

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

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2005

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 000-31203

**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Florida**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**65-0903895**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**President Place, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cnr. Jan Smuts Avenue and Bolton Road  
Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **27-11-343-2001**

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in rule 12b-2 of the exchange act (check one):  
 Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer

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

As of December 31, 2005 (the latest practicable date), 45,451,317 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$ 0.001 per share, and 11,219,263 shares of the registrant's special convertible preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, which are convertible into common stock on a one-for-one basis, were outstanding.

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## Part I. Financial Information

### ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

	<b>Unaudited December 31, 2005</b>	<b>(A) June 30, 2005</b>
(In thousands, except share data)		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 183,902	\$ 107,749
Pre-funded social welfare grants receivable	-	11,567
Accounts receivable	11,689	15,293
Finance loans receivable, net of allowances of – December: \$3,672; June: \$3,636	10,378	7,760
Deferred expenditure on smart cards	1,458	3,014
Inventory	3,428	1,927
Deferred income taxes	3,309	3,354
Total current assets	214,164	150,664
LONG TERM RECEIVABLE	1,098	969
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION OF – December: \$23,227; June: \$20,624	5,464	6,216
EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS	3,542	1,325
GOODWILL	15,107	14,636
INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET OF ACCUMULATED AMORTIZATION OF – December: \$6,221; June: \$4,919	7,081	7,944
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>246,456</b>	<b>181,754</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	18,336	20,315
Income taxes payable	9,642	14,038
Total current liabilities	27,978	34,353
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	15,051	10,399
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>43,029</b>	<b>44,752</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>COMMON STOCK</b>		
Authorized: 83,333,333 with \$0.001 par value;		
Issued and outstanding shares - December: 45,451,317; June: 28,548,269	46	29
<b>SPECIAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK</b>		
Authorized: 50,000,000 with \$0.001 par value;		
Issued and outstanding shares - December: 11,219,263; June: 26,733,521	11	27
<b>B CLASS PREFERENCE SHARES</b>		
Authorized: 330,000,000 with \$0.001 par value;		
Issued and outstanding shares (net of shares held by the Company) - December: 82,668,272; June: 196,983,841	13	31
ADDITIONAL PAID-IN-CAPITAL	104,196	71,960
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	14,409	7,314
RETAINED EARNINGS	84,752	57,641
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>203,427</b>	<b>137,002</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 246,456</b>	<b>\$ 181,754</b>

(A) – amounts derived from audited financial statements  
See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Six months ended</b>	
	<b>December 31,</b>		<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	(In thousands, except per share data)		(In thousands, except per share data)	
REVENUE	\$ 47,429	\$ 45,995	\$ 93,316	\$ 89,218
EXPENSE				
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	12,908	13,978	24,727	28,779
General and administration	11,956	12,092	22,612	22,368
Depreciation and amortization	1,365	1,654	2,903	3,229
Costs related to public offering and Nasdaq listing	27	-	1,504	-
OPERATING INCOME	21,173	18,271	41,570	34,842
INTEREST INCOME, net	1,343	548	2,246	1,203
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	22,516	18,819	43,816	36,045
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	8,577	6,707	16,988	13,915
NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE (LOSS) EARNINGS FROM EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS	13,939	12,112	26,828	22,130
(LOSS) EARNINGS FROM EQUITY ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS	(7)	124	283	333
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 13,932</u>	<u>\$ 12,236</u>	<u>\$ 27,111</u>	<u>\$ 22,463</u>
<b>Net income per share</b>				
Basic earnings, in cents – common stock and linked units	24.6	22.4	48.1	41.0
Diluted earnings, in cents – common stock and linked units	24.2	22.0	47.4	40.4

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

	<u>Three months ended</u>		<u>Six months ended</u>	
	<u>December 31,</u>		<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
	(In thousands)		(In thousands)	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>				
Cash received from customers	\$ 71,810	\$ 80,342	\$ 110,039	\$ 108,969
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(31,206)	(37,714)	(51,984)	(60,499)
<b>Cash generated by operations</b>	<u>40,604</u>	<u>42,628</u>	<u>58,055</u>	<u>48,470</u>
Interest received	3,508	4,246	6,323	7,830
Finance costs paid	(2,188)	(3,681)	(4,079)	(6,614)
Income taxes paid	(8,923)	(25,803)	(18,075)	(31,984)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>33,001</u>	<u>17,390</u>	<u>42,224</u>	<u>17,702</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Capital expenditures	(346)	(779)	(888)	(1,722)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	80	5	84	21
Acquisition of equity interest in and advance of loans to equity accounted investment	-	-	(1,851)	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<u>(266)</u>	<u>(774)</u>	<u>(2,655)</u>	<u>(1,701)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from issue of share capital, net of share issue expenses	-	-	32,219	-
Repayment of bank overdrafts	-	-	-	(19)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,219</u>	<u>(19)</u>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(1,034)	11,098	4,365	9,052
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>31,701</u>	<u>27,714</u>	<u>76,153</u>	<u>25,034</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of period</b>	<u>152,201</u>	<u>77,602</u>	<u>107,749</u>	<u>80,282</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<u>\$ 183,902</u>	<u>\$ 105,316</u>	<u>\$ 183,902</u>	<u>\$ 105,316</u>

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**  
**Notes to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004**  
**(All amounts stated in thousands of United States Dollars, unless otherwise stated)**

**1. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Unaudited Interim Financial Information**

On June 7, 2004, the Company completed a transaction, which is more fully described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2005, in which the former shareholders of Net 1 Applied Technology Holdings Limited, or Aplitec, acquired a majority voting interest in the Company. In accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("US GAAP"), the Company accounted for the Aplitec transaction as a reverse acquisition, which requires that the company whose shareholders retained a majority voting interest in a combined business be treated as the acquiror for accounting purposes. References to the "Company" refer to Net1 and its consolidated subsidiaries, including Aplitec, unless the context otherwise requires. References to Net1 are references solely to Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all majority owned subsidiaries over which the Company exercises control and have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission for Quarterly Results on Form 10-Q and include all of the information and disclosures required by US GAAP for interim financial reporting. The results of operations for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year. The Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading.

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, accounting policies and financial notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments), which are necessary for a fair representation of financial results for the interim periods presented.

*Stock-Based Compensation*

Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statement No. 123 (revised 2004), *Share-Based Payment*, ("FAS 123R") was issued in December 2004 and replaces FASB Statement No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* ("FAS 123") and supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* ("APB 25"). FAS 123R requires that the cost resulting from all share-based payment transactions be recognized in the financial statements at fair value and that excess tax benefits be reported as a financing cash inflow rather than as a reduction of taxes paid. FAS 123R is effective for the Company from July 1, 2005. FAS 123R requires public companies to account for share-based payments using the modified-prospective method and permits public companies also to account for share-based payments using the modified-retrospective method. Under the modified-prospective method, from the effective date, compensation cost is recognized based on the requirements of FAS 123R for all new share-based awards and based on the requirements of FAS 123 for all awards granted prior to the effective date of FAS 123R that remain unvested on the effective date. The modified-retrospective method permits companies to restate, based on the amounts previously recognized under FAS 123 for pro forma disclosure purposes, either all prior periods presented or prior interim periods in the year of adoption. The adoption of the modified-prospective method on July 1, 2005 by the Company did not have an impact on its overall results of operations or financial position.

There was no stock-based compensation charge under FAS 123R for the three or six months ended December 31, 2005. There was no stock compensation charge under APB 25 for the three and six months ended December 31, 2004. There would have been no charge had compensation expense for share options granted under the stock option plan been determined based on fair value at the grant dates consistent with the method required in accordance with FAS 123.

1. **Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*Translation of foreign currencies*

The functional currency of the Company is the South African rand, or ZAR, and its reporting currency is the U.S. dollar. The current rate method is used to translate the financial statements of the Company to U.S. dollars. Under the current rate method, assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at average rates for the period. Translation gains and losses are reported in accumulated other comprehensive income in shareholders' equity.

Foreign exchange transactions are translated at the spot rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary items are translated at the closing spot rate at the balance sheet date. Transactional gains and losses are recognized in income for the period.

*Recent accounting pronouncements adopted*

In November 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") FAS No. 123(R)-3, "*Transition Election Related to Accounting for the Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards.*" ("FSP FAS 123(R)-3") This FSP provides a practical exception when a company transitions to the accounting requirements in FAS 123R. FAS 123R requires a company to calculate the pool of excess tax benefits available to absorb tax deficiencies recognized subsequent to adopting FAS 123R (termed the APIC Pool), assuming the company had been following the recognition provisions prescribed by FAS 123. The FASB learned that several companies do not have the necessary historical information to calculate the APIC pool as envisioned by FAS 123R and accordingly, the FASB decided to allow a practical exception as documented in the FSP. FSP FAS 123(R)-3 is effective immediately. The adoption of the statement by the Company did not have an impact on its overall results of operations or financial position.

In December 2005, the FASB issued FSP SOP 94-6-1, "*Terms of Loan Products That May Give Rise to a Concentration of a Credit Risk.*" The FSP addresses (1) the circumstances under which the terms of the loan products give rise to a concentration of credit risk and (2) the disclosures or other accounting considerations that apply for entities that originate, hold, guarantee, service, or invest in loan products with terms that may give rise to a concentration of credit risk. The FASB believes judgment is required to determine whether loan products have terms that give rise to a concentration of credit risk. Companies are required to apply the guidance in the FSP to reporting periods ending after December 19, 2005. The adoption of the statement by the Company did not have an impact on its overall results of operations or financial position.

In June 2005, the Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") ratified the modification of Paragraph 19 of FASB Statement No. 131, "*Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*" ("FAS 131"), which indicates that operating segments that do not meet the quantitative thresholds included in paragraph 18 of FAS 131 may be combined with information about other operating segments that also do not meet these quantitative thresholds to produce a reportable segment if they share a majority of the aggregation criteria listed in paragraph 17 of FAS 131. The disclosure requirements are effective for fiscal years ending after September 15, 2005. The adoption of the statement by the Company did not have an impact on its segmental disclosures.

*Recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2005*

In November 2005, the FASB issued FSP FAS No. 115-1 and 124-1, "*The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments.*" The guidance in this FSP addresses the determination of when an investment is considered impaired, whether that impairment is other than temporary, and the measurement of an impairment loss. The FSP also includes accounting considerations subsequent to the recognition of an other-than-temporary impairment and requires certain disclosures about unrealized losses that have not been recognized as other-than-temporary impairments. FSP FAS No. 115-1 and FAS 124-1 is effective for the Company in the third quarter of fiscal year 2006. The adoption of the statement by the Company is not expected to have an impact on its overall results of operations or financial position.

In October 2005, the FASB issued FSP FAS 13-1, "*Accounting for Rental Costs Incurred during a Construction Period.*" The FASB concludes in this FSP that rental costs associated with ground or building operating leases that are incurred during a construction period should be expensed. The FASB believes there is no distinction between the right to use a leased asset during the construction period and the right to use that asset after the construction period. Companies are required to apply the guidance in the FSP to the first reporting period beginning after December 15, 2005. The adoption of the statement by the Company is not expected to have an impact on its overall results of operations or financial position.

## 2. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Summarized below is the movement in the gross carrying value and accumulated amortization of goodwill for the six months ended December 31, 2005.

	Gross carrying value	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying value
Balance as of July 1, 2005	\$ 18,476	\$ (3,840)	\$ 14,636
Foreign currency adjustment <sup>(1)</sup>	676	(205)	471
Balance as of December 31, 2005	<u>\$ 19,152</u>	<u>\$ (4,045)</u>	<u>\$ 15,107</u>

(1) – the Foreign currency adjustment represents the effects of the fluctuations between the South African Rand and the United States dollar on the gross carrying value and accumulated amortization.

Summarized below is the movement in the gross carrying value and accumulated amortization of goodwill for the year ended June 30, 2005.

	Gross carrying value	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying value
Balance as of June 30, 2004	\$ 19,302	\$ (4,090)	\$ 15,212
Foreign currency adjustment <sup>(1)</sup>	(826)	250	(576)
Balance as of June 30, 2005	<u>\$ 18,476</u>	<u>\$ (3,840)</u>	<u>\$ 14,636</u>

(1) – the Foreign currency adjustment represents the effects of the fluctuations between the South African Rand and the United States dollar on the gross carrying value and accumulated amortization.

Summarized below is the carrying value and accumulated amortization of the intangible assets as of December 31 and June 30, 2005:

	As of December 31, 2005			As of June 30, 2005		
	Gross carrying value	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying value	Gross carrying value	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying value
Finite-lived intangible assets:						
FTS patent	\$ 6,038	\$ (3,322)	\$ 2,716	\$ 5,733	\$ (2,867)	\$ 2,866
Contract rights	2,644	(1,836)	808	2,510	(1,325)	1,185
Customer contracts	114	(38)	76	114	(26)	88
Exclusive licences	4,506	(1,025)	3,481	4,506	(701)	3,805
Total finite-lived intangible assets	<u>\$ 13,302</u>	<u>\$ (6,221)</u>	<u>\$ 7,081</u>	<u>\$ 12,863</u>	<u>\$ (4,919)</u>	<u>\$ 7,944</u>

Aggregate amortization expense on the finite-lived intangible assets for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 was approximately \$0.5 million and \$1.2 million, respectively (three and six months to December 31, 2004: \$0.6 million and \$1.1 million, respectively). Estimated amortization expense to be reported in future periods is estimated at \$2.1 million per annum, however this amount could differ from the actual amortization as a result of changes in useful lives and other relevant factors.

As required by FASB Statement No. 141, *Business Combinations*, goodwill has been allocated to the Company's reportable transaction-based activities, smart cards accounts, financial services and hardware, software and related technology sales segments as follows:

	As of December 31, 2005		
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying value
Transaction-based activities	\$ 3,798	\$ (1,120)	\$ 2,678
Smart card accounts	-	-	-
Financial services	7,770	(2,180)	5,590
Hardware, software and related technology sales	7,584	(745)	6,839
Total	<u>\$ 19,152</u>	<u>\$ (4,045)</u>	<u>\$ 15,107</u>



## 2. Goodwill and Intangible Assets (continued)

	As of June 30, 2005		
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying value
Transaction-based activities	\$ 3,606	\$ (1,063)	\$ 2,543
Smart card accounts	-	-	-
Financial services	7,376	(2,068)	5,308
Hardware, software and related technology sales	7,494	(709)	6,785
Total	<u>\$ 18,476</u>	<u>\$ (3,840)</u>	<u>\$ 14,636</u>

## 3. Capital structure and creditor rights attached to the B Class Loans

The Company's balance sheet reflects two classes of equity - common stock and linked units.

The linked units comprise the following instruments which are linked and cannot be traded separately:

- a right to special convertible preferred stock,
- B Class preference shares in Net 1 Applied Technologies South Africa Limited ("New Aplitec") and
- B Class loans issued by New Aplitec.

Although the linked units include certain instruments (the B Class preference shares and the B Class loans) that are legally equity of a subsidiary of the Company, they have been treated as equity of the Company and recorded as part of shareholders' equity in these condensed consolidated financial statements, in recognition of their substance, which is economically equivalent to that of common stock.

The B Class loans referred to above are not considered to be a liability in accordance with FAS 150, *Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Equity and Liability*, as New Aplitec does not have an obligation to transfer assets to its shareholders in respect of the loans. In addition, any distributions relating to the loans are solely at the discretion of New Aplitec.

*Voting rights* – Holders of shares of special convertible preferred stock have the same voting rights as holders of common stock. Therefore, a linked unit-holder is able to vote on the same matters as a holder of common stock, including the selection of directors, corporate decisions submitted to shareholder vote, and decisions regarding distribution of earnings. In addition, the special convertible preferred stock does not provide any additional rights with respect to control of the Company not shared by holders of common stock.

*Dividend rights* – Holders of common stock and linked units have similar rights to the distribution of the Company's earnings.

*Liquidation rights* – In the event of a liquidation of the Company or New Aplitec, the linked units are automatically convertible into common stock of the Company, thereby allowing a linked unit holder to have identical liquidation rights to a holder of common stock in the event of liquidation.

*Sale rights* – A linked unit holder can only dispose of its interest in the Company by 1) converting the linked units into common stock and 2) selling the common stock on the open market. Therefore, a holder of the linked units receives the same risk and rewards in market price fluctuation as a common stockholder of the Company.

### *Common stock*

Holders of shares of the Company's common stock are entitled to receive dividends and other distributions when declared by the Company's board of directors out of funds available. Payment of dividends and distributions is subject to certain restrictions under the Florida Business Corporation Act, including the requirement that after making any distribution the Company must be able to meet its debts as they become due in the usual course of its business.

Upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, holders of common stock share ratably in the assets remaining after payments to creditors and provision for the preference of any preferred stock according to its terms. There are no pre-emptive or other subscription rights, conversion rights or redemption or scheduled installment payment provisions relating to shares of common stock. All of the outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

### 3. Capital structure and creditor rights attached to the B Class Loans (continued)

Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote per share for the election of directors and for all other matters to be voted on by shareholders. Holders of common stock may not cumulate their votes in the election of directors, and are entitled to share equally and ratably in the dividends that may be declared by the board of directors, but only after payment of dividends required to be paid on outstanding shares of preferred stock according to its terms. The shares of Company common stock are not subject to redemption.

#### *Special convertible preferred stock*

The special convertible preferred stock ranks, on parity, without preference and priority, with the Company's common stock with respect to dividend rights (except as described below) or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company. The stock is junior in preference and priority to each other class or series of preferred stock or other equity security of the Company under terms which may be determined by the board of directors to expressly provide that such other security rank senior in preference or priority to the special convertible preferred stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company.

So long as any shares of special convertible preferred stock are outstanding, the Company's board will determine immediately prior to the declaration of any dividend or distribution (i) the portion, if any, of the Company's assets available for such dividend or distribution that is attributable to funds or assets from New Aplitec, regardless of the manner received (the "South African Amount") and (ii) the portion of such funds or assets that is not from New Aplitec (the "Non-South African Amount"). The South African Amount will not include amounts received from New Aplitec due to its liquidation, distribution or dividend after insolvency or winding up.

So long as any shares of special convertible preferred stock are outstanding, (i) any dividends or distributions by the Company's board of Non-South African Amounts must be paid *pro rata* to all holders of common stock and special convertible preferred stock, and (ii) any dividends or distributions by the Company's board of South African Amounts can be paid only to holders of common stock. The Company's board has complete discretion to declare a dividend or distribution with respect to South African Amounts or Non-South African Amounts.

In the event of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, distribution of assets or winding-up of the Company, all outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock will automatically convert and holders of such stock will be entitled to receive *pari passu* with holders of common stock, any assets of the Company distributed for the benefit of its shareholders.

