per common share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each year. Diluted net income per common share takes into effect the dilutive effect of potential common shares outstanding. The Company's only potential common shares outstanding are stock options, which resulted in a dilutive effect of 2,619 shares and 41,578 shares for the respective three month periods ended March 31, 2009 and 2008. The Company calculates the dilutive effect of outstanding options using the treasury stock method. The number of shares not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the options' exercise price was greater than the average market price of common stock during the period was 191,900 and 116,900 at March 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

NOTE 11 - ASSET IMPAIRMENT

We are required to test for asset impairment relating to property and equipment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset might not be recoverable. We apply SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, in order to determine whether or not an asset is impaired. This standard requires an impairment analysis when indicators of impairment are present. If such indicators are present, the standard requires that if the sum of the future expected cash flows from a company's asset, undiscounted and without interest charges, is less than the carrying value, an asset impairment must be recognized in the financial statements. The amount of the impairment is the difference between the fair value of the asset and the carrying value of the asset. On January 17, 2008 the Company was notified by the United States Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE), a customer of JDL Technologies under successive one year contracts since 1998, that the Company was not selected as VIDE's vendor for the next contract year, July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. The decision of VIDE to select another vendor for the next contract year represented an event that required the related asset group to be tested for impairment. The Company completed this evaluation in the first quarter of fiscal 2008 and identified an impairment of the network infrastructure supporting services provided to VIDE to the extent of its total net book value of \$2,517,000.

NOTE 12 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Effective Jan. 1, 2008, the Company adopted SFAS No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, for recurring fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 provides a single definition of fair value and requires enhanced disclosures about assets and liabilities measured at fair value. SFAS No. 157 establishes a hierarchal framework for disclosing the observability of the inputs utilized in measuring assets and liabilities at fair value. The three levels defined by the SFAS No. 157 hierarchy and examples of each level are as follows:

Level 1 – Observable inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date. The Company's financial instruments categorized as Level 1 relate to cash equivalents.

Level 2 – Observable inputs such as quoted prices for similar instruments and quoted prices in markets that are not active, and inputs that are directly observable or can be corroborated by observable market data. The types of assets and liabilities included in Level 2 are typically either comparable to actively traded securities or contracts, such as treasury securities with pricing interpolated from recent trades of similar securities, or priced with models using highly observable inputs, such as commodity options priced using observable forward prices and volatilities.



Level 3 – Significant inputs to pricing have little or no observability as of the reporting date. The types of assets and liabilities included in Level 3 are those with inputs requiring significant management judgment or estimation, such as the complex and subjective models and forecasts used to determine the fair value of financial instruments.

The Company's assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2009 include cash equivalents and investments of \$24,871,000 classified as level one within the SFAS No. 157 hierarchy. The Company does not have any assets or liabilities classified as level two or three within the SFAS No. 157 hierarchy.

I tem 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Forward looking statements

In this report and, from time to time, in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in press releases, and in other communications to shareholders or the investing public, the Company may make "forward looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 concerning possible or anticipated future financial performance, business activities, plans, pending claims, investigations or litigation which are typically preceded by the words "believes", "expects", "anticipates", "intends" or similar expressions. For such forward-looking statements, the Company claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in federal securities laws. Shareholders and the investing public should understand that such forward looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual performance, activities, anticipated results, outcomes or plans to differ significantly from those indicated in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: lower sales to major telephone companies and other major customers; the introduction of competitive products and technologies; our ability to successful reduce operating expenses at certain business units; the general health of the telecom sector, successful integration and profitability of acquisitions; delays in new product introductions; higher than expected expense related to new sales and marketing initiatives; unfavorable resolution of claims and litigation, availability of acquisitions; fuel prices; government funding of education technology spending; and other factors discussed from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including risk factors presented under Item 1A of the Company's most recently filed report on Form 10-K.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2009 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2008

Consolidated sales decreased in 2009 to \$26,765,000 compared to \$30,321,000 in 2008. Consolidated operating income in 2009 increased to \$1,777,000 compared to \$199,000 in the first quarter of 2008, which includes impairment charges totaling \$3,221,000 related to JDL Technologies not being selected as a vendor to provide services to the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Education ("VIDE") for the period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Net income in 2009 increased to \$1,223,000 compared to \$186,000 in the first quarter of 2008.

