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## FORM 10-K

ý Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 or
o Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

PPOL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
California
(State or other
jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-50065
(Commission File No.)

95-4436774
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1 City Boulevard West, Suite 820
Orange, California 92868
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:
(714) 937-3211

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None.

Title of each class
Common Stock, \$.001 par value

Name of exchange on which registered
None

Indicate by check mark whether PPOL, Inc. (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 ý No o

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation $S-K$ is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the PPOL, Inc. s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ or any amendment to this Form $10-\mathrm{K}$. ý

Indicate by check mark whether PPOL, Inc. is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes o No ý

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes o No ý

As of August 29, 2005, 20,542,881 shares of PPOL, Inc. s common stock, $\$ 0.001$ par value per share, were outstanding.

Documents incorporated by reference. Portions of PPOL, Inc. s definitive Proxy Statement for PPOL, Inc. s 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after PPOL, Inc. s fiscal year end are incorporated by reference in Part III of this report. Certain exhibits of PPOL, Inc. previously filed with the SEC are incorporated by reference in item 15 of this report.

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## FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

THIS ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K, IN PARTICULAR ITEM 7- MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS, AND ITEM 1-BUSINESS, INCLUDE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 21E OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED AND SECTION 27A OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THESE STATEMENTS REPRESENT OUR EXPECTATIONS OR BELIEFS CONCERNING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FUTURE REVENUE, EARNINGS, GROWTH STRATEGIES AND OTHER FINANCIAL RESULTS, NEW PRODUCTS, FUTURE OPERATIONS AND OPERATING RESULTS, AND FUTURE BUSINESS AND MARKET OPPORTUNITIES. WE WISH TO CAUTION AND ADVISE READERS THAT THESE STATEMENTS INVOLVE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THE EXPECTATIONS AND BELIEFS CONTAINED HEREIN. BECAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF OUR OPERATIONS ARE IN JAPAN, SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS IN OPERATING RESULTS INCLUDING REVENUE, GROSS MARGIN AND EARNINGS FROM THOSE EXPECTED COULD BE CAUSED BY RENEWED OR SUSTAINED WEAKNESS IN THE JAPANESE ECONOMY, WEAKENING OF THE JAPANESE YEN, FAILURE OF PLANNED INITIATIVES TO GENERATE CONTINUED INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASUM AMONG DISTRIBUTORS OR TO ATTRACT NEW DISTRIBUTORS. FOR A SUMMARY OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL RISKS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS, SEE ITEM 1 BUSINESS RISK FACTORS.

## PART I

## ITEM 1 BUSINESS

## A. OVERVIEW

PPOL, Inc., a California corporation (hereinafter referred to as PPOL or the Company ) is a holding company which conducts its business primarily through its wholly owned subsidiary, AJOL Co., Ltd., a Japan corporation (sometimes hereinafter referred to as AJOL or we or us or our. ) AJOL is an acronym for All Japan On Line. AJOL does not conduct any business in the United States.

The Company has also announced the acquisition of K.K. U Service (USC), a Tokyo-based Japanese corporation in the development stage with no revenues currently. USC is developing its infrastructure and it is anticipated that it will plan, develop, market, sell, import and export telephones, facsimile, copier, computer and peripheral equipment and software, and provide related maintenance, educational and consulting services. PPOL purchased the company for US $\$ 3,522,432$ (JPY $380,000,000$ ) from K.K. Green Capital, a Japan corporation, which is the majority owner of Foster Strategic Investment Partnership, the majority owner of PPOL on May 30, 2005. Operations are expected to commence in the second half of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

PPOL $s$ revenues are generated primarily through its one hundred percent ( $100 \%$ ) ownership of AJOL, which derives its revenues through the use of a network marketing and distribution system throughout Japan to sell: (1) its MOJICO hardware, which is a multi-functional facsimile based machine with telephone and networking capabilities, (2) subscriptions to our proprietary Pan Pacific Online interactive database that can only be accessed through our MOJICO hardware, (3) various consumer products that primarily utilize AJOL s proprietary Kamome brand, and (4) commissions generated from services offered by various companies with whom we have cooperation agreements through Pan Pacific On-Line. Kamome brand
products can only be purchased through the Pan Pacific Online network. The MOJICO hardware allows its users to connect to our Pan Pacific Online without the use of a keyboard and combines the attributes of a telephone and fax machine with full e-mail and database search capabilities. The current MOJICO hardware, the SF-70, uses a built in liquid crystal color monitor display.

Our revenues are allocated as follows:

| Fiscal year ended | MOJICO hardware |  |  | Subscriptions |  | Consumer products, commissions \& other |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Sales | $\%$ of total sales | Sales | \% of total sales | Sales | $\%$ of total sales | Sales | $\%$ of total sales |
| 2005 | \$ | 91,523,295 | 70.37\% \$ | 14,422,537 | 11.09\% \$ | 24,111,718 | 18.54\% \$ | 130,057,550 | 100.00\% |
| 2004 |  | 100,077,710 | 73.15\% | 15,443,206 | 11.28\% | 21,303,353 | 15.57\% | 136,824,269 | 100.00\% |
| 2003 |  | 103,809,418 | 76.90\% | 14,012,938 | 10.38\% | 17,163,468 | 12.72\% | 134,985,824 | 100.00\% |
| 2002 |  | 103,978,519 | 80.04\% | 12,397,101 | 9.54\% | 13,537,232 | 10.42\% | 129,912,852 | 100.00\% |
| 2001 |  | 117,015,871 | 82.26\% | 12,236,126 | 8.60\% | 12,998,276 | 9.14\% | 142,250,273 | 100.00\% |

An important aspect of the MOJICO hardware is that it allows users to communicate using handwritten Japanese characters, which comprise the Japanese language sthree phonetic alphabets: Hiragana, Katakana and especially Kanji.

We believe that the full texture and meaning of Kanji characters, and to a lesser extent, Hiragana and Katakana, cannot be effectively communicated through the preset fonts of a computer. Our business plan relies on the assumption that subscribers and potential subscribers believe that handwritten Moji (character) is a superior form of communication to output of preset fonts of a computer.

## AJOL S NETWORK SERVICES PAN PACIFIC ONLINE


#### Abstract

Our customers purchase the MOJICO hardware and concurrently subscribe to AJOL s facsimile based network and database - Pan Pacific Online. Our database contents are provided by subscribers who wish to broaden their circle of acquaintances and actively share information with other subscribers. Subscribers may also submit information about various products and services that they may offer. Subscriptions to Pan Pacific Online are only offered through AJOL and not through our network marketing distribution system. Access to our proprietary network and database is only available to subscribers through the MOJICO hardware. The MOJICO hardware can also be used to transmit and receive faxes outside the network and to send and receive general e-mails. Subscribers can search the network s database to find other subscribers matching their search criteria to establish interpersonal relationships, solicit categories of faxes, or to specify a group of recipients for the subscriber s faxes, among other things. We actively encourage subscribers to submit content for the database.


## KAMOME PRODUCTS

We have created a proprietary brand Kamome for use in the sale of products associated with AJOL. Kamome products may only be purchased through subscribers. The Kamome branding is conferred upon companies that sell products through a distribution agreement with AJOL and which pass AJOL s quality control criteria. The Kamome brand is added to the selling company s existing brand and products are sold with dual branding. Additionally, we use the Kamome brand as a private brand on a limited basis. Quality assurance and safety of products are foremost criteria. Low price alone will not qualify for Kamome brand

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status. Kamome products appear in catalogs which are distributed quarterly to subscribers and updated via the AJOL database system on a quarterly basis.

## NETWORK MARKETING DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

As of March 31, 2005, the number of MOJICO users (members) approximated 410,000. AJOL has grown to its present state through the proactive efforts of its members. We sell the MOJICO hardware and Kamome products through a network marketing distribution system. An AJOL distributor must be an AJOL subscriber to sell MOJICO hardware and Kamome products. All subscribers have an opportunity to become a MOJICO distributor. Subscribers, who desire to become distributors, must undergo an application and screening process. We refer to our subscribers who sell the MOJICO hardware and/or Kamome products as distributors. Unlike traditional distributors in a network marketing distribution system, our distributors are not required to purchase or maintain inventory of MOJICO hardware or Kamome products, and therefore are not at financial risk if they do not complete sales. AJOL bears the risk of obtaining and maintaining inventory. Distributors submit product orders to us, which we then fulfill. Payment for our products is paid directly to us.

We emphasize and encourage subscribers to develop personal relationships among subscribers and between subscribers and non-subscribers as a vehicle to increase awareness of AJOL and its products. We believe that the subscribers efforts to create personal relationships among themselves and with non-subscribers create beneficial word of mouth advertising for our products and services. We sponsor approximately 600 training sessions per year for our distributors. We also sponsor approximately one hundred fifty (150) social and recreational events, for our subscribers and their guests throughout Japan to encourage interaction among subscribers and potential subscribers.

AJOL s Honorary Chairman, Mr. Yoshihiro Aota, places emphasis on and personally speaks at many of these events. Attendees may consist of subscribers and non-subscribers. The underlying themes of Mr. Aota s presentations include the benefits of purchasing Kamome brand products through the Co-op of the 21st Century.

## B. THE INDUSTRY

We believe that we operate in a unique market niche. Although the Company s business plan has similarity to those of internet service providers, its reliance on a fax based technology eliminates access to many of the features and functionality offered by ISP sincluding access to the Internet. Unlike the Internet, which provides access to a worldwide database, the subscribers access to information and networking capabilities is limited to our fax based Pan Pacific Online network and database. The Company s business plan does however share the goal of ISP s, generally, of increasing and maintaining paid subscriptions.

Unlike ISP s, we rely heavily on word of mouth advertising through our system of network marketing distributors. In addition, we had 1,068 retail outlets referred to as Cabins as of March 31, 2005. Subscribers that are also distributors who sell AJOL products on a full time basis independently operate these Cabins. We will place more reliance and believe the role of Cabins will play a role of growing importance for MOJICO user support in the future. AJOL does not grant any exclusive distribution rights based on geographic boundaries.

We are unaware of the percentage of the Japanese population generally, or the percentage of people in various demographic groups, that engage in network marketing sales.

With MOJICO users at the focal point, we intend to establish our own closed market of customized information, products and services.

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## C. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS

(1) General Development of the Business of PPOL.

PPOL was incorporated as a California corporation on May 19, 1993 under the name Diversified Strategies, Inc. On August 15, 2002 the Company amended its articles of incorporation to change its name to PPOL, Inc.

From PPOL s inception, through March 31, 2002, it maintained its existence, in part, as a corporation with no operating business and no subsidiaries. Thereafter, PPOL entered into a Stock Purchase and Business Combination Agreement ( Agreement ), effective as of April 1, 2002, with the shareholders of AJOL to acquire all of the outstanding common shares of AJOL in exchange for the issuance of PPOL common shares representing 95\% of PPOL s then outstanding common shares ( AJOL Acquisition ). The transactions contemplated by the Agreement closed as of August 15, 2002, effective as of April 1, 2002. As a result of the AJOL Acquisition, AJOL became a wholly-owned subsidiary of PPOL.

In connection with the AJOL Acquisition, PPOL effected a reverse stock split of its issued and outstanding common shares on a $1: 7$ basis. As a result of the reverse stock split, PPOL s issued and outstanding shares were reduced from 6,298,231 (pre-reverse split) to 899,746 (post-reverse split) as of August 15, 2002. PPOL was obligated to and did purchase fractional shares that resulted from the reverse stock split at a price equal to the opening bid price of PPOL s shares on October 14, 2003 (the date the shares became listed on the National Association of Securities Dealers OTC Bulletin Board).
(2) General Development of PPOL s Subsidiary s Business (AJOL)

PPOL s sole wholly-owned subsidiary is AJOL. AJOL was incorporated under the laws of Japan on April 8, 1991. AJOL was incorporated with the name Forval CDK. It was then a wholly owned subsidiary of Forval Corporation, a Japan corporation. (Forval Corporation is hereinafter referred to as Forval. ) In April 1992 Forval CDK changed its name to Forval Research Institute Co. Ltd. Effective July 1, 2000, Forval Research Institute Co. Ltd amended its articles to change its name to AJOL Co., Ltd.

In March 1999, AJOL dissolved its subsidiary, FO Technology Co., Ltd. FO Technology Co., Ltd, had been a subsidiary of AJOL s since October of 1996. AJOL presently has no subsidiaries.
(3) General Development of PPOL s Subsidiary s Business (Gatefor, Inc.)

Gatefor, Inc. ( Gatefor ) was incorporated in Japan on June 16, 2004. PPOL was the sole shareholder of 30,000 shares of Gatefor common stock or $100 \%$ of the issued and outstanding stock of Gatefor. Gatefor was created to implement a strategy of the Company and was to act as the distributor of US and European sourced technologies into Japan. With Gatefor, the Company had two operating segments: 1) network communications through sales of MOJICO and related services by AJOL and 2) technology sales by Gatefor. These segments were determined based on the nature of products and services and their respective channels of distribution. On March 31, 2005, the Company sold its entire

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interest in Gatefor to Forval. Thus, at March 31, 2004, the Company again operates in one reportable business segment.

The Company also had a minority investment of 1,500 shares of common stock in Object Innovation, a Florida corporation, which produces and markets a middleware software product called Bridgegate. Gatefor distributed Bridgegate software in Japan. On March 31, 2004, the Company also sold its investment in Object Innovation to Forval.

## D. PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

PPOL is a holding company for its wholly-owned subsidiary, AJOL. AJOL is an acronym for All Japan On Line. PPOL s business, revenues and earnings are generated primarily through AJOL.

AJOL generates revenues through the use of a network marketing and distribution system throughout Japan to sell: (1) its MOJICO hardware, which is a multi-functional facsimile based machine with telephone and networking capabilities, (2) subscriptions to our proprietary Pan Pacific Online interactive database, (3) various consumer products that utilize AJOL s proprietary Kamome brand, and (4) commissions generated from services offered by various companies with whom we have cooperation agreements through Pan Pacific On-Line.

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(1) The MOJICO Hardware.

Our primary product is a multi-functional facsimile based machine with telephone and networking capabilities that we call MOJICO . The MOJICO hardware combines the attributes of a telephone and fax machine with full I-Mode(TM) e-mail and database search capabilities. I-Mode(TM) is a mobile telephone system developed by Japan s largest mobile telecommunications company, NTT Docomo. Through the I-Mode(TM) one can access information on I-Mode(TM) compatible Internet sites and send and receive e-mails up to 1,000 full size characters with anyone having an Internet e-mail address. The MOJICO hardware does not have the full functional capabilities that may be available on an e-mail sent through a personal computer. The MOJICO hardware uses a built-in liquid crystal color monitor display.