Holders of special convertible preferred stock have the right to receive notice of, attend, speak and vote at general meetings of the Company, and are entitled to vote on all matters on which holders of common stock are entitled to vote. Each holder of special convertible preferred stock present in person, or the person representing such holder, is entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of shares of common stock that would be issued upon conversion of the special convertible preferred stock held by such holder on the record date.

#### *B class preference shares*

Net1 owns 100% of the A class common stock and A class loans in issue of New Aplitec. The B class preference shares rank *pari passu* with the New Aplitec A class stock in respect of participation in dividends and return of capital prior to winding-up of New Aplitec. The B class preference shares shall not, however, participate in dividends or a return of capital on a winding-up of New Aplitec for any reason. However, the unit holders will participate, as the B class preference stock will automatically convert into Company common stock on a winding-up of New Aplitec. The B class preference shares cannot be sold or transferred other than to the Company pursuant to the occurrence of a trigger event. Therefore, the B class preference shares, the B class loans and the rights to receive Company special convertible preferred stock are linked together and cannot be traded separately.

The holders of B class preference shares will only be entitled to vote on matters which directly affect the rights attaching to the B class preference shares. At every general meeting of New Aplitec at which more than one class of shareholders are present and entitled to vote, unit holders of the South African Trust which in turn holds the B class preference shares, shall be entitled, upon a poll, to that proportion of the total votes in New Aplitec which the aggregate number of B class preference shares held bears to the aggregate number of all shares entitled to be voted at such meeting (provided that no resolution for the declaration of a dividend or for the disposal of any intellectual property of New Aplitec shall be passed unless unit holders representing 50.1% of the B class preference shares present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy vote in favor of such resolution).

### 3. Capital structure and creditor rights attached to the B Class Loans (continued)

#### *B class loans*

The B class loans are unsecured and repayable as and when directed by the board of directors of New Aplitec provided that no capital may be repaid until at least 30 days have lapsed from the date of drawdown of the loans, and subject to South African Exchange Control approval. The loans will bear interest at such rates as may be determined by the board of directors of New Aplitec at the beginning of each year, but shall not be more than the prime rate as quoted by Standard Bank of South Africa Limited from time to time. Interest, if so declared by the board of directors of New Aplitec, will be payable by New Aplitec semi-annually in arrears.

#### *Conversion of special convertible preferred stock to common stock*

Special convertible preferred stock is convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon the occurrence of a trigger event. With each converted share of special convertible preferred stock that is converted, the Company will receive:

- 7.368421056 B class preference shares; and
- such holder's interest in the New Aplitec B loan accounts.

Upon conversion, all rights with respect to shares for special convertible preferred stock will cease. Converted shares will be cancelled and have the status of authorized but unissued preferred stock, without designation as to series until such shares are once more designated as part of a particular series by the board of directors.

During the three and six months ended December 31, 2005, 4,022,118 and 15,514,258 shares of special convertible preferred stock were converted to common stock. The trigger events that gave rise to these conversions were requests by linked unit-holders to sell and/or convert 29,636,655 and 114,315,569 linked units during the three and six months ended December 31, 2005. The net result of these conversions was that 29,636,655 and 114,315,569 B class preference shares and B class loans were ceded to Net1 during the three and six months ended December 31, 2005, which converted 4,022,118 and 15,514,258 shares of special convertible preferred stock to 4,022,118 and 15,514,258 common stock in return for the ownership of the 29,636,655 and 114,315,569 B class preferred shares and B class loans. As a result of the conversion, the number of outstanding shares of common stock has increased by 15,514,258 and the number of outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock has decreased by 15,514,258. In addition, as a consequence of the conversion, the Company now owns an additional 114,315,569 B class preferred shares and B class loans. The reduction in the B class preference shares from \$0.031 million to \$0.013 million is due to the cession to the Company of the B class preference shares as a result of the trigger events. The value of the B class preference shares and B class loans held by the Company is eliminated on consolidation.

During the three and six months ended December 31, 2004, 1,147,967 and 3,676,134 shares of special convertible preferred stock were converted to common stock. The trigger events that gave rise to these conversions were requests by linked unit-holders to sell and/or convert 8,458,704 and 27,087,057 linked units during the three and six months ended December 31, 2004. The net result of these conversions was that 8,458,704 and 27,087,057 B class preference shares and B class loans were ceded to Net1 during the three and six months ended December 31, 2004, which converted 1,147,967 and 3,676,134 shares of special convertible preferred stock to 1,147,967 and 3,676,134 common stock in return for the ownership of the 8,458,704 and 27,087,057 B class preferred shares and B class loans. As a result of the conversion, the number of outstanding shares of common stock has increased by 3,676,134 and the number of outstanding shares of special convertible preferred stock has decreased by 3,676,134. In addition, as a consequence of the conversion, the Company now owns an additional 27,087,057 B class preferred shares and B class loans. The reduction in the B class preference shares from \$0.038 million to \$0.034 million is due to the cession to the Company of the B class preference shares as a result of the trigger events. The value of the B class preference shares and B class loans held by the Company is eliminated on consolidation.

### 4. Earnings per share

The entire consolidated net income of the Company is attributable to the shareholders of the Company comprising both the holders of Net1 common stock and the holders of linked units. As described in Note 3, the linked units have the same rights and entitlements as those attached to common shares.

#### 4. Earnings per share (continued)

As the linked units owned by holders, other than the Company, are exchangeable for special convertible preferred stock at the ratio of 7.37:1, which is then converted to common stock at the ratio of 1:1, the basic earnings per share for the three months ended December 31, 2005, for the common stock and linked units are the same and is calculated by dividing the net income by the combined weighted average number (56.7 million) of common stock (45.5 million) and special convertible preferred stock (11.2 million) in issue. Diluted earnings per share has been calculated to give effect to the number of additional shares of common stock/linked units that would have been outstanding if the potential dilutive instruments had been issued in each period.

The basic earnings per share for the six months ended December 31, 2005, for the common stock and linked units are the same and is calculated by dividing the net income by the combined number (56.3 million) of common stock (45.1 million) and special convertible preferred stock (11.2 million) in issue. Included in the weighted average number of shares in issue to calculate earnings and diluted earnings per share were 1,538,794 shares of the Company's common stock issued in connection with the Company's August 2005 public offering.

The basic earnings per share for the three and six months ended December 31, 2004, for the common stock and linked units are calculated in the same manner by dividing the net income by the combined number (54.7 million) of common stock (25.1 million) and special convertible preferred stock (29.6 million) in issue. The common stock and special convertible preferred stock used to calculate earnings per share has been adjusted for the one-for-six reverse stock split approved by the Company's board of directors on June 2, 2005, which became effective June 13, 2005.

The weighted average number of outstanding shares for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, presented below includes the common stock as well as the special convertible preferred stock, as the holders of special convertible preferred stock have the same rights and entitlements as those attached to the common stock.

The following tables detail the weighted average number of outstanding shares used for the calculation of earnings per share for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Weighted average number of outstanding shares of common stock – basic	45,452	26,215	45,111	26,215
Weighted average effect of dilutive securities: employee stock options	717	476	714	444
Weighted average number of outstanding shares of common stock – diluted	46,169	26,691	45,825	26,659
	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Weighted average number of outstanding linked units – basic	11,219	28,485	11,219	28,485
Weighted average effect of dilutive securities: employee stock options	177	517	178	482
Weighted average number of outstanding linked units – diluted	11,396	29,002	11,397	28,967
	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Total weighted average number of outstanding shares used to calculate earnings per share – basic	56,671	54,700	56,330	54,700
Total weighted average number of outstanding shares used to calculate earnings per share – diluted	57,565	55,693	57,222	55,626

## 5. Comprehensive income

The Company's comprehensive income consists of net income and foreign currency translation gains and losses which, under US GAAP, are excluded from net income. Total comprehensive income for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 was:

	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net income	\$ 13,932	\$ 12,236	\$ 27,111	\$ 22,463
Foreign currency translation adjustments	967	12,131	7,095	9,969
	<u>\$ 14,899</u>	<u>\$ 24,367</u>	<u>\$ 34,206</u>	<u>\$ 32,432</u>

## 6. Operating segments

The Company discloses segment information in accordance with FAS 131, which requires companies to determine and review their segments as reflected in the management information systems reports that their managers use in making decisions and to report certain entity-wide disclosures about products and services, major customers, and the material countries in which the entity holds assets and reports revenues.

The Company currently has four reportable segments which each operate mainly within South Africa: Transaction-based activities, Smart card accounts, Financial services and Hardware, software and related technology sales. The Company also has a Corporate/ Eliminations segment. The Company's reportable segments offer different products and services and require different resources and marketing strategies and share the Company's assets.

The Transaction-based activities segment currently consists mainly of a state pension and welfare benefit distribution service provided to provincial governments in South Africa. Fee income is earned based on the number of beneficiaries included in the government pay-file. This segment also includes fee income from the merchant retail application launched during the year ended June 30, 2005. This segment has individually significant customers that each provides more than 10% of the total revenue of the Company. For the three and six months ended December 31, 2005, there were three such customers, providing 38, 19 and 11 per cent, respectively, of total revenue (three and six months ended December 31, 2004: three customers 37, 19 and 12 per cent and 36, 20 and 12 per cent, respectively, of total revenue).

The Smart card accounts segment derives revenue from the provision of smart card accounts, as a fixed monthly fee per card is charged for the maintenance of these accounts.

The Financial Services segment derives revenue from the provision of short-term personal lending activities and life insurance products. Interest income is recognized in the income statement as it falls due, using the interest method by reference to the constant interest rate stated in each loan agreement.

The Hardware, software-related and technology sales segment markets, sells and implements the Universal Electronic Payment System ("UEPS"). The segment undertakes smart card system implementation projects, delivering hardware, software and business solutions in the form of customized systems. This segment also generates rental income from hardware sold to merchants enrolled in the Company's merchant retail application launched during the year ended June 30, 2005.

Corporate / eliminations include the Company's head office cost centers in addition to the elimination of inter-segment transactions.

## 6. Operating segments (continued)

The Company evaluates segment performance based on operating income. The following tables summarize segment information which is prepared in accordance with US GAAP:

	<b>Three months ended</b>		<b>Six months ended</b>	
	<b>December 31, 2005</b>		<b>December 31, 2005</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Transaction-based activities	\$ 27,255	\$ 26,426	\$ 55,073	\$ 50,855
Smart card accounts	8,744	8,984	17,296	17,205
Financial services	3,982	5,240	8,256	10,320
Hardware, software and related technology sales	7,448	5,345	12,691	10,838
Total	<u>47,429</u>	<u>45,995</u>	<u>93,316</u>	<u>89,218</u>
<b>Operating income</b>				
Transaction-based activities	13,517	10,325	27,649	20,007
Smart card accounts	3,974	4,083	7,861	7,820
Financial services	1,828	2,341	3,672	4,743
Hardware, software and related technology sales	3,874	2,235	7,941	4,270
Corporate/ Eliminations	(2,020)	(713)	(5,553)	(1,998)
Total	<u>21,173</u>	<u>18,271</u>	<u>41,570</u>	<u>34,842</u>
<b>Interest earned</b>				
Transaction-based activities	-	-	-	-
Smart card accounts	-	-	-	-
Financial services	-	-	-	-
Hardware, software and related technology sales	-	-	-	-
Corporate/ Eliminations	3,535	4,111	6,337	7,696
Total	<u>3,535</u>	<u>4,111</u>	<u>6,337</u>	<u>7,696</u>
<b>Interest expense</b>				
Transaction-based activities	2,049	3,448	3,938	6,239
Smart card accounts	-	-	-	-
Financial services	2	12	12	19
Hardware, software and related technology sales	141	103	141	235
Corporate/ Eliminations	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>2,192</u>	<u>3,563</u>	<u>4,091</u>	<u>6,493</u>
<b>Depreciation and amortization</b>				
Transaction-based activities	975	1,297	2,124	2,549
Smart card accounts	-	-	-	-
Financial services	113	130	224	274
Hardware, software and related technology sales	-	-	-	-
Corporate/ Eliminations	277	227	555	406
Total	<u>1,365</u>	<u>1,654</u>	<u>2,903</u>	<u>3,229</u>
<b>Income taxation expense</b>				
Transaction-based activities	3,317	2,062	6,860	4,129
Smart card accounts	1,152	1,225	2,279	2,346
Financial services	532	699	1,061	1,418
Hardware, software and related technology sales	1,083	638	2,261	1,209
Corporate/ Eliminations	2,493	2,083	4,527	4,813
Total	<u>\$ 8,577</u>	<u>\$ 6,707</u>	<u>\$ 16,988</u>	<u>\$ 13,915</u>

## 6. Operating segments (continued)

	Three months ended December 31, 2005		Six months ended December 31, 2005	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
Net income after taxation				
Transaction-based activities	\$ 8,151	\$ 4,813	\$ 16,852	\$ 9,637
Smart card accounts	2,821	2,857	5,582	5,473
Financial services	1,294	1,631	2,600	3,308
Hardware, software and related technology sales	2,651	1,492	5,538	2,824
Corporate/ Eliminations	(985)	1,443	(3,461)	1,221
Total	<u>13,932</u>	<u>12,236</u>	<u>27,111</u>	<u>22,463</u>
Segment assets				
Total	<u>246,456</u>	<u>174,918</u>	<u>246,456</u>	<u>174,918</u>
Expenditures for long-lived assets				
Transaction-based activities	258	620	668	1,350
Smart card accounts	-	-	-	-
Financial services	88	159	220	372
Hardware, software and related technology sales	-	-	-	-
Corporate/ Eliminations	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 346</u>	<u>\$ 779</u>	<u>\$ 888</u>	<u>\$ 1,722</u>

The comparative segment information has been restated to reflect the new Smart card accounts segment which derives revenue from the provision of smart card accounts, as a fixed monthly fee per card is charged for the maintenance of these accounts. In addition, the Company's chief operating decision maker began reviewing the segment information using US GAAP measures in May 2005. Previously this information was reviewed using South African generally accepted accounting principles measures.

The segment information as reviewed by the chief operating decision maker does not include a measure of segment assets per segment as all of the significant assets are used in the operations of all, rather than any one, of the segments. The Company does not have dedicated assets assigned to a particular operating segment. Accordingly, it is not meaningful to attempt an arbitrary allocation and segment asset allocation is therefore not presented.

## 7. Pre-funded social welfare grants receivable

The pre-funded social welfare grants receivable represents the amounts due from the Eastern Cape and Kwa-Zulu Natal provincial governments, as the Company pre-funds social welfare grant payments on behalf of the government in these provinces. The pre-funded amounts are typically reimbursed to the Company within two weeks after the disbursement of the grants. The grant payment service normally commences a week before the start of a calendar month, with the exception of January. The January payment service typically commences during the first week of January. As no pre-funding of the January grants is necessary during the last week in December, the Company's pre-funded social welfare grant receivable at the end of December is significantly lower, compared to other quarter ends. Conversely, the cash and cash equivalents balance on hand at the end of December is significantly higher.

The June 30, 2005 amount was previously included in accounts receivable in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. Management believes that the nature of the pre-funded social welfare grants receivable is substantially different to those of other accounts receivable and has therefore disclosed the balances separately.

## 8. Deferred expenditure on smart cards

The deferred expenditure on smart cards represents amounts paid for smart cards used in the administration and distribution of grants to beneficiaries. These expenditures are deferred and written off over the period of the contract with the provincial government.

## 9. Costs related to public offering and Nasdaq listing

The Company completed a public offering and Nasdaq listing in August 2005. The Company incurred the following costs in connection with this transaction during the three months ended December 31 and 2005, September 30, 2005, and the year ended June 30, 2005:

	Three months ended December 31, 2005	Three months ended September 30, 2005	Year ended June 30, 2005	Total costs incurred
Legal fees	-	\$ 982	\$ 1,567	\$ 2,549
Printing	-	243	-	243
Accounting fees	-	25	179	204
Regulatory and filing fees	-	165	26	191
Other	\$ 27	62	45	134
Total costs related to public offering and Nasdaq listing	\$ 27	\$ 1,477	\$ 1,817	\$ 3,321

The Other category includes costs to date related to venue hire, travel, bank charges and other miscellaneous expenses related to the public offering and Nasdaq listing. All costs related to the public offering are non-deductible for taxation purposes.

Underwriting discounts and commissions of \$2.4 million were incurred relating to the underwriters exercising their over allotment option. The discounts and commissions have been charged directly to additional paid-in capital.

## 10. Income tax in interim periods

For the purposes of interim financial reporting, the Company determines the appropriate income tax provision in accordance with the guidance in APB Opinion 28, *Interim Reporting*, and FASB Interpretation No. 18, *Accounting for Income Taxes in Interim Periods*. Accordingly, the tax charge is calculated by first applying the effective tax rate expected to be applicable for the full fiscal year to ordinary income'. This amount is then adjusted for the tax effect of significant unusual or extraordinary items that are reported separately, and have an impact on the tax charge. The cumulative effect of any change in the enacted tax rate on the opening balance of deferred tax assets and liabilities is also included in the tax charge as a discrete event in the interim period in which the enactment date occurs.

In respect of the three and six month periods ended December 31, 2005, the tax charge was calculated using the expected effective tax rate for the year (36.89%) and was adjusted for the effect of non-deductible costs which primarily relate to the public offering and Nasdaq listing, resulting in an effective tax rate for the three and six months of 38.1% and 38.8%, respectively.

## 11. Subsequent events

During December 2005 the Company, together with Namibia Post Limited ("NamPost") and SmartSwitch Namibia (Pty) Limited ("SmartSwitch Namibia") executives, discussed the need for an additional contribution to SmartSwitch Namibia by each shareholder of \$0.8 million (ZAR 4.75 million, at December 31, 2005 foreign exchange rates). The proceeds are expected to be utilized by SmartSwitch Namibia for the acquisition of hardware from the Company. In January 2006, each shareholder advanced an additional \$0.8 million (ZAR 4.75 million, at December 31, 2005 foreign exchange rates) to SmartSwitch Namibia.



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

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Form 10-Q. On June 7, 2004, we completed a transaction, which we more fully describe in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2005 in which the former shareholders of Net 1 Applied Technology Holdings Limited, or Aplitec, acquired a majority voting interest in us. In accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or US GAAP, we accounted for the Aplitec transaction as a reverse acquisition, which requires that the company whose shareholders retain a majority voting interest in a combined business be treated as the acquiror for accounting purposes.

### Forward-looking statements

Some of the statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q constitute forward-looking statements. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed, implied or inferred by these forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among other things, those listed under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2005. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "would," "expects," "plans," "intends," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of such terms and other comparable terminology.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not know whether we can achieve positive future results, levels of activity, performance or goals. Actual events or results may differ materially. We undertake no obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to conform those statements to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by applicable law.