Suttle

Suttle sales decreased 5% in the first quarter of 2009 to \$11,850,000 compared to \$12,448,000 in the same period of 2008 due to a general slow down in the housing market. Sales by customer groups in the first quarter of 2009 and 2008 were:

	Suttle Sales by Customer Group			
	 2009		2008	
Major telephone companies	\$ 6,956,000	\$	6,017,000	
Distributors/OEM	3,217,000		4,081,000	
International	629,000		707,000	
Other	 1,048,000		1,643,000	
	\$ 11,850,000	\$	12,448,000	

Suttle's sales by product groups in first quarter of 2009 and 2008 were:

	Suttle Sales	Suttle Sales by Product Group		
	2009	2008		
Modular connecting products	\$ 4,557,000	\$ 5,978,000		
DSL products	3,632,000	2,338,000		
Structured cabling products	3,491,000	3,770,000		
Other products	170,000	362,000		
	\$ 11,850,000	\$ 12,448,000		

Sales to the major telephone companies (RBOCs) increased 16% in 2009 due to increased sales of DSL products. Sales to these customers accounted for 59% of Suttle's sales in the 2009 first quarter compared to 48% of sales in 2008. Sales to distributors, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), and electrical contractors decreased 21% in 2009 primarily due to the contraction of the housing and building sectors of the economy. This customer segment accounted for 27% and 33% of sales in the first quarters of 2009 and 2008, respectively. International sales decreased 11% and accounted for 55% of Suttle's first quarter 2009 sales. Suttle's products do not have a large international market due to different product specifications in non-US markets. Sales to other customers decreased 36% to \$1,048,000.

Modular connecting products sales have decreased 24% due to a slowing of the home building business and accelerated decline in the voice market, whereas DSL products have increased 55% as a result of a new contract with a major telephone company.

Suttle's gross margin decreased 20% in the first quarter of 2009 to \$2,780,000 compared to \$3,487,000 in the same period of 2008. Gross margin percentage decreased to 23% in 2009 from 28% in 2008 due to product mix changes and lower overhead absorption. Suttle realizes its highest selling margins on modular connecting products. DSL products are the least profitable. Suttle also earns better margins on sales to distributor and OEM customers where pricing is usually based on Company list prices than from major telephone customers where pricing is usually based on negotiated contracts. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$107,000 or 6% in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the same period in 2008, but remained consistent as a percentage of sales at 13%. Suttle's operating income was \$1,214,000 in the first quarter of 2009 compared to operating income of \$1,814,000 in 2008.

Transition Networks

Transition Networks sales decreased 7% to \$12,137,000 in the first quarter of 2009 compared to \$13,049,000 in 2008.

First quarter sales by region are presented in the following table:

	Transition Networks Sales by Region			
	2009		2008	
North America	\$ 9,787,000	\$	9,634,000	
Europe, Middle East, Asia	1,190,000		1,277,000	
Rest of world	1,160,000		2,138,000	
	\$ 12,137,000	\$	13,049,000	

Sales in North America were essentially flat increasing only \$153,000 or 2%. International sales decreased \$1,065,000, or 31% primarily due to the impact of the global economic crisis and currency fluctuations. Customers have either delayed or canceled projects, but the Company is continuing to invest in the region because long term projects are promising.

The following table summarizes Transition Networks' 2009 and 2008 first quarter sales by its major product groups:

	Transition Networks Sales by Product Group			
	2009		2008	
Media converters	\$ 9,616,000	\$	11,287,000	
Ethernet switches	547,000		602,000	
Ethernet adapters	1,316,000		553,000	
Other products	658,000		607,000	
	\$ 12,137,000	\$	13,049,000	

Gross margin on first quarter Transition Networks' sales increased to \$6,312,000 in 2009 from \$6,205,000 in 2008. Gross margin as a percentage of sales was 52% in 2009, compared to 48% in the 2008 period, due to decreased manufacturing costs related to the inventory cost reduction plan started in 2008 and change in product mix. The increase in sales of Ethernet adapters and decrease in media converters is one of the contributors to the increased margins. Furthermore, the decline in sales of media converters is attributed to the slowing economy around the world. The increase in sales of Ethernet adapters is due to ongoing projects in North America. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 3% to \$4,923,000 in 2009 compared to \$4,784,000 in 2008 due to an increase in the international sales force headcount as well as increases in research and development costs related to the creation of new prototypes. Operating income decreased to \$1,389,000 in 2009 compared to \$1,421,000 in 2008.

JDL Technologies, Inc.

JDL Technologies, Inc. reported 2009 first quarter sales of \$2,081,000 compared to \$3,160,000 in 2008.

