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Annual Report 2001 Hundreds of thousands of transactions are completed each year across the \$5 trillion commercial real estate industry. Each one of those transactions requires hundreds of detailed facts for the participants to make informed decisions. Access to reliable market information can greatly improve the speed, efficiency and value of the transaction.

CoStar Group, Inc. is the principal information provider to the U.S. commercial real estate industry. CoStar offers commercial real estate professionals access to the most accurate and comprehensive database of information on the U.S. commercial real estate market, and the largest

known digital image library of commercial properties. CoStar delivers its extensive content through a suite of products that provides customers with the critical knowledge to understand market conditions, value properties, identify prospects, discover opportunities and conduct transactions efficiently.

Whether it be CoStar Property™ to find space and position buildings effectively, CoStar COMPS® to accurately value an asset, CoStar Tenant®, a versatile prospecting tool, or CoStar Connect™ to enable customers to present their listings on their Web sites, CoStar is at work in almost every major real estate firm in the United States.

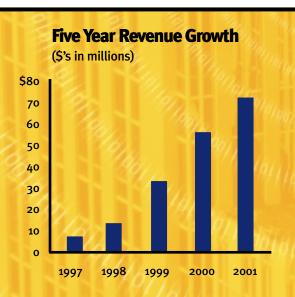
# Financial Highlights

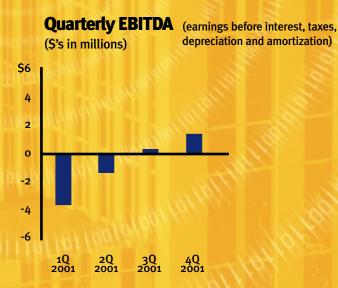
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Annual Report 2001 Andrew C. Florance President and Chief Executive Officer

# To our Shareholders

I am pleased to report that we not only met, but also exceeded our profitability goals, achieving pro forma profitability for the fourth quarter of 2001.

When we founded CoStar Group in 1987, we believed we could meet commercial real estate professionals' need for reliable, comprehensive online market information and bring tremendous cost savings and efficiency to the process.

Since 1993, we have grown from a single market with a few hundred customers, to 50 markets and thousands of customers. Our product offerings have expanded from one — CoStar Property™ — to seven major revenue producers. Today, CoStar is an integral part of the commercial real estate business, providing essential information to our customers' leasing, sales and valuation processes.

The industry's adoption of CoStar as the centralized, Internet-based information clearinghouse has greatly improved the way information is collected and distributed. The sophisticated technology we have developed helps brokers and owners access data quickly, dramatically increasing their productivity. In fact, a recent study conducted by The Wharton School on behalf of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors® notes that a single, large brokerage firm operating in a major metropolitan area could save in excess of \$150,000 a year using CoStar services.

#### 2001 accomplishments

In 2001, with our national platform substantially complete, CoStar Group's activities focused on increasing the penetration of our core products in existing markets, while striving to achieve operating profitability. The company showed strong top line and earnings growth despite a severe downturn in commercial real estate, proving the resiliency of our business model. Revenues for the year ended December 31, 2001 were \$72.5 million compared to \$58.5 million for 2000, an increase of \$14 million or 24 percent.

Our performance improved from a pro forma loss of \$(0.42) a share in the fourth quarter of 2000, to pro forma earnings of \$0.01 a share for the fourth quarter of 2001. We have consistently reported pro forma results, which exclude only purchase amortization from our acquisitions and the related income tax benefit.

Market conditions in 2001 were the worst the U.S. commercial real estate industry has seen in over a decade. Leasing activity and net absorption — key indicators of our clients' health — were down sharply in 2001, well below their historic averages. We believe CoStar Group performed well in 2001 despite such adverse market conditions because our products represent a substantial cost savings, are mission critical and introduce new revenue opportunities to our customers. The renewal rate for our core customers — commercial real estate professionals — remains above 90 percent.



Between July 2001 and March 2002, CoStar signed longterm, national renewal and expansion agreements with many of the industry's leading firms, including CB Richard Ellis, Cushman & Wakefield and Grubb & Ellis.

We introduced two additional products that offer significant benefits to our customers. In March 2001, we released CoStar Connect™, a service that licenses CoStar's technology and content to commercial real estate firms and enables them to market their for-lease and for-sale listings on their company Web site. CoStar Connect addresses the shortcomings of our competitors' first-generation services, which provided little more than a basic software application. We believe our product is the only

one that provides both state of the art technology as well as content, relieving customers of the time-consuming chore of inputting and maintaining their listings on their Web sites. More than 150 customers are now using CoStar Connect, with many switching from a competitive service.

The CoStar Office Report<sup>™</sup>, launched in October 2001, marked the first time CoStar had ever aggregated its massive building level data in a published report. An extension of our CoStar Advisory<sup>™</sup> analytic reports, The CoStar Office Report provides

in-depth current and historical data covering over 1,000 sub-markets within 35 of the nation's major metropolitan office markets, including details such as absorption rates, vacancy rates, rental rates, average sales prices, cap rates, existing inventory and current construction activity. CoStar offers these quarterly reports for 35 individual markets and a complete hardbound national edition.

#### extending leadership position

CoStar Group continues to enjoy a definitive leading market position in the commercial real estate information industry. Over the past two years, CoStar has competed against dozens of unsuccessful market entrants who, collectively, lost hundreds of millions of dollars in failed attempts to challenge our business model. One of the strongest competitors we've faced, RealtylQ, closed its doors in 2001. Some of the more recent business models touted in the market — commercial board-managed information exchanges — require the broker to manually input and maintain listings, and limit competitive brokers' and owners' access to that information. We don't

believe a business model that places the burden on the broker to maintain listings represents a viable outsourcing solution. What's more, we believe open access to information is critical for an efficient marketplace.

CoStar's comprehensive database and proactive research model provide a major competitive advantage in this regard. As of December 31, 2001, our approximately 600 researchers

were tracking over 23 billion square feet of commercial real estate, or over 950,000 properties; 2.8 billion square feet of space available for lease; 640,000 sale comparables; 65,000 properties for sale; and 750,000 tenants. In addition, CoStar maintains the industry's largest proprietary library of digital images, with over 1.3 million building photos, floor plans and plat maps.



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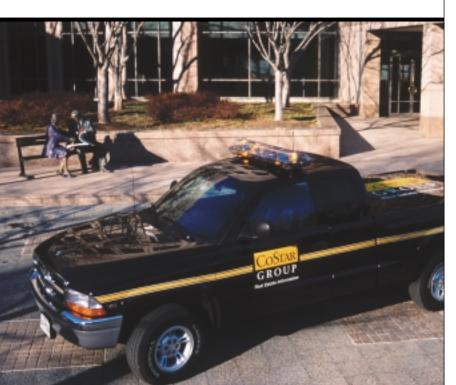
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#### completing product integration

Our next stage of product development is focused on integrating all of our subscription-based products to a common Internet platform. CoStar Tenant 4.0 — the first Web-enabled version of our business-to-business prospecting product — was released in June 2001. Concurrently, CoStar COMPS® and CoStar Exchange® were redesigned with a common platform, enabling customers to view similar menus and commands based on the same intuitive navigation scheme and functionality.

With the planned release of the first Internet version of our flagship product, CoStar Property™, in fall 2002, our customers will be able to access all of the CoStar information services they subscribe to through a single interface. In addition, advanced communication features, including the ability to share information with their clients across the Internet through CoStar Connect, will deliver significant added value for our customers.



#### positioning for continued growth

While we enjoy a dominant market position, we believe CoStar Group is in the early stages of penetrating the potential market for commercial real estate information services. In fact, 50 percent of our subscription revenue contract growth in 2001 came from new customers. The infrastructure we have in place is highly leverageable, and our strong balance sheet — we finished 2001 with \$42 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments and no long-term debt — leaves us well positioned to exploit the opportunities we've identified. We believe we can continue to produce strong revenue growth by reaching new customers with our core products and selling additional products to existing customers. Additional markets, either domestically or overseas, and new products are expected to provide us with additional opportunities.

Over the past two years, we made significant additions to our management team through recruitment, acquisitions and internal promotions. That seasoned group is arguably the strongest and most experienced team in the industry. We are now working diligently to upgrade the depth of our middle management in two core areas — Research and Sales.

We plan to increase our sales force by 30 percent this year and are continuing to invest in comprehensive training to help our account executives effectively cross-sell our entire product roster.

A major strength of our business model is our ability to grow revenues over a relatively fixed cost structure. We believe we are poised to enter the next stage of sustained growth in revenue and earnings. We are excited about the opportunities we see for the near and longer term and look forward to reporting our progress to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew C. Florance President and Chief Executive Officer CoStar Group, Inc.