You should read this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the documents that we reference herein and the documents we have filed as exhibits hereto and which we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission completely and with the understanding that our actual future results, levels of activity, performance and achievements may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

### Overview

We provide our universal electronic payment system technology as an alternative payment system to the un-banked and under-banked populations of developing economies. We believe that we are the first company worldwide to implement a system that can enable the estimated four billion people who generally have limited or no access to a bank account to effect affordably electronic transactions with one another, government agencies, employers, merchants and other financial services providers. To do this, we have developed and deployed the universal electronic payment system, or UEPS. This system uses secure smart cards that operate in real time but offline, unlike traditional payment systems offered by major banking institutions that require immediate access through a communications network to a centralized computer. This offline capability means that users of our system can enter into transactions at any time with other card holders in even the most remote areas so long as a portable offline card reader is available. In addition to payments and purchases, our system can be used for banking, health care management, international money transfers, voting and identification.

South Africa is the first major market where we achieved significant success and a high penetration rate in the areas we targeted. We believe that our operating experience in South Africa demonstrates the success of our business model in a developing economy. According to estimates made by Statistics South Africa, as of mid-2005, South Africa has a population of approximately 46.9 million people, of which an estimated 50% live below the poverty line. The South African unemployment rate is estimated at approximately 26.7%. The success we have achieved in South Africa since commencing operations in December 1997 has primarily resulted from servicing the needs of the poorest section of the population – those who are dependent on government social welfare grants. We have designed and implemented a complete business model involving the payment, and subsequent spending, of these grants through our smart cards and UEPS technology, which provides us with the opportunity to earn multiple sources of revenue and provides our card holders with affordable functionality and lifestyle improvement. The South African government is also actively involved in a number of initiatives which may present us with opportunities to export our South African achievements, such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum, which is currently considering the establishment of an economic trade bloc between these three countries.

On the African continent outside South Africa, we have implemented our systems at the request of a variety of customers in Namibia, Ghana, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi and Mozambique, some of which are considered among the poorest countries in the world. In Malawi, our system has been implemented by the Reserve Bank of Malawi as a national payment system. With the exception of Namibia, we are not actively involved as either investors or operators in any of these systems, but we believe that our experience and success in South Africa, together with our understanding of trade in Africa, will permit us to take advantage of new opportunities both in and outside South Africa, which in some instances, may involve acquiring an equity stake in new or existing businesses.

In Namibia, we are a 50% shareholder in SmartSwitch Namibia (Pty) Ltd, or SmartSwitch Namibia, with the other 50% of the shares held by Namibia Post Limited, or NamPost, a government entity which provides post office services across Namibia. SmartSwitch Namibia will initially provide NamPost with a UEPS banking platform and NamPost will issue a UEPS smart card to its 300,000 customers. The card will replace the existing paper based books and allow secure transacting across all of NamPost's 120 branches and all installed point of sale, or POS, devices. The card will also be issued to participating retailers, medical insurance companies and other government institutions.

### ***Public Offering and Nasdaq Listing***

In August 2005, we completed an underwritten public offering of our common stock and listed our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market. In the offering, selling shareholders sold 10,258,625 shares of our common stock at a public offering price of \$22.00 per share. The selling shareholders included employees that sold our stock and officers that exercised and sold stock options which resulted in proceeds to us of \$0.7 million. Pursuant to the underwriting agreement, we granted the underwriters an option to purchase 1,538,794 shares at the public offering price to cover over-allotments. The underwriters exercised this option and concurrently with the closing of the offering, we received net proceeds of \$31.5 million from the underwriters. In addition, concurrently with the offering, certain of the selling shareholders sold 3,409,091 shares of our common stock at the public offering price in a private placement to investment entities affiliated with General Atlantic LLC. In connection with the public offering and Nasdaq listing, we effected a one for six reverse stock split which became effective on June 13, 2005.

### **Current Trends Affecting Our Business**

#### ***Government decision making***

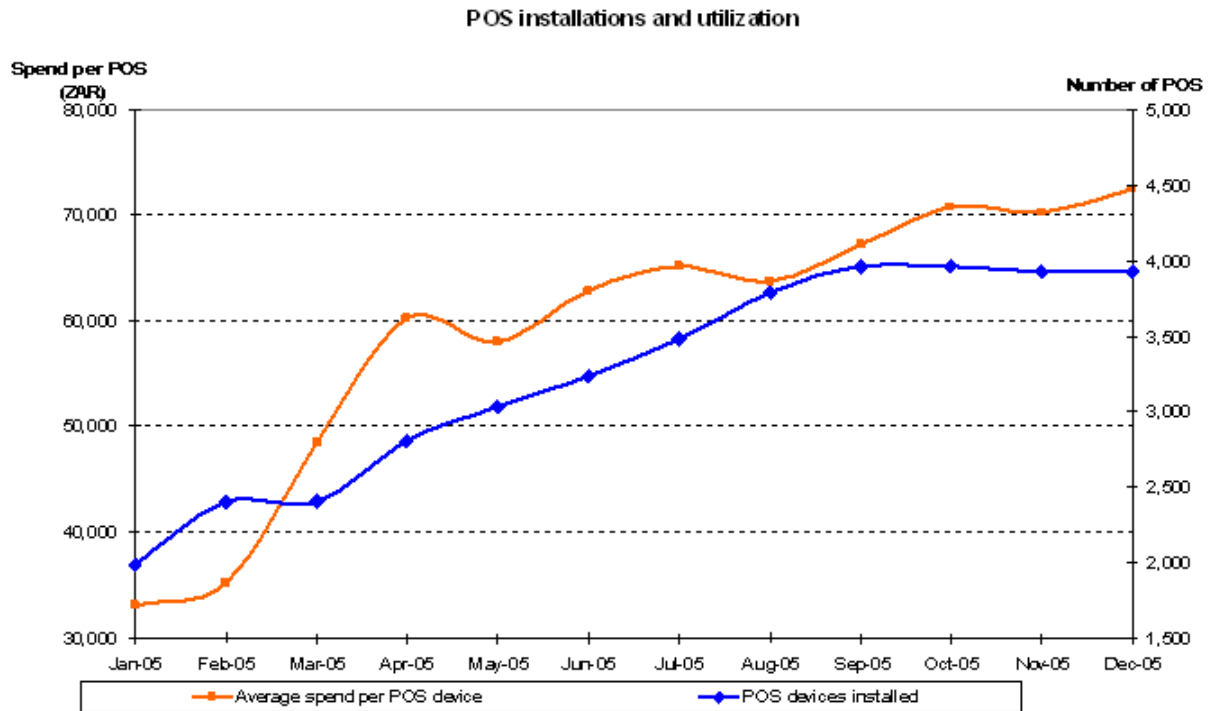
We currently derive a significant portion of our revenues from our contracts with various South African provincial governments. The national South African government passed legislation in 2004 for creation of the South African Social Security Agency, or SASSA. The primary purpose of SASSA is to consolidate at the central government level the administration of social welfare grants. We believe that our successful record with our provincial government contracts will provide us with a good opportunity to benefit from the transition to national administration of social welfare grants because we may be able to obtain contracts to distribute grants in provinces with which we do not currently have a contractual relationship. However, there is a chance that this consolidation could lead to our losing one or more of our current contracts if the SASSA decides to appoint a single (or other) contractor to provide social welfare grant distribution and we were not chosen. During this transition period, which we estimate to be in the region of 12 to 18 months, our existing provincial government contracts will continue to be governed by their respective terms.

When a provincial government contract expires, whether at its originally scheduled expiration date or at the end of any applicable extension period, we must successfully re-tender in order to retain the contractual relationship. Usually, such a tender must be submitted as part of a competitive tender process. The fact that we previously held a particular contract does not necessarily mean that it will be awarded to us again. To date, we have successfully renewed every provincial government contract which we have been awarded. In addition, there have been occasions when a contract has not been formally renewed prior to its originally scheduled expiration date or expiration of the extension period, as is currently the case with the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and North West contracts, but in each of these cases we and the provincial government have continued to operate under the terms of the expired contract until the execution of a new contract or receipt of a formal extension notice.

## Progress of our Merchant Acquiring Project

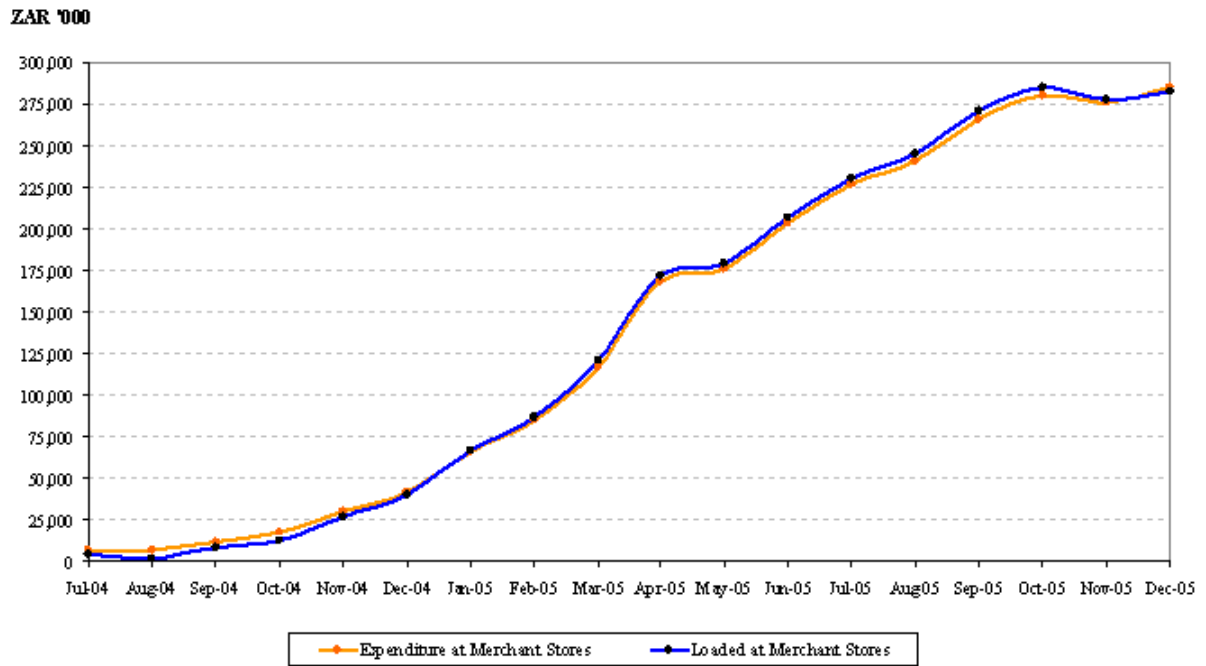
During July 2004, we began a major drive to install POS devices in rural areas where the majority of our card holders spend their social welfare grants. The ability of our card holders to load their grants at these retailers and to spend these grants securely on goods and services, without the need to withdraw the full amount in cash, represents one of the basic underlying principles of the UEPS functionality. We believe that the installation of these POS devices has resulted in a significant improvement in the lifestyle of our card holders, while introducing a new revenue source for us in the form of merchant acquiring and other transaction fees. Use of the POS devices also lowers our costs by reducing the amount of cash we need to deliver to social welfare grants in cash at our mobile paypoints. For a discussion of the most recent results of our merchant acquiring project see Results of Operations - Continued adoption of our merchant acquiring system.

The following chart shows the number of POS devices installed and the average spend per POS device during the twelve month period ending December 31, 2005:



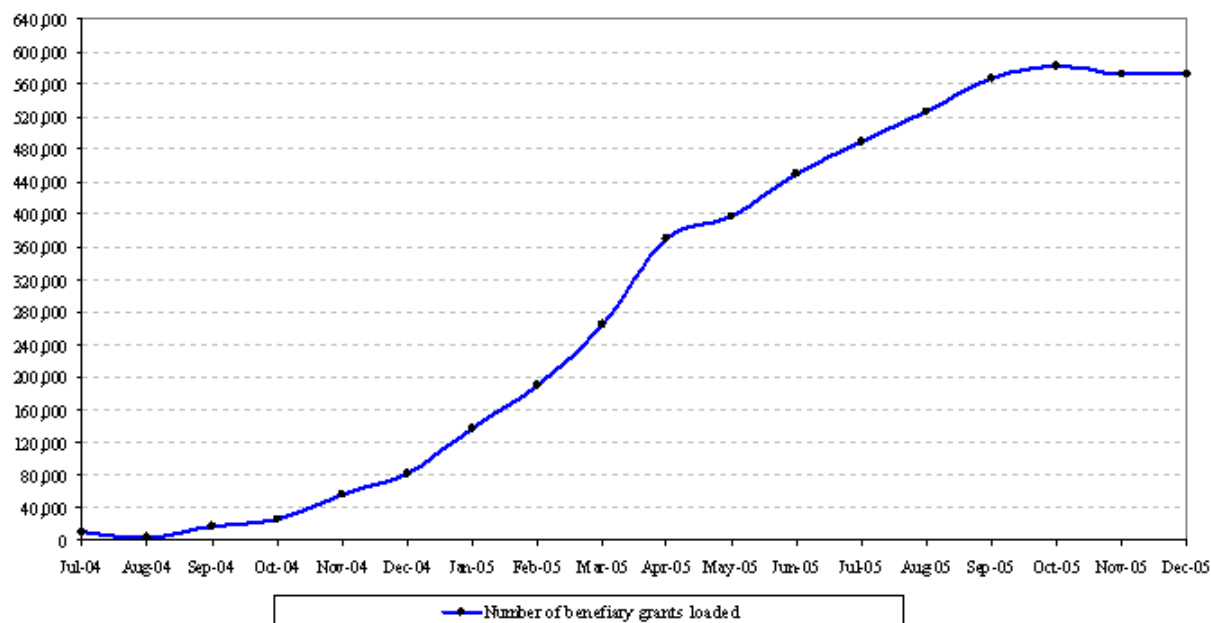
The following chart shows the growth in the value of loads at merchant locations and the transactions (expenditures) processed through our installed base of Point of Sale, or POS, devices during the eighteen month period beginning July 1, 2004, when we first implemented our merchant acquiring project, through December 31, 2005, by pay cycle:

**Expenditure and loads at merchant locations in South African Rand per pay cycle**



The following graph shows the number of beneficiary grants loaded at merchant locations, per pay cycle, for the eighteen month period ended December 31, 2005:

**Number of beneficiary grants loaded at merchant locations**



***Progress of wage payment implementation***

The implementation of our wage payment in South Africa requires us to be registered as a bank in South Africa, or to have access to an existing deposit taking license. We are currently pursuing all available avenues to either obtain our own license, or gain access to one. These approaches include:

- applying for a new banking license;
- purchasing an existing banking license; and
- entering into a joint venture arrangement with an existing banking institution to gain access to its banking license

These alternatives all have different inherent risks and timing considerations. Accordingly, it may take us some time to obtain or gain access to a license and commence the implementation of our wage payment system in South Africa.

***Implementation of new UEPS systems***

The implementation of new UEPS systems, particularly in developing economies outside our current markets, is a vital component of our future growth. We are currently exploring a number of opportunities to implement UEPS systems and to participate as minority investors in these projects. The success of these endeavors are, however, subject to a number of factors over which we have little or no control, such as finding suitable partners with the appropriate financial, business and technical backing and continued governmental support for planned implementations. In some countries, finding suitable partners and obtaining the appropriate support from the government involved may take a number of years before we can commence implementation.

As part of our strategy to implement new UEPS systems in developing economies we entered into a shareholders agreement with NamPost, to create SmartSwitch Namibia, a Namibian company. Under this agreement, we, together with NamPost, have agreed to implement and operate a UEPS smart card-based switching system in Namibia. We and NamPost each own 50% of SmartSwitch Namibia, which will own the Namibian switch. The Service Level Agreement between SmartSwitch Namibia and NamPost was finalized and signed during the second quarter of fiscal 2006. Our marketing and information technology teams began implementation and testing of the switch in the second quarter of fiscal 2006 and operations in Namibia are expected to commence in the middle of the third quarter of fiscal 2006.

The system, the first of its kind in Namibia, is intended to improve the banking system in the country. NamPost, as the first customer of the switch, is expected to increase its market share in the financial services arena and position itself as the leading service provider for the unbanked and under-banked citizens of Namibia. We expect that SmartSwitch Namibia will initially issue approximately 300,000 UEPS smart cards to NamPost’s existing customer base.

Together with NamPost we have capitalized SmartSwitch Namibia with approximately \$3.6 million (ZAR 23 million, at December 31, 2005, foreign exchange rates), in start-up capital and loans, contributed equally by both parties. The proceeds will be utilized by SmartSwitch Namibia for the acquisition of hardware and software from us and for general working capital purposes. During December 2005 we, together with NamPost and SmartSwitch Namibia executives, discussed the need for an additional contribution to SmartSwitch Namibia by each shareholder of \$0.8million (ZAR 4.75 million, at December 31, 2005, foreign exchange rates). The proceeds will be utilized by SmartSwitch Namibia for the acquisition of hardware from us. In January 2006, each shareholder advanced an additional \$0.8million (ZAR 4.75 million, at December 31, 2005, foreign exchange rates) to SmartSwitch Namibia.

As we own 50% of SmartSwitch Namibia we are required under US GAAP to eliminate 50% of the net income generated from sales to SmartSwitch Namibia. In accordance with US GAAP, we will recognize this net income from these hardware and software sales during the period in which the hardware and software we have sold to SmartSwitch Namibia is utilized in its operations, or has been sold to third party customers, as the case may be.

SmartSwitch Namibia did not operate during the first six months of fiscal 2006. However, during the first quarter of fiscal 2006, licenses and software were made available for collection to SmartSwitch Namibia and we have recognized net income. During the second quarter, hardware was made available for collection, and in certain instances was collected by SmartSwitch Namibia, however this hardware has not been used by SmartSwitch Namibia as of December 31, 2005. We expect that additional deliveries of hardware will be made in the third quarter of fiscal 2006. We will recognize net income related to these third quarter of fiscal 2006 sales once the hardware has been made available for collection to SmartSwitch Namibia, which we expect to occur in January and February 2006.

Phase 1 of the project involves the transfer of all of NamPost's banking products to the smart card, offering affordability, security, simplicity and flexibility. Negotiations are currently in place with other financial institutions and companies that wish to participate as customers of SmartSwitch. We expect the suite of smart card applications to include banking, retail, money transfers, third party bill payments, wages and social security grants.

We began the rollout of the switch infrastructure to NamPost's 120 service branches and merchant stores during the three months ended December 31, 2005, and expect the official launch of the operations of SmartSwitch Namibia in mid-February 2006.