JDL's revenues by customer group were as follows:

	JDL Revenue by Customer Group			
	2009		2008	
Broward County FL schools	\$ 2,011,000	\$	1,001,000	
U.S. Virgin Islands Dept. of Education (VIDE)			2,091,000	
All other	70,000		68,000	
	\$ 2,081,000	\$	3,160,000	

Revenues earned in Broward County FL increased \$1,010,000 or 101% in 2009. The increase was the result of network refresh work due originally scheduled for 2008 that was performed in the first quarter of 2009 due to customer budget limitations in the fourth quarter of 2008. The decrease in VIDE revenue in 2009 was due to the loss of the VIDE contract for the 2008-2009 school year.

JDL gross margin was \$644,000 in the first quarter of 2009 compared to \$1,435,000 in the same period in 2008. Gross margin in 2008 was significantly impacted by the timing of the recognition of revenues from JDL's VIDE contracts as the cost related to the revenue recognized in the first quarter of 2008 was recognized in 2007. Costs of \$1.4 million were recorded in 2007, when the services were provided, related to the \$1.3 million revenue that was recognized in the first quarter of 2008 when the E-Rate funding was approved. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased in 2009 to \$321,000 compared to \$229,000 in 2008 due to one-time administrative costs. JDL reported operating income of \$323,000 in the first quarter of 2009 compared to an operating loss of \$2,014,000 in the same period of 2008.

Austin Taylor

Austin Taylor's revenues decreased to \$697,000 for the first quarter of 2009, compared to \$1,666,000 in 2008. This decrease is primarily due to the general market and economy slowdown. Gross margin decreased 86% to \$44,000 in 2009 from \$323,000 in 2008. Gross margin as a percentage of sales was 6% in 2009 compared to 19% in 2008. This decrease was due to greatly increased material costs compounded by an unfavorable currency exchange rate during the first quarter of 2009. Additionally, Austin Taylor was burdened with the impact of product quality issues from two of its major vendors. Austin Taylor reported an operating loss in 2009 of \$237,000 compared to operating income of \$41,000 in 2008.

Other

Net investment income remained stable at \$160,000 in 2009 as compared to \$158,000 in 2008. Income before income taxes increased to \$1,937,000 in 2009 compared to \$356,000 in 2008. The Company's effective income tax rate was 37% in 2009 compared to 48% in 2008. This effective rate was higher than the standard rate of 35% due to state income taxes, foreign losses not deductible for U.S. income tax purposes, provisions for interest charges and settlement of uncertain income tax positions as explained in Note 7 above.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At March 31, 2009, the Company had approximately \$31,144,000 of cash equivalents and investments compared to \$29,952,000 of cash equivalents and investments at December 31, 2008. The Company had current assets of approximately \$76,806,000 and current liabilities of \$8,523,000 at March 31, 2009 compared to current assets of \$80,819,000 and current liabilities of \$10,091,000 at December 31, 2008.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$2,606,000 in the first three months of 2009 compared to \$1,966,000 used in the same period in 2008. Significant working capital changes from December 31, 2008 to March 31, 2009 included decreased inventory of \$1,488,000 due to sale of increased inventory purchases at the end of 2008 and a decrease in accounts receivable of \$389,000 due to the timing of collections.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$14,998,000 in the first three months in 2009 compared to cash used of \$1,237,000 in the same period in 2008, due to the purchase of certificates of deposit with maturities of greater than 90 days during the quarter, offset by the sale of such investments. Additionally, there was a decrease in capital expenditures at the Company's new building in Minnetonka, Minnesota. In the first quarter of 2008, the Company spent approximately \$700,000 in equipping the new building, which did not occur in the first quarter of 2009.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$1,039,000 and \$801,000 in the first three months of 2009 and 2008, respectively. Cash dividends paid in the first three months of 2009 were \$994,000 (\$.12 per common share) compared to \$1,029,000 (\$.12 per common share) in the same period in 2008. Proceeds from common stock issuances, principally exercises of employee stock options, totaled approximately \$67,000 in the first three months of 2009 and \$298,000 in the same period in 2008. The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the purchase and retirement, from time to time, of shares of the Company's stock on the open market, or in private transactions consistent with overall market and financial conditions. In the first three months of 2009, the Company purchased and retired 2,869 of its common shares at a cost of \$26,000. At March 31, 2009, 484,194 additional shares could be repurchased under outstanding Board authorizations. The Company has a \$10,000,000 line of credit from U.S. Bank. Interest on borrowings on the credit line is at the LIBOR rate plus 1.5% (2.7% at March 31, 2009). There were no borrowings on the line of credit during the first three months of 2009 and so as \$10,000,000 line of the new Minnetonka headquarters building in July 2007, the Company assumed an outstanding mortgage of \$4,380,000. The mortgage is payable in monthly installments and carries an interest rate of 6.83%. The mortgage matures on March 1, 2016. Mortgage payments on principal totaled \$85,000 during the first quarter of 2009. The outstanding balance on the mortgage was \$3,038,000 at March 31, 2009.