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#### recognition & achievements

- 2001 Deloitte & Touche Technology Fast 500 Third consecutive year
- 2001 Deloitte & Touche Technology Maryland Fast 50
   Third consecutive year
- 2001 Washington Techway Fast 50
- Forbes Best of the Web B2B, Real Estate Second consecutive year

#### major signings

Over the past 12 months, CoStar Group signed new contracts and renewal agreements with many of the leading national commercial real estate firms, including:

#### **Commercial Real Estate Services**

- CB Richard Ellis
- Cushman & Wakefield
- Grubb & Ellis
- Julien J. Studley Inc.
- · Marcus & Millichap
- The Staubach Co.

#### **Property Owners**

- Equity Office
- Prologis
- Vornado Realty Trust

#### **Lenders/Financial Services**

- GMAC Commercial Mortgage
- Fannie Mae



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# Our Products

#### costar property™

CoStar Property delivers a complete inventory of office and industrial properties that subscribers use to research leasing options, market their properties, and analyze market conditions and competitive property positions. With CoStar Property's comprehensive content, extensive image library and abundant report options, users can easily produce high-quality, customized presentations. Breaking industry news, delivered electronically to customers' desktops, complements the verified listings in CoStar Property.



#### costar tenant®

CoStar Tenant is a detailed business-to-business prospecting and analytical tool providing commercial real estate professionals with the most comprehensive tenant information available. CoStar Tenant profiles tenants in commercial buildings across the United States and provides updates on lease expirations — one of the product's key features — occupancy levels, growth rates and numerous other facts. Delivering this information via the Internet allows users to target prospective clients quickly through a searchable database that identifies only those tenants meeting certain criteria.

#### costar comps 6

CoStar COMPS provides comprehensive, national coverage of comparable sales information in the commercial real estate industry. It is the industry's most comprehensive database of comparable sales transactions designed for professionals who need to research property comparables, identify market trends, expedite the appraisal process and support property valuations. The service is provided through a Web-based system that allows users to search the database on a subscription basis or on demand.



#### costar connect™

CoStar Connect allows commercial real estate firms to license CoStar's technology and content to market property listings on their corporate Web sites. Customers enhance the quality and depth of their listing information through access to CoStar's database of content and digital images. The service automatically updates and manages customers' online property information, providing comprehensive coverage of their listings and significantly reducing their expense of building the Web site content and functionality.



#### costar exchange®

CoStar Exchange is an online marketplace for buying and selling commercial properties. Customers use the easily accessible database, which is the industry's premier service that includes correlating data on space availability, tenants, comparable sales and digital images, to post and search for properties quickly and efficiently. The information is distributed through a broker-centric model on a Web-based browser and represents an efficient means for sellers to reach a large pre-qualified audience and for buyers to more effectively identify target properties.

costar office report™

The CoStar Office Report provides in-depth current and historical data covering 35 of the nation's major metropolitan office markets. Published quarterly, each market report includes details such as absorption rates, vacancy rates, rental rates, average sales prices, cap rates, existing inventory and current construction activity. This data is presented using standard definitions and calculations developed by CoStar and offers real estate professionals critical and unbiased information necessary to make intelligent real estate decisions. The CoStar Office report is a product of CoStar Advisory™, a line of analytic reports that provides important market metrics at the market and sub-market level for the Atlanta and Dallas markets.

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#### metropolis™

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The Metropolis software system is a single interface that combines commercial real estate data from multiple information providers into a comprehensive resource. The Metropolis software allows a user to input a property address and then view detailed information on that property from multiple information providers, including CoStar. This technology offers commercial real estate professionals a simple and convenient solution for integrating a wealth of third-party information and proprietary data and is currently available for the Southern California market.

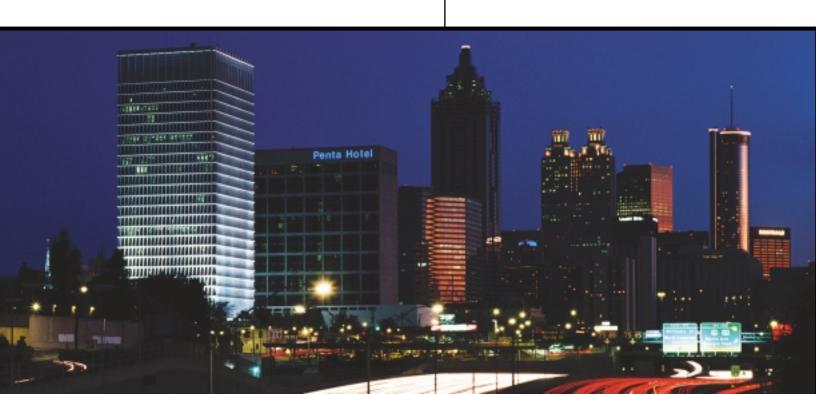


#### costar marketplace™

CoStar Marketplace provides an on-line means for the commercial real estate and related business community to direct their advertising to the appropriate decision makers. Customer benefits from this advertising service include highly targeted distribution, higher visibility and cost efficiency in delivering advertising materials to targeted audiences.

#### costar ares 2000®

CoStar ARES is a leading contact management and business development tool for commercial real estate professionals. It is a commercial real estate specific add-on to ACT! 2000, a leading sales software program. As a value-added application, CoStar ARES is used as an office-wide repository for contacts, property listings and comparables. CoStar ARES provides marketing capabilities, integrated reporting and seamless importing of data from other CoStar products.



### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 10-K

#### ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

Commission file number 0-24531

## CoStar Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 52-2091509 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2 Bethesda Metro Center, 10th Floor Bethesda, Maryland 20814 (Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(301) 215-8300 Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: Common Stock (\$.01 par value)

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any statement to this Form 10-K. [X]

Based on the closing price of the common stock on March 15, 2002 on the Nasdaq Stock Market®, the aggregate market value of registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$268.9 million.

As of March 15, 2002, there were 15,720,883 shares of registrant's common stock outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement, which is expected to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the registrant's fiscal year, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

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#### PART I

#### Item 1 Business

(In this report, the words "we," "our," "us," "CoStar" or the "Company" refer to CoStar Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries. This report also refers to our Web site, but information contained on that site is not part of this report.)

CoStar Group, Inc. is the leading provider of information services to the U.S. commercial real estate industry. CoStar's suite of products offers customers access via the Internet to the most comprehensive, verified database of commercial real estate information in over 50 U.S. markets.

Since its founding in 1987, CoStar's strategy has been to provide commercial real estate professionals with critical knowledge to complete transactions, by offering the most comprehensive, timely and standardized information on U.S. commercial real estate. CoStar delivers its content to customers through 10 distinct products and services. Our wide array of digital service offerings includes a leasing marketplace, a selling marketplace, sales comparable information, data hosting for clients' web sites, decision support, contact management, tenant information, property data integration, property marketing and industry news. Today, we are creating a centralized digital marketplace where the commercial real estate industry and related businesses can continuously interact and easily facilitate transactions over the Internet due to efficient exchange of accurate information supplied by CoStar.

We have a number of assets that provide a unique foundation for this marketplace, including the most comprehensive, proprietary, national database in the industry; the largest research department in the industry; proprietary technology, including in-house product development; a broad suite of digital products and services; and what we believe is the largest number of participating organizations. Our database has been constructed over more than a decade by a research department that makes updates daily to our database throughout the year. In addition to our internal efforts to grow the database, we have obtained and assimilated over 50 proprietary databases. As of December 31, 2001, our database contained information on more than 23 billion square feet of commercial real estate, over 640,000 sales comparables, approximately 750,000 tenants and covered more than \$85 billion in properties for sale.

#### **Industry Overview**

We believe that the market for commercial real estate information is vast based on the variety, volume and value of transactions related to commercial real estate. Each transaction has multiple information requirements, and in order to facilitate transactions, industry participants must have extensive, accurate and current information. Members of the commercial real estate and related business community require daily access to current data such as rental rates, vacancy rates, tenant movements, sales comparables, supply, new construction, absorption rates and other important market developments to carry out their businesses effectively. There is a strong need for an efficient marketplace, where commercial real estate professionals can exchange information, evaluate opportunities using national standardized data, and interact with each other on a continuous basis.

A large number of parties involved in the commercial real estate and related business community require extensive information to conduct their businesses, including:

- Sales and leasing brokers
- Property owners
- Property managers
- Design and construction professionals
- Real estate developers
- Real estate investment trust managers
- Investment bankers
- Commercial bankers
- Mortgage bankers
- Mortgage brokers

- Government agencies' staff members
- Mortgage-backed security issuers
- Appraisers
- Reporters
- Tenant vendors
- Building services vendors
- Communications providers
- Insurance companies' managers
- Institutional advisors
- Investors and asset managers

The commercial real estate and related business community generally operates in an inefficient marketplace because of the fragmented approach to gathering and exchanging information within the marketplace. Various organizations, including hundreds of brokerage firms, directory publishers and local research companies, have attempted to collect data on specific markets and develop software to analyze the information they have independently gathered. This highly fragmented methodology has resulted in duplication of effort in the collection and analysis of information, excessive internal cost and the creation of non-standardized data containing varying degrees of accuracy and comprehensiveness, resulting in a formidable information gap.