#### ***Involvement with USAID***

On September 27, 2005, the Washington D.C.-based President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, through the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID, announced a contract to strengthen the lifeline of essential drugs and supplies for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases in developing countries. The contract, called the Supply Chain Management System, or, SCMS, was awarded by USAID to the Partnership for Supply Chain Management, or PfSCM, of which we are a member.

PfSCM is an organization formed by JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc., or JSI, and Management Sciences for Health, or MSH, both U.S.-based non-profit organizations with extensive experience in public health and logistics management in developing countries. PfSCM's project team includes 17 institutions from the private sector, non-profit, and faith-based communities.

Over the past two years, we have been working with JSI in South Africa to develop a system to track anti-retroviral drugs and to provide patient information and reporting capability for antiretroviral therapy, or ART, patients and HIV positive persons receiving care and support but not yet requiring ART. In this public-private partnership, JSI facilitated the field-testing and refinement of the system at the service delivery level in both static and community outreach settings, and developed the reporting database, using Emergency Plan funding from USAID/South Africa.

The system, Secure Technology Advancing Treatment, or STAT™, is based on our biometrics and smart card technology. It is particularly responsive to the challenges of ART as it provides authentication of health care provider and patient, enables patient mobility, facilitates referral and follow up care, and fulfills the critical requirement for effective ART by operating offline when needed. This last feature is essential, since many elements of HIV/AIDS care must be provided at the community level, where electricity and connectivity are often lacking. Furthermore, the reporting database provides programme managers and donors with accurate performance indicators and provides health facility managers with essential information to improve operational efficiency, on a 24-hour update basis.

The STAT™ system was included in PfSCM's proposal for the SCMS as a viable solution for incorporation into individual country plans. The implementation of the SCMS is a complex process and we cannot yet provide an indication regarding overall timing or the exact form of our ultimate participation. In the near term, we are discussing with SCMS senior management a pilot deployment of our technology in one of the SCMS target countries to demonstrate the solution within the SCMS. David Schwarzbach, our Vice President for business development in the Americas, is our primary point of contact with the SCMS. He is actively working with the SCMS staff and represents us on the SCMS Advisory Board.

In South Africa the STAT™ system is already operational in six Catholic Relief Services/South African Catholic Bishops Conference ART clinics and eight ART community outreach projects, and in a palliative care NGO project in Soweto, and is currently being rolled out in two hospitals and surrounding multiple referral clinic settings. This selection of diverse sites has clearly demonstrated that our technology operates successfully in the full range of ART and care and support health care settings and that it is beneficial to patients, health care providers, and programme managers.

## Critical Accounting Policies

Our annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with US GAAP, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty, the determination of estimates requires management's judgment based on a variety of assumptions and other determinants such as historical experience, current and expected market conditions and certain scientific evaluation techniques.

Critical accounting policies are those that reflect significant judgments or uncertainties, and potentially may result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. Management has identified the following critical accounting policies that are described in more detail in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2005.

- Deferred taxation
- Accounts receivable and provision for doubtful debts
- Research and development

## Recent accounting pronouncements adopted

Refer to Note 1 of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements, including the expected dates of adoption and effects on financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

## Recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2005

Refer to Note 1 of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted as of December 31, 2005, including the expected dates of adoption and effects on financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

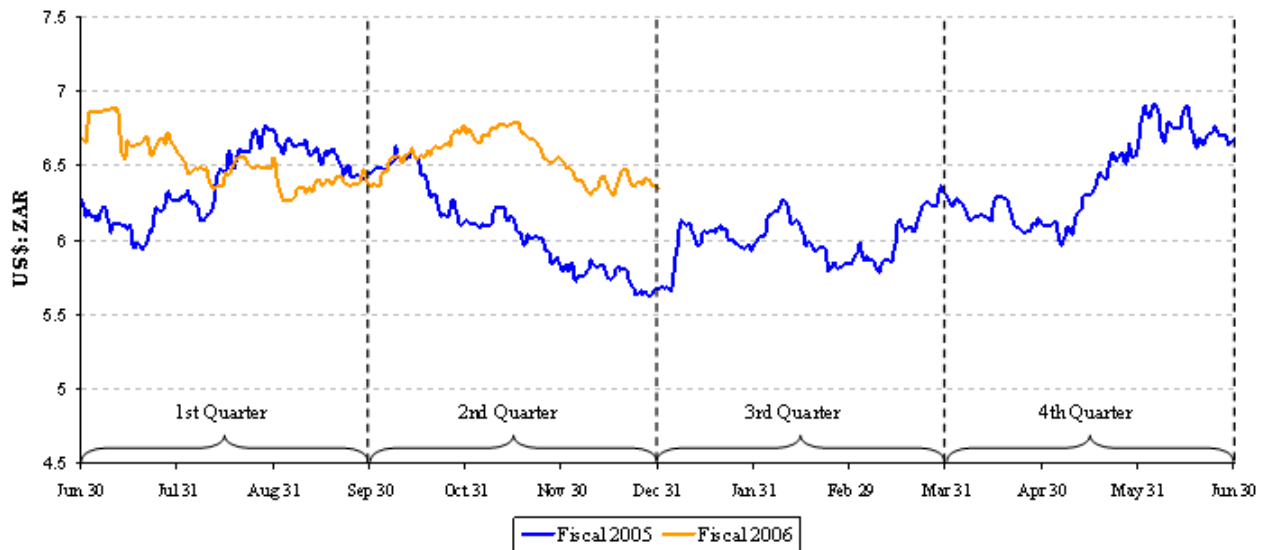
## Currency Exchange Rate Information

### Actual exchange rates

The actual exchange rates for and at the end of the periods presented were as follows:

Table 1.	Three months ended December 31,		Six months ended December 31,		Year ended June 30,
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
ZAR : \$ average exchange rate	6.5537	6.0652	6.5396	6.2237	6.2219
Highest ZAR : \$ rate during period	6.8045	6.6575	6.9388	6.7635	6.9473
Lowest ZAR : \$ rate during period	6.2488	5.5350	6.1556	5.5350	5.5350
Rate at end of period	6.3458	5.6704	6.3458	5.6704	6.6840

## US \$: ZAR Exchange Rates



### Translation exchange rates

We are required to translate our results of operations from ZAR to U.S. dollars on a monthly basis. Thus, the average rates used to translate this data for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, vary slightly from the averages shown in the table above. The translation rates we use in presenting our results of operations are the rates shown in the following table:

Table 2.	Three months ended		Six months ended		Year ended
	December 31,		December 31,		June 30,
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Income and expense items: \$1 = ZAR.	6.5782	6.0734	6.5403	6.2132	6.2096
Balance sheet items: \$1 = ZAR	6.3458	5.6704	6.3458	5.6704	6.6840

### Results of operations

The discussion of our consolidated overall results of operations is based on amounts as reflected in “Item 1 Financial Statements” which are reported in U.S. dollars and are prepared in accordance with US GAAP. Our discussion analyzes our results of operations both in U.S. dollars and supplementally in ZAR, because ZAR is the functional currency of the entities which contribute the majority of our profits and is the currency in which the majority of our transactions are initially incurred and measured. Due to the significant impact of currency fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and ZAR on our reported results and because we use the U.S. dollar as our reporting currency, we believe that the supplemental presentation of our results of operations in ZAR is useful to investors to understand the changes in the underlying trends of our business.

We analyze our business and operations in terms of four inter-related but independent operating segments: (1) transaction-based activities, (2) smart card accounts, (3) financial services, and (4) hardware, software and related technology sales. In addition, corporate eliminations is a fifth segment which we analyze and which consists of corporate and corporate office activities that are impracticable to ascribe directly to any of the other operating segments, as well as any inter-segment eliminations.



### Three Months Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to the Three Months Ended December 31, 2004

The following factors had a significant influence on our results of operations during the periods:

- weakening of the South African rand, or ZAR, which is our functional currency, against the U.S. dollar, which is our reporting currency;
- continuation during the second quarter of fiscal 2005 of the Nedbank project to deliver POS devices that was concluded during the third quarter of fiscal 2005;
- continuation during the second quarter of fiscal 2006 of another Nedbank project to deliver POS devices and related hardware to Nedbank;
- continuation during the second quarter of fiscal 2006 of our agreement to supply SmartSwitch Namibia with hardware; and
- the continued adoption of our merchant acquiring project.

#### Consolidated overall results of operations

This discussion is based on the amounts which were prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

The following tables show the changes in the items comprising our statements of operations, both in U.S. dollars and in ZAR:

Table 3.

	In United States Dollars (US GAAP)		
	Three months ended December 31,		
	2005 \$ '000	2004 \$ '000	\$ % change
Revenue	47,429	45,995	3%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support.	12,908	13,978	(8)%
General and administration	11,956	12,092	(1)%
Depreciation and amortization	1,365	1,654	(17)%
Costs related to public offering and Nasdaq listing	27	-	
Operating income	21,173	18,271	16%
Interest income, net	1,343	548	145%
Income before income taxes	22,516	18,819	20%
Income tax expense	8,577	6,707	28%
Net income before (loss) earnings from equity accounted investments	13,939	12,112	15%
(Loss) Earnings from equity accounted investments	(7)	124	(106)%
Net income	13,932	12,236	14%

Table 4.

	In South African Rand (US GAAP)		
	Three months ended December 31,		
	2005 ZAR '000	2004 ZAR '000	ZAR % change
Revenue	311,998	279,344	12%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support	84,911	84,893	0%
General and administration	78,649	73,439	7%
Depreciation and amortization	8,979	10,045	(11)%
Costs related to public offering and Nasdaq listing	178	-	
Operating income	139,281	110,967	26%
Interest income, net	8,835	3,328	165%
Income before income taxes	148,116	114,295	30%
Income tax expense	56,421	40,734	39%
Net income before (loss) earnings from equity accounted investments	91,695	73,561	25%
(Loss) Earnings from equity accounted investments	(46)	753	(106)%
Net income	91,649	74,314	23%

Analyzed in ZAR, the increase in revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2005, was primarily due to the higher volumes in our transaction-based activities and increased hardware, software and related technology sales activity.

The increase in operating income margin to 45% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from 40% for the three months ended December 31, 2004, was primarily due to improved efficiencies across all activities, the continued adoption of our merchant acquiring initiative, price increases in certain of the provinces where we administer and distribute social welfare grants and a significantly improved contribution from our contract to pay social welfare grants in the Eastern Cape province.

General and administration expenses have increased due to increased expenditure due to additional corporate and governance requirements including compliance with the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, or Sarbanes, particularly Section 404 of Sarbanes, director's fees, legal fees, auditor fees, bonuses, as well as due to directors and officer's insurance premiums, salary increases and legal fees incurred to defend ourselves against claims brought against us. Our continued compliance with Sarbanes and these requirements may require similar levels of internal and external time and expense in the future. Depreciation and amortization expense has decreased due to a reduction in smart card amortization expense as the majority of these cards have now been amortized in full.

### **Interest Received and Finance Costs**

Interest received consists of interest received on our surplus cash, while finance costs consist of interest paid on short-term borrowings. We have a unique cash flow cycle due to our obligations to pre-fund the payments of social welfare grants in the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape provinces. We provide the funds required for the grant payments on behalf of these provincial governments from our own cash resources and are reimbursed within two weeks by the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape governments, thus exposing ourselves to these provinces' credit risk. These obligations result in a peak funding requirement, on a monthly basis, of approximately \$53.5 million (ZAR 340 million) for each of the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape contracts. The funding requirements are at peak levels for the first three weeks of every month during the year. The pre-funding requirement for the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape contracts has increased, however our finance costs have decreased due to the adjustment in the South African prime interest rate from an average of approximately 11.00% per annum for the three months ended December 31, 2004, to 10.5% per annum for the three months ended December 31, 2005. Thus, finance costs decreased from \$3.6 million (ZAR 21.8 million) for the three months ended December 31, 2004, to \$2.2 million (ZAR 14.5 million) for the three months ended December 31, 2005.

Interest on surplus cash for the three months ended December 31, 2005, decreased to \$3.5 million (ZAR 23.0 million) from \$4.1 million (ZAR 24.9 million) for the comparable period during the prior year due to the lower interest rates during this period, which was partially offset by higher average cash balances on hand during this period.

### **Taxation**

Total tax expense for the three months ended December 31, 2005 was \$8.6 million (ZAR 56.4 million) compared with \$6.7 million (ZAR 40.7 million) during the same period in the prior year. The increase was due to our increased profitability in our transaction-based activities and hardware, software and related technology sales segments. The increase in our effective tax rate from 35.6% for the three months ended December 31, 2004, to 38.1% is largely due to professional and consulting fees incurred that are not deductible for taxation purposes.

## Results of operations by operating segment

The composition of revenue and the contributions of our business activities to operating income are illustrated below.

Table 5.

Operating Segment	<i>In United States Dollars (US GAAP)</i>				
	Three months ended December 31,				
	2005 \$ '000	% of total	2004 \$ '000	% of total	% change
Consolidated revenue:					
Transaction-based activities	27,255	57%	26,426	57%	3%
Smart card accounts	8,744	18%	8,984	20%	(3)%
Financial services	3,982	8%	5,240	11%	(24)%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	7,448	17%	5,345	12%	39%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>47,429</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>45,995</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Consolidated operating income (loss):					
Transaction-based activities	13,517	64%	10,325	57%	31%
Smart card accounts	3,974	19%	4,083	22%	(3)%
Financial services	1,828	9%	2,341	13%	(22)%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	3,874	18%	2,235	12%	73%
Corporate/ Eliminations	(2,020)	(10)%	(713)	(4)%	183%
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>21,173</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>18,271</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16%</b>

Table 6.

Operating Segment	<i>In South African Rand (US GAAP)</i>				
	Three months ended December 31,				
	2005 ZAR '000	% of total	2004 ZAR '000	% of total	% change
Consolidated revenue:					
Transaction-based activities	179,289	57%	160,495	57%	12%
Smart card accounts	57,520	18%	54,563	20%	5%
Financial services	26,194	8%	31,824	11%	(18)%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	48,995	17%	32,462	12%	51%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>311,998</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>279,344</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>12%</b>
Consolidated operating income (loss):					
Transaction-based activities	88,918	64%	62,707	57%	42%
Smart card accounts	26,142	19%	24,798	22%	5%
Financial services	12,025	9%	14,218	13%	(15)%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	25,484	18%	13,574	12%	88%
Corporate/ Eliminations	(13,288)	(10)%	(4,330)	(4)%	207%
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>139,281</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>110,967</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>26%</b>

### Transaction-based activities

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 3% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 31% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues increased by 12% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 42% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

These increases in revenues and operating income were due primarily to the continued adoption of our merchant acquiring system in all of the provinces where we distribute welfare grants, increased transacting ability at participating retailers' POS devices in these provinces, and higher volumes from our provincial contracts. We discuss these factors in more detail below.

### Continued adoption of our merchant acquiring system:

During July 2004, we began a major drive to install POS devices in rural areas where the majority of our card holders spend their social welfare grants. The ability of our card holders to load their grants at these retailers and to spend these grants on goods and services, without the need to withdraw the full amount in cash, represents the basic underlying principles of the UEPS functionality. We believe that the installation of these POS devices has resulted in a significant improvement in the lifestyle of our card holders, while introducing a new revenue source for us in the form of merchant acquiring transaction fees and reducing our costs to deliver social welfare grants in cash to these individuals at our mobile paypoints. The key statistics and indicators of our merchant acquiring initiative is summarized in the tables below:

Table 7.

	Sept. 2004	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	Jun. 2005	Sept. 2005	Dec. 2005
Province included (1)	NC	NC and EC	NC, EC and KZN	NC, EC, KZN, L and NW	NC, EC, KZN, L and NW	NC, EC, KZN, L and NW
Total POS devices installed	340	1,266	2,406	3,235	3,959	3,929
Number of participating UEPS retail locations	265	700	1,441	1,880	2,303	2,366
Value of transactions processed through POS devices during the quarter (in \$ '000)	3,563	10,596	45,529	87,643	118,585	118,396
Value of transactions processed through POS devices during the quarter (in ZAR '000)	22,711	64,518	273,800	559,988	772,071	781,251
Number of grants paid through POS devices during the quarter	39,603	176,009	639,921	1,308,825	1,703,262	1,855,192
Average number of grants processed per terminal during the quarter	n/a	219	282	433	455	471

(1) NC = Northern Cape, EC = Eastern Cape, KZN = KwaZulu-Natal, L = Limpopo, NW = North West

We have completed the installation of our POS terminals at the majority of those merchant locations we deem the most important to service the bulk of our cardholder base. The negative growth rate of POS terminals installed and the reduced growth in the number of participating UEPS retail locations is primarily due to the improvement in the utilization of our existing terminal base. The productivity of the existing terminal base is constantly improving, as is evident from the increase in the number of transactions processed per POS terminal installed. We believe that the existing terminal base still has abundant spare capacity and that the upward trend in transactions per terminal will continue. Another factor that contributed to the decline of the growth rate during this quarter is the reduced accessibility of retailers during the summer holiday period. From the second week of November to the end of December, South African retailers generally experience a significant increase in their trading activities. During this period, retailers are reluctant to install and implement any new payment systems / POS devices. The effects of this annual six week quiet period for us was more pronounced this year as we had not expanded our merchant acquiring activities into a new province, as was the case in the second quarter of fiscal 2005. Our ongoing POS deployment plan is now focused on secondary locations and retailers, where we will install fewer terminals over a longer period of time.

***Higher volumes from our provincial contracts:***

During the three months ended December 31, 2005, we experienced growth in all of the provinces where we administer payments of social welfare grants. This growth has been mainly due to an increase in the number of child support grants and disability grants approved by the various provincial governments. In total, the volume of payments processed during the three months ended December 31, 2005 increased 5.40% to 10,416,329 from the comparable period during 2004.

The higher volumes under existing provincial contracts during the three months ended December 31, 2005, as well as average revenue per grant paid, are detailed below:

**Table 8.**

Province	Three months ended December 31,					
	Number of Grants Paid		Average Revenue per Grant Paid			
	2005	2004	2005 \$(1)	2004 \$(2)	2005 ZAR(1)	2004 ZAR(2)
KwaZulu-Natal (A)	4,444,129	4,201,950	3.15	3.10	20.67	18.80
Limpopo (B)	2,753,537	2,700,406	2.38	2.46	15.59	14.95
North West (C)	787,009	777,910	2.63	2.71	17.21	16.44
Northern Cape (D)	396,750	349,962	2.88	3.23	18.89	19.60
Eastern Cape (E)	2,034,904	1,856,797	1.84	2.02	12.07	12.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,416,329</b>	<b>9,887,025</b>				

(1) Average Revenue per Grant Paid excludes \$0.84 (ZAR 5.50) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

(2) Average Revenue per Grant Paid excludes \$0.91 (ZAR 5.50) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

**A** - in ZAR, the increase in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in KwaZulu-Natal is primarily due to the re-registration fees for mainly disability grant recipients, who were removed off the government's system during fiscal 2005 and subsequently re-instated during fiscal 2006.