The MOJICO hardware derives its name from Moji Communications. Moji means character in Japanese. An important aspect of the MOJICO hardware is that it allows users to communicate using handwritten Japanese characters, which comprise the Japanese language s phonetic alphabets: Hiragana, Katakana, and especially Kanji. Kanji refers to pictographs that are used extensive in the Japanese written language to represent words and ideas. Kanji is also used as artistic expression, and could be considered as a form of calligraphy. Kanji characters are unique in that their definition and meaning are subject to personal interpretation by the reader. The reader sinterpretation and understanding of Kanji characters and to a lesser extent, Hiragana and Katakana, are based in large part on the manner in which their respective characters are written.

We believe that the full texture and meaning of Kanji characters, and to a lesser extent, Hiragana and Katakana, cannot be effectively communicated through the preset characters available on a typical computer keyboard. An important aspect of the MOJICO hardware is that it allows users to communicate using handwritten Japanese, as well as any other characters. The handwritten Japanese characters are unique in that their definition and meaning are subject to personal interpretation by the reader. We believe that the full texture and meaning of the Japanese characters cannot be effectively communicated through the preset fonts available on a typical computer. Our business plan assumes that subscribers and potential subscribers believe that handwritten Moji, i.e. Japanese characters, is a preferred form of communication when compared to the output of preset fonts of a computer. This assumption is based on the fact that some subscribers or members or their families cannot read the Roman alphabet on the keyboard, especially the elderly or those below junior high school. English education does not commence until the completion of junior high school.

We contract for the manufacture of the MOJICO hardware and then resell the MOJICO units through our network marketing distribution network. We are currently marketing the fifth generation version of MOJICO, the SF70. This latest fifth generation version is manufactured by a third party under a one year contract which began on November 19, 2003. This contract automatically renews each anniversary for an additional one year term unless a termination notice is provided two months prior to the anniversary by either party. Under the OEM basis, we retained the rights to the design and metallic mold required to manufacture the SF70, but outsourced the actual manufacturing of the MOJICO to this third party. By outsourcing the manufacturing of the product, we avoid the investment required for the plant and equipment and personnel required to manufacture the product. The first three versions of MOJICO, the SF30, SF40 and SF50 were manufactured by Funai Electric Co., Ltd. ( Funai ) under contract with our former majority shareholder, Forval. Effective February 25, 2000, we contracted directly with Funai for the manufacture of the fourth generation SF60 model on an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) basis. Funai was one of our shareholders until March 2001, at which time it sold its interest in us to Leo Global Fund.

The SF70 differs from the previous SF60 model in that it has a color display panel, uses plain paper and has a newly enhanced email notification function. The SF70 is similar to the SF60 in that it connects users to our database via the Internet rather than through conventional

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telephone lines. Versions of MOJICO prior to the SF60 utilized conventional telephone lines, requiring some users to incur long distance telephone charges in order to access our services. The amount of these charges varied from user to user. Subscribers that lived in areas with higher long distance rates to contact their applicable server were required to pay more per call than users in lower-rate localities. In addition, since long distance charges are based on call time, frequent MOJICO users incurred higher charges than infrequent users. However, while the SF70 does use the internet to connect subscribers, users of the SF70 are not able to browse the worldwide internet.

Owners of the SF70 model may presently obtain an Internet access connection through NTT Communications (a Japanese telecommunications company) at hourly or monthly rates. The NTT fee removes the variance in telecommunications charges caused by varying long distance rates. As a result, we expect that telecommunications costs for MOJICO users will now be uniform throughout Japan.

Because the MOJICO is intended to be simple to use, there is very little difference between the SF70 and previous versions of MOJICO from a user s perspective. The SF70 signs on to the Internet and provides any required passwords automatically without prompting the user for any information. As a result, the fact that the SF70 connects via the Internet, rather than over the telephone lines, is not obvious to most users.

Our operating results materially depend on revenues received from sales of our MOJICO product. In previous years, MOJICO sales have accounted for the majority of AJOL s annual revenue. The unit price of MOJICO hardware, after foreign currency translation, is approximately $\$ 3,500$.
(2) Subscriptions to AJOL s Proprietary Pan Pacific Online Interactive Database

Our customers purchase the MOJICO hardware and concurrently subscribe to our facsimile based network and database - Pan Pacific Online. MOJICO hardware can only be fully utilized in conjunction with this subscription. Subscriptions to Pan Pacific Online are only offered through us and not through our network marketing distribution system. Under Japanese law, sellers of services as opposed to tangible merchandise are generally prohibited from selling services through network marketing distribution.

Access to our proprietary network and database is only available to subscribers through the MOJICO hardware. While the MOJICO hardware can also be used to transmit and receive faxes outside the network and to send and receive general I-Mode e-mails, the hardware sfull capability is only realized when used in conjunction with its connection to the Pan Pacific Online database subscription. Subscribers can search the network s database to find other subscribers matching their search criteria to establish interpersonal relationships, solicit categories of faxes, or to specify a group of recipients for the subscriber s faxes, among other things. Subscribers can also search from and/or submit to the database, specific type of information. What is unique about our database is that the great majority of the information stored in the database is provided by the subscribers themselves. We actively encourage our subscribers to submit content for the database.

Unlike personal computer based services, our on-line service utilizes the MOJICO hardware and is paper based as to input and output. Since users are able to input hand written information on paper into the MOJICO hardware, many users with little computing knowledge, including young children and elderly, are able to utilize our online service. In this sense MOJICO is similar to a conventional fax machine.

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Subscribers of our on-line service use the MOJICO hardware to transmit their data to a centralized hub where we receive hard copies. The hard copies are then manually processed, screened for content, and then input to a central database. We use a centralized hub to manually process and screen hard copies for content that does not meet our qualitative standards, such as

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language, adult themes, slander, patent/copyright infringement and objectionable material. We do this manually as we believe a centralized electronic system will not effectively screen out materials that should not be admitted to our database. MOJICO users are then able to access the central database through the MOJICO hardware. Such accessed information can be transmitted from the central database to the appropriate destination where the user(s) receive a hard copy printout. Our proprietary database does not contain as much information as may be available to an individual who searches the Internet on any particular given subject. However, our database may contain information which may not be available through a search of the Internet.

Pan Pacific Online can be customized to each subscriber and each member of their family. Representative services include MOJICO mail and MOJICO bulletin board. Each service can be utilized without the use of a keyboard and may include free hand illustrations and writing which can be transmitted to other subscribers. MOJICO mail requires the input of the receiver s ID number. MOJICO mail is also capable of sending the same message to a distribution list of up to 100 ID numbers. Because each member of the subscriber s family has a unique ID and password, the privacy of each family member is also preserved.

Our on-line services include a bulletin board service, a mail service, and an information exchange service. Our bulletin board service allows subscribers to submit invitations, product advertisements, help-wanted ads, share personal experiences, create pen pal relationships, among other things, to a bulletin board accessible by all our subscribers. All subscriber submissions are screened for content and none are anonymous. We encourage subscribers to contribute to our database. A subscriber s submission is retained in the database for 60 days after which time it is deleted unless the subscriber resubmits his or her submission. Subscribers may also reply to posted ads via this service. Similarly, our service allows subscribers to send faxes to up to 50 other subscribers at once. Families are able to designate personal identification passwords to family members to enable them to print faxes addressed to them via a specific password, thus maintaining the confidentiality of the fax.
(3) Kamome Products

We have created a proprietary brand called Kamome for use in the sale of products associated with AJOL. Kamome products may only be purchased by or through subscribers. The Kamome brand is granted to companies that sell products through a distribution agreement with us, and which pass our quality control criteria and are reasonably priced. The Kamome brand is added to the selling company s existing brand, and products are sold with dual branding. Additionally, we use the Kamome brand as a private brand on a limited basis. Kamome products appear in catalogs, which are distributed quarterly to subscribers and updated via our proprietary Pan Pacific Online interactive database system. Because products are purchased through the MOJICO and related proprietary database, customers receive their orders via mail as opposed to a traditional retail outlet whereby customers gain immediate possession and satisfaction of the goods.

We re-evaluate Kamome brand products based, in part, on feedback from our subscribers. We also search for new products based, in part, on requests received from subscribers. Following is a table of the number of Kamome products during each of the indicated periods.

| March 31: | Number of Kamome <br> Products |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2005 | 494 |
| 2004 | 395 |
| 2003 | 358 |
| 2002 | 500 |
| 2001 | 480 |

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We publish a quarterly magazine to our subscribers introducing goods manufactured and provided by our subscribers as well as independent third parties, which have earned Kamome brand status. Qualifying goods are then featured in the magazines in articles regarding the virtues of their goods. We solicit feedback from subscribers who can also write reviews of Kamome products for submission to our database.

Although the qualification standards are subjective, only high quality goods and services offered at reasonable prices are eligible to become Kamome brand products. Quality assurance and safety of products are foremost criteria. Low price alone will not qualify for Kamome brand status. To promote and develop the image of the Kamome brand, we place a high degree of emphasis on the manufacturer s selectivity of raw materials, manufacturing process, and their pride in the products. Kamome products may only be purchased by or through subscribers through the MOJICO hardware or by fax to our headquarters.

Our intent is to provide our subscribers with a broad range of high quality merchandise at prices lower than could be obtained through traditional retailers. A subscriber $s$ ability to purchase Kamome products is a feature of subscription to Pan Pacific Online. We attempt to obtain lower prices for Kamome products by operating efficiencies achieved by volume purchasing, efficient distribution and reduced handling of merchandise through mail-order deliveries. Subscribers are also encouraged to sell Kamome products to non-subscribers.

CO-OP OF THE 21ST CENTURY. We obtain lower pricing for Kamome products through volume purchasing and sell products to subscribers at favorable prices. Our method of buying and selling of Kamome products is similar to a mutual benefit cooperative or co-op. Unlike co-ops that operate on a non-profit basis, our system is designed to generate profits for us. Co-ops presently exist in Japan, but are generally limited to serving a limited geographic region. A typical Japanese co-op draws upon local area residents and businesses as members, and would not expect membership from residents or businesses outside of that local area as their outlets are limited to a specific municipality referred to as a prefecture in Japan. Our business plan is to create and maintain the co-op model to extend beyond local regional borders and to provide consistent and attractive pricing of Kamome products to our subscribers throughout Japan. We refer to our Japan wide co-op model as creating the Co-op of the 21 st Century. We intend to create, through our Co-op of the 21 st Century, an increasingly valuable feature that will appeal to potential and existing subscribers: (1) as a source of Kamome products for personal use, and (2) by expanding the Kamome product list and creating the potential for increased financial incentives through network marketing distribution sales of Kamome products. The goal and marketing concept of the Co-op of the 21st Century is to provide value to our subscribers and generate interest for new AJOL subscriptions and renewals.

## E. NETWORK MARKETING DISTRIBUTION

We sell the MOJICO hardware and Kamome products through a network marketing and distribution system. An AJOL distributor is required to be a subscriber to our proprietary Pan Pacific Online interactive database to sell MOJICO hardware and Kamome products. All subscribers have an opportunity to become a MOJICO distributor. Subscribers, who desire to become distributors, must undergo an application and screening process. We refer to our subscribers who sell the MOJICO hardware and/or Kamome products as distributors. Unlike traditional distributors in a network marketing distribution system, our distributors are not required to purchase or maintain inventory of MOJICO hardware or Kamome products, and therefore are not at financial risk if they do not complete sales. We bear the risk of obtaining and maintaining inventory. Distributors submit product orders to us, which we then fulfill. Payments for our products are made directly to us. Approximately fifty percent ( $50 \%$ ) of the sales price of each MOJICO unit is paid to distributors based on a commission schedule (discussed above), which spreads the payout among the various levels of the distributor network.

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We emphasize and encourage subscribers to develop personal relationships among subscribers and between subscribers and non-subscribers as a vehicle to increase awareness of AJOL and its products. We believe that the subscribers efforts to create personal relationships among themselves and with non-subscribers create beneficial word of mouth advertising for our products and services. We sponsor social events, which include recreational events, for our subscribers and their non-subscriber guests throughout Japan to encourage interaction among subscribers and potential subscribers.

We sponsor approximately 600 training sessions per year for our distributors. We also sponsor approximately one hundred fifty (150) social and recreational events, for our subscribers and their guests throughout Japan to encourage interaction among subscribers and potential subscribers. Distributors are required to attend at least a monthly training session to retain the right to be a distributor. Subscribers who lose the right to be a distributor, for any reason, must apply to reacquire distributor status.

AJOL s Honorary Chairman, Mr. Yoshihiro Aota, places emphasis on and personally speaks at many of these events. Attendees may consist of subscribers and non-subscribers. The underlying themes of Mr. Aota s presentations include the benefits of purchasing Kamome brand products through the Co-op of the 21 st Century. Mr. Aota may be viewed as a motivational speaker who is the personification of AJOL.

There are currently approximately 140,000 distributors who are authorized to sell AJOL s products. As of March 31, 2005, approximately six thousand eight hundred $(6,800)$ are considered active commission earners and one thousand sixty eight $(1,068)$ of those maintain storefront businesses displaying our products referred to as Cabins. Subscribers who are also distributors who sell our products on a full time basis independently operate these Cabins. We do not grant any exclusive distribution rights based on geographic boundaries.

We believe that our network distribution system appeals to a broad cross-section of people in Japan including those seeking to supplement family income and start small, in-home businesses. We believe that network marketing is an ideal way to market our products because the use of such products is enhanced by ongoing personal relationships with other distributors. In addition, our utilization of the network marketing and distribution system allows us to minimize the fixed costs of maintaining an in-house sales force.

Basic demographic information regarding our subscribers is as follows:

AGE GENDER

| 20 s | $10 \%$ | Male | $57 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 30 s | $31 \%$ | Female | $43 \%$ |
| 40 s | $24 \%$ |  |  |
| 50 s | $21 \%$ |  |  |
| over 60 | $14 \%$ |  |  |

Most subscribers live in rural areas of Japan.

Each subscriber may use up to an additional 98 different passwords to access our database. Subscribers may allocate passwords to family and friends to access our network. Thus, the demographics of the population actually using our database may be different than presented above. Based upon information provided by subscribers and password holders, we believe that multigenerational households use many

MOJICO units. We believe that the MOJICO device is conducive to multigenerational use, especially elderly persons and young children because of its ease of use and because its handwritten input does not require additional computer, including keyboard, knowledge.

We pay commissions on the sale of all tangible products, but none on services on which we receive commissions from the service providers. Commissionable sales do not reflect the purchase price paid by the purchaser.

Distributors earn commission income on the sale of all tangible AJOL products, but none on services. Distributors are not required to maintain inventories, and therefore are not at financial risk if they do not complete sales. Distributors accept orders for MOJICO hardware as well as Kamome products and submit the orders to us for processing. We fill the orders and allocate the commission among the applicable levels of the distributor network.