The creation of an efficient digital marketplace for commercial real estate requires an infrastructure including a national, standardized database; accurate and comprehensive research capabilities; and intensive, real-time participant interaction. By combining its extensive database, approximately 600 experienced researchers, technological expertise and broad customer base, CoStar believes that it has created the platform for this national exchange. Our infrastructure combined with Internet technology has allowed CoStar to develop a truly centralized and interactive digital marketplace.

#### CoStar's Comprehensive, National Database

CoStar has spent 15 years building and acquiring a proprietary database of commercial real estate information, which includes information on leasing, sales, comparable sales, tenants, demand statistics and digital images.

As of December 31, 2001, our proprietary database covered 50 markets and contained:

- more than 23 billion square feet of U.S. commercial real estate;
- over 950,000 properties;
- approximately 2.8 billion square feet of space available;
- over 65,000 properties for sale;
- approximately 750,000 tenants occupying commercial real estate space;
- more than 640,000 sales transactions valued at over \$769 billion; and
- over 1.3 million high-resolution digital images, including building photographs, aerial photographs, plat maps and floor plans.

This highly complex database is comprised of hundreds of data fields, tracking such categories as:

- Location
- Site and zoning information
- Building characteristics
- Space availability
- Tax assessments
- Ownership
- Sales comparables

- Mortgage and deed information
- For-sale information
- Income and expense histories
- Tenant names
- Lease expirations
- Contact information
- Historical trends

#### CoStar Research

We have developed a sophisticated data collection organization utilizing a multi-faceted research process. In 2001, our researchers drove over one million miles, conducted hundreds of thousands of on-site building inspections, examined more than 68 million public records and interviewed millions of tenants, owners and brokers.

Research Department. As of December 31, 2001, approximately 600 commercial real estate research professionals were engaged in research for CoStar. Every research employee undergoes an extensive training program to maintain consistent research methods and processes. Our researchers collect and analyze commercial real estate information through millions of phone calls, e-mails, Internet updates and faxes each year, in addition to field inspections, public records review, news monitoring and direct mail. Each researcher is responsible for maintaining the accuracy and reliability of the database. As part of their update process, researchers develop cooperative relationships with industry professionals that allow them to gather useful information. Because of the importance commercial real estate professionals place on our data and our prominent position in the industry, these professionals frequently take the initiative and report transactions to our researchers.

CoStar has an extensive field research effort that permits physical inspection of properties in order to find additional inventory, photograph properties and verify existing information. Some of these researchers use CoStar trucks equipped with Global Positioning Systems, which use satellites to keep track of the trucks' location and pinpoint building locations. Each CoStar truck uses wireless technology to track and transmit field data. A dispatch center in the Company's Bethesda office manages the entire day-to-day field operations while using tracking software to monitor each researcher's progress. As of December 31, 2001, CoStar had 39 trucks used by field researchers in markets throughout the United States. The site inspection consists of photographing the building, measuring the building (if necessary), counting parking spaces, assessing property condition and construction, and gathering tenant information. Certain researchers canvass properties, interviewing tenants suite by suite. Other researchers conduct fieldwork in county courthouses and public records offices. In addition, many of our field researchers are photographers who take photographs of commercial real estate properties for CoStar to add to the collection of CoStar's digital images in our database.

*License Agreements*. We license a small portion of our data from public record providers, and licensing agreements with these entities provide for our use of a portion of their national property ownership information in the enhancement and development of various CoStar services.

Management and Quality Control Systems. In 2001, we continued to implement our automated and non-automated controls to ensure the integrity of the data collection process. A large number of automated data quality tests check for potential errors including occupancy date conflicts, available square footage greater than building area, typical floor space greater than land area, and expired leases. Our non-automated quality control procedures include:

- calling our information sources on recently-updated properties to re-verify information;
- reviewing commercial real estate periodicals for transactions to cross-check our research;
- performing periodic research audits and field checks to determine if we correctly canvassed all buildings;
- providing training and retraining to our research professionals to ensure accurate data compilation; and
- compiling measurable performance metrics for research teams and managers for feedback on data quality.

Finally, one of the most important and effective quality control measures we rely on is feedback, garnered through regular client surveys taken from the commercial real estate professionals using our data every day.

#### **Proprietary Technology**

In-House Product Development and Information Technology Team. As of December 31, 2001, CoStar had a staff of approximately 65 product development and information technology professionals who focused on developing and creating enhanced products, designing systems to ensure continuous improvement in data quality, improving the speed of data delivery, and building infrastructure capable of supporting CoStar's comprehensive database and image library. In 2001, this team completed the development of several new Web products and enhanced other Web enabled software products that use the Internet for delivery of content and digital images. On an ongoing basis, these professionals make modifications to internal applications to implement efficiencies and controls that ultimately produce quality improvements to the database. They regularly implement product enhancements, including expanded features and new graphic design. To increase the speed of data collection, quality control review and data delivery, the product development and information technology team makes regular adjustments to internal systems. In addition, this team is responsible for developing the infrastructure to appropriately support a database with the size and complexity of CoStar's database.

Computer and Communications Hardware/Software Systems. We maintain Windows servers in support of the database and a national internal frame relay network to allow remote researchers real-time access to the database. We store full data back-ups off site. We use client-server software to manage our internal data collection. In addition, over the past decade we have developed and refined our own software systems, which collect building-specific data, track commercial real estate companies and individuals in the industry, distribute data and facilitate operations.

#### **Products and Services**

Our various products and services are described in detail in the following paragraphs.

CoStar Property™. CoStar Property delivers to subscribers a complete inventory of office and industrial properties and has fostered the development of our digital leasing marketplace. Subscribers use CoStar Property to research leasing

options, analyze market conditions and competitive property positions, and produce multimedia client presentations. Members of the broader commercial real estate community, including non-CoStar subscribers, utilize CoStar Property extensively to market their properties. Subscribers can query CoStar Property with any combination of pertinent criteria, combining any of approximately 100 data fields from categories such as building size, location, building characteristics, space availability, or ownership. CoStar Property's search engine scans through hundreds of millions of square feet of space in a specified market in seconds to find all the properties meeting the search criteria. Our subscribers can select from over 80 customizable reports, presenting space availability, comparable sales, tenant activity, market statistics, photographs, and floor plans. Users can export and edit reports, photos and floor plans to help determine the feasibility of a specific space for the user's needs. Our clients also use CoStar Property to analyze market conditions by calculating current vacancy rates, absorption rates or average rental rates.

CoStar Tenant®. CoStar Tenant is a detailed business-to-business prospecting and analytical tool for commercial real estate professionals. Available via the Internet and a desktop application, CoStar Tenant delivers detailed information profiling the tenants occupying commercial buildings by tracking tenants throughout the United States. A key service feature is lease expiration information. Subscribers use CoStar Tenant to gather information about particular tenants, identify and target the most likely tenants to lease space, ascertain all tenants in a particular building, understand trends and the underlying demand for commercial real estate, locate and target the tenants most likely to need representation for their real estate requirements, and pinpoint the tenants most likely to buy a particular vendor's goods and services.

CoStar COMPS®. CoStar COMPS is a tool for lenders, brokers, appraisers, investors and corporate real estate executives who need to research property comparables, identify market trends, expedite the appraisal process, support property valuations, and locate prospective customers using the database of buyers, sellers and brokers. CoStar COMPS provides comprehensive, national information on comparable sales information in the commercial real estate industry. This service is provided through a Web-based system and includes information on sale prices, income and expenses, capitalization rates, loan data and other key details. Customers may search the proprietary database of comparable sale information using multiple search parameters, including location, property type, square footage, price range and number of units. Customers receive a report of all relevant properties in the database matching their search criteria, including photographs.

CoStar Exchange™. CoStar Exchange is an on-line marketplace for the buying and selling of commercial properties. As of December 31, 2001, the database contained over 65,000 commercial properties for sale with a combined asset value of approximately \$85 billion. This information is distributed in a broker-centric model through a secure Web-based browser where sellers and brokers of properties are able to list extensive information about their properties for sale on the site at no cost. The site affords an efficient means for these sellers to reach a large universe of potential buyers. Sellers of investment-grade properties have the additional option of selecting limited, secure distribution of their properties in order to address confidentiality requirements. The CoStar Exchange service integrates the content developed through years of research under CoStar Property, CoStar Tenant, CoStar COMPS and other CoStar services.

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CoStar News™. Our Web site, our CoStar services and our e-mail news dispatches have become an accepted source of reliable industry news. In 2001, we published over 7,700 news stories. Our NewsWire feature keeps clients informed of late-breaking commercial real estate news such as deals signed, acquisitions and groundbreakings.

Metropolis<sup>™</sup>. The Metropolis software system is a single interface that combines commercial real estate data from multiple information providers into a comprehensive resource. The Metropolis software allows a user to input a property address and then view detailed information on that property from multiple information providers, including CoStar products. This technology offers commercial real estate professionals a simple and convenient solution for integrating a wealth of third-party information and proprietary data, and is currently available for the Southern California market.