**B** - in ZAR, the increase in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in Limpopo is due to the continued once-off registration fees charged for the ongoing enrollment of new beneficiaries and a price increase from December 2005. The fee charged for payment is significantly less than the fee charged for registration.

**C** - in ZAR, the increase in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in North West is primarily due to an inflation price increase negotiated with the North West government during July 2005 and more registrations.

**D** - in ZAR, the decrease in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in Northern Cape is primarily due to fewer registration fees charged.

**E** - in ZAR, the decrease in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in the Eastern Cape is due to fewer registration fees charged. The fee charged for payment is significantly less than the fee charged for registration.

Through our merchant acquiring initiative, beneficiaries are now able to load their grants onto their cards as soon as the grant payment file is activated, which typically happens during the week preceding the commencement of a calendar month. We recognize the fee revenue related to the distribution of welfare grants when the beneficiaries load the grants to their cards. The general exception to this rule is the January payment cycle, when the payment file is normally activated during the first week of January and not the last week of December. Accordingly, our December revenue from the distribution of welfare grants is lower than the revenue recognized during the other calendar months during the year. Assuming no price increases or beneficiary growth, this has the result of reducing our second quarter revenues and results when compared with the first quarter.

Our annual results are not expected to be affected as we anticipate twelve full payment cycles to be included in the fiscal 2006 results. We expect our third quarter transaction-based revenue to be higher than the second quarter as it should include revenues from loading fees for the entire January, February and March 2006 payment cycle and a small portion of the April 2006 payment cycle.

Operating income margin for the three months ended December 31, 2005 increased to 50% from 39% for the three months ended December 31, 2004. These profit margin improvements were mainly due to:

- the increased volumes as detailed in the table above;
- the inflation adjustment to the price charged in the North West and Limpopo provinces; and
- the increase in the number of social grant beneficiaries paid through our POS device infrastructure at participating retailers, instead of payment using more costly automated cash dispensers.

## Smart card accounts

In U.S. dollars, revenues decreased by 3% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income decreased by 3% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues increased by 5% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 5% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

Operating income margin from providing smart card accounts was constant at 45% for each of the three months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

In ZAR, revenue from the provision of smart card based accounts grew in proportion to the higher number of beneficiaries serviced through our social welfare payment contracts. A total number of 3,497,664 smart card-based accounts were active at December 31, 2005, compared to 3,308,194 active accounts as of December 31, 2004. The increase in the number of active accounts resulted from an increase in the number of beneficiaries in all provinces qualifying for government grants due to the efforts of the South African government to provide social assistance to the very old and very young.

## Financial services

In U.S. dollars, revenues decreased by 24% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income decreased by 22% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues decreased by 18% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income decreased by 15% for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

Revenues and operating income from UEPS-based lending decreased during the second quarter of fiscal 2006 compared with the second quarter of fiscal 2005. We offer the UEPS-based loans to our beneficiaries with the primary purpose of assisting them to repay expensive loans with other loan providers and to escape the debt spiral that they are trapped in. Once our UEPS-based loans are repaid, we believe that the beneficiaries have an enhanced ability to remain debt-free, or take loans in amounts smaller than the original refinancing facility we offered to them. In addition, we continuously revise the interest rates charged on our UEPS-based loans, as part of our ongoing commitment to the South African government to provide affordable financial services to the unbanked population of the country. As a result the interest rate charged on our UEPS based loans was lower during the three months ended December 31, 2005. A further benefit of our UEPS-based lending is that cardholders have more disposable income to spend, including through our merchant acquiring base.

The loan portfolio of the traditional microlending businesses remained static as a result of our strategic decision not to grow this business. However, when compared to June 30, 2005, our UEPS-based lending portfolio has increased due to increased lending activities during the December festive holiday season in South Africa.

Our current UEPS-based lending portfolio comprises loans made to elderly pensioners in some of the provinces where we distribute social welfare grants. We insure the UEPS-based lending book against default and thus no provision is required. We consider UEPS-based lending less risky than traditional microfinance loans because the grants are distributed to these lenders by ourselves and these loans are insured. We establish an allowance for doubtful traditional microlending loans in respect of which we consider it likely that all or a portion of the principal amount of the loan or interest thereon will not be repaid by the borrower. We consider default likely after a specified period of non-payment, which is generally not more than 150 days. We assess this allowance based on a review by management of the ageing of outstanding amounts, the payment history in relation to those specific accounts and the overall default history.

The key indicators of these businesses are illustrated below:

**Table 9.**

	December 31,		\$ % change	December 31,		ZAR % change
	2005	2004		2005	2004	
	\$ '000	\$ '000		ZAR '000	ZAR '000	
Traditional microlending:						
Finance loans receivable						
– gross	8,318	13,898	(40)%	52,783	78,807	(33)%
Allowance for doubtful finance loans						
receivable	(3,672)	(9,524)	(61)%	(23,304)	(54,002)	(57)%
Finance loans receivable – net	4,646	4,374	6%	29,479	24,805	19%
UEPS-based lending:						
Finance loans receivable – net and gross (i.e., no provisions)	5,732	6,291	(9)%	36,377	35,675	2%
Total finance loans receivable, net	10,378	10,665		65,856	60,480	

As described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2005, the significant reduction in both gross finance loans receivable and allowance for doubtful finance loans receivable is due to the write-off in fiscal 2005 of amounts that were not recoverable, of approximately \$5.5 million (ZAR 32.3 million). This did not have an impact on net income as the loans had been fully provided for in previous periods.

Operating income margin for the financial services segment increased to 46% for the three months ended December 31, 2005 from 45% for the three months ended December 31, 2004, primarily due to a decrease in the UEPS-based salary costs.

#### **Hardware, software and related technology sales**

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by \$2.1 million for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by \$1.6 million for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues increased by ZAR 16.5 million for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by ZAR 11.9 million for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

The increase in revenue for the three months ended December 31, 2005, was due primarily to revenues earned from the September order to supply Nedbank with POS devices and pin-pads and the sale of hardware to SmartSwitch Namibia. Total revenues from the September Nedbank order during the three months ended December 31, 2005, were approximately \$3.4 million (approximately ZAR 22.6 million). Revenues from sales of hardware to SmartSwitch Namibia during the three months ended December 31, 2005, totaled approximately \$1.5 million (ZAR 9.8 million) of which approximately \$0.2 million (ZAR 1.2 million), after taxation, has been eliminated and included in the corporate/eliminations segment.

During the three months ended December 31, 2004, we delivered hardware totaling approximately \$3.9 million (approximately ZAR 23.5 million) to Nedbank. These deliveries related to the \$10.5 million (approximately ZAR 67.0 million) order received from them in the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

During January 2006, we announced that we had obtained another order to provide Nedbank with additional POS terminals and pin-pads. We expect to generate revenue of approximately \$6.4 million (ZAR 40.9 million), at the December 31, 2005, exchange rate, from these transactions. Deliveries are expected to commence at the end of our third quarter of fiscal 2006 and are expected to be completed during our second quarter of fiscal 2007.

Historically, we have obtained these types of contracts to sell hardware from time to time. It is difficult to predict when and if we will obtain new contracts.

## Corporate/ Eliminations

In U.S. dollars, operating losses increased by \$1.3 million, or 183%, for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, operating losses increased by ZAR 9.0 million, or 207%, for the three months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

The increase in the operating loss during the three months ended December 31, 2005, compared with the three months ended December 31, 2004, is due to increased expenditures resulting from additional corporate and governance requirements including compliance with Sarbanes, director's fees, legal fees, auditor fees, bonuses, as well as due to directors and officers insurance premiums, salary increases and legal fees incurred to defend ourselves against claims brought against us.

### Six Months Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to the Six Months Ended December 31, 2004

The following factors had a significant influence on our results of operations during the periods:

- weakening of the South African rand, or ZAR, which is our functional currency, against the U.S. dollar, which is our reporting currency;
- commencement during the first quarter of fiscal 2005 of the Nedbank project to deliver POS devices and the conclusion of the project in during the third quarter of fiscal 2005;
- commencement during the first and second quarters of fiscal 2006 of projects to deliver POS devices and related hardware to Nedbank;
- our agreement to supply SmartSwitch Namibia with hardware and software;
- expenses related to our public offering and listing on the Nasdaq National Market; and
- the continued adoption of our merchant acquiring project.

### Consolidated overall results of operations

This discussion is based on the amounts which were prepared in accordance with US GAAP.

The following tables show the changes in the items comprising our statements of operations, both in U.S. dollars and in ZAR:

Table 10.

	In United States Dollars (US GAAP)		
	Six months ended December 31,		
	2005 \$ '000	2004 \$ '000	\$ % change
Revenue	93,316	89,218	5%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support.	24,727	28,779	(14)%
General and administration	22,612	22,368	1%
Depreciation and amortization	2,903	3,229	(10)%
Costs related to public offering and Nasdaq listing	1,504	-	
Operating income	41,570	34,842	19%
Interest income, net	2,246	1,203	87%
Income before income taxes	43,816	36,045	22%
Income tax expense	16,988	13,915	22%
Net income before (loss) earnings from equity accounted investments	26,828	22,130	21%
(Loss) Earnings from equity accounted investments	283	333	(15)%
Net income	27,111	22,463	21%



Table 11.

	In South African Rand (US GAAP)		
	Six months ended December 31,		
	2005 ZAR '000	2004 ZAR '000	ZAR % change
Revenue	610,314	554,329	10%
Cost of goods sold, IT processing, servicing and support.	161,722	178,810	(10)%
General and administration	147,889	138,977	6%
Depreciation and amortization	18,987	20,062	(5)%
Costs related to public offering and Nasdaq listing	9,837	-	
Operating income	271,879	216,480	26%
Interest income, net	14,689	7,475	97%
Income before income taxes	286,568	223,955	28%
Income tax expense	111,106	86,457	29%
Net income before earnings from (loss) equity accounted investments	175,462	137,498	28%
(Loss) Earnings from equity accounted investments	1,851	2,069	(11)%
Net income	177,313	139,567	27%

Analyzed in ZAR, the increase in revenue for the six months ended December 31, 2005, was primarily due to the higher volumes in our transaction-based activities and increased hardware, software and related technology sales activity.

The increase in operating income margin to 45% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from 39% for the six months ended December 31, 2004, was primarily due to improved efficiencies across all activities, the continued adoption of our merchant acquiring initiative, the sale of hardware and high-margin software to SmartSwitch Namibia and a significantly improved contribution from our contract to pay social welfare grants in the Eastern Cape province.

We also incurred additional corporate and governance expense which included charges related to compliance with Sarbanes, director's fees, legal fees, auditor fees, bonuses, as well as directors and officer's insurance premiums, salary increases and legal fees incurred to defend ourselves against claims brought against us. We devoted significant management time and incurred significant expenses during the six months ended December 31, 2005, in order to complete and comply with the provisions of Sarbanes. The majority of the \$0.2 million (ZAR 1.0 million) incurred represents fees paid to external advisors and auditors related to our Section 404 compliance. These costs are included in the General and Administration expenses line-item. Our continued compliance with Sarbanes may require similar levels of internal and external time and expense in the future.

Depreciation and amortization expense has decreased due to a reduction in smart card amortization expense as the majority of these cards have now been amortized in full.

We completed our public offering and Nasdaq listing in August 2005. In addition to the \$1.8 million (ZAR 11.3 million) incurred during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005, we incurred an additional \$1.5 million (ZAR 9.6 million) in the first quarter of fiscal 2006 and \$0.03 (ZAR 0.2 million) in the second quarter of fiscal 2006, related to legal fees, printing costs, registration and filing and accounting fees.

### Interest Received and Finance Costs

Interest received consists of interest received on our surplus cash, while finance costs consist of interest paid on short-term borrowings. We have a unique cash flow cycle due to our obligations to pre-fund the payments of social welfare grants in the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape provinces. We provide the funds required for the grant payments on behalf of these provincial governments from our own cash resources and are reimbursed within two weeks by the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape governments, thus exposing ourselves to these provinces' credit risk. These obligations result in a peak funding requirement, on a monthly basis, of approximately \$53.5 million (ZAR 340 million) for each of the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape contracts. The funding requirements are at peak levels for the first three weeks of every month during the year. The pre-funding requirement for the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape contracts has increased, however our finance costs have decreased due to the adjustment in the South African prime interest rate from an average of approximately 11.1% per annum for the six months ended December 31, 2004, to 10.5% per annum for the six months ended December 31, 2005. Thus, finance costs decreased from \$6.5 million (ZAR 40.4 million) for the six months ended December 31, 2004, to \$4.1 million (ZAR 26.8 million) for the six months ended December 31, 2005.

Analyzed in ZAR, interest on surplus cash for the six months ended December 31, 2005, decreased to \$6.3 million (ZAR 41.2 million) from \$7.7 million (ZAR 47.8 million) for the comparable period during the prior year due to the lower interest rates during this period, which was partially offset by higher average cash balances on hand during this period.

## Taxation

Total tax expense for the six months ended December 31, 2005 was \$17.0 million (ZAR 111.1 million) compared with \$13.9 million (ZAR 86.5 million) during the same period in the prior year. The increase was due to our increased profitability in our transaction-based activities and hardware, software and related technology sales segments.

In February 2005, the Finance Minister of South Africa announced in his annual budget speech for the 2005/2006 tax year the decrease in statutory rate of taxation for South African domiciled companies from 30% to 29% for all fiscal years ending on or after April 1, 2005. As of June 30, 2005, the change in the rate had not been promulgated by parliament in South Africa and thus was not the enacted rate as described in Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. The rate was promulgated on July 19, 2005, which has resulted in a decrease in our distributed rate (i.e. the statutory rate plus the effects related to a charge for Secondary Tax on Companies, or STC, which is currently 12.5%) from 37.78% to 36.89%. The effect of this change is included in the six months to December 31, 2005 tax expense and is approximately \$0.2 million (ZAR 1.0 million).

## Results of operations by operating segment

The composition of revenue and the contributions of our business activities to operating income are illustrated below.

Table 12.

Operating Segment	<i>In United States Dollars (US GAAP)</i>				
	Six months ended December 31,				
	2005 \$ '000	% of total	2004 \$ '000	% of total	% change
Consolidated revenue:					
Transaction-based activities	55,073	59%	50,855	57%	8%
Smart card accounts	17,296	19%	17,205	19%	1%
Financial services	8,256	9%	10,320	12%	(20)%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	12,691	13%	10,838	12%	17%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>93,316</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>89,218</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5%</b>
Consolidated operating income (loss):					
Transaction-based activities	27,649	67%	20,007	57%	38%
Smart card accounts	7,861	19%	7,820	22%	1%
Financial services	3,672	9%	4,743	14%	(23)%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	7,941	19%	4,270	12%	86%
Corporate/ Eliminations	(5,553)	(14)%	(1,998)	(5)%	178%
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>41,570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>34,842</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19%</b>

Table 13.

Operating Segment	<i>In South African Rand (US GAAP)</i>				
	Six months ended December 31,				
	2005 ZAR '000	% of total	2004 ZAR '000	% of total	% change
Consolidated revenue:					
Transaction-based activities	360,193	59%	315,972	57%	14%
Smart card accounts	113,121	19%	106,898	19%	6%
Financial services	53,997	9%	64,120	12%	(16)%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	83,003	13%	67,339	12%	23%
<b>Total consolidated revenue</b>	<b>610,314</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>554,329</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10%</b>
Consolidated operating income (loss):					
Transaction-based activities	180,832	67%	124,308	57%	45%
Smart card accounts	51,413	19%	48,587	22%	6%
Financial services	24,016	9%	29,469	14%	(19)%
Hardware, software and related technology sales	51,936	19%	26,530	12%	96%
Corporate/ Eliminations	(36,318)	(14)%	(12,414)	(5)%	193%
<b>Total consolidated operating income</b>	<b>271,879</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>216,480</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>26%</b>

## Transaction-based activities

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 8% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 38% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues increased by 14% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 45% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

These increases in revenues and operating income were due primarily to the continued adoption of our merchant acquiring system in the provinces where we distribute welfare grants, increased transacting ability at participating retailers' POS devices in these provinces, and higher volumes from our provincial contracts. We discuss these factors in more detail below.

### *Continued adoption of our merchant acquiring system:*

Refer to discussion and Table 7 within Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

### *Higher volumes from our provincial contracts*

We have experienced growth in most of the provinces where we administer payments of social welfare grants. This growth has been mainly due to new qualifying criteria announced in 2003 by the South African government that increased the eligibility for child support grants, and an increase in the number of disability grants approved by the various provincial governments. In total, the volume of payments processed during the six months ended December 31, 2005 increased 5.8% to 20,555,571 from the comparable period during 2004.

The higher volumes under existing provincial contracts during the six months ended December 31, 2005, as well as average revenue per grant paid, are detailed below:

**Table 14.**

Province	Six months ended December 31,					
	Number of Grants Paid		Average Revenue per Grant Paid			
	2005	2004	2005 \$(1)	2004 \$(2)	2005 ZAR(1)	2004 ZAR(2)
KwaZulu-Natal (A)	8,752,494	8,211,391	3.05	3.00	19.95	18.66
Limpopo (B)	5,447,705	5,318,632	2.36	2.43	15.46	15.09
North West (C)	1,563,972	1,576,797	2.58	2.66	16.90	16.55
Northern Cape (D)	786,325	719,601	2.90	3.14	18.96	19.49
Eastern Cape (E)	4,005,075	3,596,290	1.85	1.99	12.13	12.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,555,571</b>	<b>19,422,711</b>				

(1) Average Revenue per Grant Paid excludes \$0.84 (ZAR 5.50) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

(2) Average Revenue per Grant Paid excludes \$0.89 (ZAR 5.50) related to the provision of smart card accounts.

**A** - in ZAR, the increase in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in KwaZulu-Natal is primarily due to the re-registration fees for mainly disability grant recipients, who were removed off the government's system during fiscal 2005 and subsequently re-instated during fiscal 2006.

**B** - in ZAR, the increase in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in Limpopo is due to the continued once-off registration fees charged for the ongoing enrollment of new beneficiaries and a price increase from December 2005. The fee charged for payment is significantly less than the fee charged for registration.

**C** - in ZAR, the increase in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in North West is primarily due to an inflation price increase negotiated with the North West government during July 2005 and more registrations. This inflation price increase included an amount of \$0.4 million (ZAR 2.6 million) which was granted retrospectively to July 2004 and paid in the first quarter of fiscal 2006. The effect of this retroactive payment is not reflected in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in the table above.