Total commissions paid to the various levels of the distributor network approximate fifty percent ( $50 \%$ ) of the sales price of each MOJICO unit. For Kamome products, total commissions paid and costs of products are set to yield us a margin of twenty-three percent (23\%) of the purchase price paid by the purchaser. The formula for commissions on Kamome products is as follows:

Sales Price - Cost of Product Sold $=$ Gross Profit

Sales Price X 23\% = AJOL Margin

Gross Profit - AJOL Margin $=$ Commission

## F. SALES OF PRODUCT AND SERVICES/SUBSCRIBER BASE

The following is a table of MOJICO units sold, revenues derived from MOJICO hardware sales and subscriptions to our Pan Pacific Online interactive database which have been classified as product sales and network services in our financial statements. Other On-line Services, as classified in our financial statements, are comprised of revenues from various food products that utilize our proprietary Kamome brand. Commission revenue earned on sales of insurance, tickets to various events, travel packages and other sales through Pan Pacific On-Line is classified as Other On-Line Services in our financial statements.

| Fiscal Year End <br> (March 31) | MOJICO <br> Units <br> Sold | Product <br> Sales and <br> Network <br> Services | \% of <br> Sales | Other On-Line <br> Services | \% of <br> Sales |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March 31, 2005 | 28,922 | $\$$ | $105,945,832$ | $81.5 \%$ | $\$$ | $24,111,718$ |

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At March 31, 2005, we had approximately 410,000 cumulative subscribers. The cumulative subscribers represent customers who have purchased MOJICO units. These customers can view the Pan Pacific Online database, but do not necessarily have access to our interactive feature. In addition, they are eligible to purchase Kamome brand products and receive periodic mailings, which feature new Kamome products, and social and community service activities endorsed or sponsored by us.

While all purchasers of our MOJICO products initially pay for subscriptions to our interactive database, they must renew their subscription status annually for approximately $\$ 98$. We have not changed the annual dues for the last five (5) years and do not intend to make changes in the foreseeable future.

New and renewed subscriptions are as follows:

| 2005 | $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | Year ended March 31: <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 107,113 | 110,766 | 108,623 | 94,319 | 82,885 |

## G. PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS HELD

We currently own the rights to the following registered trademarks in Japan: Acube , Pan Pacific Online , and Kamome . Additionally, we own the registered trademark rights to Pan Pacific Online in the United States.

## H. COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS

To our knowledge there are no other companies that offer an identical combination of products and services to Japanese consumers. With MOJICO users at the focal point, we intend to establish our own closed market of customized information, products and services. However, the market for companies that operate similar businesses i.e., providing interactive telecommunications products and/or services is highly and intensely competitive. We are and will continue to be in competition with companies with substantially longer operating histories, greater financial, technical, product development and marketing resources, greater name recognition and larger customer bases than that of AJOL.

Our competitors include sellers of products that offer interactive telecommunications including, but not limited to, telephones, facsimile machines, and personal computers. Each of these means of telecommunication may have functions that are not available on, or are available at a lower cost than, the SF70. Similarly, the SF70 may have functionality not available from other means of interactive telecommunications and at a lower cost than high-end personal computers.

A device with functions most similar to the company s SF70 is NTT L-mode fax machine. The L-mode fax machine features fax and e-mail capabilities as well as a liquid crystal display screen from which sixteen genres of information covering weather, shopping, restaurant, entertainment, travel and others may be accessed. The primary difference of the L-mode with our SF70 is the content of the database and their providers. The L-mode content is provided by for profit entities unrelated to NTT-West and NTT-East. NTT-West and NTT-East are companies resulting from the break-up of NTT. These entities pay fees to NTT-West and NTT-East for the privilege of providing content through the L-mode. NTT-West and NTT-East are restricted from providing any content and further limited from entering the market due to geographical restrictions, as a matter of Japanese law, on where they may conduct business. The content accessed through the SF70 is furnished by AJOL and our subscribers, who are not charged any fees for inclusion of content submitted in the database. Additionally, we do not have any geographical restrictions, imposed by Japanese law, as to where we may conduct business.

We believe the L-mode caters to a different market from our SF70 for the following reasons:

|  | SF70 | L-mode |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Database Sponsor | PPOL | NTT-East or NTT-West |
| Interactive | Yes | No |
| Content Provider | Subscribers and database sponsor | Commercial entities only: database sponsor cannot provide content |
| Content Nature | Non-commercial and commercial | Solely commercial |
| Geographic Coverage | Nationwide | Limited to western Japan for NTT-West and eastern Japan for NTT East |
| Fees for Inclusion of Content | No fees | Fees charged |
| Social Activities for Subscribers | Many throughout the year | None |
| Community Service Activities for Subscribers | Many throughout the year | None |

Other companies not currently operating in AJOL s industry may attempt to launch a business that is similar to or identical to AJOL s in the future. New or existing competitors may develop products and/or services comparable to or superior to those offered by AJOL. Competitors may devote substantially greater resources to the development and promotion of their products. They may also adapt more quickly to industry trends, new technologies, and customer preferences. As a result, there can be no assurances that AJOL will be able to compete effectively in the industry in which it operates. However, at this time, we have no knowledge of any other entities that may attempt to launch a business that is similar to or identical to AJOL s. Further, we believe that the (1) initial capital investment required, (2) time required to cultivate a subscriber base we possess, (3) know-how required to develop a database, such as ours, that is constantly updated, and (4) creation of a workforce are significant barriers to others who may desire to enter the market.

Our subscribers obtain access to our network and database through the Internet or telephone service. Subscribers are given the option to connect through the Internet to avoid long distance telephone charges. The primary reason a customer would use our MOJICO product is to attain access to our proprietary database and access to association with fellow subscribers through the many social and community service events planned around the MOJICO. There are many functionalities available through the MOJICO that are available through Internet, computer, pen-based computer, telephone, or mail. MOJICO is not intended to be a substitute that will take the place of such competing products completely.

## I. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

We conduct research and development activities primarily aimed at improving the speed and stability of our central information processing systems. We contract out our research and development ( R\&D ) activities to external research laboratories.

Our research and development expenditures for each of the last three fiscal years are as follows:

| Year |  |  | R\&D <br> Expenditures |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2005 | $\$$ |  | 279,204 |  |  |  |
| 2004 |  |  | $1,653,331$ |  |  |  |
| 2003 |  | 300,691 |  |  |  |  |

J. ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Japanese law requires that we dispose of returned or damaged MOJICO units in an environmentally safe manner. We fully comply with Japanese law. The cost of this compliance is not material to us.

## K. EMPLOYEE AND LABOR MATTERS

As of March 31, 2005, we employed 43 people on a full-time basis. We also employed 54 part-time employees and 110 others who are contracted through temporary employment agencies. AJOL utilizes part-time employees and those contracted through temporary employment agencies to provide specialized skills and clerical tasks on an as needed basis. Utilization of such personnel gives us the flexibility of expanding and contracting our staffing levels quickly as considered necessary by the level of our operations. None of our employees is represented by labor unions. We are not a party to any collective bargaining agreements or labor union contracts. We have not been the subject of any material strikes or employment disruptions in our history.

## L. HEAD OFFICE

PPOL s corporate office was located at 11661 San Vicente Boulevard, Suite 901, Los Angeles, California 90049. On July 1, 2005, we relocated to One City Boulevard West, Suite 820, Orange, California 92868 (telephone 714-937-3211).

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AJOL s corporate office is located at the Aoyama Oval Building 3F, Jingu-mae 5-52-2, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan 150-0001 (telephone 03-5467-3015). The present lease, which was originally through March 31, 2005, has been extended through October 2, 2005. Management is currently evaluating its options regarding the extension of the present lease or relocation.

## M. FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

(1) PPOL

PPOL has not derived any revenue either domestically or internationally from the operation of any business during the last three fiscal years and does not currently intend to actively operate any business, either within the United States or internationally, other than holding $100 \%$ of the common stock of AJOL and K.K. U Service, a Japanese corporation acquired on May 30, 2005, except that PPOL has entered into two (2) separate service agreements with a former and current shareholder, namely, Forval Corporation and Leo Global Fund, respectively, to provide them research on investment opportunities and market trends in the United States. During the quarter ended December 31, 2002, PPOL received an upfront payment of $\$ 483,858$ in
connection with the foregoing services. PPOL completed these services in fiscal 2004 at which time the Company recorded the associated revenue.
(2) PPOL s Subsidiaries (AJOL \& Gatefor)

For each of the last three fiscal years, all of AJOL s operations have been conducted in Japan, and AJOL currently has no operations in countries other than Japan.

From June 16, 2004 (inception) to March 31, 2005, Gatefor s operations were conducted solely in Japan.

On May 30, 2005, K.K. U Service corporation was acquired by PPOL. K.K. U Service is a Japanese corporation with substantially all of its operations in Japan.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

PPOL s corporate office was located at 11661 San Vicente Boulevard, Suite 901, Los Angeles, California 90049 through June 30, 2005. From July 1, 2005, we relocated to One City Boulevard West, Suite 820, Orange, California 92868 (telephone 714-937-3211) where we will sublease a 746 square foot administrative office from a private entity controlled by our CFO at $\$ 750$ per month on a month to month basis.

AJOL s corporate office is located at the Aoyama Oval Building 3F, Jingu-mae 5-52-2, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan 150-0001 (telephone 03-5467-3015). The present lease for 11,818 square feet, which was originally through March 31, 2005, has been extended through October 2, 2005. Management is currently evaluating its options regarding the extension of the present lease or relocation.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

None.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

There were no matters submitted to a vote of the security holders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

## PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT S COMMON EOUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EOUITY SECURITIES

The Company s Common Stock began trading on the Over the Counter Bulletin Board (OTCBB) during the third fiscal quarter of the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, specifically from on October 14, 2003. The Company is currently quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board system ( OTCBB), and can be located on the OTCBB under the symbol PPLC. The following chart lists the high and low closing stock price range from the Company s market makers. These over-the-counter market quotations reflect the inter-deal prices without retail mark-up, markdown, or commissions and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

| Year Ended March 31, 2005 | High |  |  | Low |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First Quarter | $\$$ | 5.00 | $\$$ | 3.10 |
| Second Quarter | $\$$ | 4.00 | $\$$ | 3.65 |
| Third Quarter | $\$$ | 4.00 | $\$$ | 3.60 |
| Fourth Quarter | $\$$ | 4.00 | $\$$ | 3.15 |

The declaration of any dividends in the future by the Company is subject to the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon various factors, including our net earnings, financial condition, cash requirements, future projects and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors. PPOL has not paid any cash or other dividends on its common stock since its inception and currently does not intend to pay dividends in the foreseeable future.

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## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected consolidated financial data as of and for the years ended March 31, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 have been derived from and qualified by reference to our audited consolidated financial statements.


## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and related notes. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of factors including those discussed under Risk Factors discussed below. Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date such statements are made.

## Overview

PPOL was incorporated in California on May 19, 1993. PPOL, originally named Diversified Strategies, Inc., was formed pursuant to an Order Confirming Debtors Joint Plan of Reorganization of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California dated November 20, 1992 in the combined cases of IN RE SELECTTV OF CALIFORNIA, INC. and IN RE TELSTAR SATELLITE CORPORATION OF AMERICA. Pursuant to the Joint Plan of Reorganization, creditors and shareholders of the two bankrupt companies, and certain other parties, surrendered their claims and interests against the bankrupt companies and, in exchange, received stock in PPOL.

PPOL did not engage in any significant business activities prior to its acquisition of AJOL. Such acquisition was effective April 1, 2002. In connection therewith, the name of the company was changed to PPOL. Between its date of incorporation and its acquisition of AJOL, PPOL was a corporation seeking to merge with or acquire a viable operating company. Consequently, as of September 30, 1999, September 30, 2000 and September 30, 2001 and the years then ended, PPOL had no material assets or liabilities, no revenue, and incurred only immaterial administrative and franchise tax expenses.

Effective April 1, 2002, PPOL acquired one hundred percent of the issued and outstanding stock of AJOL from AJOL s pre-transaction shareholders. In exchange for the AJOL

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shares, PPOL issued common stock such that immediately after the transaction, the pre-transaction shareholders of AJOL owned ninety-five percent $(95 \%)$ of the issued and outstanding shares of PPOL. The holdings of the pre-transaction shareholders of PPOL were diluted by the issuance of the new shares such that immediately after the transaction, the pre-transaction shareholders of PPOL owned five percent (5\%) of the total issued and outstanding shares of PPOL. Virtually all of PPOL s consolidated activities are conducted through its wholly-owned subsidiary, AJOL.

AJOL was incorporated in Japan in 1991. Through the operations of AJOL, the Company is primarily engaged in sales in Japan of multi-functional telecommunications equipment called MOJICO and the sale of an on-line network service called Pan Pacific Online, through which subscribers communicate using the MOJICO equipment. AJOL has no sales in the United States. AJOL does not engage in any manufacturing activities, and all of the MOJICO equipment is manufactured exclusively for AJOL by vendors located primarily in Japan. The MOJICO equipment is currently in its fifth generation of technology, model SF70, and combines certain attributes of a telephone and fax machine with a liquid crystal color display screen. The MOJICO equipment is paper based in that it allows users to transmit hand written communication to other subscribers. AJOL believes that the transmission of hand-written communication is important and accepted in Japan because of the use of KANJI symbols and characters whose meanings vary by the manner in which the characters are physically written.

AJOL s sources of revenue consist of sales of the MOJICO equipment, subscriber fees for use of the Pan Pacific Online service, and the sale of goods and services to Pan Pacific Online subscribers. A potential strategy under consideration to increase the number of subscribers using the Pan Pacific Online Service is to offer its paper based communication system to subscribers in countries other than Japan which utilize KANJI characters extensively and by integrating the MOJICO system with technologically competitive internet and cellular telephone technologies.

AJOL is involved in providing information and mail order services for its members by a telecommunications infrastructure, as a base through its proprietary network terminal (SF-70).

From a macro viewpoint, AJOL is involved in the Network Service Provider (NSP) industry. Within this industry categorization, the Internet has taken the lead. As a trend of the industry, the revenues derived have not exceeded the excessive plant-and-equipment investment required for the telecom infrastructure, high connection fees and subscriber acquisition costs. However, AJOL offers its proprietary network service through its handwritten database using the Internet. Information dispatch can be performed in handwriting from the terminal of SF70 in which complicated operations are not required by the subscriber seeking access to the proprietary database. In addition, AJOL is not merely a network service provider enterprise. At the core of our corporate value is face to face interchange amongst our subscribers. AJOL holds approximately 600 meetings throughout Japan on an annual basis where its subscribers meet other subscribers and prospective subscribers. Within the background of AJOL s continued profitability in the turbulent NSP industry is its close interpersonal contact with its subscribers.

During fiscal 2005, PPOL entered and exited from the business of computer software sales.

On May 30, 2005, we completed the acquisition of K.K. U Service, a Japanese corporation ( USC ) based in Tokyo, Japan. Pursuant to a Purchase Agreement (the Purchase Agreement ), dated as of May 30, 2005, by and between PPOL, USC and K.K. Green Capital, a Japan corporation (the Seller ), Registrant purchased from Seller all of the issued and outstanding shares of USC in exchange for an amount equal to JPY $380,000,000$ (US $\$ 3,522,432$ ). The seller is the majority owner of Foster Strategic Management Partnership, a Singapore partnership, which owns approximately $10,547,594$ shares of PPOL s Common Stock, representing approximately $58.62 \%$ of PPOL s issued and outstanding Common Stock.