CoStar Marketplace™. CoStar Marketplace provides an on-line means for the commercial real estate and related business community to direct advertising to the appropriate decision-makers. We currently deliver this service through our CoStar services and via our Web site. This service benefits our clients by providing them with increased distribution, higher visibility, and a more cost-effective way to reach their targeted audience for their advertising materials.

CoStar ARES 2000°. CoStar ARES 2000 is a leading contact management and business tool for commercial real estate professionals. CoStar ARES 2000 works in conjunction with ACT! 2000 and turns ACT! into a real estate productivity system by providing commercial real estate elements that are not provided by ACT!. Users of CoStar ARES 2000 can import data from other CoStar services into CoStar ARES 2000.

#### Clients

We draw clients from across the commercial real estate and related business community. Commercial real estate brokers have traditionally formed the largest portion of CoStar clients, however, we also provide services to owners, landlords, financial institutions, vendors, appraisers, investment banks and other parties involved in commercial real estate. The following chart lists representative customers in various categories.

| Brokerage   | Lenders, Investment Bankers  | Appraisers, Accountants   |
|---|--|---|
| Cushman & Wakefield CB Richard Ellis Grubb & Ellis Jones Lang LaSalle Insignia/ESG Julien J. Studley The Staubach Company Carter & Associates Colliers Binswanger Marcus & Millichap Equis Kennedy-Wilson Properties Daum Commercial Real Estate Advantis Real Estate Services U.S. Equities Realty | Bankers Trust Company Credit Suisse First Boston GMAC Commercial Mortgage Merrill Lynch Bank of America Wells Fargo Washington Mutual World Savings Fannie Mae | Arthur Andersen KPMG PricewaterhouseCoopers Deloitte and Touche |
| REITs   | Owners and Developers  | Vendors   |
| Boston Properties<br>CarrAmerica<br>Equity Office Properties<br>Prentiss Properties<br>Prologis   | Hines Trammell Crow Company TrizecHahn Corporation Gale & Wentworth Manulife Financial Industrial Developments Internatio                                      | IntelliSpace<br>Kastle Systems<br>nal                           |

| Government Agencies                     | Property Managers        | Institutional Advisors, Asset Manager |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| County of Los Angeles                   | Transwestern             | AEW Capital Management                |
| Fairfax County Dev. Authority           | Leggat McCall Properties | Jones Lang LaSalle                    |
| Montgomery County Dept. of Public Works | Lincoln Property Company | Legg Mason                            |
| NYC Economic Development                | PM Realty Group          | LendLease Real Estate Investments     |
| U.S. General Services Administration    |                          | USAA Real Estate Company              |

As of December 31, 2001, no single client accounted for more than 5% of our revenues. Over 90% of our revenues arise from subscription based clients under long term contracts.

#### Sales and Marketing

As of December 31, 2001, we had over 135 sales, marketing and customer support employees, with the majority of our direct sales force located in field sales offices. Our sales teams are primarily geographically focused and located in over 27 field sales offices in our largest U.S. markets. Our offices typically serve as the platform for our in-market sales, client service, and field research operations for their respective regions. The sales force is responsible for selling to new prospects, renewing existing client contracts and identifying cross-selling opportunities.

Our sales strategy is to aggressively attract new clients, while providing ongoing incentives for existing clients to subscribe to additional services. Our field salespeople primarily focus on three product areas: Information Solutions, eMedia and ARES 2000. The Information Solutions sales personnel focus on selling CoStar Property, CoStar Tenant, CoStar COMPS, CoStar Exchange, CoStar Connect, CoStar Office Reports and Metropolis. Many of these salespeople have significant commercial real estate experience, allowing them to take a consultative sales approach. Within this group, we have a Vice President of major accounts, who focuses solely on meeting the special needs of the Company's largest clients. The eMedia sales personnel sell CoStar Connect and CoStar Marketplace. Many of these sales people have an advertising sales background or experience in commercial real estate. The ARES 2000 sales personnel focus on selling CoStar ARES 2000.

We seek to make our services essential to our clients' businesses. To encourage clients to use our services regularly, we generally charge fixed monthly amounts rather than fees based on actual system usage. Our clients' monthly charges are based on the number of sites, organization size, the company's business focus, and the number of services to which a client subscribes.

Our customer service and support staff is charged with installing and training our client base, as well as ensuring high client satisfaction by providing on-going support. The customer service and support staff handles all facets of customer relations and have primary front-line responsibility for customer care.

Our primary marketing methods include: service demonstrations, direct marketing, trade show and industry events, print advertising, and client referrals. Direct marketing is the most cost-effective means for us to find prospective clients. Our direct marketing efforts include direct mail, e-mail and telemarketing, and make extensive use of our unique, proprietary database. Once we have identified a prospective client, we have found the most effective sales method is a service demonstration. Our advertising includes traditional print advertising, Internet banners and private network banners. We use various forms of advertising for brand identity, message reinforcement, and potential client identification. We also attend industry trade shows and seminars to reinforce our relationships with our core user groups.

#### Competition

The market for information systems and services generally is competitive and rapidly changing. In the commercial real estate industry, the principal competitive factors for commercial real estate information are:

- quality and depth of the underlying databases;
- price;
- ease of use, flexibility, and functionality of the software;
- timeliness of the data;
- breadth of geographic coverage and services offered;

- perception that the service offered is the industry standard;
- proprietary nature of methodologies, databases and technical resources;
- effectiveness of marketing and sales efforts;
- client service and support;
- vendor reputation;
- brand loyalty among customers; and
- capital resources.

We compete directly and indirectly for customers with the following categories of companies:

- on-line services or Web sites targeted to commercial real estate brokers, buyers and sellers of commercial real estate properties, insurance companies, mortgage brokers and lenders, such as LoopNet, Inc.;
- publishers and distributors of information services, including regional providers and smaller local providers, and national print publications, such as Black's Guide;
- locally controlled real estate boards, exchanges or associations sponsoring property listing services;
- companies that provide software to access commercial real estate information, such as Xceligent Inc.;
- in-house research departments operated by some commercial real estate brokers;
- consortiums of real estate companies formed to explore opportunities in technology; and
- public record providers.

As the digital real estate marketplace develops, additional competitors (including companies which could have greater access to data, financial, product development, technical, and marketing resources than we do) may enter the market and competition may intensify. While we believe that we have successfully differentiated ourselves from existing competitors, competition could materially harm our business.

#### **Proprietary Rights**

To protect our proprietary rights in our methodologies, database, software, trademarks and other intellectual property, we depend upon a combination of:

- trade secret, copyright, trademark and other laws;
- nondisclosure, noncompetition and other contractual provisions with employees and consultants;
- license agreements with customers;
- patent protection; and
- technical measures.

We seek to protect our software's source code and our database as trade secrets and under copyright law. Although copyright registration is not a prerequisite for copyright protection, we have filed for copyright registration for our databases, software and other materials. Under current law, the arrangement and selection of data may be protected, but the actual data itself may not be. We license our database, software and services under license agreements that grant our clients non-exclusive, non-transferable licenses. These agreements restrict the disclosure and use of our content, images and software. In addition, the license agreements prohibit the unauthorized reproduction or transfer of the information and software we license.

We also attempt to protect the secrecy of our proprietary database, our trade secrets and our proprietary information through confidentiality and noncompetition agreements with our employees and consultants. Our services also include technical measures to discourage and detect unauthorized copying of our intellectual property.

We have filed trademark applications to register trademarks for a variety of names for the CoStar products and other marks, and have obtained registered trademarks for a variety of our marks, including "CoStar," "COMPS," "CoStar Tenant," and "CoStar ARES." In addition, we have filed a patent application covering certain of our methodologies and software.

On September 30, 1999, CoStar filed suit against LoopNet, Inc., in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. The complaint asserts, among other things, that LoopNet infringed CoStar's copyrights by unlawfully displaying and distributing CoStar's copyrighted photographs on LoopNet's Web site. On March 14, 2000, the judge issued a preliminary injunction ordering LoopNet, Inc. to remove CoStar photographs from the LoopNet Web site once CoStar notifies it of any possible infringement, and that LoopNet require certain repeat offenders to produce evidence of copyright ownership before posting any photograph to the LoopNet Web site. On September 28, 2001, the Court issued an opinion resolving a number of dispositive and non-dispositive issues, leaving the case to proceed to trial, which is currently scheduled for July 8, 2002.

#### **Employees**

As of December 31, 2001, we employed 833 employees. None of our employees is represented by a labor union. We have experienced no work stoppages. We believe that our employee relations are excellent.

#### Item 2 Properties

Our corporate headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland, occupies approximately 60,000 square feet under a lease that expires on March 14, 2010. We believe that our Bethesda, Maryland, facility will be adequate to meet our requirements for our headquarters for the foreseeable future.