**D** - in ZAR, the decrease in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in Northern Cape is primarily due to fewer registration fees charged.

E - in ZAR, the decrease in the Average Revenue per Grant Paid in the Eastern Cape is due to fewer registration fees charged. The fee charged for payment is significantly less than the fee charged for registration.

Through our merchant acquiring initiative, beneficiaries are now able to load their grants onto their cards as soon as the grant payment file is activated, which typically happens during the week preceding the commencement of a calendar month. We recognize the fee revenue related to the distribution of welfare grants when the beneficiaries load the grants to their cards. The general exception to this rule is the January payment cycle, when the payment file is normally activated during the first week of January and not the last week of December. Accordingly, our December revenue from the distribution of welfare grants is lower than the revenue recognized during the other calendar months during the year.

Our annual results are not expected to be affected as we anticipate twelve full payment cycles to be included in the fiscal 2006 results. We expect our third quarter transaction-based revenue to be higher than the second quarter as it should include revenues from loading fees for the entire January, February and March 2006 payment cycle and a small portion of the April 2006 payment cycle.

Operating income margin for the six months ended December 31, 2005 increased to 50% from 39% for the six months ended December 31, 2004. These profit margin improvements were mainly due to:

- the increased volumes as detailed in the table above;
- the inflation adjustment to the price charged in the North West and Limpopo provinces; and
- the increase in the number of social grant beneficiaries paid through our POS device infrastructure at participating retailers, instead of payment using more costly automated cash dispensers.

### **Smart card accounts**

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by 1% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 1% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues increased by 6% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by 6% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

Operating income margin from providing smart card accounts was constant at 45% for each of the six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004.

In ZAR, revenue from the provision of smart card based accounts grew in proportion to the higher number of beneficiaries serviced through our social welfare payment contracts. A total number of 3,497,664 smart card-based accounts were active at December 31, 2005, compared to 3,308,194 active accounts as of December 31, 2004. The increase in the number of active accounts resulted from an increase in the number of beneficiaries in all provinces qualifying for government grants due to the efforts of the South African government to provide social assistance to the very old and very young.

### **Financial services**

In U.S. dollars, revenues decreased by 20% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income decreased by 23% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues decreased by 16% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income decreased by ZAR 19% for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

Revenues and operating income from UEPS-based lending decreased during the six months end December 31, 2005 compared with the six months ended December 31, 2004. We offer the UEPS-based loans to our beneficiaries with the primary purpose of assisting them to repay expensive loans with other loan providers and to escape the debt spiral that they are trapped in. Once our UEPS-based loans are repaid, we believe that the beneficiaries have an enhanced ability to remain debt-free, or take loans in amounts smaller than the original refinancing facility we offered to them. In addition, we continuously revise the interest rates charged on our UEPS-based loans, as part of our ongoing commitment to the South African government to provide affordable financial services to the unbanked population of the country. As a result the interest rate charged on our UEPS-based loans was lower during the six months ended December 31, 2005, compared with six months ended December 31, 2004. A further benefit of our UEPS-based lending is that cardholders have more disposable income to spend, including through our merchant acquiring base.

The loan portfolio of the traditional microlending businesses remained static as a result of our strategic decision not to grow this business. However, when compared to June 30, 2005, our UEPS-based lending portfolio has increased due to increased lending activities during the December festive holiday season in South Africa.

Our current UEPS-based lending portfolio comprises loans made to elderly pensioners in some of the provinces where we distribute social welfare grants. We insure the UEPS-based lending book against default and thus no provision is required. We consider UEPS-based lending less risky than traditional microfinance loans because the grants are distributed to these lenders by ourselves and these loans are insured. We establish an allowance for doubtful traditional microlending loans in respect of which we consider it likely that all or a portion of the principal amount of the loan or interest thereon will not be repaid by the borrower. We consider default likely after a specified period of non-payment, which is generally not more than 150 days. We assess this allowance based on a review by management of the ageing of outstanding amounts, the payment history in relation to those specific accounts and the overall default history.

The key indicators of these businesses are illustrated below:

**Table 15.**

	December 31,		\$ % change	December 31,		ZAR % change
	2005	2004		2005	2004	
	\$ '000	\$ '000		ZAR '000	ZAR '000	
Traditional microlending:						
Finance loans receivable						
– gross	8,318	13,898	(40)%	52,783	78,807	(33)%
Allowance for doubtful						
finance loans						
receivable	(3,672)	(9,524)	(61)%	(23,304)	(54,002)	(57)%
Finance loans						
receivable – net	4,646	4,374	6%	29,479	24,805	19%
UEPS-based lending:						
Finance loans receivable –						
net and gross (i.e., no						
provisions)	5,732	6,291	(9)%	36,377	35,675	2%
Total finance loans						
receivable, net	10,378	10,665		65,856	60,480	

As described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2005, the significant reduction in both gross finance loans receivable and allowance for doubtful finance loans receivable is due to the write-off in fiscal 2005 of amounts that were not recoverable, of approximately \$5.5 million (ZAR 32.3 million). This did not have an impact on net income as the loans had been fully provided for in previous periods.

Operating income margin for the financial services segment decreased to 44% for the six months ended December 31, 2005 from 46% for the six months ended December 31, 2004, primarily due to a decrease in the UEPS-based lending interest rates. The decline in operating margin was partially offset by the decrease in salary costs in the UEPS-based lending operation.

#### Hardware, software and related technology sales

In U.S. dollars, revenues increased by \$1.9 million for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by \$3.7 million for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, revenues increased by ZAR 15.7 million for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004. Operating income increased by ZAR 25.4 million for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

The increase in revenue for the six months ended December 31, 2005, was due primarily to revenues earned from the orders to supply Nedbank with smart cards, smart card readers and terminals and the sale of hardware, software and licenses to SmartSwitch Namibia. Total revenues from the Nedbank orders during the six months ended December 31, 2005, were approximately \$5.6 million (approximately ZAR 36.5 million). Revenues from sales of hardware, software and licenses to SmartSwitch Namibia during the three months ended December 31, 2005, totaled approximately \$2.7 million (ZAR 17.5 million) of which approximately \$0.6 million (ZAR 3.5 million), after taxation, has been eliminated and included in the corporate/eliminations segment.

We expect to make delivery the remaining POS terminals and pin pads relating to the September Nedbank order in the third quarter of fiscal 2006. In addition, we expect to have the remaining hardware related to the SmartSwitch Namibia agreement available for collection during the third quarter of fiscal 2006.

During the six months ended December 31, 2004, we delivered hardware totaling approximately \$8.0 million (approximately ZAR 49.4 million) to Nedbank. These deliveries related to the \$10.5 million (approximately ZAR 67.0 million) order received from them in the first quarter of fiscal 2005.

### **Corporate/ Eliminations**

In U.S. dollars, operating losses increased by \$3.6 million, or 178%, for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

In ZAR, operating losses increased by ZAR 23.9 million, or 193%, for the six months ended December 31, 2005, from the comparable period in 2004.

The increase in the operating loss for the Corporate/ Eliminations segment is mainly due to the non-recurring charges related to our public offering and Nasdaq listing of \$1.5 million (ZAR 9.6 million) incurred in the three months ended September 30, 2005.

In addition, operating loss for the six months ended December 31, 2005, includes consulting fees incurred of approximately \$0.2 million (ZAR 1.0 million) paid to external consultants and our auditors related to our documentation, implementation and compliance with Sarbanes, increased and additional corporate and governance expenses (i.e. compliance with Sarbanes), executive performance bonuses of \$0.7 million (ZAR 4.6 million), director's fees of \$0.1 million (ZAR 0.4 million), directors and officers insurance of \$0.1 million (ZAR 0.4 million) and legal fees of \$1.0 million (ZAR 6.7 million).

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our business has historically generated high levels of cash and we maintain large cash reserves, which as of December 31, 2005 was \$183.9 million. Our cash balances as of December 31, 2005, were composed of ZAR-denominated balances of \$142.9 million (ZAR 907.0 million), U.S. dollar-denominated balances of \$41.0 million and euro-denominated balances of £0.01 million (\$0.01 million), whereas the cash balances as of December 31, 2004, were composed of ZAR-denominated balances of approximately \$93.0 million (ZAR 528.1 million), U.S. dollar-denominated balances of \$12.2 million and euro-denominated balances of £0.01 million (\$0.02 million). Typically the pay-cycle for the following month begins at the end of the current month which results in a pre-funded social welfare grants receivable. However, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 there are no pre-funding amounts receivable as the January pay-cycle began in the first week of January as opposed to the last week of December.

Surplus cash held by our South African operations is invested in overnight call accounts in the South African money market, and surplus cash held by our non-South African companies is invested in the United States and European money markets.

We finance all operations, research and development, working capital, capital expenditures and acquisitions through our internally generated cash. We have no long-term indebtedness. We have aggregate overdraft facilities of \$78.9 million (ZAR 500 million). From time to time, we borrow under these facilities on a short-term basis when our pre-funding requirements exceed the available cash on hand. We take the following factors into account when considering whether to borrow under our financing facilities:

- cost of capital;
- cost of financing;
- opportunity cost of utilizing surplus cash; and
- availability of tax efficient structures to moderate financing costs.

The significant increase in the number of social welfare grant beneficiaries in the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape provinces may require us to obtain external financing in the medium to long-term for the pre-funding of these grant payments. We believe that our cash reserves, and availability under our current overdraft facility and revolving credit facility will be sufficient to fund our activities and expansion plans for the foreseeable future.

We received approximately \$32.2 million (ZAR 209.3 million), net of underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$2.4 million (ZAR 15.6 million), from the underwriters of our public offering exercising their option to acquire 1,538,794 shares of our common stock and employees selling their stock pursuant to the offering.

## Cash flows from operating activities

### Three months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

Cash flows from operating activities for the three months ended December 31, 2005 increased to \$33.0 million (ZAR 217.1 million) from \$17.4 million (ZAR 105.5 million) for the three months ended December 31, 2004. The increase is largely due to increased business activities in our transaction-based activities and hardware, software and related technology sales segments. The payment of welfare grants through our merchant acquiring network increases our operating cash flows as the total costs to distribute grants through our merchant acquiring network are lower compared to paying grants at pay sites. In addition, during the three months ended December 31, 2004, we paid \$4.1 million (ZAR 23.7 million) in non-recurring taxes related to the Aplitec transaction in June 2004. During the three months ended December 31, 2005, we paid provisional taxes of approximately \$2.9 million (ZAR 18.4 million) related to the tax year ended June 30, 2005 and provisional taxes of approximately \$6.1 million (ZAR 38.8 million) related to the tax year ended June 30, 2006. See the table below for a summary of all taxes paid.

Taxes paid in South Africa during the three months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

Table 16.

	Three months ended December 31,			
	2005 \$ '000	2004 \$ '000	2005 ZAR '000	2004 ZAR '000
First provisional payments	6,062	10,770	38,784	61,931
Second provisional payments	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Third provisional payments	2,861	10,906	18,361	61,690
Secondary taxation on companies	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Taxes arising from reorganization	n/a	4,127	n/a	23,731
<b>Total tax paid</b>	<b>8,923</b>	<b>25,803</b>	<b>57,145</b>	<b>147,352</b>

### Six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

Cash flows from operating activities for the six months ended December 31, 2005 increased to \$42.2 million (ZAR 276.2 million) from \$17.7 million (ZAR 107.8 million) for the six months ended December 31, 2004. The increase is largely due to increased business activities in our transaction-based activities and hardware, software and related technology sales segments. The payment of welfare grants through our merchant acquiring network increases our operating cash flows as the total costs to distribute grants through our merchant acquiring network are lower compared to paying grants at pay sites. In addition, during the six months ended December 31, 2004, we paid \$8.5 million (ZAR 51.7 million) in non-recurring taxes related to the Aplitec transaction in June 2004. During the six months ended December 31, 2005, we paid provisional taxes of approximately \$11.5 million (ZAR 74.5 million) related to the tax year ended June 30, 2005 and provisional taxes of approximately \$6.1 million (ZAR 38.8 million) related to the tax year ended June 30, 2006. In addition, we paid STC of approximately \$0.5 million (ZAR 3.3 million) related to the closure and deregistration of dormant subsidiaries. See the table below for a summary of all taxes paid.

Taxes paid in South Africa during the six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

Table 17.

	Six months ended December 31,			
	2005 \$ '000	2004 \$ '000	2005 ZAR '000	2004 ZAR '000
First provisional payments	6,062	10,770	38,784	61,931
Second provisional payments	8,656	1,885	56,124	11,566
Third provisional payments	2,861	10,871	18,361	61,690
Secondary taxation on companies	496	n/a	3,332	n/a
Taxes arising from reorganization	n/a	8,458	n/a	51,706
<b>Total tax paid</b>	<b>18,075</b>	<b>31,984</b>	<b>116,601</b>	<b>186,893</b>

### **Cash flows from investing activities**

#### *Three months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004*

Cash used in investing activities for the three months ended December 31, 2005 includes capital expenditure of \$0.3 million (ZAR 2.3 million), of which \$0.2 million (ZAR 1.5 million) related to the purchase of POS and pin-pad devices for use at retailers participating in our merchant acquiring project and our Cell-C initiative.

Investing activities during the three months ended December 31, 2004 consisted mainly of capital expenditure of \$0.8 million (ZAR 4.9 million), of which \$0.6 million (ZAR 3.8 million) related to the purchase of POS and pin-pad devices for use at retailers participating in our merchant acquiring project.

#### *Six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004*

Cash used in investing activities for the six months ended December 31, 2005 includes capital expenditure of \$0.9 million (ZAR 5.9 million), of which \$0.5 million (ZAR 3.5 million) related to the purchase of POS and pin-pad devices for use at retailers participating in our merchant acquiring project. In addition, during the first quarter of fiscal 2006 we invested \$0.6 million (ZAR 3.9 million) in equity and lent \$1.3 million (ZAR 7.8 million) to SmartSwitch Namibia, a UEPS based switching system established in Namibia.

Investing activities during the six months ended December 31, 2004 consisted mainly of capital expenditure of \$1.7 million (ZAR 10.6 million), of which \$1.0 million (ZAR 6.2 million) relates to the purchase of an additional transaction processing computer at head-office and \$0.6 million (ZAR 3.8 million) related to the purchase of POS and pin-pad devices for use at retailers participating in our merchant acquiring project.

### **Cash flows from financing activities**

#### *Three months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004*

There were no significant cash flows from financing activities during the three months to December 31, 2005 and 2004.

#### *Six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004*

We received approximately \$32.2 million (ZAR 209.3 million), net of underwriting discounts and commissions of approximately \$2.4 million (ZAR 15.6 million), from the underwriters exercising their option to acquire 1,538,794 shares of our common stock and employees selling their stock pursuant to the offering.

There were no significant cash flows from financing activities during the six months to December 31, 2004.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **Capital Expenditures**

We operate in an environment where our contracts for the payment of social welfare grants require substantial capital investment to establish our operational infrastructure when a contract commences. Further capital investment is required when the number of beneficiaries increases to the point where the maximum capacity of the original infrastructure is exceeded.



Three months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

Capital expenditures for the three months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

Table 18.

Operating Segment	Three months ended December 31,			
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000	2005 ZAR '000	2004 ZAR '000
Transaction-based activities	258	620	1,697	3,783
Smart card accounts	-	-	-	-
Financial services	88	159	579	959
Hardware, software and related technology sales	-	-	-	-
Corporate / Eliminations	-	-	-	-
<b>Consolidated total</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>4,742</b>

As mentioned above, our capital expenditures for the three months ended December 31, 2005 related mainly to the acquisition of POS and pin-pad devices that we lease to participating retailers.

Six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

Capital expenditures for the six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

Table 19.

Operating Segment	Six months ended December 31,			
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000	2005 ZAR '000	2004 ZAR '000
Transaction-based activities	668	1,350	4,369	8,563
Smart card accounts	-	-	-	-
Financial services	220	372	1,449	2,318
Hardware, software and related technology sales	-	-	-	-
Corporate / Eliminations	-	-	-	-
<b>Consolidated total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>5,818</b>	<b>10,881</b>

As mentioned above, our capital expenditures for the six months ended December 31, 2005 related mainly to the acquisition of POS and pin-pad devices that we lease to participating retailers.

All of our capital expenditures for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 were funded through internally generated funds. We had no outstanding capital commitments at December 31, 2005. We anticipate that capital spending for the third quarter of fiscal 2006, will relate primarily to the purchase of equipment required to service the increased number of beneficiaries in all provinces and the purchase of additional POS and pin-pad devices to be leased to participating retailers. We expect to fund these expenditures through internally generated funds.

## Contingent Liabilities, Commitments and Contractual Obligations

We lease various premises under operating leases. Our minimum future commitments for lease premises as well as other commitments are as follows:

Table 20.

	Payments due by Period, as at December 31, 2005 (in \$ '000s)						Total
	Due within 1 year	Due within 2 years	Due within 3 years	Due within 4 years	Due within 5 years	More than 5 years	
Contractual obligations.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-term payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital lease obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating lease obligations	1,273	941	702	44	15	-	2,975
Purchase obligations	4,742	-	-	-	-	-	4,742

## Equity-Accounted Investments

### Permit

On April 1, 2004, Aplitec purchased a 43% interest in Permit Group 2 (Proprietary) Limited (“Permit”). Our balance sheet includes Permit as an equity-accounted investment. Permit owns 95% of the common stock of New Era Life Insurance Company (“New Era”), a provider of various insurance products to the South African market. In connection with this acquisition, Aplitec lent Permit approximately \$0.8 million at the then current South African prime interest rate (10.50% at December 31, 2005) with no fixed repayment terms. Permit used the proceeds of this loan to purchase 43% of a 95% interest in New Era.

For the three months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, earnings from Permit totaled \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million (ZAR 0.9 million and ZAR 0.7 million), respectively. For the six months ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, earnings from Permit totaled \$0.8 million and \$0.3 million (ZAR 5.3 million and ZAR 2.1 million), respectively. Future earnings from this equity accounted investment are expected to be comparable with the prior period’s earnings.

### SmartSwitch Namibia

In September 2005, we obtained a 50% interest in SmartSwitch Namibia through the subscription of 50% of the outstanding and issued common shares and loans outstanding of SmartSwitch Namibia. Our balance sheet includes SmartSwitch Namibia as an equity-accounted investment as we do not control nor do we have the majority of the variable interests in the entity. SmartSwitch Namibia will operate a UEPS smart card-based switching system in Namibia.

As of December 31, 2005, SmartSwitch Namibia had not commenced operations and therefore we have not recognized any equity-accounted earnings from SmartSwitch Namibia. We are required to eliminate unrealized income from license fees, software and hardware sales made to SmartSwitch Namibia of \$0.2 million (ZAR 1.2 million) for the three months ended December 31, 2005 and \$0.6 million (ZAR 3.5 million) for the six months ended December 31, 2005.