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USC is in the business of planning, development, sales and marketing, and import/export of telephones, fax, copier, computer and peripheral equipment.

## BASIS OF PRESENTATION

INACTIVE PERIODS. PPOL was inactive at September 30, 1999, 2000 and 2001 and for the years then ended, with the exception of incurring immaterial administrative costs in each of those periods. The six month period ended March 31, 2002 was also inactive except for the certain professional fees and similar costs incurred in connection with the acquisition of AJOL which was effective April 1, 2002.

ACQUISITION OF AJOL. Effective April 1, 2002, PPOL acquired one hundred percent of the outstanding stock of AJOL. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase and constitutes an Acquired Business within the meaning of Rule 3-05. AJOL has historically reported its operations on the basis of a fiscal year ending March 31, and PPOL has adopted March 31 as its fiscal year for consolidated financial reporting beginning effective March 31, 2002. AJOL maintains its records and prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan. Certain adjustments and reclassifications have been incorporated in the financial information presented to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, (i.e. U.S. GAAP ) and in accordance with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. AJOL reports its operations as a single business segment.

PRODUCT SALES, NETWORK SERVICES. Product sales, sales of Pan Pacific Online subscriptions and the granting of distributor licenses are considered a bundled transaction for revenue recognition purposes. Revenue recognition from the sale of products and online subscriptions is deferred and recognized over the expected service period of the contracts. Costs are similarly deferred and matched against the revenue as it is recognized. Revenue from other online products and goods sold by Pan Pacific Online is recognized at the time the goods and products are delivered to the customer. All reported revenue is earned by AJOL s activities in Japan. The retail price of a MOJICO unit was approximately $\$ 3,715$ as of March 31, 2005. The average price for an annual subscription to Pan Pacific Online, exclusive of the cost of the MOJICO equipment was $\$ 98$ for the year ended March 31, 2004. AJOL anticipates that the average cost of the MOJICO equipment and Pan Pacific Online subscriptions will remain to be $\$ 3,715$ and $\$ 98$, respectively, for the foreseeable future. During the fiscal years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, MOJICO unit sales were 28,922, 25,624 and 29,282 respectively.

OTHER ON-LINE PRODUCTS. AJOL $s$ has created a proprietary brand Kamome for use in the sale of products associated with AJOL. Kamome products may only be purchased by subscribers to the Pan Pacific Online network. The Kamome brand is granted to companies that sell products to AJOL through a distribution agreement with AJOL, and which pass AJOL s quality control criteria. The Kamome brand is added to the selling company s existing brand, and products are sold with dual branding. Additionally, AJOL is using the Kamome brand as a private brand on a limited basis. Kamome products appear in catalogs which are distributed quarterly to subscribers and updated via the AJOL database system.

COST OF SALES. Cost of sales are substantially comprised of the acquisition cost of products sold, and writeoffs of products considered to be slow moving or obsolete.

DISTRIBUTOR INCENTIVES. Distributor incentives are primarily comprised of commissions paid to its distributors. AJOL pays commissions at the rate of $76 \%$ of commissionable sales on the sale of all tangible products, but none on services on which AJOL receives commissions from the service providers. Commissionable sales do not reflect the purchase price paid by its purchaser. Rather, the commissionable sales amount is determined

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solely by AJOL for each product to yield AJOL an aggregate margin targeted at $23 \%$ of the purchase price paid by the purchaser, in the aggregate, after deducting commissions paid and cost of goods sold.

Distributors earn commission income on the sale of all tangible AJOL products, but none on services. Distributors are not required to maintain inventories, and therefore are not at financial risk if they do not complete sales. Distributors accept orders for MOJICO hardware as well as Kamome products and submit the orders to AJOL for processing. AJOL fills the orders and allocates the commission among the applicable levels of the distributor network. Currently, fifty percent ( $50 \%$ ) of the sales price of each MOJICO unit is paid to subscriber distributors based on a commission schedule, which spreads the payout among the various levels of the distributor network. For MOJICO unit sales, this equates to $76 \%$ of commissionable sales described in the previous paragraph. In addition, distributor incentives include assistance payments made to distributors who establish retail outlets referred to as Cabins. Subscribers that are also distributors who sell AJOL products on a full time basis independently operate these Cabins. AJOL does not grant any exclusive distribution rights based on geographic boundaries. We had 1,068 cabins as of March 31, 2005.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Selling, general and administrative expenses are comprised of payroll and related costs, marketing, public relations, meetings held for subscribers and prospective subscribers, depreciation and amortization, lease fees, telecommunications, and other operating expenses incurred in the ordinary course of the Company s business.

Results of Operations: The following table sets forth our operating results as a percentage of revenue for the periods indicated:


PRODUCT SALES AND NETWORK SERVICES. For the year ended March 31, 2005, revenues decreased by $8.29 \%$ over the prior year from $\$ 115,520,916$ in the year ended March 31, 2004 to $\$ 105,945,832$ for the year ended March 31, 2005. The decrease in product sales and network services is primarily due to a corresponding decrease in MOJICO unit sales.

OTHER ON-LINE PRODUCTS. Overall revenues from other on-line products increased $15.81 \%$ for the year ended March 31, 2005 over the prior year from $\$ 20,819,495$ in the year ended March 31, 2004 to $\$ 24,111,718$ for the year ended March 31, 2005. This reflects AJOL s continuing shift of revenues from products with a higher gross margin, in particular mail order goods. This was made possible when AJOL introduce the cube billing system, in which the subscribers bank accounts or credit cards are charged a pre-determined amount each month for the purchase of goods. This has accelerated the shipment of products as shipments can be made when ordered rather than upon receipt of payment.

COST OF SALES. Cost of sales increased despite the decrease in sales for the year ended March 31, 2005. Management attributes the increase to the revenue mix containing lower gross profit percentage items. Additionally, the Company accrued expenses for appreciation gifts to insureds who had no claims.

DISTRIBUTOR INCENTIVES. In line with the overall decrease in sales for the year ended March 31, 2005, distributor incentives also decreased $8.64 \%$ from $\$ 67,976,680$ to $\$ 62,106,377$ for the years ended March 31,2004 and 2005 respectively. The decrease is primarily due to the lower mix of commissionable sales in the current year and also lower MOJICO unit sales.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by $20.78 \%$ from $\$ 23,831,706$ to $\$ 28,783,491$ for the years ended March 31, 2004 and 2005, respectively. This increase is attributable to increased direct marketing expenses, travel and remuneration/expenses of independent outside directors. Additionally, information system maintenance expenses increased over the prior year.

OTHER EXPENSE, NET. The increase in other expenses, net from $\$ 119,721$ to $\$ 229,962$ for the years ended March 31, 2004 and 2005 respectively is primarily attributable to approximately $\$ 80,000$ in devaluation of corporate memberships to current market values.

INCOME TAXES. Income taxes exceeded income before income taxes during the year ended March 31, 2005. AJOL is subject to Japanese taxing authorities on a standalone basis. Losses incurred at PPOL are not offset against AJOL s income which therefore gives the appearance of a relatively high tax liability in comparison to the consolidated income before tax amount. The change from the prior year is also attributable to unrealized foreign currency transactions.
(LOSS) FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS. The loss from discontinued operations is related to a one time loss associated with PPOL s entry into and exit from sales of computer software during the year.

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2004 COMPARED TO YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2003

PRODUCT SALES AND NETWORK SERVICES. For the year ended March 31, 2004, revenues decreased by $2.0 \%$ over the prior year from $\$ 117,822,356$ in the year ended March 31, 2003 to $\$ 115,520,916$ for the year ended March 31, 2004. The decrease in sales is primarily due to the decline in MOJICO unit sales.

OTHER ON-LINE PRODUCTS. Overall revenues from other on-line products increased 21.3\% for the year ended March 31, 2004 over the prior year from $\$ 17,163,468$ to $\$ 20,819,495$
respectively. This reflects AJOL s continuing shift of revenues from products with a higher gross margin, in particular mail order goods.

COST OF SALES. While cost of sales increased with the increase in sales for the year ended March 31, 2004, cost of sales, expressed as a percentage of sales increased by $2.2 \%$ vs. the same period of the prior year. Management attributes the increase to the revenue mix containing lower gross profit percentage items.

DISTRIBUTOR INCENTIVES. Despite the overall increase in sales for the year ended March 31, 2004, distributor incentives decreased 3.1\% from $\$ 70,175,111$ to $\$ 67,976,680$ for the years ended March 31, 2003 and 2004 respectively. The decrease is primarily due to the lower mix of commissionable sales in the current year, specifically lower MOJICO unit sales.

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by $4.79 \%$ from $\$ 25,030,237$ to $\$ 23,831,706$ for the years ended March 31, 2003 and 2004, respectively. This is attributable to holding fewer meetings for current and prospective members. Additionally, the number of mailings has declined as well.

OTHER EXPENSE, NET. The significant decrease in other expenses, net from $\$ 822,424$ to $\$ 119,721$ for the years ended March 31, 2003 and 2004 respectively is primarily attributable to the incurrence of professional fees and associated costs of the Company in becoming a publicly traded corporation in the United States in the prior year.

INCOME TAXES. Income taxes expressed as a percentage of income before income taxes for the Company was approximately $31.61 \%$ for both of the years ended March 31, 2004 and 2003. The normal statutory Japanese tax rate for AJOL declined to $40.7 \%$ in the year ended March 31,2004 from $42.1 \%$ in the year ended March 31, 2003. However, this decline in the Japanese tax rate was met by an offsetting decline in non deductible expenses to where the overall income tax expressed as a percentage of income before taxes for the Company remained relatively unchanged.

## INFLATION

To date, the effects of inflation on our financial results have not been significant. We cannot provide assurances, however, that inflation will not affect us materially in the future.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Historically, our principal needs for funds have been for operating expenses including distributor incentives, working capital (principally inventory purchases), capital expenditures and the development of operations throughout Japan. We have generally relied on cash flow from operations to meet our cash needs and business objectives without relying on long-term debt to fund operating activities.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled $\$ 12,007,537$ at March 31, 2005, a decrease of $\$ 76,019$ from March 31, 2004. Cash provided by (used in) operations during 2005 was approximately $\$ 3,120,000$ compared with $\$ 11,393,000$ and $\$(3,281,000)$, in 2004 and 2003, respectively. Cash used in investing activities, primarily comprised of additions to investment in software , was approximately $\$ 6,808,000, \$ 5,270,000$, and $\$ 2,190,000$ for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Cash provided by (used for) financing activities of $\$ 4,028,000$, $(\$ 5,000)$ and $(\$ 947,000)$ during the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively. AJOL currently has available a $\$ 4.7$ million revolving bank credit facility with Mizuho Bank, a Japanese bank, that is generally used to finance temporary operating cash requirements at $1.195 \%$ above money market rates expiring on August 31, 2005. This credit line was unused
at March 31, 2005 and 2004. Management believes that cash flow from operations and the revolving credit facility will adequately meet its working capital needs for the foreseeable future.

On May 31, 2005, we completed the private placement of $2,549,129$ shares without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended in reliance on one or more exemptions from the registration requirements under the Act, including Regulation D. This private placement resulted in our raising $\$ 10,196,516$ at a price of $\$ 4$ per share. This financing provided us with sufficient working capital to continue to focus on our goals and acquisition of K.K. U Service, as described in Part I, Item 1 Section A.

## CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The Company s operating lease \& purchase obligations as of March 31, 2005 are as follows:


The Company projects that it will need to satisfy at least $\$ 1.1$ million of lease and purchase obligations within the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006.

## CURRENCY RISK AND EXCHANGE RATE INFORMATION

PPOL uses the U.S. dollar as its reporting currency for financial statement purposes. PPOL conducts business through its international subsidiary that uses local currency (Japanese yen) to denominate its transactions, and is, therefore, subject to certain risks associated with fluctuating foreign currencies. All revenues and expenses are translated at weighted average exchange rates for the periods reported. Therefore, our reported revenue and earnings will be positively impacted by a weakening of the U.S. dollar and will be negatively impacted by a strengthening of the U.S. dollar. For example, in 2001, the Japanese yen significantly weakened, which reduced our operating results on a U.S. dollar reported basis. Given the uncertainty of exchange rate fluctuations, we cannot estimate the effect of these fluctuations on our future business, results of operations or financial condition.

The resulting changes in the financial statements due to the fluctuating exchange rates do not indicate any underlying changes in the financial position of the international subsidiary but merely reflect the adjustment in the carrying value of the net assets of the subsidiary at the current U.S. dollar exchange rate. Due to the long-term nature of PPOL s investment in this subsidiary, the translation adjustments resulting from these exchange rate fluctuations are excluded from the results of operations and are recorded in a separate component of consolidated stockholders equity. PPOL monitors its currency exposures but does not hedge its translation exposures primarily due to the long-term nature of
its investment.

## Critical Accounting Policies

The Company s accounting policies are more fully described in Note 1 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. As discussed there, the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. requires management to

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make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Since future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty, the determination of estimates requires the exercise of judgment. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and such difference may be material to the financial statements. The most significant accounting estimates inherent in the preparation of the Company s financial statements include estimates as to the appropriate carrying value of certain assets and liabilities which are not readily apparent from other sources, primarily deferred costs and deferred revenue balances, allowance for doubtful accounts and allowance for obsolete inventory. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and on various assumptions which are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Company reevaluates these significant factors as facts and circumstances change.

## Recent Financial Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) approved the consensus reached on the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 03-1, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments. The objective of this Issue is to provide guidance for identifying impaired investments. EITF 03-1 also provides new disclosure requirements for investments that are deemed to be temporarily impaired. The accounting provisions of EITF 03-1 are effective for all reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2004, while the disclosure requirements for certain investments are effective for annual periods ending after December 15, 2003, and for other investments such disclosure requirements are effective for annual periods ending after June 15, 2004. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of EITF 03-1 and does not believe the impact will be significant to the Company soverall results of operations or financial position.

In September 2004, the FASB issued a FASB Staff Position (FSP) EITF 03-1-1 that delays the effective date of the measurement and recognition guidance in EITF 03-1 until after further deliberations by the FASB. The disclosure requirements are effective only for annual periods ending after June 15, 2004. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of the disclosure requirements of EITF 03-1 and does not believe the impact will be significant to the Company s overall results of operations or financial position. Once the FASB reaches a final decision on the measurement and recognition provisions, the Company will evaluate the impact of the adoption of EITF 03-1.

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151 Inventory Costs, an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4. The amendments made by Statement 151 clarify that abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted materials (spoilage) should be recognized as current-period charges and require the allocation of fixed production overheads to inventory based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. The guidance is effective for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. Earlier application is permitted for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after November 23, 2004. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of SFAS 151, and does not believe the impact will be significant to the Company s overall results of operations or financial position.