In the opinion of management, based on the Company's current financial and operating position and projected future expenditures, sufficient funds are available to meet the Company's anticipated operating and capital expenditure needs.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our critical accounting policies, including the assumptions and judgments underlying them, are discussed in our 2008 Form 10-K in Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies included in our Consolidated Financial Statements. There were no significant changes to our critical accounting policies during the three months ended March 31, 2009.



The Company's accounting policies have been consistently applied in all material respects and disclose such matters as allowance for doubtful accounts, sales returns, inventory valuation, warranty expense, income taxes, revenue recognition, asset and goodwill impairment recognition and foreign currency translation. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates based on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Results may differ from these estimates due to actual outcomes being different from those on which we based our assumptions. Management on an ongoing basis reviews these estimates and judgments.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

We do not believe there are any recently issued accounting standards that have not yet been adopted that will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

I tem 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

The Company has no freestanding or embedded derivatives. The Company's policy is to not use freestanding derivatives and to not enter into contracts with terms that cannot be designated as normal purchases or sales.

The vast majority of our transactions are denominated in U.S. dollars; as such, fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates have historically not been material to the Company. At March 31, 2009 our bank line of credit carried a variable interest rate based on the London Interbank Offered Rate (Libor) plus 1.5%. The Company's investments are either money market type of investments that earn interest at prevailing market rates or certificates of deposits insured through the federal deposit insurance company and as such do not have material risk exposure.

Based on the Company's operations, in the opinion of management, no material future losses or exposure exist relative to market risk.

I tem 4. Controls and Procedures

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Operating Effectiveness of Accounting and Control Procedures. We concluded that, in the aggregate, no material weakness existed as of March 31, 2009 related to documentation and review of significant accounting judgments and estimates, balance sheet account reconciliations, financial closing processes and financial reporting processes at period ends.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The following changes to our internal controls over financial reporting were substantially completed during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting:

- We have developed detailed methodologies for all items requiring management's estimate and judgment and these methodologies formally document management's thought processes used to determine the amounts in estimates and such analyses are shared with the audit committee;
- We have developed formal processes to document completion and review and approval of balance sheet account reconciliations;
- We have implemented processes to provide for supporting documentation and evidence of independent review and approval of journal entries, processes to require execution of sub-certifications of appropriate officers, processes to ensure that monthly close checklists are implemented and followed, processes to ensure formal review and approval of final subsidiary trial balances to reconcile agreement to consolidating schedule and processes to ensure review of posted journal entries;
- We have developed templates and checklists for disclosure items and preparation of periodic reports.

During the period covered by this Report there was no additional change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Not Applicable

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the risk factors disclosed elsewhere in this report or in the Company's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K, the following risk factor should be considered when reviewing other information set forth in this report and previously filed reports.

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all possible error or 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. Further, 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 all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within our company have been detected. These inherent limitations, include, the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of persons, by collusion of two or more persons, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls is also based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies and procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and may not be detected.

Risk of goodwill impairment.

A sustained decline in the Company's stock price below book value may result in goodwill impairments that could adversely affect the Company's results of operations and financial position.

Items 2 – 5. Not Applicable

Item 6 Exhibits.

The following exhibits are included herein:

- 31.1
- Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 of the Exchange Act). Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 of the Exchange Act). 31.2
- Certifications pursuant Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. §1350). 32.

Signatures

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

By

Communications Systems, Inc.

Date: May 13, 2009

Date: May 13, 2009

/s/ Jeffrey K. Berg Jeffrey K. Berg President and Chief Executive Officer

/s/ David T. McGraw David T. McGraw Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Jeffrey K. Berg certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Communications Systems, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

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

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By <u>/s/ Jeffrey K. Berg</u>

Date: May 13, 2009

Jeffrey K. Berg President and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, David T. McGraw, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Communications Systems, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(c) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

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

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

By /s/ David T. McGraw David T. McGraw

Date: May 13, 2009

David T. McGraw Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certify pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, that:

(1) The accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the periods ended September 30, 2008, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the accompanying Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 13, 2009

By /s/ Jeffrey K. Berg Jeffrey K. Berg President and Chief Executive Officer

By /s/ David T. McGraw David T. McGraw Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 13, 2009