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

We seek to reduce our exposure to currencies other than the South African rand through a policy of matching, to the extent possible, assets and liabilities denominated in those currencies. In addition, we use financial instruments in order to economically hedge our exposure to exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations arising from our operations. We are also exposed to credit risks.

#### Currency Exchange Risk

We are subject to currency exchange risk because we purchase inventories that we are required to settle in other currencies, primarily the euro and U.S. dollar. We have used forward contracts in order to limit our exposure in these transactions to fluctuations in exchange rates between the South African rand, on the one hand, and the U.S. dollar and the euro, on the other hand. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, the outstanding foreign exchange contracts are as follows:

##### As of December 31, 2005

Notional amount	Strike price	Maturity
EUR 334,130	ZAR 7.6234	February 28, 2006
EUR 3,352,400	ZAR 8.0529	November 30, 2006

##### As of December 31, 2004

Notional amount	Strike price	Maturity
EUR 1,858,040	ZAR 8.5225	January 7, 2005
EUR 81,000	ZAR 7.8347	January 13, 2005
EUR 242,890	ZAR 7.7271	January 14, 2005
EUR 278,400	ZAR 7.8816	February 16, 2005
USD 120,000	ZAR 6.0542	September 30, 2005

#### Translation Risk

Translation risk relates to the risk that our results of operations will vary significantly as the U.S. dollar is our reporting currency, but we earn most of our revenues and incur most of our expenses in ZAR. The U.S. dollar to ZAR exchange rate has fluctuated significantly over the past two years. As exchange rates are outside our control, there can be no assurance that future fluctuations will not adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

#### Interest Rate Risk

As a result of our normal borrowing and leasing activities, our operating results are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, which we manage primarily through our regular financing activities. We generally maintain limited investment in cash equivalents and have occasionally invested in marketable securities. Typically, for every 1% increase in the South African Reserve Bank's repo rate, our interest expense on pre-funding social welfare grants in the KwaZulu Natal and Eastern Cape provinces increases by \$16,747 per month, while interest earned per month on any surplus cash increases by \$12,568 per \$15.3 million (ZAR 100 million).

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk relates to the risk of loss that we would incur as a result of non-performance by counterparties. We maintain credit risk policies with regard to our counterparties to minimize overall credit risk. These policies include an evaluation of a potential counterparty's financial condition, credit rating, and other credit criteria and risk mitigation tools as our management deems appropriate.

With respect to credit risk on financial instruments, we maintain a policy of entering into such transactions only with South African and European financial institutions that have a credit rating of BBB or better, as determined by Standard & Poor's.

#### Micro-lending Credit Risk

We are exposed to credit risk in our microlending activities, which provides unsecured short-term loans to qualifying customers. We manage this risk by assigning each prospective customer a "creditworthiness score," which takes into account a variety of factors such as employment status, salary earned, other debts and total expenditures on normal household and lifestyle expenses.

*Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures*

Disclosure controls and procedures are those controls and procedures designed to ensure that material information is made known to the signing officers. The management, including the signing officers being the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer has evaluated the effectiveness of the internal controls for the three months ended December 31, 2005 as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer conclude that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2005.

*Changes in internal control over financial reporting*

As previously disclosed in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended September 30, 2005, we have continued to apply corrective measures during the three months ended December 31, 2005 to address significant deficiencies identified during the Section 404 of Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 controls assessment as at June 30, 2005.

## Part II. Other Information

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

Our Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on December 1, 2005 for the following purposes:

1. Election of directors; and
2. Ratification of appointment of independent registered public accounting firm.

The following proposals were adopted by the votes indicated:

Proposal 1: To elect a Board of Directors to hold office until the next annual meeting of shareholders and until their successors are elected and qualified:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Withheld</b>
Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant	52,284,910	235,967
Herman G. Kotze	52,518,042	2,835
Christopher S. Seabrooke	49,093,833	3,427,044
Anthony C. Ball	52,518,172	2,705
Chad L. Smart	52,518,172	2,705
Alasdair J. K. Pein	52,517,942	2,935
Paul Edwards	52,518,172	2,705
Florian P. Wendelstadt	52,518,072	2,805

Proposal 2: To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche (South Africa) as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2006:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstained</b>
Deloitte & Touche (South Africa)	52,262,013	254,612	4,252

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Form 10-Q

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#"><u>10.24</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Stock Option Agreement dated as of January 9, 2006, by and between Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. and David A. Schwarzbach</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>10.25</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Employment Agreement dated as of January 9, 2006, by and between Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. and David A. Schwarzbach</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>31.1</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Certifications of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>31.2</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Certifications of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>32.1</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Certifications of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>32.2</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Certifications of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u></a>

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on February 6, 2006.

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Serge C.P. Belamant

Serge C.P. Belamant

Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board and Director

By: /s/ Herman Gideon Kotze

Herman Gideon Kotze

Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary, Director

**NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT**

Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. (the “**Company**”) has granted to the Employee named below, pursuant to the employment agreement entered into between the Company and the Employee effective as of the Date of Grant specified below, an option (the “**Option**”) to purchase certain shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Company (the “**Shares**”) upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stock Option Agreement (the “**Agreement**”). By signing this Agreement, the Employee: (a) acknowledges he/she has read this Agreement, (b) accepts the Option subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and (c) agrees to accept as binding, conclusive and final all decisions or interpretations of the Company upon any questions arising under this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, actions and determinations to be made by the Company may be made by the Board of Directors of the Company or by such Company or delegate as may be appointed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

<b>Name of Employee:</b>	<u>DAVID A. SCHWARZBACH</u>
<b>Date of Grant:</b>	<u>January 9, 2006</u>
<b>Number of Option Shares:</b>	<u>200,000 shares</u>
<b>Exercise Price:</b>	<u>US\$30.71 per Share</u>
<b>Option Expiration Date:</b>	<u>January 9, 2016</u>

For clarity, as used in this Agreement, the term “exercise” means to acquire ownership of Shares which are the subject of the Option in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Except as provided in Section 6 below, the aggregate number of whole Shares for which this Option may be exercised as of any date is determined by multiplying the number of Option Shares listed above by the following percentage, and reducing that result by the number of Shares previously acquired upon exercise of the Option:

<u>Exercise Date</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Prior to First Anniversary of Grant Date	0%
On or after First Anniversary of Grant Date and prior to Second Anniversary of Grant Date	20%
On or after Second Anniversary of Grant Date and prior to Third Anniversary of Grant Date	40%
On or after Third Anniversary of Grant Date and prior to Fourth Anniversary of Grant Date	60%
On or after Fourth Anniversary of Grant Date and prior to Fifth Anniversary of Grant Date	80%
On or after Fifth Anniversary of Grant Date	100%

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The Option shall not become exercisable for any additional Option Shares after the date the Employee's employment or other service with the Company and its affiliates terminates for any reason.

1. **CONSTRUCTION.**

The captions and titles contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and do not affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement.

2. **TAX CONSEQUENCES.**

This Option is intended to be a nonstatutory stock option and shall not be treated as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422(b) of the Code. This Option will be subject to the tax laws of the country or jurisdiction in which the Employee is a tax resident or is otherwise subject to taxation.

3. **EXERCISE OF THE OPTION.**

3.1 **Method of Exercise.** The Option shall be exercisable in the discretion of the Employee on or after the first anniversary of the Grant Date and prior to termination of the Option in an amount not to exceed the number of Shares for which the Option is then exercisable less the number of Shares previously acquired upon exercise of the Option. Exercise of the Option shall be by means of electronic or written notice (the "**Exercise Notice**") in a form authorized by the Company which states the Employee's election to exercise the Option, the number of whole Shares for which the Option is being exercised and such other representations and agreements as to the Employee's investment intent with respect to such Shares as may be required pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement or by applicable law. Further, each Exercise Notice must be (a) signed or otherwise authenticated by the Employee in a manner acceptable to the Company, (b) received by the Company or the Company's authorized representative, in a manner acceptable to the Company, prior to the termination of the Option as set forth in Section 5 of this Agreement, and (c) accompanied by full payment of the aggregate Exercise Price for the number of Shares being purchased. The Option exercise will be effective upon receipt by the Company or the Company's authorized representative of such electronic or written Exercise Notice and the aggregate Exercise Price.

3.2 **Payment of Exercise Price.**

(a) **Forms of Consideration Authorized.** Except as otherwise provided below, payment of the aggregate Exercise Price for the number of Shares for which the Option is being exercised may be made (i) in cash (US dollars) or cash equivalent acceptable to the Company (including offset against US dollars, if any, owed by the Company to the Employee as of the date of exercise), (ii) if permitted by the Company, by tender to the Company, or attestation to the ownership, of whole Shares owned by the Employee, including Shares deliverable upon exercise of the Option, (iii) by means of a Cashless Exercise, as defined in Section 3.3(c) of this Agreement, (iv) by any other means acceptable to the Company, or (v) by any combination of the foregoing as may be permitted by the Company, in its sole discretion.

Shares tendered in payment of the Exercise Price will be valued at their Fair Market Value as of the date that the exercise occurs.

(b) **Limitations on Forms of Consideration.**

(i) **Tender of Stock.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Option may not be exercised by tender to the Company, or attestation to the ownership, of Shares to the extent such tender or attestation would violate any law, regulation or agreement restricting the redemption of the Company's stock.

(ii) **Cashless Exercise.** A "**Cashless Exercise**" means the delivery of a properly executed Exercise Notice together with irrevocable instructions to a broker in a form acceptable to the Company providing for the assignment to the Company of the proceeds of a sale or loan with respect to some or all of the Shares acquired upon the exercise of the Option pursuant to a program or procedure approved by the Company. The Company reserves the sole and absolute right to establish, decline, suspend or terminate any such program or procedure, including with respect to the Employee notwithstanding that such program or procedures may be available to others.

3.3 **Tax and/or Social Insurance Withholding.** At the time any withholding is required by applicable law, or at any time thereafter as requested by the Company, the Employee hereby authorizes withholding from payroll and any other amounts payable to the Employee, and otherwise agrees to make adequate provision for (including by means of a Cashless Exercise to the extent permitted by the Company), any sums required to satisfy the federal, state, local and foreign tax and social insurance withholding obligations of the Company or its affiliate, if any, which arise in connection with the Option. The Company shall have no obligation to deliver Shares until the tax and social insurance withholding obligations of the Company or its affiliate have been satisfied by the Employee. The Company may, in its sole discretion, permit the Employee to satisfy, in whole or in part, any tax and social insurance withholding obligation which may arise in connection with the Option either by electing to have the Company withhold from the Shares to be issued upon exercise that number of Shares, or by electing to deliver to the Company already-owned Shares, in either case having a Fair Market Value (as defined below) equal to the amount necessary to satisfy the statutory minimum withholding amount due. For purposes of this Agreement, (i) if the Shares are registered under Section 12(b) or 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and listed for trading on a national exchange or market, "**Fair Market Value**" means, as applicable, (a) either the closing price or the average of the high and low sale price on the relevant date, as determined in the Company's discretion, quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, or the Nasdaq National Market; (b) the last sale price on the relevant date quoted on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market; (c) the average of the high bid and low asked prices on the relevant date quoted on the Nasdaq OTC Bulletin Board Service or by the National Quotation Bureau, Inc. or a comparable service as determined in the Company's discretion; or (d) if the Shares are not quoted by any of the above, the average of the closing bid and asked prices on the relevant date furnished by a professional market maker for the Shares, or by such other source, selected by the Company; provided, however, that if no public trading of the Shares occurs on the relevant date but the Shares are so listed, then Fair Market Value shall be determined as of the next preceding date on which trading of the Shares does occur; and (ii) if the Shares on the

relevant date are not listed for trading on a national exchange or market, then Fair Market Value shall be the value established by the Company in good faith.

3.4 **Certificate Registration.** The stock certificates evidencing the Shares shall be registered on the Company's books in the name of the Employee as of the date of exercise. Physical possession or custody of such stock certificates shall be retained by the Company until such time as the shares are transferable without restriction and, thereafter, the Company shall either issue and deliver to the Employee one or more certificates in the name of the Employee for that number of Shares purchased by the Employee or provide for uncertificated, book entry issuance of those Shares.

3.5 **Restrictions on Grant of the Option and Issuance of Shares.** The grant of the Option and the issuance of Shares upon exercise are subject to compliance with all applicable requirements of U.S. federal, state, local or foreign law with respect to such securities. The Option may not be exercised if the issuance of Shares upon exercise would violate any applicable laws or regulations, or any requirement of any stock exchange or market system upon which the Shares may then be listed. In addition, the Option may not be exercised unless (i) a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "**Securities Act**") shall at the time of exercise of the Option be in effect with respect to the Shares issuable upon exercise of the Option or (ii) in the opinion of legal counsel to the Company, the Shares issuable upon exercise of the Option may be issued in accordance with the terms of an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. **THE EMPLOYEE IS CAUTIONED THAT THE OPTION MAY NOT BE EXERCISED UNLESS THE FOREGOING CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMPLOYEE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THE OPTION WHEN DESIRED EVEN THOUGH THE OPTION IS THEN EXERCISABLE.** The inability of the Company to obtain from any regulatory body having jurisdiction the authority, if any, deemed by the Company's legal counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares subject to the Option shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have been obtained. As a condition to the exercise of the Option, the Company may require the Employee to satisfy any qualifications that may be necessary or appropriate, to evidence compliance with any applicable law or regulation and to make any representation or warranty with respect thereto as may be requested by the Company.

3.6 **Fractional Shares.** The Company shall not be required to issue fractional shares upon the exercise of the Option.

#### 4. **NONTRANSFERABILITY OF THE OPTION.**

During the lifetime of the Employee, the Option shall be exercisable only by the Employee or the Employee's guardian, legal representative or attorney-in-fact. The Option shall not be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, exchange, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or garnishment by creditors of the Employee or the Employee's beneficiary, except transfer by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. Following the death of the Employee, to the extent provided in Section 6 of this Agreement, the Option may be exercised by the Employee's legal representative or by any person empowered to do so under the deceased Employee's will or under the then-applicable laws of descent and distribution.

5. **TERMINATION OF THE OPTION.**

The Option shall terminate and may no longer be exercised after the first to occur of (a) the close of business at the Company's principal executive office on the Option Expiration Date, (b) in the event of termination of the Employee's employment or other service with the Company (such employment or other service with the Company referred to hereafter as "**Service**"), the date specified in Section 6 of this Agreement, or (c) the occurrence of an event described in Section 9.2 of this Agreement to the extent determined by the Company.

6. **EFFECT OF TERMINATION OF SERVICE.**

6.1 **Option Exercisability.** The Option shall terminate immediately upon the Employee's termination of Service with the Company and its affiliates to the extent that it is not exercisable on the date such Service terminates. To the extent the Option is exercisable on the date such Service terminates, whether or not such portion of the Option shall continue to be exercisable after such termination shall be determined in accordance with the remaining provisions of this Section 6.

(a) **Disability.** If the Employee's Service terminates because of the Employee's Disability (as defined below), (i) the portion of the Option that is not then exercisable shall terminate immediately, and (ii) the portion of the Option that is then exercisable shall remain exercisable during the six-month period following such termination of Service, but in no event beyond the Expiration Date of the Option. Unless sooner terminated, any remaining unexercised portion of the Option shall terminate upon the expiration of such six-month period. For purposes of this Agreement, "Disability" means the inability of the Employee to perform in all material respects the Employee's duties and responsibilities to the Company, or any affiliate of the Company, by reason of a physical or mental disability or infirmity which inability is reasonably expected to be permanent and has continued (i) for a period of six consecutive months or (ii) such shorter period as the Company may reasonably determine in good faith. The Disability determination shall be in the sole discretion of the Company and the Employee (or the Employee's representative) shall furnish the Company with medical evidence documenting the Employee's disability or infirmity which is satisfactory to the Company.

(b) **Death.** If the Employee's Service terminates because of the death of the Employee, (i) the portion of the Option that is not then exercisable shall terminate immediately, and (ii) the portion of the Option that is then exercisable shall remain exercisable, by the Employee's legal representative or other person who acquired the right to exercise the Option by reason of the Employee's death, during the six-month period following such termination of Service, but in no event beyond the Expiration Date of the Option. Unless sooner terminated, any remaining unexercised portion of the Option shall terminate upon the expiration of such six-month period.

(c) **No-Fault Termination.** If the Employee's Service terminates because of a No-Fault Termination, (i) the portion of the Option that is not then exercisable shall terminate immediately, and (ii) the portion of the Option that is then exercisable shall remain exercisable during the 30-day period following such termination of Service, but in no event beyond the Expiration Date of the Option. Unless sooner terminated, any remaining unexercised

portion of the Option shall terminate upon the expiration of such 30-day period. “**No-Fault Termination**” means the termination of the Employee’s Service for any reason (other than Disability or death) based on (i) the constructive dismissal of the Employee; (ii) the early or compulsory retirement of the Employee in terms of the rules of any relevant Company or affiliate retirement fund; (iii) the operational requirements of the Company or its affiliate or (iv) termination by mutual agreement. No-Fault Termination shall not include any voluntary termination of Service by the Employee other than for the reasons described in clauses (i) through (iv) of the preceding sentence or any termination of the Employee’s Service due to the Employee’s misconduct or other misdemeanor.

6.2 **Other Termination of Service.** If the Employee’s Service terminates for any reason, except Disability, death, or No-Fault Termination, the Option shall terminate on the date the Employee’s Service terminates.

7. **RIGHTS AS A STOCKHOLDER, DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEE OR CONSULTANT.**

The Employee shall have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any Shares covered by the Option until the date of the issuance of the Shares for which the Option has been exercised (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company). No adjustment shall be made for dividends, distributions or other rights for which the record date is prior to the date the Shares are issued. The Employee understands and acknowledges that, except as otherwise provided in a separate, written employment agreement between the Company or an affiliate and the Employee, the Employee’s employment is “at will” and is for no specified term. Nothing in this Agreement shall confer upon the Employee any right to continue in the Service of the Company or an affiliate or interfere in any way with any right of the Company or an affiliate to terminate the Employee’s service as a director, an employee or consultant, as the case may be, at any time.

8. **LEGENDS.**

The Company may at any time place legends referencing any restrictions on transfer and any applicable U.S. federal, state, or foreign securities law restrictions on all certificates representing Shares subject to the provisions of this Agreement. The Employee shall, at the request of the Company, promptly present to the Company any and all certificates representing Shares acquired pursuant to the Option in the possession of the Employee in order to carry out the provisions of this Section.