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In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No.153, Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29, Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions. The amendments made by Statement 153 are based on the principle that exchanges of nonmonetary assets should be measured based on the fair value of the assets exchanged. Further, the amendments eliminate the narrow exception for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replace it with a broader exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. Previously, Opinion 29 required that the accounting for an exchange of a productive asset for a similar productive asset or an equivalent interest in the same or similar productive asset should be based on the recorded amount of the asset relinquished. Opinion 29 provided an exception to its basic measurement principle (fair value) for exchanges of similar productive assets. The Board believes that exception required that some nonmonetary exchanges, although commercially substantive, be recorded on a carryover basis. By focusing the exception on exchanges that lack commercial substance, the Board believes this Statement produces financial reporting that more faithfully represents the economics of the transactions. The Statement is effective for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005. Earlier application is permitted for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after the date of issuance. The provisions of this Statement shall be applied prospectively. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of SFAS 153, and does not believe the impact will be significant to the Company s overall results of operations or financial position.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment . Statement 123(R) will provide investors and other users of financial statements with more complete and neutral financial information by requiring that the compensation cost relating to share-based payment transactions be recognized in financial statements. That cost will be measured based on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. Statement $123(\mathrm{R})$ covers a wide range of share-based compensation arrangements including share options, restricted share plans, performance-based awards, share appreciation rights, and employee share purchase plans. Statement 123(R) replaces FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. Statement 123, as originally issued in 1995, established as preferable a fair-value-based method of accounting for share-based payment transactions with employees. However, that Statement permitted entities the option of continuing to apply the guidance in Opinion 25, as long as the footnotes to financial statements disclosed what net income would have been had the preferable fair-value-based method been used. Public entities (other than those filing as small business issuers) will be required to apply Statement 123(R) as of the first interim or annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of SFAS 123(R).

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections ( SFAS 154 ) which replaces Accounting Principles Board Opinions No. 20 Accounting Changes and SFAS No. 3, Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements-An Amendment of APB Opinion No. 28. SFAS 154 provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes and error corrections. It establishes retrospective application, or the latest practicable date, as the required method for reporting a change in accounting principle and the reporting of a correction of an error. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005 and are required to be adopted by the Company in the first quarter of 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the adoption of SFAS 154 will have on its consolidated results of operations and financial condition but does not expect it to have a material impact.

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## Risk Factors

## LIMITED OPERATING HISTORY

We have a limited operating history in Japan upon which we can be evaluated. Any investment in us must be considered in light of the risks, expenses and difficulties encountered by companies in the early stage of development in new and rapidly evolving markets, including the risks described herein. There can be no assurances that we will be successful in addressing these risks.

## UNPROVEN BUSINESS MODEL

We cannot predict whether or not we will be successful because our business model is unproven and its market is developing. It is too early to reliably ascertain market penetration for our products and services. If future demand for AJOL s products and services, including, but not limited to demand for the MOJICO hardware and Kamome brand products is lower than anticipated, or the costs of attracting subscribers is higher than anticipated, then our financial condition and results from operations will be materially and adversely affected.

## FLUCTUATIONS IN OPERATING RESULTS

Our operating results may fluctuate significantly in the future as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are outside of our control. These factors include the demand for the telecommunications products and services offered by us, introduction of new products or services by us or our competitors, delays in the introduction or enhancement of products and services by us or our competitors, changes in our pricing policies or those of our competitors, our ability to anticipate and effectively adapt to developing markets and rapidly changing technologies, changes in the mix or Japanese vs. non-Japanese revenue, changes in foreign currency exchange rates, the mix of products and services sold by us and the channels through which those products and services are sold, general economic conditions, and specific economic conditions in Internet and related industries. Additionally, in response to evolving competitive conditions, we may elect from time to time to make certain pricing, service, marketing or acquisition decisions that could have a material adverse affect on its financial performance.

## FOREIGN CURRENCY (YEN) FLUCTUATIONS

Substantially all of our revenue and expenses are received and incurred in Japanese Yen. Variation in foreign exchange rates may substantially affect our revenue, expenses, and net income in U.S. dollar terms. In preparing our financial statements, we translate revenue and expenses from Japanese Yen into U.S. dollars using weighted average exchange rates. If the U.S. dollar strengthens relative to the Yen, our reported revenue, gross profits and net income will likely be reduced. For example, in 2001, the Japanese Yen significantly weakened, which reduced our operating results on a U.S. dollar reported basis. The Company s 2005 operating results could be similarly harmed if the Japanese Yen weakens from current levels. Given the unpredictability of exchange rate fluctuations, we cannot estimate the effect these fluctuations may have upon future reported results, product pricing or our overall financial condition.

Economic conditions in Japan have been poor in recent years and may worsen or not improve. Continued or worsening economic and political conditions in Japan could further reduce our revenue and net income.


#### Abstract

We rely on the desire of subscribers and potential subscribers to use handwritten Moji (characters) as their preferred method of written communication as an underlying material assumption for the continuing success of its business. A subscriber sor potential subscriber s desire to use handwritten Moji (characters) is a matter of personal preference, which is unpredictable. Any negative changes in perception by subscribers and potential subscribers as to their desire to use handwritten Moji characters as their preferred method of written communication, for any reason, including the emergence of new, different, or alternative forms of written communications, could have a materially adverse affect on us and our business.


## DEPENDENCE ON NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Our operating results generally depend on revenues received from sales of the MOJICO product. In previous years, MOJICO sales have accounted for up to $78 \%$ of our annual revenue. MOJICO sales are primarily made to our new customers. As a result, future revenues are primarily dependent on our ability to generate new customers for our MOJICO hardware and Pan Pacific Online services. There can be no assurances that we will be able to continue to generate new subscribers at the rate that we have been able to in the past, nor that we will be able to generate sufficient new subscribers to remain profitable. We do not have any substantial historical basis for predicting the rate of increase in our subscriber base.

## DEPENDENCE ON SUBSCRIBERS FOR CONTENT OF NETWORK

The information transmitted to our subscribers via our information network Pan Pacific Online is primarily generated by other of our subscribers. There can be no assurances that our subscribers will continue to generate information that other subscribers will find sufficiently entertaining, useful, or desirable so as to allow us to profitably market the products and services that provide access to our network.

## LIABILITY FOR CONTENT OF NETWORK

As a provider of messaging and communications services, we may incur liability for defamation, negligence, copyright, patent or trademark infringement and other claims based on the nature and content of the materials transmitted via our information network. To minimize our liability, we use a centralized hub to manually process and screen hard copies for adult themes, slander, patent/copyright infringement and objectionable material. However, there can be no assurances that we will be able to effectively screen all of the content generated by our subscribers. We may be exposed to liability with respect to this content. Our insurance may not cover claims of these types or may not be adequate to indemnify us for all liability that may be imposed. Our liability coverage limit is $100,000,000$ Japanese yen, approximately $\$ 950,000$ at current exchange rates, per occurrence. There is a risk that a single claim or multiple claims, if successfully asserted against us, could exceed the total of our coverage limits. There is also a risk that a single claim or multiple claims asserted against us may not qualify for coverage under our insurance policies as a result of coverage exclusions that are contained within these policies. Any imposition of liability, particularly liability that is not covered by insurance or is in excess of insurance coverage, could have a material adverse affect on our reputation, financial condition, and operating results.

We depend on subscriber distributors to generate substantially all of our revenues. To increase our revenue, we must increase the number of and/or the productivity of our distributors.

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Our distributors may terminate their status as a distributor at any time. The number of distributors may not increase and could decline in the future. We cannot accurately predict how the number and productivity of distributors may fluctuate because we rely upon our existing distributors to recruit, train and motivate new distributors. Our operating results could be harmed if our existing and new business opportunities and products do not generate sufficient interest to retain existing distributors and attract new distributors.

The loss of a group of high-level distributors, or a group of leading distributors in the distributor s network of lower level distributors, whether by their own choice or through disciplinary actions for violations of our policies and procedures could negatively impact the growth of distributors and our revenue. There is no leading distributor whose departure, alone, will have a material impact on the financial position or results of operations.

In addition, our operations in Japan face significant competition from existing and new competitors. Our operations would also be harmed if our planned growth initiatives fail to generate continued interest and enthusiasm among our distributors in this market and fail to attract new distributors.

DEPENDENCE ON MR. AOTA

We are highly dependent upon AJOL s Honorary Chairman, Yoshihiro Aota, to recruit and retain subscribers. Mr. Aota represents the personification of AJOL. Mr. Aota s talents, efforts, personality and leadership have been, and continue to be, critical to us and our success. The diminution or loss of the services of Mr. Aota, and any negative market or industry perception arising from that diminution or loss, would have a material adverse affect on our business. We are investigating, but have not obtained Key Executive Insurance with respect to Mr. Aota.

Also, if Mr. Aota s services become unavailable, our business and prospects could be materially adversely affected. We do not have an employment agreement with Mr. Aota. If we lose Mr. Aota s services, for any reason, including as a result of Mr. Aota s voluntary resignation or retirement, our business could be materially and adversely affected.

## FAILURE OF NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO GAIN MARKET ACCEPTANCE

A critical component of our business is our ability to develop new products and services that create enthusiasm among our distributor force. If any new product or service fails to gain market acceptance, for any reason including quality problems, this could harm our results of operations.

## LOSING SOURCES OF KAMOME PRODUCTS

The loss of any of our sources of Kamome products, or the failure of sources to meet our needs, could restrict our ability to distribute Kamome products and harm our revenue as a result. Further, our inability to obtain new sources of Kamome products at prices and on terms acceptable to us could harm our results of operations.

## COMPETITION WITH TECHNICALLY SUPERIOR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Our products and services utilize the facsimile-like MOJICO hardware and rely on human personnel to screen and process information for our database. Our products and services are much less technically sophisticated than those offered by other companies offering interactive telecommunications products and services. This may put us at a substantial competitive disadvantage with present and/or future competitors.

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## INTERNET USAGE RATES AND LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE RATES

Our subscribers obtain access to AJOL s network via either the Internet or telephone service. The costs that subscribers incur in obtaining access to our network via these channels are beyond the control of AJOL. Any increase in long distance telephone rates or rates for accessing the Internet could materially and adversely affect demand for our products and services.

## RELIANCE ON INTERNET AS TRANSMISSION MEDIUM

Our future success will depend upon our ability to route our customers traffic through the Internet and through other data transmission media. Our success is largely dependent upon the viability of the Internet as a medium for the transmission of subscriber related data. There can be no assurance that the Internet will prove to be a viable communications media, that document transmission will be reliable, or that capacity constraints which inhibit efficient document transmission will not develop. The Internet may not prove to be a viable avenue to transmit communications for a number of reasons, including lack of acceptable security technologies, lack of access and ease of use, traffic congestion, inconsistent quality or speed of service, potentially inadequate development of the necessary infrastructure, excessive governmental regulation, uncertainty regarding intellectual property ownership or lack of timely development and commercialization of performance improvements.

## TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES OF THE MESSAGING AND COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

The messaging and communications industry is characterized by rapid technological change, changes in user and customer requirements and preferences, and the emergence of new industry standards and practices that could render our existing services, proprietary technology and systems obsolete.

Our success depends, in part, on our ability to develop new services, functionality and technology that address the needs of existing and prospective subscribers. If we do not properly identify the feature preferences of subscribers and prospective subscribers, or if we fail to deliver features that meet their standards, our ability to market our products and services successfully and to increase revenues could be impaired. The development of proprietary technology and necessary service enhancements entail significant technical and business risks and require substantial expenditures and lead-time. We may not be able to keep pace with the latest technological developments. We may also be unable to use new technologies effectively or adapt services to customer requirements or emerging industry standards.

We must accurately forecast the features and functionality required by subscribers and prospective subscribers. In addition, we must design and implement service enhancements that meet subscriber requirements in a timely and efficient manner. We may not successfully determine subscriber and prospective subscriber requirements and may be unable to satisfy their demands. Furthermore, we may not be able to design and implement a service incorporating desired features in a timely and efficient manner. In addition, if subscribers do not favorably receive any new service offered by us, our reputation could be damaged. If we fail to accurately determine desired feature requirements or service enhancements or to market services containing such features or enhancements in a timely and efficient manner, our business and operating results could suffer materially.

Our success depends to a significant degree upon our proprietary technology. We rely on a combination of patent, trademark, trade secret and copyright law and contractual restrictions to protect our proprietary technology. However, these measures provide only limited protection,

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and the Company may not be able to detect unauthorized use or take appropriate steps to enforce our intellectual property rights. In addition, we may face challenges to the validity and enforceability of our proprietary rights and may not prevail in any litigation regarding those rights. Any litigation to enforce our intellectual property rights would be expensive and time-consuming, would divert management resources and may not be adequate to protect our business.

## POSSIBLE INFRINGEMENT CLAIMS


#### Abstract

We could be subject to claims that we have infringed the intellectual property rights of others. In addition, we may be required to indemnify our distributors and users for similar claims made against them. Any claims against us could require us to spend significant time and money in litigation, pay damages, develop new intellectual property or acquire licenses to intellectual property that is the subject of the infringement claims. These licenses, if required, may not be available at all or on acceptable terms. As a result, intellectual property claims against us could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial conditions and results of operations.


## POSSIBLE SYSTEM FAILURE OR BREACH OF NETWORK SECURITY

Our operations are dependent on our ability to protect our network from interruption by damage from fire, earthquake, power loss, telecommunications failure, unauthorized entry, computer viruses or other events beyond our control. As precautions, we utilize distributed processing systems, back-up systems, Internet firewalls, $24 / 7$ installation environment surveillance, and private power generators as backup. There can be no assurance that our existing and planned precautions of backup systems, regular data backups and other procedures will be adequate to prevent significant damage, system failure or data loss.

Despite the implementation of security measures, our infrastructure may also be vulnerable to computer viruses, hackers or similar disruptive problems. Persistent problems continue to affect public and private data networks, including computer break-ins and the misappropriation of confidential information. Computer break-ins and other disruptions may jeopardize the security of information stored in and transmitted through the computer systems of the individuals and businesses utilizing our services, which may result in significant liability to us and also may deter current and potential subscribers from using our services. Any damage, failure or security breach that causes interruptions or data loss in our operations or in the computer systems of our customers could have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

## RELIANCE ON THIRD PARTY ACCESS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS

We rely on third parties to provide our subscribers with access to the Internet. There can be no assurance that a third party s current pricing structure for access to and use of the Internet will not change unfavorably and, if the pricing structure changes unfavorably, our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

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We provide access to our database and services through data transmissions over public telephone lines and other facilities provided by telecommunications companies. These transmissions are subject to regulatory government agencies. These regulations affect the prices that subscribers must pay for transmission services, the competition we face from telecommunications services and other aspects of our market. There can be no assurance that existing or future laws, governmental action or rulings will not materially and adversely affect our operations. Additionally, we operate through a network marketing strategy which is subject to

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government regulation concerning consumer protection. Changes in these regulations could affect compliance with these regulations and jurisdictions where we carry on our business.