In addition to our Bethesda, Maryland, facility, our research operations are headquartered in San Diego, California and Mason, Ohio. Additionally, we lease office space in a variety of other locations, which generally house our field sales offices. These locations include, without limitation, the following: New York; Los Angeles; Chicago; San Francisco; Boston; Newport Beach; Philadelphia; Houston; Atlanta; Phoenix; Southfield, Michigan; Cranford, New Jersey; Charlotte, North Carolina; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Seattle; Denver; Austin; Dallas; Sacramento, California; Kansas City, Missouri; Independence, Ohio; Torrance, California; Tustin, California; and Tampa, Florida.

We do not consider any specific leased location to be material to our operations. We believe that equally suitable alternative locations are available in all areas where we currently do business.

#### Item 3 Legal Proceedings

Currently, and from time to time, we are involved in litigation incidental to the conduct of our business. We are not a party to any lawsuit or proceeding that, in the opinion of our management, is likely to have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

#### Item 4 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

We did not submit any matters to a vote of our security holders during the quarter ended December 31, 2001.

#### **PART II**

#### Item 5 Market for the Registrant's Common Stock and Related Stockholder Matters

*Price Range of Common Stock*. Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market® under the symbol "CSGP." The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sale price per share of our common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market®.

| Year Ended December 31, 2000 | High    | Low            |
|------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| First Quarter                | \$53.69 | \$30.38        |
| Second Quarter               | \$39.56 | \$20.38        |
| Third Quarter                | \$40.75 | \$24.50        |
| Fourth Quarter               | \$36.69 | \$18.27        |
| Year Ended December 31, 2001 |         |                |
| First Quarter                | \$30.75 | \$14.00        |
| Second Quarter               | \$29.06 | \$15.25        |
| Third Quarter                | \$28.05 | <b>\$15.75</b> |
| Fourth Quarter               | \$24.40 | \$16.30        |

As of March 15, 2002, there were approximately 118 holders of record of our common stock. On March 15, 2002, the last sale price reported on the Nasdaq Stock Market® for our common stock was \$19.90 per share.

*Dividend Policy*. We have never declared or paid any dividends on our common stock. We do not plan to do so in the foreseeable future.

*Recent Issues of Unregistered Securities.* We did not issue any unregistered securities during the year ended December 31, 2001.

#### Item 6 Selected Consolidated Financial and Operating Data

## Selected Consolidated Financial and Operating Data (In Thousands, Except Per Share Data and Other Operating Data)

The following table provides selected financial data for the five years ended December 31, 2001. The Statement of Operations Data we show below for 1999 through 2001 and the Balance Sheet Data for 2000 and 2001 is derived from audited financial statements that we include later in this report. The Statement of Operations Data for 1997 and 1998 and the Balance Sheet Data for 1997 through 1999 we show below is derived from audited financial statements for those years, which do not appear in this report.

|                                      | Year Ended December 31, |         |            |                    |                                       |    |          |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----|----------|
|                                      |                         | 1997    | 1998       | 1999               | 2000                                  |    | 2001     |
| Statement of Operations Data:        |                         |         |            |                    |                                       |    |          |
| Revenues                             | \$                      | 7,900   | \$ 13,900  | \$ 30,234          | \$ 58,502                             | \$ | 72,513   |
| Cost of revenues                     |                         | 3,413   | 4,562      | 13,244             | 30,202                                |    | 30,316   |
| Gross margin                         |                         | 4,487   | 9,338      | 16,990             | 28,300                                |    | 42,197   |
| Operating expenses                   |                         | 7,786   | 12,864     | 32,373             | 83,335                                |    | 64,923   |
| Loss from operations                 |                         | (3,299) | (3,526)    | (15,383)           | (55,035)                              |    | (22,726) |
| Other income, net                    |                         | 33      | 341        | 3,106              | 3,335                                 |    | 1,578    |
| Income tax benefit                   |                         | 0       | 0          | 0                  | 2,045                                 |    | 987      |
| Net loss                             | \$                      | (3,266) | \$ (3,185) | \$ (12,277)        | \$ (49,655)                           | \$ | (20,161) |
| Net loss per share—basic and diluted | \$                      | (0.57)  | \$ (0.44)  | \$ (1.05)          | \$ (3.28)                             | \$ | (1.29)   |
| Weighted average shares outstanding  |                         | 5,722   | 7,213      | 11,727             | 15,137                                |    | 15,636   |
|                                      |                         |         |            | As of December 31, |                                       |    |          |
|                                      |                         | 1997    | 1998       | 1999               | 2000                                  |    | 2001     |
| Balance Sheet Data:                  |                         |         |            |                    |                                       |    |          |
| Cash, cash equivalents and           |                         |         |            |                    |                                       |    |          |
| short-term investments               | \$                      | 1,069   | \$ 19,667  | \$ 94,074          | \$ 47,101                             | \$ | 42,002   |
| Working capital                      |                         | (1,547) | 16,900     | 89,153             | 35,601                                |    | 33,315   |
| Total assets                         |                         | 6,581   | 27,541     | 136,905            | 145,871                               |    | 123,646  |
| Total liabilities                    |                         | 3,664   | 4,338      | 17,208             | 19,497                                |    | 15,627   |
| Stockholders' equity                 |                         | 2,917   | 23,203     | 119,697            | 126,374                               |    | 108,019  |
|                                      |                         |         |            | As of December 31, |                                       |    |          |
|                                      |                         | 1997    | 1998       | 1999               | 2000                                  |    | 2001     |
| Other Operating Data:                |                         |         |            |                    |                                       |    |          |
| Markets Covered by Database          |                         | 14      | 19         | 41                 | 51                                    |    | 50       |
| Number of Subscription Clients       |                         | 1,123   | 1,731      | 3,612              | 5 <b>,</b> 407                        |    | 6,356    |
| Billions of Square Feet in Database  |                         | 6.5     | 9.1        | 15.6               | 21.7                                  |    | 23.0     |
| Buildings in Database                | 1.                      | 12,335  | 175,471    | 334,917            | 864,920                               |    | 950,000  |
|                                      |                         | 1       |            | , ,                | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |    | ,        |
| Images in Database                   | ,                       | 90,545  | 178,827    | 349,526            | 968,316                               | 1, | ,300,000 |

#### Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contains "forward-looking statements," which involve many risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from these statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, successful adoption of our products, competition, general economic conditions, changes in the commercial real estate industry, managerial execution, customer retention, development of our sales force, employee retention and our ability to adapt to technological changes. More information about potential factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, those stated below under the heading "Risk Factors." All forward-looking statements are based on information available to us on the date of this filing, and we assume no obligation to update such statements. The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the consolidated financial statements included in this Annual Report.

#### Overview

CoStar is the leading provider of information services to the U.S. commercial real estate industry. We have created a digital marketplace where the members of the commercial real estate and related business community can continuously interact and facilitate transactions by efficiently exchanging accurate and standardized commercial real estate information. Our wide array of digital service offerings includes a leasing marketplace, a selling marketplace, comparable sales information, decision support, tenant information, property marketing, data hosting for clients' Web sites, contact management, property data integration and industry news. Substantially all of our current services are digitally delivered over the Internet.

We completed our initial public offering in July, 1998, and received net proceeds of approximately \$22.7 million. We primarily used those net proceeds to fund the geographic and service expansion of our business, including three strategic acquisitions, and to expand our sales and marketing organization. In May, 1999, we completed a follow-on public offering and received net proceeds of approximately \$97.4 million. We used a portion of those net proceeds to fund the acquisition of COMPS.COM, Inc. ("Comps") and we expect to use the remainder of the proceeds primarily for development and distribution of new services, expansion of all existing services across our current markets, geographic expansion in the U.S. and international markets, strategic acquisitions, working capital and general corporate purposes.

From 1994 through 2001, we expanded the geographical coverage of our existing services and developed new services. In addition to internal growth, this expansion included the acquisitions of Chicago ReSource, Inc. in Chicago in 1996 and New Market Systems, Inc. in San Francisco in 1997. In August, 1998, we expanded into the Houston region through the acquisition of Houston-based real estate information provider C Data Services, Inc. In January, 1999, we expanded further into the Midwest and Florida by acquiring LeaseTrend, and into Atlanta and Dallas/Fort Worth by acquiring Jamison Research, Inc. In September, 1999, we acquired ARES, a Los Angeles based developer and distributor of ARES for ACT!. In February, 2000, we acquired Comps. In November, 2000, we acquired First Image Technologies. The more recent acquisitions are discussed later in this section.

Since our inception, the development of our business has required substantial investments for the expansion of our services and the establishment of operating regions throughout the U.S., which has resulted in substantial net losses on an overall basis. Throughout 1999 and 2000, we experienced a rapid expansion in the number of services that we offer and the number of regions in which we operate. By the beginning of 2001, we had substantially completed our goal of establishing a national platform of operating regions and service offerings in 50 market areas from which we believe we can appropriately meet the needs of the commercial real estate community for comprehensive national building specific information. During 2001, we focused on continuing to grow revenue while controlling and reducing costs, in an effort to reduce operating losses, and ultimately, move our business to profitability. As a result, in the third and fourth quarters of 2001, the Company generated positive earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, and at the end of the fourth quarter of 2001, the Company's total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments had increased over the balance at the end of the third quarter of 2001. We believe that the opportunity to continue to grow revenue from our existing national platform and services is significant and that a large component of the operating cost structure of the Company is made up of fixed operating costs. Therefore, based on expected revenue growth and continued cost control, we believe that during 2002 we can reduce our overall operating losses as compared to 2001 and generate positive operating cash flows.