9. **ADJUSTMENTS FOR CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER EVENTS.**

9.1 **Stock Dividend, Stock Split and Reverse Stock Split.** In the event of a stock dividend of, or stock split or reverse stock split affecting, the common stock of the Company, the number of shares covered by and the exercise price and other terms of the Option, shall, without further action of the Board of Directors of the Company, be adjusted to reflect such event. The Company may make adjustments, in its discretion, to address the treatment of fractional shares and fractional cents that arise with respect to adjustment of the Option as a result of the stock dividend, stock split or reverse stock split.

9.2 **Significant Corporate Transaction.** In the event of a significant corporate transaction such as a sale of voting stock, merger, sale of substantial assets, or other similar corporate event involving the Company, the Company may, but shall not be obligated to, (A) cancel the Option for fair value (as determined in the sole discretion of the Company) which may, but need not be, equal to the excess, if any, of the value of the consideration to be paid in such corporate transaction to holders of the same number of Shares subject to the unexercised Option (or, if no consideration is paid in any such transaction, the Fair Market Value of the Shares subject to such Option) over the aggregate exercise price of the Option or (B) provide for the issuance of substitute options that will substantially preserve the otherwise applicable terms of the Option as determined by the Company in its sole discretion or (C) provide that for a period of at least 15 days prior to the consummation of such corporate transaction, the Option shall be exercisable as to all shares subject thereto and that upon the consummation of such corporate transaction, the Option shall terminate and be of no further force and effect. The Company may treat the portion of the Option that is exercisable as of the date of the corporate transaction differently than the unexercisable portion and, in this regard, may cause the unexercisable portion of the Option to be canceled without consideration as of or immediately before the effective time of the transaction in its sole discretion.

9.3 **Unusual or Nonrecurring Events.** The Company is authorized to make, in its discretion and without the Employee's consent, adjustments in the terms and conditions of the Option in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events affecting the Company, or the financial statements of the Company or any affiliate, or of changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles, whenever the Company determines that such adjustments are appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under this Agreement.

## 10. **INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIONS.**

10.1 The Employee represents, warrants and covenants that:

(a) Any Shares purchased upon exercise of this Option shall be acquired for the Employee's account for investment only and not with a view to, or for sale in connection with, any distribution of the Shares in violation of the Securities Act or any rule or regulation under the Securities Act, and that the Employee will not distribute the same in violation of any state or federal law or regulation.

(b) The Employee has had such opportunity as the Employee deemed adequate to obtain from representatives of the Company such information as is necessary to permit the Employee to evaluate the merits and risks of the Employee's investment in the Company.

(c) The Employee is able to bear the economic risk of holding Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of this Option for an indefinite period.

(d) The Employee understands that (i) the Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of this Option will not be registered under the Securities Act or under the securities laws of any state and are "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144 under the

Securities Act; (ii) such Shares cannot be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of unless they are subsequently registered under the Securities Act, and such registration or qualification as may be necessary under the securities laws of any state, or an exemption from registration is then available; and (iii) there is as of the date of this Agreement no registration statement on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to any stock of the Company and the Company has no obligation or current intention to register any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of this Option under the Securities Act.

***By making payment upon exercise of this Option, the Employee shall be deemed to have reaffirmed, as of the date of such payment, the representations made in this Section 10.***

11. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

11.1 **Reservation of Shares.** The Company will reserve and set apart and have at all times, free from preemptive rights, a number of authorized but unissued Shares deliverable upon the exercise of this Option sufficient to enable it at any time to fulfill all its obligations hereunder.

11.2 **Further Instruments.** The parties hereto agree to execute such further instruments and to take such further action as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

11.3 **Binding Effect; Parties; Entire Agreement.** Subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth herein, this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. This Agreement is between the Employee and the Company. This Agreement shall constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the Employee and the Company with respect to the subject matter contained in this Agreement and supersedes any prior agreements, understandings, restrictions, representations, or warranties among the Employee and the Company with respect to such subject matter. To the extent contemplated in this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall survive any exercise of the Option and shall remain in full force and effect.

11.4 **Termination or Amendment.** The Company may terminate, amend or suspend the Option at any time; provided, however, that except as provided in Section 9 of this Agreement, no such termination or amendment may adversely affect the Option or any unexercised portion of the Option without the consent of the Employee unless such termination or amendment is necessary to comply with any applicable law or government regulation. No amendment or addition to this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing.

11.5 **Delivery of Documents and Notices.** Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be given in writing and shall be deemed effectively given (except to the extent that this Agreement provides for effectiveness only upon actual receipt of such notice) upon personal delivery, upon electronic delivery at the e-mail address, if any, provided for the Employee by the Company, or, upon deposit with an internationally recognized overnight courier service with postage and fees prepaid, addressed to the other party at the address of such party set forth in this Agreement or at such other address as such party may designate in writing from time to time to the other party.

(a) **Description of Electronic Delivery.** The Agreement and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders may be delivered to the Employee electronically. In addition, if permitted by the Company, the Employee may deliver electronically the Exercise Notice called for by Section 3 of this Agreement to the Company or to such third party as the Company may designate from time to time. Such means of electronic delivery may include but do not necessarily include the delivery of a link to a Company intranet or the internet site of a third party involved in administering the Agreement, the delivery of the document via e-mail or such other means of electronic delivery specified by the Company.

(b) **Consent to Electronic Delivery.** The Employee consents to the electronic delivery of this Agreement and any reports of the Company provided generally to the Company's stockholders and, if permitted by the Company, the electronic delivery of the Exercise Notice. The Employee acknowledges that he or she may receive from the Company a paper copy of any documents delivered electronically at no cost to the Employee by contacting the Company by telephone or in writing. The Employee further acknowledges that the Employee will be provided with a paper copy of any documents if the attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails. Similarly, the Employee understands that the Employee must provide the Company or any designated third party administrator with a paper copy of any documents if the attempted electronic delivery of such documents fails. The Employee may revoke his or her consent to the electronic delivery of documents or may change the electronic mail address to which such documents are to be delivered (if Employee has provided an electronic mail address) at any time by notifying the Company of such revoked consent or revised e-mail address by telephone, postal service or electronic mail. Finally, the Employee understands that he or she is not required to consent to electronic delivery of documents.

11.6 **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida as such laws are applied to agreements between Florida residents entered into and to be performed entirely within the State of Florida.

11.7 **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

11.8 **No Future Entitlement.** By execution of this Agreement, Employee acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the grant of an Option is a one-time benefit which does not create any contractual or other right to receive future grants of Options, or compensation in lieu of Options; (ii) all determinations with respect to any such future grants, including, but not limited to, the times when Options shall be granted, the maximum number of Shares subject to each Option and the Exercise Price, will be at the sole discretion of the Company; (iii) the value of the Option is outside the scope of Employee's employment contract; (iv) the value of the Option is not part of normal or expected compensation for purposes of calculating any severance, resignation, redundancy, end of service payments, bonuses, long-service awards, pension or retirement benefits or similar payments; (v) the vesting of the Option ceases upon termination of Service with the Company or transfer of employment from the Company, or other cessation of eligibility for any reason, except as may otherwise be explicitly provided this Agreement; (vi) if the underlying stock does not increase in value, this Option will have no value, nor does the



Company guarantee any future value; and (vii) no claim or entitlement to compensation or damages arises if the Option does not increase in value and Employee irrevocably releases the Company from any such claim that does arise. Neither this Agreement nor any provision thereunder shall be construed so as to grant the Employee any right to remain in the Service of the Company.

11.9 **Personal Data.** For the exclusive purpose of implementing, administering and managing the Option, Employee, by execution of this Agreement, consents to the collection, receipt, use, retention and transfer, in electronic or other form, of his or her personal data by and among the Company and its third party vendors. Employee understands that personal data (including but not limited to, name, home address, telephone number, employee number, employment status, social security number, tax identification number, job and payroll location, data for tax withholding purposes and Shares awarded, cancelled, exercised, vested and unvested) may be transferred to third parties assisting in the implementation, administration and management of the Option and Employee expressly authorizes such transfer as well as the retention, use, and the subsequent transfer of the data by the recipient(s). Employee understands that these recipients may be located in Employee's country or elsewhere, and that the recipient's country may have different data privacy laws and protections than Employee's country. Employee understands that data will be held only as long as is necessary to implement, administer and manage the Option. Employee understands that he or she may, at any time, request a list with the names and addresses of any potential recipients of the personal data, view data, request additional information about the storage and processing of data, require any necessary amendments to data or refuse or withdraw the consents herein, in any case without cost, by contacting in writing the Company's legal department representative. Employee understands, however, that refusing or withdrawing his or her consent may affect his or her ability to accept an Option.

11.10 **The Company's Rights.** The existence of the Option shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its stockholders to make or authorize any or all adjustments, recapitalizations, reorganizations or other changes in the Company's capital structure or its business, or any merger or consolidation of the Company, or any issue of bonds, debentures, preferred or other stocks with preference ahead of or convertible into, or otherwise affecting the Shares or the rights thereof, or the dissolution or liquidation of the Company, or any sale or transfer of all or any part of the Company's assets or business, or any other corporate act or proceeding, whether of a similar character or otherwise.

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

DAVID A. SCHWARZBACH

By: /s/ Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant

/s/ David A. Schwartzbach

Signature

Its: Chief Executive Officer

1/10/2006

Date

Address: President Place

P O Box 2163, Menlo Park, CA, 94026

4th Floor  
Johannesburg 2196  
South Africa

Address

**STOCK OPTION EXERCISE NOTICE**

Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.  
Attention: Chief Financial Officer  
President Place  
4th Floor  
Johannesburg 2196  
South Africa

Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. **Option.** I was granted an option (the "**Option**") to purchase shares of the common stock (the "**Shares**") of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. (the "**Company**") pursuant to my Stock Option Agreement (the "**Agreement**") as follows:

Date of Grant: January 9, 2006

Number of Option Shares: 200,000

Exercise Price per Share: US\$ 30.71

2. **Exercise of Option.** I hereby elect to exercise the Option to purchase the following number of Shares in accordance with the Agreement:

Total Shares Purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Exercise Price (Total Shares X Price per Share) US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Payments.** I enclose payment in full of the total exercise price for the Shares in the following form(s), as authorized by my Agreement:

Cash: US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check: US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tender of Company Stock: Contact Company

Promissory Note: Contact Company

4. **Tax and Social Insurance Withholding.** I authorize payroll withholding and otherwise will make adequate provision for the federal, state, local and foreign tax and social insurance withholding obligations of the Company, if any, in connection with the Option. I enclose payment in full of my withholding taxes, if any, as follows:

(Contact Company for amount of tax due.)

Cash: US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check: US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Employee Information.**

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Tax Identification Number is: \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Binding Effect.** I agree that the Shares are being acquired in accordance with and subject to the terms, provisions and conditions of the Agreement, to all of which I hereby expressly assent. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

I understand that I am purchasing the Shares pursuant to the terms of my Agreement, a copy of which I have received and carefully read and understand.

Very truly yours,

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Receipt of the above is hereby acknowledged.

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

This employment agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. (the “Company”) and David A. Schwarzbach (“Employee”).

The Company and Employee hereby agree as follows:

1. Employment and Duties and Responsibilities. Employee shall be employed as Vice President, Business Development of the Company (the “Employment”). Employee will also have duties relating to investor relations. In that capacity, Employee shall do and perform all services, acts or things as directed by the Company’s Chief Executive Officer. Employee shall commence his duties on or about January 16, 2006.
  2. At-Will Employment. Employee understands and acknowledges that his employment at the Company is “at will.” This means that his employment with the Company is voluntarily entered into, and Employee is free to resign at will, at any time, with or without notice, with or without cause. Similarly, the Company may terminate the employment relationship at will, at any time, with or without notice, with or without cause. Employee also understands and acknowledges that he may be demoted or disciplined, and the terms of his employment may be altered at any time, with or without cause, at the discretion of the Company. Employee understands and acknowledges that no individual other than the Chief Executive Officer of the Company has the authority to enter into any employment or other agreement that modifies Employee’s “at-will” status. Any such modification must be in a single writing signed by both the Employee and by the Company’s Chief Executive Officer. Employee further understands that no policy, practice, procedure, statement, or action of the Company, or any individual at the Company, may alter, modify, or waive the at-will nature of employment with the Company in any way or at any time.
  3. Employment Policies. Employee agrees to abide by the Company’s policies, procedures, and rules, written or otherwise, as may be modified from time to time in the sole discretion of the Company.
  4. Competitive Activities. During his employment, Employee shall not directly or indirectly either as an employee, employer, consultant, agent, principal, partner, stockholder, corporate officer, director or in any other individual or representative capacity, engage or participate in any business that is in competition in any manner whatsoever with the business of the Company.
  5. Compensation.
    - a. Base Salary. Employee shall receive an annual base salary of \$225,000 less all legally required and authorized deductions. Payment of salary shall be in accordance with the Company’s standard payroll practices. Employee understands and acknowledges that he will be a salaried exempt employee under state and federal wage and hour law.
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b. Annual Bonus. Employee understands and acknowledges that, for purposes of annual bonus calculations, the Company's bonus calendar runs from October 1 through September 30. For 2006, Employee shall receive a bonus of \$75,000, which will be prorated based on the number of months worked by Employee in 2006 as of September 30, 2006. The amount of future annual bonuses shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Company.

c. Stock Options. The Company shall grant Employee options to purchase 200,000 shares of the Company's common stock, at an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of this Agreement (the "Options"), in accordance with the terms and conditions of a separate stock option grant agreement to be executed by Company and Employee. The Options shall vest ratably in annual increments over a period of five years.

d. Vacation. Employee shall be entitled to vacation benefits consistent with those for similarly situated executives employed by the Company.

e. Benefits. Employee understands and acknowledges that he will not be eligible for health care benefits, and that if Employee desires to continue the health care benefits offered by his former employer, he may do so by timely electing continued coverage under COBRA. The Company agrees to consider the establishment of healthcare and other employee benefits as it may deem appropriate from time to time.

6. Trade Secrets and Confidential and/or Proprietary Information. Employee acknowledges and agrees that during his employment, and in the course of the discharge of his duties hereunder, Employee will have access to and become acquainted with information concerning the operations of the Company, including without limitation, financial, marketing, personnel, sales, operational, client, and other information that is owned by the Company and regularly used in the operation of the Company's businesses, and that such information constitutes the Company's trade secrets and/or confidential or proprietary information. Employee specifically agrees that he shall not misuse, misappropriate or disclose any such trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information directly or indirectly to any other person or use them in any way, either during the term of his employment, or at any time thereafter, except as is required in the course of the Employment. Employee further agrees that all files, records, documents, drawings, specifications, equipment and similar items relating to the Company's businesses, whether prepared by Employee or others, are and shall remain exclusively the property of the Company, and will be returned to the Company upon termination of employment.

7. Non-Solicitation. Employee agrees that during his employment, and for a period of one year after the termination of his employment, Employee shall not, directly or indirectly, either on Employee's own behalf, or as a member of or agent of any other entity use the Company's trade secrets and/or confidential proprietary information to solicit, induce (or attempt to induce), or endeavor to entice away any clients or customers of the Company (unless the Company consents in writing); or (b) solicit, interfere with, induce (or attempt to induce) or endeavor to entice away any employee or independent contractor associated with the Company (or any person whose employment or status as an independent contractor has terminated within six months preceding the date of such solicitation) to become affiliated with him or any other person or entity.

8. Arbitration. Any claim or controversy arising out of or relating to Employee's employment at the Company, the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the enforceability of any term of this Agreement, or any breach thereof between or among the parties, shall be submitted to arbitration in Palo Alto, California before a sole arbitrator (the "Arbitrator") selected from the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"), and shall be conducted in accordance with the AAA's Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes and the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1280 et seq., as the sole, binding and exclusive remedy for such claim or controversy. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding.

Judgment on any award rendered by such arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the controversy. The fees and costs of the arbitrator shall be paid in accordance with California law. Should any of the parties institute any legal action or administrative proceeding with respect to any claim or controversy covered by this Agreement by any method other than said arbitration, the responding party shall be entitled to recover from the other party all damages, costs, expenses and attorneys' fees incurred as a result of such action or proceeding.

9. Sole and Entire Agreement. Except as expressly set forth herein, this Agreement is the sole, complete and entire agreement between the Company and Employee concerning the matters contained in this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations and/or agreements between the parties, whether oral or written, concerning such matters.

10. Amendments. No amendment or other modification of this Agreement will be effective unless and until it is embodied in a written document signed by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Company, and by Employee.

11. Saving Provision. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement or any paragraph, provision and/or word of this Agreement shall be found to be illegal or unenforceable for any reason, such paragraph, provision and/or word shall be modified or deleted in such a manner as to make this Agreement, as so modified, legal and enforceable under California law. The remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

11. Applicable Law. This Agreement and each and every portion of this Agreement shall be interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of California.

12. References to the Company. The term "Company", as such term is used in Sections 4, 6 and 7 hereof, shall refer to the Company and its subsidiaries.

13. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and both of which, taken together, shall be deemed one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company and Employee have each duly executed this Agreement as of the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.

NET 1 UEPS TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By: /s/ Dr. Serge C.P. Belamant

DAVID A. SCHWARZBACH

/s/ David A. Schwarzbach

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**Certification Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)**

I, Serge Belamant, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. ("Net1") for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005;

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

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Net1 as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. Net1's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for Net1 and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to Net1, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of Net1's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in Net1's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during Net1's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, Net1's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. Net1's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to Net1's auditors and the Audit Committee of Net1's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect Net1's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Net1's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 6, 2006

/s / Serge Belamant  
Serge Belamant  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman  
of the Board



**Certification Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a)**

I, Herman Kotzé, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. ("Net1") for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005;

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

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Net1 as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. Net1's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for Net1 and have:

(a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to Net1, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) Evaluated the effectiveness of Net1's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

(d) Disclosed in this report any change in Net1's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during Net1's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, Net1's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. Net1's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to Net1's auditors and the Audit Committee of Net1's Board of Directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

(a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect Net1's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Net1's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 6, 2006

/s / Herman Kotzé

Herman Kotzé

Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and  
Secretary

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350**

For purposes of Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, in connection with the filing on the date hereof with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. ("Net1") for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 (the "Report"), the undersigned, the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Net1, hereby certifies that, to his knowledge:

1. the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Net1.

Date: February 6, 2006

/s/: Serge Belamant  
Name: Serge Belamant  
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman  
of the Board

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**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350**

For purposes of Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, in connection with the filing on the date hereof with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc. ("Net1") for the three and six months ended December 31, 2005 (the "Report"), the undersigned, the Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary of the Board of Net1, hereby certifies that, to his knowledge:

1. the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Net1.

Date: February 6, 2006

/s/ Herman Kotzé

Name: Herman Kotzé

Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and  
Secretary

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