## DEPENDENCE ON VENDOR

The MOJICO machine is produced by an unrelated Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). Should this OEM become incapable or unwilling to produce the MOJICO for any reason, we could face a temporary decline in MOJICO sales until another electronics manufacturer is sourced and ready to produce the machines.

## MINORITY SHAREHOLDER STATUS

Foster Strategic Investment Partnership and Leo Global Fund hold $58.62 \%$ and $17.45 \%$ respectively of PPOL s common stock. Acting alone, Foster Strategic Investment Partnership, as a majority shareholder, has significant influence on PPOL s policies. Foster Strategic Investment Partnership and Leo Global Fund, collectively, control $76.07 \%$ of PPOL s outstanding shares, representing $76.07 \%$ of PPOL s voting power. As a result, Foster Strategic Investment Partnership and Leo Global Fund, acting together, will have the ability to control the outcome of all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election and removal of PPOL s entire Board of Directors, any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of PPOL s assets, and the ability to control PPOL $s$ and our management and affairs.

## NO LOCK-UP AGREEMENT BETWEEN FOSTER STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP AND LEO GLOBAL FUND

To date, PPOL has not entered into a separate lock-up arrangement with Foster Strategic Investment Partnership and Leo Global Fund pursuant to which these shareholders would agree to be subject to volume and sale restrictions that will limit their ability to sell shares in addition to the restrictions set forth under Rule 144. If a suitable lock-up agreement is not in effect, then Foster Strategic Investment Partnership and/or Leo Global Fund may be eligible to sell a large volume of shares, which could cause the price of PPOL s shares to decline.

## NO HISTORY AS REPORTING COMPANY

Prior to the effective date of the PPOL s filing of Form 10, PPOL has never been a public company, subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and PPOL expects that the obligations of being a public company, including substantial public reporting and investor relations obligations, will require significant continuing additional expenditures, place additional demands on our management and may require the hiring of additional personnel. We may need to implement additional systems in order to adequately function as a reporting public company. Such expenditures could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

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## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND OUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The information required by Item 7A of this Form 10-K is incorporated herein by reference to the information contained above in Item 7 of this Form 10-K, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Currency Risk and Exchange Rate Information and Foreign Currency (Yen) Fluctuations.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

1. Information required by this item appears at pages F-1 through F-18, attached to this Form 10-K report.
2. Financial Statement Schedules: Financial statement schedules have been omitted because they are not required or are not applicable, or because the required information is set forth in the financial statements or notes thereto.

## ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-14(c) and 15d-14(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Disclosure controls and procedures are the controls and other procedures that we designed to ensure that we record, process, summarize and report in a timely manner the information we must disclose in reports that we file with or submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the date of their evaluation, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective. There were no significant changes made in our internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation.

The Board of Directors has concluded that the delay in submitting this $10-\mathrm{K}$ filing was a result of the change in all directors and officers on March 31, 2005, the date of our yearend. It has further concluded that such delay does not indicate any weaknesses in the controls and procedures designed to ensure that we record, process, summarize and report in a timely manner the information we must disclose in reports that we file with or submit to the Securities and Exchange Commission. However, we expect the filing of our 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30,2006 will be filed delinquently as a result of new management devoting substantial attention to this $10-\mathrm{K}$ for the fiscal year which ended on the date they were installed as senior management.

## PART III

## ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The information required by this Item 10 of Part III is hereby incorporated by reference to the information set forth in our Definitive Proxy Statement for our 2005 annual meeting of stockholders which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the end of our fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

## ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this Item 11 of Part III is hereby incorporated by reference to the information set forth in our Definitive Proxy Statement for our 2005 annual meeting of stockholders which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the end of our fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

## ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The information required by this Item 12 of Part III is hereby incorporated by reference to the information set forth in our Definitive Proxy Statement for our 2005 annual meeting of stockholders which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the end of our fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

## ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The information required by this Item 13 of Part III is hereby incorporated by reference to the information set forth in our Definitive Proxy Statement for our 2005 annual meeting of stockholders which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the end of our fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 and in Note 6 of the consolidated financial statements contained in this Form 10-K report.

## ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by this Item 14 of Part III is hereby incorporated by reference to the information set forth in our Definitive Proxy Statement for our 2005 annual meeting of stockholders which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the end of our fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

## PART IV

## ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:
(1) The financial statements required by Item 8 of this report are filed in the report on pages F1-F20.
(2) The following financial statement schedule of PPOL, Inc. and its subsidiary for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002 is filed as part of this report and should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements of PPOL, Inc. and its subsidiary:

Schedule II: Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

Schedules not listed above have been omitted because they are not applicable or are not required or the information required to be set forth therein is included in the Consolidated Financial Statements or Notes thereto.
(3) See exhibit list below.
(b) During the quarter ended March 31, 2005 through this filing, we filed the following reports on Form 8-K:
(1) On April 4, 2005 the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K under item 1.01, Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement, which reported the sale of investments made into Gatefor, Inc. and Object Innovation to its then majority shareholder, Forval Corporation Additionally, the Company reported Changes in Control of the Registrant under item 5.01 whereby Foster Strategic Fund acquired 10,547,594 shares of PPOL, representing $58.6 \%$ of PPOL s outstanding shares for approximately $\$ 8,370,000$. Addtionally, the Company reported the Departure of Directors or Principle Officers, Election of Directors and Appointment of Principle Officers pursuant to Item 5.02.
(2) On April 11, 2005, the Company reported Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure pursuant to Item 8.01 wherein the Company completed the change in control of the Company under which Forval Corporation s ownership in PPOL was transferred to Foster Strategic Fund.
(3) On May 24, 2005, the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K pursuant to Item 5.02 whereby Mr. Yoshihiro Aota was appointed to the board of directors and whereby Mr. Hisao Inoue announced his intention to resign as Chief Executive Officer of the Company effective August 2, 2005 which is the planned date of the annual shareholders meeting.
(4) On June 3, 2005, the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K announcing the acquisition of K.K. U Service ( USC ), a Japanese corporation by purchasing all issued and outstanding shares for $\$ 3,522,432$ from a related party. Also, the Company announced the sale of $2,549,129$ shares of its common stock to 4 purchasers for $\$ 10,196,516$ in a private placement without registration under the Securities Act of 1933 as amended.
(5) On July 13, 2005, the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K announcing the anticipated delay in filing the Company s 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.
(6) On July 26, 2005, the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K announcing the circumstances surrounding the increase of the number of shareholders of the Company.
(7) On August 23, 2005, the Company filed a Current Report on Form 8-K announcing that a hearing was scheduled on September 1, 2005 with the OTCBB Filings Department of the National Association of Security Dealers to discuss the Company s SEC reporting status.
(c) Exhibits:
2.0 Stock Purchase and Business Combination Agreement (1)
3.1 Articles of Incorporation and Amendments thereto (1)
3.2 Bylaws(1)
10.5 Purchase Agreement between PPOL, Inc. and Forval Corporation for shares of Gatefor, Inc. and Object Innovation (4).
10.15 Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 30, 2005, by and between PPOL, Inc., a California corporation, K.K. Green Capital, a Japan corporation, and K.K. U Service, a Japan corporation. (5)
10.16 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 30, 2005, between PPOL, Inc., a California corporation, and K.K. Contents Provider Tokyo, a Japan corporation. (5)
10.17 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 30, 2005, between PPOL, Inc., a California corporation, and K.K. Seagull, a Japan corporation. (5)
10.18 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 30, 2005, between PPOL, Inc., a California corporation, and K.K. H.I. Consultants, a Japan corporation. (5)
10.19 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 30, 2005, between PPOL, Inc., a California corporation, and K.K. System Partners, a Japan corporation. (5)
10.20 Registration Rights Agreement, dated May 30, 2005, between PPOL, Inc., a California corporation and the INVESTORS (as defined). (5)
14.0 Code of Ethics (2)
21.0 Subsidiaries of PPOL (3)
31.1 Certifications of CEO Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (3)
31.2 Certifications of CFO Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (3)
32.0 Certifications of CEO and CFO Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (3)
99.1 Stock Purchase Agreement denoting change in control of registrant. (1)
(1) Previously filed with the SEC as an exhibit to SC 13D, filed on April 15, 2005, and is incorporated herein by reference.
(2) Previously filed with the SEC as exhibit 14.0 to the Company s Form 10-K filed, on June 29, 2004, and is incorporated herein by reference.
(3) Filed herewith.
(4) Previously filed with the SEC an exhibit to the Company s 8-k filed on April 4, 2005, and is incorporated herein by reference.
(5) Previously filed with the SEC an exhibit to the Company s 8-k filed on June 3, 2005, and is incorporated herein by reference.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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, on August 31, 2005.

PPOL, INC.

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By: /s/ Hisao Inoue
Hisao Inoue, Chief Executive Officer
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated on August 31, 2005.
/s/ Hisao Inoue
Hisao Inoue
/s/ Richard Izumi
Richard Izumi
/s/ Masao Yamamoto
Masao Yamamoto

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Director and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Accounting Officer)

Director and Chief Operating Officer

## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2003

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Board of Directors

PPOL, Inc.

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We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of PPOL, Inc. and its subsidiary as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive (loss) income, shareholders deficit, cash flows and financial statement schedule for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2005, as listed in the appendix appearing under items 15(a)(1) and (2) of the Annual Report on Form 10-K. These consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of PPOL, Inc. and its subsidiary as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 31, 2005, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

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## Santa Monica, California

August 17, 2005

## PPOL, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| ASSETS | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 31, } \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 12,007,537 | \$ | 12,083,556 |
| Trade accounts receivable |  | 1,321,755 |  | 309,063 |
| Inventories |  | 1,064,082 |  | 2,651,259 |
| Advance payments |  | 1,054,393 |  |  |
| Deferred costs, current |  | 49,130,889 |  | 63,159,328 |
| Deferred income taxes, current |  | 8,358,713 |  | 9,467,524 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | 515,905 |  | 423,784 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Total current assets |  | 73,453,274 |  | 88,094,514 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Restricted cash |  | 20,686,915 |  | 16,251,221 |
| Property and equipment, net |  | 905,703 |  | 1,250,975 |
| Software, net |  | 10,131,128 |  | 7,444,657 |
| Deferred costs, non-current |  | 36,999,841 |  | 37,042,494 |
| Deferred income taxes, non-current |  | 5,315,246 |  | 5,352,095 |
| Lease deposits |  | 742,583 |  | 766,457 |
| Deposits |  | 4,240,842 |  | 3,984,883 |
| Other assets |  | 112,778 |  | 181,987 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$ | 152,588,310 | \$ | 160,369,283 |

## LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS DEFICIT

| Current liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounts payable | \$ | 12,665,017 | \$ | 11,281,024 |
| Advances received |  | 2,234,253 |  | 1,353,721 |
| Loans payable - related party |  | 1,115,760 |  | - |
| Deferred revenue, current |  | 68,075,963 |  | 84,644,397 |
| Income taxes payable |  | 1,025,126 |  | 1,086,260 |
| Other current liabilities |  | 2,209,746 |  | 1,888,976 |
| Total current liabilities |  | 87,325,865 |  | 100,254,378 |
| Advances received, Cube |  | 20,686,915 |  | 16,251,221 |
| Deferred revenue, non-current |  | 49,106,165 |  | 49,155,662 |
| Total liabilites |  | 157,118,945 |  | 165,661,261 |
| Commitments (Note 8) |  |  |  |  |
| Shareholders deficit: |  |  |  |  |
| Common stock; $\$ 0.001$ par value; $100,000,000$ shares authorized; $17,993,752$ and $17,993,752$ shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, |  |  |  |  |
| 2005 and 2004, respectively |  | 17,994 |  | 17,994 |
| Additional paid-in capital |  | 6,274,923 |  | 3,362,359 |
| Total other comprehensive income |  | 905,819 |  | 316,307 |
| Accumulated deficit |  | (11,729,371) |  | $(8,988,638)$ |

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| Total shareholders deficit |  | $(4,530,635)$ | $(5,291,978)$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\$$ | $152,588,310$ | $\$$ | $160,369,283$ |

The notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME



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| Diluted | $(\$ 0.15)$ | $\$$ | 0.43 | $\$$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - |  | 0.34 |  |  |
| Basic | $17,993,752$ | $17,994,376$ | $17,658,751$ |  |
| Diluted | $17,993,752$ | $17,994,376$ | $17,658,751$ |  |

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## PPOL, INC

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS DEFICIT

|  | Common Stock |  |  | Additional Paid-In Capital |  | Cumulative Othe Comprehensive (Loss) Income |  | Accumulated Deficit |  |  | Total Shareholders |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shares |  | Amount |  |  |  | Deficit |  |  |
| Balance, March 31, 2002, restated | 17,095,174 | \$ | 17,095 | \$ | 3,392,605 |  |  | \$ | 6,538,859 | \$ | $(21,759,416)$ | \$ | $(11,810,857)$ |


| Foreign currency translation adjustment |  |  | $(3,328,025)$ |  |  | $(3,328,025)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Common stock issuance for acquisition of Diversified |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strategies, Inc. | 899,746 | 900 | $(25,448)$ |  |  | $(24,548)$ |
| Dividends paid |  |  |  |  | $(947,270)$ | $(947,270)$ |
| Net income |  |  |  |  | 5,995,682 | 5,995,682 |
| Balance, March 31, 2003 | 17,994,920 | 17,995 | 3,367,157 | 3,210,834 | $(16,711,004)$ | $(10,115,018)$ |



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## PPOL, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS



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$\left.\begin{array}{lllll|}\hline \text { Dividends paid } & & & (947,270) \\ \hline \text { Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities } & 4,028,324 & (4,799) & (947,270) \\ \hline \text { Effects of exchange rate } & (416,277) & 1,077,513 & (406,545) \\ \hline \text { Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents } & (76,020) & 7,192,721 & (6,826,058) \\ \hline \text { Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year } & 12,083,556 & 4,890,835 & 11,716,893 \\ \hline \text { Cash and cash equivalents, end of year } & \$ & 12,007,537 & \$ & 12,083,556\end{array}\right) \$$

Supplemental schedule of noncash investing and financing activities see Note 6

The notes are an integral part of these financial statements

## PPOL, INC

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS

## (1) Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

## Organization:

PPOL, Inc. ( PPOL or the Company or we ) (formerly Diversified Strategies, Inc.), incorporated on May 19, 1993 in California, is primarily engaged in sales of multi-functional telecommunications equipment called MOJICO. The Company distributes MOJICO throughout Japan through a network marketing system. The Company has a network of registered distributors located throughout Japan that introduce purchasers to the Company. The Company operates in one operating segment.

Using MOJICO, the Company provides original telecommunication services called Pan Pacific Online, including MOJICO bulletin board and mail services. The Company also provides various other on-line services through Pan Pacific Online such as ticket and mail-order services. These sales and services are provided in Japan.