We may develop and distribute new services and expand existing services across our current regions and we may experience continued geographic expansion in U.S. and international markets. The incremental cost of introducing new services in the future may reduce the profitability of a region or cause it to incur losses. Therefore, while we expect our current service offerings in existing regions to remain profitable and provide substantial funding for our business, it is possible that further overall expansion could cause us to generate losses and negative cash flow from operations in the future.

While our services continue to expand, our CoStar Property, CoStar Tenant and CoStar COMPS services currently generate the largest portion of our revenue. The CoStar Property, CoStar Tenant and CoStar COMPS subscription contracts generally have terms of one to three years and renew automatically. Upon renewal, many of the contract rates increase in accordance with contract provisions or as a result of contract renegotiations. To encourage clients to use our services regularly, we generally charge fixed amounts rather than fees based on actual system usage. We charge our clients based on the number of sites, organization size, the company's business focus and the number of services to which a client subscribes.

Our contract renewal rate historically has exceeded 90% on an annual basis. However, during 2001 many telecommunications companies, which represented approximately 6% of our revenues at their peak, discontinued or curtailed their operations. This has resulted in an increased number of cancellations of our services by these telecommunications companies. Sales to telecommunications companies currently represent approximately 1% of our revenues. These cancellations, together with the impact of general economic conditions on our entire customer base, have resulted in renewal rates of approximately 85% over the past 12 months.

Approximately 94% of our revenues arise from clients under subscription contracts. Our subscription clients pay contract fees on an annual, quarterly, or monthly basis. We recognize this revenue over the life of the contract on a straight-line basis beginning with the installation or renewal date. Annual and quarterly advance payments result in deferred revenue, substantially reducing the working capital requirements generated by accounts receivable.

The Company will apply the new rules on accounting for goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives beginning in the first quarter of 2002. The Company estimates that the effect of the new rules will be to decrease amortization expense related to goodwill by approximately \$3.7 million in 2002. During 2002, the Company will perform the first of the required impairment tests of goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives as of January 1, 2002. The Company does not expect that these tests will have any effect on our earnings and financial position during 2002.

#### Consolidated Results of Operations

The following table provides our selected consolidated results of operations (in thousands of dollars and as a percentage of total revenue) for the indicated periods:

|                                 |            |       | Year Ended I | December 3 | 1,         |       |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------|--------------|------------|------------|-------|
|                                 | 1999       | )     | 2000         | )          | 200        | 1     |
| Revenues                        | \$ 30,234  | 100 % | \$ 58,502    | 100 %      | \$ 72,513  | 100 % |
| Cost of revenues                | 13,244     | 44    | 30,202       | 52         | 30,316     | 42    |
| Gross margin                    | 16,990     | 56    | 28,300       | 48         | 42,197     | 58    |
| Operating expenses              |            |       |              |            |            |       |
| Selling and marketing           | 17,965     | 59    | 37,644       | 64         | 23,502     | 32    |
| Software development            | 1,108      | 4     | 3,865        | 7          | 5,137      | 7     |
| General and administrative      | 11,054     | 37    | 27,086       | 46         | 28,438     | 39    |
| Purchase amortization           | 2,246      | 7     | 8,928        | 15         | 7,846      | 11    |
| Acquired in-process development | 0          | 0     | 5,812        | 10         | 0          | 0     |
| Total operating expenses        | 32,373     | 107   | 83,335       | 142        | 64,923     | 90    |
| Loss from operations            | (15,383)   | (51)  | (55,035)     | (94)       | (22,726)   | (31)  |
| Other income, net               | 3,106      | 10    | 3,335        | 6          | 1,578      | 2     |
| Income tax benefit              | 0          | 0     | 2,045        | 3          | 987        | 1     |
| Net loss                        | \$(12,277) | (41)% | \$(49,655)   | (85)%      | \$(20,161) | (28)% |

#### Comparison of Year Ended December 31, 2001 and Year Ended December 31, 2000

Revenues. Revenues grew 24% from \$58.5 million in 2000 to \$72.5 million in 2001. This increase resulted principally from the further penetration of the potential customer base across our national platform, as well as the successful cross selling of products into our existing customer base. Revenue from Comps, acquired in February of 2000, grew from \$15.5 million in 2000 to \$19.7 million in 2001. Increases in revenue achieved in all major service areas were partially offset by a reduction in CoStar Marketplace electronic advertising revenue, which declined from \$1.9 million in 2000 to \$1.3 million in 2001.

Gross Margin. Gross margin increased from \$28.3 million in 2000 to \$42.2 million in 2001. Goss margin as a percentage of revenues increased from 48% to 58%. The increase in gross margin and gross margin percentage resulted from revenue growth combined with the impact of a relatively fixed cost structure for research. As a result of the fixed cost structure, cost of revenues was relatively unchanged from 2000 to 2001. Purchase price amortization included in cost of revenues increased from \$4.8 million in 2000 to \$5.4 million in 2001.

Selling and Marketing Expenses. Selling and marketing expenses decreased from \$37.6 million in 2000 to \$23.5 million in 2001 and decreased as a percentage of revenues from 64% in 2000 to 32% in 2001. Selling and marketing expenses decreased during 2001 as a result of a substantial reduction in advertising and marketing activities, as well as a reduction in operating costs associated with the sales organization, including communications, travel, and recruiting and decreased personnel costs, particularly in the area of electronic advertising.

Software Development Expenses. Software development expenses increased from \$3.9 million in 2000 to \$5.1 million in 2001 and remained constant as a percentage of revenues at 7% in 2000 and 2001. The increase in software development expenses reflects development costs for the increased number of products we now support including CoStar COMPS, CoStar Exchange and CoStar Connect, and the increase in support of internal systems to manage the Company's growth.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased slightly from \$27.1 million in 2000 to \$28.4 million in 2001 but decreased as a percentage of revenues from 46% in 2000 to 39% in 2001. The increase in the amount of general and administrative expenses is primarily due to increased operational expenses associated with the Company's expanded operations, including office rent expense and increased depreciation of property and equipment, offset partially by a decrease in outside services expenses.

*Purchase Amortization.* Purchase amortization decreased from \$8.9 million in 2000 to \$7.8 million in 2001. This reduction resulted from a decrease in amortization of certain intangible assets, arising as part of the Comps acquisition.

Acquired In-Process Development. Acquired in-process development costs of \$5.8 million in 2000 consist of in(process development costs written off as part of the Comps acquisition.

Other Income, Net. Interest and other income decreased from \$3.3 million in 2000 to \$1.6 million in 2001. This decrease was primarily a result of lower total cash, cash equivalents and short-term investment balances and lower interest rates during the year.

*Income Tax Benefit.* Income tax benefit decreased from \$2.0 million in 2000 to \$987,000 in 2001. This decrease was a result of the reversal of the deferred tax liability incurred in connection with the amortization of identified intangible assets acquired through acquisitions.

#### Comparison of Year Ended December 31, 2000 and Year Ended December 31, 1999

*Revenues*. Revenues grew 93% from \$30.2 million in 1999 to \$58.5 million in 2000. This increase resulted principally from growth in our client base for the regions we served, expansion of our services in existing regions and the acquisition of Comps. Comps contributed \$15.5 million to revenues for 2000. Comps revenue grew approximately 30% after the acquisition in February of 2000.

Gross Margin. Gross margin increased from \$17.0 million in 1999 to \$28.3 million in 2000. While gross margin increased in total, as a percentage of revenues it decreased from 56% to 48%. The increase in gross margin amounts resulted principally from significant revenue growth and the acquisition of Comps. The decline in gross margin percentages resulted from lower gross margin percentages in Comps products and an increase in purchase price amortization

from the LeaseTrend, Jamison, ARES, Comps and First Image Technologies acquisitions. This amortization increased from \$777,000 in 1999 to \$4.8 million in 2000.

Selling and Marketing Expenses. Selling and marketing expenses increased from \$18.0 million in 1999 to \$37.6 million in 2000 and increased as a percentage of revenues from 59% in 1999 to 64% in 2000. Selling and marketing expenses increased as a result of continued expansion of the sales organization and marketing efforts required for growth, particularly in emerging and acquired regions. In addition, these expenses increased as a result of the non-recurring marketing costs surrounding the launch of CoStar Exchange, which began to decline after the second quarter of 2000, and ended during the fourth quarter of 2000.