Sales of MOJICO hardware, Pan Pacific Online subscriptions and other on-line services, excluding 2004 consulting revenues which are not expected to recur, were as follows:

| Year Ended <br> March 31, | MOJICO <br> Hardware | Online <br> Subscriptions | Consumer <br> Products |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2005 | $\$$ | $91,523,295 \$$ | $14,422,537 \$$ | $24,11,718 \$$ | Total |  |
| 2004 | $\$$ | $100,077,710 \$$ | $15,443,206 \$$ | $20,819,495 \$$ | $130,057,550$ |  |
| 2003 | $\$$ | $103,809,418 \$$ | $14,012,938 \$$ | $17,163,468 \$$ | $136,340,411$ |  |

Effective August 15, 2002, the Company amended its articles of incorporation to increase its authorized shares of common stock from $10,000,000$ to $100,000,000$, change its name to PPOL, Inc. and effected a 7 to 1 reverse stock split. All share data presented in these financial statements have been affected for the reverse stock split.

PPOL was obligated to and did purchase the fractional shares that resulted from the reverse stock split at a price equal to the fractional share times the opening bid price of PPOL s shares on October 14, 2003 (the date the shares became listed on the National Association of Securities Dealers OTC Bulletin Board). Total consideration paid for these fractional shares amounted to $\$ 4,799$.

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On August 15, 2002, AJOL Co., LTD. ( AJOL ) was acquired by PPOL in a transaction accounted for as a recapitalization of AJOL. AJOL issued 899,746 shares (post split) of its common stock for all of the issued and outstanding common stock of PPOL. Prior to the merger PPOL had no business activity, and thus pro-forma information as though the Company s had been combined for all periods presented has not been provided. For legal purposes, PPOL is the acquirer; for accounting purposes, AJOL has been treated as the acquirer. Accordingly, AJOL is presented as the continuing entity, and the historical financial statements are those of AJOL.

## Principles of Consolidation:

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company, PPOL, Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiaries, AJOL and Gatefor, Inc. (see Note 2), which was disposed on March 31, 2005. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

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## Basis of Presentation:

The Company maintains its records and prepares its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Japan. Certain adjustments and reclassifications have been incorporated in the accompanying financial statements to conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( U.S. GAAP ). These adjustments were not recorded in the statutory books of account. The principal adjustments relate to accounting for: (1) revenue and related cost adjustments, (2) compensated absences and (3) deferred assets and liabilities.

## Reclassifications:

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period consolidated financial statements in order to conform to the current period presentation. These reclassifications did not have any effect on previously reported net income or shareholders deficit.

## Translation of Foreign Currency

The Company s functional currency is the Japanese Yen and its reporting currency is the United States Dollar. The Company translates the foreign currency financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 52, Foreign Currency Translation. Assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rate as of the respective balance sheet dates and related revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates in effect during the period. Resulting translation adjustments are recorded as a separate component in shareholders equity (deficit). Foreign currency transaction gains and losses are included in determining comprehensive income.

## Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates. The most significant accounting estimates inherent in the preparation of the Company s financial statements include estimates as to the appropriate carrying value of certain assets and liabilities which are not readily apparent from other sources, primarily deferred costs and deferred revenue balances, and allowance for obsolete inventory.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments, generally with original maturities of three months or less, that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are so near maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates.

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## Accounts Receivable:

The Company provides an allowance for doubtful accounts equal to the estimated uncollectible amounts. The Company s estimate is based on historical collection experience and a review of the current status of trade accounts receivable.

## Financial Instruments:

The carrying amounts of the Company s financial instruments, which include cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable, accounts payable, and advance payments approximate their fair values as of March 31, 2005 and 2004.

## Inventories:

Inventories, consisting of purchased merchandise for resale, are valued at the lower of cost (which is determined by the weighted average method) or market, including provisions for obsolescence. Inventories are shown net of an allowance for obsolescence of $\$ 50,316$ and $\$ 130,757$ as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

## Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight line and declining-balance methods at rates based on the estimated useful lives of the related assets. The estimated useful lives for leasehold improvements range from 3 to 15 years, which approximate the life of the leases, while that for equipment is 2 to 3 years. Maintenance and repairs, including minor renewals and betterments, are expensed as incurred.

## Restricted cash and Advances received - Cube:

AJOL had collected advance payments from distributors. Upon receiving orders from these distributors for goods or services, the distributor s account would be charged. During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005 all such funds were turned over to Kamome Benefit Club, an unrelated non-profit organization, to administer the advance payments and orders from distributors which were maintained through a system known as
Cube. The effect of this transaction reduced Cash and Advances Received (a liability) and simultaneously increased Restricted Cash and Advances Received - Cube (a liability)dollar for dollar. Future advance Payments, which increase Restricted Cash and Advances Received-Cube, and orders, which decrease Restricted Cash and Advances Received-Cube, from distributors will be received by the Kamome Benefit Club and not AJOL. A portion of Advances Received are still under a liability to AJOL as those advances (classified as restricted cash) were made under agreements directly with AJOL and not with the Kamome Benefit Club.

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## Stock-Based Compensation

The Company grants stock options with an exercise price equal to at least the fair value of the stock at the date of grant. The Company has elected to continue to account for its employee stock-based compensation plans using an intrinsic value-based method of accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees (APB 25) and related Interpretations. Under APB 25 , because the exercise price of the Company s employee stock options equals or exceeds the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant, no compensation expense is recognized.

The Company has adopted only the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. It applies Accounting Principles Board ( APB ) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related interpretations in accounting for its Stock Option Plan and does not recognize compensation expense for its Stock Option Plan other than for restricted stock and options issued to outside third parties.

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. Because the Company s employee stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in management s opinion, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of employee stock options.

Pro forma information using the Black-Scholes method at the date of grant is based on the following assumptions: average risk free interest rate of $2.70 \%$ for 2005 and 2004; dividend yield of $0.0 \%$ for each of the years 2005 and 2004; average volatility factor of the expected market price of the Company s common stock of $216 \%$ for 2005 and 2004; and an expected life of the options of 9.0 and 9.25 years for 2005 and 2004 respectively.

Had compensation cost for the Company s four stock-based compensation plans been determined based on the fair value at the grant dates for awards under those plans consistent with the method of FASB Statement 123, the Company s net income and earnings per share would have been reduced to the pro forma amounts indicated below:

|  | 2005 |  | 2004 |  |  | 2003 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net income (loss) as reported (in thousands \$) | \$ | $(2,740)$ | \$ |  | 7,722 | \$ | 5,996 |
| Stock compensation calculated under APB25 (in thousands \$) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stock compensation calculated under SFAS 123 (in thousands \$) |  | (120) |  |  | $(1,830)$ |  |  |
| Pro forma (in thousands \$) | \$ | $(2,860)$ |  |  | 5,892 | \$ | 5,996 |
| Primary earnings per share as reported | \$ | (0.15) |  |  | 0.43 | \$ | 0.34 |
| Pro forma | \$ | (0.16) |  |  | 0.33 | \$ | 0.34 |
| Fully diluted earnings per share as reported | \$ | (0.15) |  |  | 0.43 | \$ | 0.34 |
| Pro forma | \$ | (0.16) |  |  | 0.33 | \$ | 0.34 |

## Computer Software:

The Company follows the guidance in Statement of Position (SOP ) 98-1 Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use. SOP 98-1 requires that entities capitalize certain internal-use software costs once certain criteria are met. Under SOP 98-1, overhead, general and administrative and training costs are not capitalized. Capitalized software costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis principally over 5 years. The Company reviews the carrying value of Computer Software on a quarterly basis or whenever events and circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable.

## Advances received:

Advances received represent the balance of customer receipts prior to shipment. Upon shipment, the balances transfer to deferred revenue where it then is amortized into revenue in accordance with the Company s revenue recognition policy.

## Impairment of Long-Lived Assets:

The Company accounts for the impairment of long-lived assets in accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets. The statement provides a single accounting model for long-lived assets to be disposed of. New criteria must be met to classify the asset as an asset held-for-sale. This statement also focuses on reporting the effects of a disposal of a segment of a business. The Company disposed of its Gatefor, Inc. subsidiary on March 31, 2005.

## Revenue Recognition:

Revenue from MOJICO product sales is recognized over the weighted average customer relationship period of three years. Revenue from sales of annual online subscription services to Pan Pacific Online is recognized over one year. The revenue and associated costs deferred for revenue recognition purposes are recorded as deferred revenue and deferred costs, respectively. Deferred costs are comprised of costs of the MOJICO hardware and distributors incentive commissions. Deferred costs are directly related to deferred revenues. Deferred costs are amortized into income over the weighted average customer relationship period of three years or the online subscription period of one year, as applicable.

Revenue from other on-line services provided through Pan Pacific Online Services is recognized upon the delivery of underlying products, including Kamome brand products, or services. We also generate commissions from ticket sales to tours, events and concerts which our Pan Pacific Online subscribers can purchase through the Pan Pacific Online network.

## Segment information:

The Company currently operates in one segment. Sales of the MOJICO product, sales of the Pan Pacific Online Services that represents sales of online subscriptions services which enables access to the Company s facsimile based network and database, and sales of the granting of a distributor license are considered as a bundled transaction for revenue recognition purpose. Each of the Company s products and services are dependent upon one another. The MOJICO hardware can only be operated through the use of the Pan Pacific Online Services; those services are not useable without the MOJICO hardware. Because of the interdependencies, the Company is considered to operate in one segment.

## Research and Development Expense:

Research and development costs are charged to expense when incurred. Research and development expenses included in cost of sales for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were $\$ 279,204, \$ 1,653,331$ and $\$ 300,691$, respectively.

## Shipping and Handling Costs:

Shipping and handling costs are included in selling, general and administrative expenses. The amount of shipping and handling costs for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 was $\$ 1,166,912, \$ 1,121,323$ and $\$ 1,177,638$, respectively.

## Advertising Costs:

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expenses for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 amounted to \$2,213, $\$ 6,392$ and $\$ 10,596$, respectively.

## Product Warranty Costs:

AJOL, the Company s wholly owned subsidiary, sells MOJICO units to customers along with a repair or replacement warranty for one full year from the date of purchase. Warranty costs are expensed as incurred due to their immaterial nature to financial statements taken as a whole.

## Income Taxes:

Income taxes are provided based on the asset and liability method of accounting pursuant to SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes . Deferred income taxes are recorded to reflect the tax consequences on future years of differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts at year-end. These deferred taxes are measured by applying currently enacted tax laws. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

## Comprehensive Income:

SFAS No. 130, Reporting Comprehensive Income, establishes standards for the reporting and display of comprehensive income and its components in the consolidated financial statements. Other comprehensive income, and cumulative other comprehensive income, for the Company for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 was primarily from the effects of foreign currency translation adjustments.

## Earnings per Share:

The Company reports both basic earnings per share, which is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and diluted net income per share, which is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and dilutive potential common shares.

Stock options to purchase approximately $1,300,000,1,220,000$ and 0 shares of common stock during fiscal 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively, were outstanding but not included in the computation of diluted earnings per common share because the option exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common stock, and therefore, the effect on dilutive earnings per common share would have been anti-dilutive.

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## Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2004 and 2004 financial statements to conform to 2005 presentation.

## Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements:

In March 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) approved the consensus reached on the Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 03-1, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments. The objective of this Issue is to provide guidance for identifying impaired investments. EITF 03-1 also provides new disclosure requirements for investments that are deemed to be temporarily impaired. The accounting provisions of EITF 03-1 are effective for all reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2004, while the disclosure requirements for certain investments are effective for annual periods ending after December 15, 2003, and for other investments such disclosure requirements are effective for annual periods ending after June 15, 2004. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of EITF 03-1 and does not believe the impact will be significant to the Company s overall results of operations or financial position.

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In September 2004, the FASB issued a FASB Staff Position (FSP) EITF 03-1-1 that delays the effective date of the measurement and recognition guidance in EITF 03-1 until after further deliberations by the FASB. The disclosure requirements are effective only for annual periods ending after June 15, 2004. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of the disclosure requirements of EITF 03-1 and does not believe the impact will be significant to the Company s overall results of operations or financial position. Once the FASB reaches a final decision on the measurement and recognition provisions, the Company will evaluate the impact of the adoption of EITF 03-1.

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151 Inventory Costs, an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4. The amendments made by Statement 151 clarify that abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted materials (spoilage) should be recognized as current-period charges and require the allocation of fixed production overheads to inventory based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. The guidance is effective for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. Earlier application is permitted for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after November 23, 2004. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of SFAS 151, and does not believe the impact will be significant to the Company s overall results of operations or financial position.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No.153, Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29, Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions. The amendments made by Statement 153 are based on the principle that exchanges of nonmonetary assets should be measured based on the fair value of the assets exchanged. Further, the amendments eliminate the narrow exception for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replace it with a broader exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. Previously, Opinion 29 required that the accounting for an exchange of a productive asset for a similar productive asset or an equivalent interest in the same or similar productive asset should be based on the recorded amount of the asset relinquished. Opinion 29 provided an exception to its basic measurement principle (fair value) for exchanges of similar productive assets. The Board believes that exception required that some nonmonetary exchanges, although commercially substantive, be recorded on a carryover basis. By focusing the exception on exchanges that lack commercial substance, the Board believes this Statement produces financial reporting that more faithfully represents the economics of the transactions. The Statement is effective for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005. Earlier application is permitted for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after the date of issuance. The provisions of this Statement shall be applied prospectively. The Company has evaluated the impact of the adoption of SFAS 153, and does not believe the impact will be significant to the Company s overall results of operations or financial position.

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In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment . Statement 123(R) will provide investors and other users of financial statements with more complete and neutral financial information by requiring that the compensation cost relating to share-based payment transactions be recognized in financial statements. That cost will be measured based on the fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. Statement $123(\mathrm{R})$ covers a wide range of share-based compensation arrangements including share options, restricted share plans, performance-based awards, share appreciation rights, and employee share purchase plans. Statement 123(R) replaces FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, and supersedes APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. Statement 123, as originally issued in 1995, established as preferable a fair-value-based method of accounting for share-based payment transactions with employees. However, that Statement permitted entities the option of continuing to apply the guidance in Opinion 25, as long as the footnotes to financial statements disclosed what net income would have been had the preferable fair-value-based method been used. Public entities (other than those filing as small business issuers) will be required to apply Statement $123(\mathrm{R})$ as of the first interim or annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of SFAS 123(R).

In March 2005, the SEC released Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107, Share-Based Payment (SAB 107 ), which provides interpretive guidance related to the interaction between SFAS $123(\mathrm{R})$ and certain SEC rules and regulations. It also provides the SEC staff s views regarding valuation of share-based payment arrangements. In April 2005, the SEC amended the compliance dates for SFAS 123(R), to allow companies to implement the standard at the beginning of their next fiscal year, instead of the next reporting period beginning after June 15, 2005. Management is currently evaluating the impact SAB 107 will have on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections ( SFAS 154 ) which replaces Accounting Principles Board Opinions No. 20 Accounting Changes and SFAS No. 3, Reporting Accounting Changes in Interim Financial Statements-An Amendment of APB Opinion No. 28. SFAS 154 provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes and error corrections. It establishes retrospective application, or the latest practicable date, as the required method for reporting a change in accounting principle and the reporting of a correction of an error. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005 and are required to be adopted by the Company in the first quarter of 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the adoption of SFAS 154 will have on its consolidated results of operations and financial condition but does not expect it to have a material impact.

## (2) Disposal of Business Segment:

Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is regularly evaluated by the chief operating decision-maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company evaluates performance based on several factors, of which the primary financial measure is income before income taxes.

Gatefor, Inc. ( Gatefor ) was incorporated in Japan on June 16, 2004. PPOL was the sole shareholder of 30,000 shares of Gatefor common stock or $100 \%$ of the issued and outstanding stock of Gatefor. Gatefor was created to implement a strategy of the Company and was to act as the distributor of US and European sourced technologies into Japan. With Gatefor, the Company had two operating segments: 1) network communications through sales of MOJICO and related services by AJOL and 2) technology sales by Gatefor. These segments were determined based on the nature of products and services and their respective channels of distribution. On March 31, 2005, the Company sold its entire interest in Gatefor to Forval Corporation, PPOL s majority shareholder up to such date. Thus, at March 31, 2005, the Company again operates in one reportable business segment. See note (6), related party transactions.

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Revenues and pretax loss from Gatefor approximated $\$ 270,000$ and $\$ 1,980,000$, respectively, during the fiscal year ended March $31,2005$. There is no income tax benefit from the pretax loss of Gatefor as it is not likely PPOL can utilize such losses to offset future income. See Note (5) for further information.

## (3) Property and Equipment:

Property and equipment consisted of the following:


Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment totaled $\$ 4,377,326, \$ 2,507,399$ and $\$ 1,688,718$ for the years ended March 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

## (4) Financing arrangements:

On March 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company had a $\$ 4,649,000$ and $\$ 2,879,000$, respectively, line of credit with its bank which accrues interest at $1.19 \%$ above Japan s money market rate. There were no outstanding balances as of March 31, 2005 and 2004. The line of credit expires on August 31, 2006.

On March 31, 2005, the Company borrowed $\$ 1,115,760$ and an additional $\$ 275,115$ from a shareholder at $2.375 \%$ interest. The loan was repaid in full on June 2, 2005.

## (5) Income Taxes:

PPOL files stand-alone tax returns in the US as it is not permitted to file consolidated tax returns with its Japanese subsidiary, AJOL. In Japan, AJOL files its own separate tax returns. Income taxes imposed by the national, prefecture and municipal governments of Japan resulted in a normal statutory tax rate of approximately $42.1 \%$ for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003. In fiscal year 2004, new Japanese legislation has changed rates effective for the year ending March 31, 2005. The deferred tax assets expected to be reversed in or after the year ending March 31,2005 are calculated at the new effective tax rate of $40.7 \%$.

PPOL, on a stand-alone basis, does not conduct revenue generating activities. Its primary source of income has been and will continue to be dividends from AJOL for the foreseeable future. Thus, PPOL on a stand-alone basis is not expected to have any taxable income unless it receives dividends from its operating subsidiaries. At March 31, 2005, PPOL has net operating loss carry forwards of approximately $\$ 1.2$

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million and $\$ 2.5$ million for federal and California reporting purposes, respectively, expiring through March 31, 2025. PPOL has provided a $100 \%$ valuation allowance on such loss carryforwards as it is not likely that it can utilize such losses to offset income in the future.

|  | Income before income taxes |  | Current |  | Income taxes Deferred |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Japan | \$ | 4,452,928 | \$ | 1,581,475 | \$ | 1,145,660 | \$ | 2,727,135 |
| US |  | $(2,446,321)$ |  | 37,441 |  |  |  | 37,441 |
|  | \$ | 2,006,607 | \$ | 1,618,916 | \$ | 1,145,660 | \$ | 2,764,576 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Japan | \$ | 12,016,229 | \$ | 2,250,413 | \$ | 1,352,058 | \$ | 3,602,471 |
| US |  | $(724,261)$ |  | $(32,869)$ |  |  |  | $(32,869)$ |
|  | \$ | 11,291,988 | \$ | 2,217,544 | \$ | 1,352,058 | \$ | 3,569,602 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2003 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Japan | \$ | 9,175,440 | \$ | 2,335,397 | \$ | 435,753 | \$ | 2,771,150 |
| US |  | $(408,608)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | \$ | 8,766,832 | \$ | 2,335,397 | \$ | 435,753 | \$ | 2,771,150 |

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## (5) <br> Income Taxes (cont.):

A reconciliation between the statutory tax rate and the effective income tax rate is as follows:

|  | Year ended <br> March 31, 2005 | Year ended <br> March 31, 2004 | Year ended <br> March 31, 2003 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Normal statutory tax rate | $40.7 \%$ | $40.7 \%$ | $42.1 \%$ |
| Entertainment and other non-deductible | 18.8 |  |  |
| expenses | 49.6 | 2.6 | 6.4 |
| Effect of non-deductibility of US Losses | 23.0 | 2.6 | 2.0 |
| Foreign currency translation | 5.7 | -17.9 | -22.7 |
| Other | $137.8 \%$ | 3.6 | 3.8 |
| Effective tax rate |  | $31.6 \%$ | $31.6 \%$ |

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets are as follows:


Management believes that it is more likely than not that all of the deferred tax assets will be realized through future earnings, tax planning or future reversals of existing temporary differences. Accordingly, no valuation allowance is recorded for the Japan deferred tax assets as of March 31, 2005 and 2004.

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Effective March 31, 2005 (the Effective Date ), the Company entered into a Purchase Agreement (the Purchase Agreement ), as discussed below, with Forval, which at the time of the Effective Date owned approximately $10,547,594$ shares of common stock of the Company, representing approximately $58.62 \%$ of the Company s issued and outstanding common stock. Forval s Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ), Hideo Ohkubo, also served as the CEO and Chairman of the Board of the Company at the time of the Effective Date of the Purchase Agreement.

The Company was the $100 \%$ owner of the common stock of Gatefor (the Gatefor Shares ), a Japan joint stock company.. The Company was also the owner of 1,500 shares (the OI Shares ) of common stock of Object Innovation, Inc., a Florida corporation ( OI ) representing a $15 \%$ interest in OI.

The Company and OI were parties to a certain Exclusive Distribution Agreement, dated May 26, 2004 (the Exclusive Distribution Agreement), which agreement the Company assigned (the Assignment ) to Gatefor pursuant to that certain Exclusive Distribution Right License

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Agreement (the Distribution Right License Agreement ), dated October 1, 2004, between the Company and Gatefor. In connection with the Assignment, OI and Gatefor entered into a revised letter of understanding, dated August 11, 2004 (the Revised Letter of Understanding ), providing for, among other things, OI s right to purchase $5 \%$ of the equity of Gatefor and certain payments to be made by Gatefor to OI.

In furtherance of the Purchase Agreement, the Company sold to Forval the Gatefor Shares and the OI Shares, and assigned to Forval the Company s receivable from Gatefor (the Gatefor Receivable ) in the principal amount of $\$ 1,643,000$, plus accrued interest. The Purchase Agreement approximately valued the Gatefor Shares at $\$ 1,395,000$, and the OI Shares at $\$ 279,000$.

In connection with Forval s acquisition of the Gatefor Shares, OI Shares and Gatefor Receivable, Forval cancelled the Company s debt to Forval in the principal amount of approximately $\$ 3,161,000$ plus accrued interest, and further paid the Company approximately $\$ 143,000$. As further consideration in the transaction, the Company assigned to Forval all of the Company s right, title and interest in and to, and Forval assumed all obligations under, the Exclusive Distribution Agreement and the Distribution Right License Agreement, except that the payment of approximately $\$ 930,000$ previously made by Gatefor to the Company pursuant to the Distribution Right License Agreement was deemed non-refundable.

For accounting purposes, the transaction described in the preceding paragraph, the difference between the sum of amount of Forval s cancellation of the Company s debt plus accrued interest, approximately $\$ 143,000$ cash consideration, combined with approximately $\$ 930,000$ deemed non-refundable and PPOL s net book value in Gatefor immediately preceding the transaction was accounted for as a capital contribution from the then majority shareholder, Forval.

A Special Committee (the Committee ) of independent directors of The Company s Board of Directors was formed to review the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement. The Committee approved The Company s execution, delivery and performance of the Purchase Agreement.

PPOL entered into separate agreements with Forval and Leo Global Fund, which collectively held approximately $94 \%$ the Company s common stock, in which PPOL was to provide certain consulting services during fiscal 2003. As provided for in the agreements, PPOL received a prepayment of $\$ 483,858$ from Forval and Leo Global Fund in fiscal 2003. Since the Company did not complete the consulting services called for in the agreements prior to March 31, 2003, the payments received were included in deferred revenue, as a liability, at March 31, 2003. The consulting services were completed in fiscal 2004 at which time the consulting revenues were recognized. There is no assurance that PPOL will receive such projects from Forval and Leo Global Fund in the future.

The Company also sub-leased its office space in Japan from Forval through March 31, 2003.

The following table summarizes amounts due from or to Forval and related transaction amounts:

## Year ended

 March 31, 2005Year ended March 31, 2004

Year ended March 31, 2003

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| Due from Forval: | $\$$ | 606,852 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lease deposit |  |  |  |
| Due to Forval: | $\$$ | 159,800 |  |
| Accounts payable |  |  |  |
| Transactions with Forval: | $\$$ | 67,917 |  |
| Sales |  | $\$$ | 673,283 |
| Purchases | $\$$ | 90,175 |  |
| Rental expenses |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |

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The Company established a stock option plan in March 2004 (the 2004 Plan ). In accordance with the 2004 Plan, the Company is authorized to issue incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options for up to $2,000,000$ shares of the Company s common stock to employees, directors and consultants.

A total of $1,220,000$ options were granted to employees on March 25,2004 which will vest $100 \%$ on March 25,2006 (options will cliff vest two years after the grant date) and expire on March 25,2014 (ten years after the grant date). A summary of the Company s stock option plan activity is presented below:~

|  | Weighted Average <br> Exercise Price |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Options |  | 4.00 |  |
| Outstanding at March 31, 2004 | $1,220,000$ | $\$$ | 4.00 |
| Exercised | 80,000 |  |  |
| Forfeited |  |  | 4.00 |

The following table summarizes information about the stock options outstanding and exercisable at March 31, 2005:

|  |  |  |  | Options Outstanding <br> Weighted <br> Average |  |  |  |  | Options Exercisable |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## (8) Commitments:

The Company entered into a lease agreement for approximately 1,500 square feet of office space in Los Angeles, California for a term of 12 months from November 1, 2004 through October 31, 2005. The lease calls for a monthly rent of $\$ 3,750$. At March 31, 2005, the minimum non-cancelable lease payments due are $\$ 26,250$ during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

AJOL has leased approximately 11,818 square feet located in the Oval Building in Tokyo, Japan. This facility it utilized as AJOL s headquarters and operations center. The lease term is April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2005 and is automatically renewable for successive two year periods unless prior notice to terminate the lease is made by either party. There are no minimum non-cancelable lease payments because this lease is

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cancelable subject to a termination fee of approximately $\$ 170,000$ in addition to one month s rent and association fees of approximately $\$ 70,000$.

Additionally, as of March 31, 2005 the Company has various professional consulting service contracts in effect which collectively require payments of $\$ 1.07$ million in the year ending March 31, 2006.

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## Concentration of Credit Risk:

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentration of credit risk consist of trade receivables and cash and cash equivalents. The Company collects a significant portion of payments from the ultimate customers through major credit card and loan companies. One credit company comprised $34.0 \%$, and $42.1 \%$ of accounts receivable at March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The Company maintains cash deposits with major Japanese and U.S. banks. The Company periodically assesses the financial conditions of the institutions and believes that the risk of any loss is minimal.

## (10) Subsequent Events:

On May 30, 2005, the Company completed the acquisition of K.K. U Service, a Japanese corporation ( USC ) based in Tokyo, Japan. Pursuant to a Purchase Agreement (the Purchase Agreement ), dated as of May 30, 2005, by and between Registrant, USC and K.K. Green Capital, a Japan corporation (the Seller ), the Company purchased from Seller all of the issued and outstanding shares of USC in exchange for an amount equal to US $\$ 3,522,432$ (JPY $380,000,000$ ). Seller is the majority owner of Foster Strategic Management Partnership, a Singapore partnership, which owns approximately $10,547,594$ shares of the Company s Common Stock, representing approximately $58.62 \%$ of the Company s issued and outstanding Common Stock.

USC is in the business of planning, development, sales and marketing, and import/export of telephones, fax, copier, computer and peripheral equipment.

On May 30, 2005, the Company sold to four (4) purchasers a total of $2,549,129$ shares of its common stock, $\$ 0.001$ par value per share ( Common Stock ) for an aggregate consideration of US $\$ 10,196,516$ (JPY1,100,000,000) at $\$ 4$ per share.

The Company entered into separate Stock Purchase Agreements ( Stock Purchase Agreements ), each dated as of May 30, 2005, with (i) K.K. Contents Provider Tokyo, a Japan corporation, which paid US\$3,707,824 (JPY400,0000,000); (ii) K.K. Seagull, a Japan corporation, which paid US $\$ 3,707,824$ (JPY400,0000,000); (iii) K.K. H.I. Consultants, a Japan corporation, which paid US $\$ 1,853,912$ (JPY200,000,000); and (iv) K.K. System Partners, a Japan corporation, which paid US $\$ 926,956$ (JPY100,000,000) (collectively, the Investors ). The Company issued the Common Stock in a private placement without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Act ), in reliance on one or more exemptions from the registration requirements under the Act, including Regulation D under the Act.

Pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreements, the Company entered into a Registration Rights Agreement ( Registration Rights Agreement ), dated as of May 30, 2005, with each of the four Investors, which granted piggy-back registration rights to the Investors. Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, if Registrant at any time files a registration statement (other than a Form S-4 or Form S-8 registration statement) with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Act, the Company agrees to use its best efforts to include in such registration statement such shares of the Investors Common Stock as the Investors may request, subject to the terms and conditions of the Registration Rights Agreement.

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## SCHEDULE II VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31, 2005, 2004 AND 2002

| Description | Beginning Balance Accrual | Additions Charged to Income | Non-cash (Reductions) or Additions | Reversal | Ending Balance Accrual |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Provision for doubtful receivable |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2005 | (0) |  |  |  | (0) |
| 2004 | 212 |  |  | (212) | (0) |
| 2003 | 7,000 | 212 |  | $(7,000)$ | 212 |
| Provision for inventory obsolescence |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2005 | 130,757 |  | $(4,000)$ | $(76,441)$ | 50,316 |
| 2004 | 401,636 | 120,617 | 30,940 | $(422,436)$ | 130,757 |
| 2003 | 852,644 |  | 32,314 | $(483,322)$ | 401,636 |