Software Development Expenses. Software development expenses increased from \$1.1 million in 1999 to \$3.9 million in 2000 and increased as a percentage of revenues from 4% in 1999 to 7% in 2000. The increase in software development expenses reflects development costs for the increased number of products supported, including CoStar COMPS and CoStar Exchange.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased from \$11.1 million in 1999 to \$27.1 million in 2000 and increased as a percentage of revenues from 37% in 1999 to 46% in 2000. General and administrative expenses increased due to the hiring of new employees to support our expanded operations and client base and also the increase in employees due to the acquisition of Comps. During 2000, we recruited and hired four senior level executives.

*Purchase Amortization.* Purchase amortization increased from \$2.2 million in 1999 to \$8.9 million in 2000. Purchase amortization increased primarily due to the acquisition of Comps.

Acquired In-Process Development. Acquired in-process development costs of \$5.8 million in 2000 consist of in-process development costs written off as part of the Comps acquisition.

Other Income, Net. Interest and other income increased from \$3.1 million in 1999 to \$3.3 million in 2000. This increase was primarily a result of a full year of interest earned on the proceeds from the follow-on public offering.

*Income Tax Benefit.* An income tax benefit of \$2.0 million in 2000 is a result of the reversal of the deferred tax liability incurred in connection with the amortization of identified intangible assets acquired through recent acquisitions.

#### Consolidated Quarterly Results of Operations

The following tables summarize our consolidated results of operations on a quarterly basis for the indicated periods:

|  | 2000       |            |            |            | 2001       |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|  | Mar. 31    | June 30    | Sept. 30   | Dec. 31    | Mar. 31    | June 30    | Sept. 30   | Dec. 31    |
|  |            |            |            | (In Th     | ousands)   |            |            |            |
| Revenues                               | \$ 11,372  | \$ 14,572  | \$ 15,717  | \$ 16,841  | \$17,354   | \$18,073   | \$18,447   | \$18,639   |
| Cost of revenues                       | 5,977      | 7,730      | 8,356      | 8,139      | 7,990      | 7,516      | 7,532      | 7,278      |
| Gross margin                           | 5,395      | 6,842      | 7,361      | 8,702      | 9,364      | 10,557     | 10,915     | 11,361     |
| Operating expenses                     | 22,090     | 21,571     | 20,261     | 19,413     | 17,629     | 16,867     | 15,728     | 14,699     |
| Loss from operations                   | (16,695)   | (14,729)   | (12,900)   | (10,711)   | (8,265)    | (6,310)    | (4,813)    | (3,338)    |
| Other income (expense), net            | 1,026      | 751        | 807        | 751        | 575        | 374        | 348        | 281        |
| Income tax benefit                     | 565        | 845        | 523        | 112        | 41         | 41         | 452        | 453        |
| Net loss                               | \$(15,104) | \$(13,133) | \$(11,570) | \$ (9,848) | \$ (7,649) | \$ (5,895) | \$ (4,013) | \$ (2,604) |
| Net loss per share – basic and diluted | \$(1.06)   | \$(0.85)   | \$(0.75)   | \$(0.64)   | \$(0.49)   | \$(0.38)   | \$(0.26)   | \$(0.17)   |

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|                             | Mar. 31 | June 30 | Sept. 30 | Dec. 31      | Mar. 31      | June 30 | Sept. 30 | Dec. 31 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|
|                             |         |         | (As      | a Percentage | of Total Rev | enue)   |          |         |
| Revenues                    | 100 %   | 100 %   | 100 %    | 100 %        | 100 %        | 100 %   | 100 %    | 100 %   |
| Cost of revenues            | 53      | 53      | 53       | 48           | 46           | 42      | 41       | 39      |
| Gross margin                | 47      | 47      | 47       | 52           | 54           | 58      | 59       | 61      |
| Operating expenses          | 194     | 148     | 129      | 115          | 102          | 93      | 85       | 79      |
| Loss from operations        | (147)   | (101)   | (82)     | (64)         | (48)         | (35)    | (26)     | (18)    |
| Other income (expense), net | 9       | 5       | 5        | 4            | 3            | 2       | 2        | 2       |
| Income tax benefit          | 5       | 6       | 3        | 1            | 0            | 0       | 2        | 2       |
| Net loss                    | (133)%  | (90)%   | (74)%    | (58)%        | (44)%        | (33)%   | (22)%    | (14)%   |

#### Acquisitions

LeaseTrend. On January 8, 1999, we acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of LeaseTrend, Inc., a Cincinnati based provider of commercial real estate information, for approximately \$4.5 million in cash and 566,671 shares of our common stock. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase and the consideration was valued for accounting purposes at approximately \$9.2 million including acquisition expenses.

Jamison Research. On January 22, 1999, we acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Jamison Research, Inc., an Atlanta based provider of commercial real estate information, for approximately \$5.3 million in cash and 446,637 shares of our common stock. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase and the consideration was valued for accounting purposes at approximately \$10.3 million including acquisition expenses.

ARES Development Group, LLC. On September 15, 1999, we acquired all of the membership interests of ARES Development Group, LLC, Los Angeles based developers and distributors of ARES for ACT!, for \$250,000 in cash and 33,208 shares of our common stock. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase and the initial consideration was valued for accounting purposes at approximately \$1,265,000 including acquisition expenses. In addition, the acquisition agreement provided for \$1,000,000 of additional consideration (in a combination of cash and stock) to be paid by CoStar upon the achievement of certain operating goals by the members of ARES. In February 2000, we issued 2,140 shares of our common stock and paid \$437,500 in cash to the members of ARES for the achievement of the first of the operating goals by the members of ARES. In October 2000, we issued an additional 2,196 shares of our common stock and paid an additional \$437,500 in cash to the members of ARES for the achievement of the second (and final) of the operating goals by the members of ARES.

Comps. On February 10, 2000, we acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Comps, a San Diego based provider of commercial real estate information, for \$49,015,905 in cash and 2,259,034 shares of the Company's common stock. The acquisition has been accounted for using purchase accounting and has been valued at approximately \$101,379,000 for accounting purposes. The purchase price was allocated primarily to cash, acquired database technology and other intangibles, which are being amortized over a period of 2 to 10 years. In connection with the purchase of Comps, \$5,812,000 of the purchase price was allocated to purchased in-process development, and expensed upon acquisition because the technological feasibility of products under development had not been established and no future alternative use existed. The acquired in-process development was analyzed through an independent third-party valuation using the expected cash flow approach.

Comps reported a cash and short-term investment balance of approximately \$49.5 million at September 30, 1999, which resulted from its initial public offering in May, 1999. Comps also reported long-term debt of approximately \$3.8 million at September 30, 1999. Although Comps was experiencing operating losses and negative cash flow from operations, the remaining cash and short-term investments at the closing date significantly offset the overall cash consideration for the purchase of Comps by CoStar. The cash portion of the purchase price was obtained by CoStar from the proceeds

from the sale of its common stock in a follow-on public offering in May, 1999. During 2000, we made significant investments to integrate Comps into our organization, including costs to:

- upgrade computer systems;
- establish network connections;
- convert database structures;
- train personnel; and
- migrate Comps clients to our services.

Since the fourth quarter of 2000, Comps has experienced positive cash flow. CoStar will continue to incur significant charges to operations as a result of the amortization of intangible assets resulting from the acquisition.

First Image Technologies. On November 9, 2000, CoStar completed the acquisition of First Image Technologies, Inc. The primary asset of First Image is the Metropolis software system, a single interface that combines commercial real estate data from multiple information providers into a comprehensive resource. We acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of First Image Technologies, Inc. for approximately \$665,000 in cash and 9,424 shares of our common stock. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase and the initial consideration was valued for accounting purposes at approximately \$950,000 including acquisition expenses. In addition, the acquisition agreement provides for \$950,000 of additional consideration (in a combination of cash and stock) to be paid by CoStar upon the achievement of certain operating goals by the sole stockholder of First Image eighteen months after the original closing date.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal sources of liquidity are cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. Our cash and cash equivalents balance was \$30.7 million and \$43.9 million, and our short-term investments balance was \$11.3 million and \$3.2 million at December 31, 2001 and 2000, respectively. Total cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments were \$42 million at December 31, 2001, a decrease of \$5.1 million from \$47.1 million at December 31, 2000. The decrease in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments was due principally to cash used in operating activities and \$2.1 million in purchases of property and equipment. During the year ended December 31, 2001, we financed our operations and growth through cash flow from certain regions of our national platform that were profitable and from the proceeds of the follow-on offering. Net cash used in operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2001 was \$4.5 million compared to net cash used in operating activities of \$26.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2000. This substantial reduction in net cash used in operating activities was the result of revenue growth, growth in profit margins, and reductions in operating expenses.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$10.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2001 compared to net cash used in investing activities of \$2.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2000. This increase in net cash used in investing activities during 2001 was due to an increase in purchases of short-term investments, which was offset by decreased levels of spending on capitalized product development costs, purchased building photography and purchased property and equipment, consisting principally of leasehold improvements, computers and office equipment. We have entered into numerous operating leases for office space throughout the country, including CoStar's headquarters, and have commitments of approximately \$4.3 million in rent payments for 2002. We currently have no material commitments for capital expenditures.

To date, we have grown in part by acquiring other companies, and we may continue to make acquisitions. Our acquisitions may vary in size and could be material to our current operations. We expect to use cash, stock, or other means of funding to make these acquisitions.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, we experienced significant losses and negative operating cash flow. In 2002, as the Company continues to emerge from a period of rapid product and geographical expansion, we expect continued sequential quarterly growth in revenue and a relatively fixed overall operating cost structure. As a result, we expect reductions in the level of overall operating losses in 2002 as compared to 2001 and positive operating cash flow during 2002.

Based on current plans, we believe that our available cash combined with positive cash flow from our operations should be sufficient to fund the Company during the next year.

Although we have experienced losses to date, future profits, to the extent not offset by the benefits of loss carryforwards, would result in income tax liabilities. In addition, we have recorded a valuation allowance for the portion of the deferred tax assets related to tax loss carryforwards.

We do not believe the impact of inflation has significantly affected our operations.

#### Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

We have made forward-looking statements in this Report that are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include information that is not purely historic fact, including statements concerning the financial outlook for 2002 and estimates for the future, our possible or assumed future results of operations generally, and other statements and information regarding assumptions about our revenues, earnings per share, capital and other expenditures, operating losses, financing plans, cash flow, capital structure, pending legal proceedings and claims, future economic performance, operating income, management's plans, goals and objectives for future operations and growth and markets for stock. The sections of this Report, which contain forward-looking statements, include "Business," "Properties," "Legal Proceedings" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

Our forward-looking statements are also identified by words such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "estimates" or similar expressions. You should understand that these forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates reflecting our judgment, not guarantees of future performance. They are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. You should understand that the following important factors, in addition to those discussed in "Risk Factors," could affect our future results and could cause those results or other outcomes to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements: competition; technological innovation by competitors; general economic conditions; events that affect commercial real estate; customer retention; business combinations and strategic alliances by other industry participants; managerial execution; development of our sales force; growth in commerce conducted over the Internet; changes in relationships with real estate brokers and other strategic partners; and legal and regulatory issues.

Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Report. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. We do not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Report or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

#### **Risk Factors**

Our future profitability is uncertain due to our continuing operating losses. We have never recorded an overall operating profit because the investment required for geographic expansion and new services has exceeded the profits generated in our markets. Our ability to earn a profit will largely depend on our ability to manage our growth, and to generate profits that exceed our investment in geographic expansion and new services. In addition, our ability to earn a profit, to increase revenues, or to control costs could be affected by the factors set forth below. We may not be able to generate revenues or control expenses sufficient to earn a profit, to maintain profits on a quarterly or annual basis, or to sustain or increase our future revenue growth.

Our operating results may fluctuate significantly. Our operating results, revenues, and expenses may fluctuate with general economic conditions and also for many other reasons, such as: successful adoption of the Company's products; competition; loss of clients or revenues; changes or consolidation in the real estate industry; the development of our sales force; managerial execution; cancellations or non-renewals of our products; data quality; employee retention; our investments in geographic expansion; the timing of new service introductions and enhancements; the timing of investing the net proceeds from our offerings; acquisitions of other companies or assets; sales, brand enhancement and marketing promotional activities; client training and support activities; changes in client budgets; our ability to control expenses; our investments in other corporate resources; or changes in accounting policies or practices.

We may not be able to attract and retain clients. Our success and revenues depend on attracting and retaining subscribers to our services. The CoStar Property, CoStar Tenant and CoStar COMPS subscription contracts, which generate the largest portion of our revenue, generally range from terms of one to three years. Our clients may decide not to renew

or to cancel their agreements as a result of several factors, including: a decision that they have no need for our products; a decision to use alternative products; pricing and budgetary constraints; consolidation in the real estate industry; data quality; technical problems; or economic or competitive pressures. If clients decide not to renew or cancel their agreements, and we do not attract new clients, then our revenues will be adversely affected.

Our operating costs may be higher than we expect. Many of our expenses, particularly personnel costs and occupancy costs, are relatively fixed. Therefore, we may not be able to adjust spending quickly enough to offset any unexpected revenue shortfall or increase in expenses. Additionally, we may experience higher than expected operating costs, including increased personnel costs, selling and marketing costs, occupancy costs, communications costs, travel costs, software development costs, outside services costs, and other costs. If operating costs exceed our expectations or cannot be adjusted accordingly, our business, results of operations and financial condition will be adversely affected.

Competition could render our services uncompetitive. The market for information systems and services in general is highly competitive and rapidly changing. The barriers to entry for Web-based services and businesses are low, making it possible for the number of competitors to proliferate rapidly. Many of our existing competitors, or a number of potential new competitors, may have longer operating histories in the Internet market, greater name recognition, larger customer bases, lower prices, easier access to data, greater user traffic and greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we have. Our competitors may be able to undertake more extensive marketing campaigns, obtain more data, adopt more aggressive pricing policies, make more attractive offers to potential employees, subscribers, distribution partners and content providers and may be able to respond more quickly to new or emerging technologies and changes in Internet user requirements. Increased competition could result in lower revenues and higher expenses, which would reduce our profitability.

If our data is not accurate, comprehensive or reliable, our business could be harmed. Our success depends on our clients' confidence in the comprehensiveness, accuracy, and reliability of the data we provide. The task of establishing and maintaining accurate and reliable data is challenging. If our data is not current, accurate, comprehensive or reliable, we could experience reduced demand for our services or legal claims by our customers, which could result in lower revenues and higher expenses.

If we are unable to hire, retain and continue to develop our sales force, it could have a material adverse effect on our business. In order to support revenue growth, we need to continue to develop, train and retain our sales force. Our ability to build and develop a strong sales force may be affected by a number of factors, including: our ability to integrate and motivate sales personnel; our ability to effectively train our sales force; the ability of our sales force to sell an increased number of products; the length of time it takes new sales personnel to become productive; the competition we face from other companies in hiring and retaining sales personnel; and our ability to manage a multi-location sales organization. If we are unable to hire, develop or retain the members of our sales force, or if our sales force is unproductive, it could have a material adverse effect on our revenues and expenses.

Cyclical downturns and consolidation in the commercial real estate industry could have an adverse effect on our business. Our business may be affected by conditions in the commercial real estate industry, including conditions affecting businesses that supply or invest in that industry. A decrease in the level of commercial real estate activities could adversely affect demand for our services. The traditional economic downturns in the commercial real estate industry could also harm our business. These changes could increase cancellation rates, which could have a material adverse impact on our operating results. Also, companies in this industry are consolidating, often in order to reduce expenses. Consolidation could reduce the number of our existing clients, reduce the size of our target market and increase our clients' bargaining power. Any of these factors could adversely affect our business.

General economic conditions could have an adverse effect on our business. Our business and the commercial real estate industry are particularly affected by negative trends in the general economy. The success of our business depends on a number of factors relating to general global, national, regional and local economic conditions, including inflation, interest rates, perceived and actual economic conditions, taxation policies, availability of credit, employment levels, and wage and salary levels. Negative trends in any of these general economic conditions could adversely affect our business. For example, a recent downturn in the telecommunications industry has forced many of our telecom company clients to discontinue or curtail their operations, which has resulted in an increased number of cancellations of our services. If other clients choose to cancel our services as a result of economic conditions, and we do not acquire new clients, our financial position could be adversely affected.

We may not be able to successfully introduce new products. Our future business and financial success will depend on our ability to continue to introduce new products into the marketplace. Developing new products imposes heavy burdens on our systems development department, product managers, management and researchers. In addition, successfully launching and selling a new product, such as CoStar Office Report or CoStar Connect, puts pressure on our sales and marketing resources. If we are unable to develop new products, then our customers may choose a competitive service over ours and our business may be adversely affected. In addition, if we incur significant costs in developing new products, or are not successful in marketing and selling these new products, it could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

We may not be able to adapt to the rapid technological changes to the Internet and Internet products. To be successful, we must adapt to the rapid technological changes to the Internet and Internet products by continually enhancing our products and services, and introducing and integrating new services and products to capitalize on the technological advances in the Internet. This process is costly and we cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully integrate our services and products with the Internet's technological advances. The products that collect, store, manage and disseminate commercial real estate information from a centralized database on the Internet were developed recently and continue to evolve. Our market is characterized by rapidly changing technologies, evolving industry standards; increasingly sophisticated customer needs and frequent new product introductions. These factors are exacerbated by the rapid technological change experienced in the computer and software industries. Our business increasingly depends on our ability to anticipate and adapt to all of these changes, as well as our customers' ability to adapt to the use of our existing and future services and products on the Internet. We could incur substantial costs if we need to modify our services or infrastructure in order to adapt to these changes, and our customers' failure to accept these changes could have a material adverse effect on our revenues. If we incurred significant costs without adequate results or we are unable to adapt to rapid technological changes, it could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Unsatisfactory Internet performance, interruption or failure could have an adverse effect on our business. Our business increasingly depends upon the satisfactory performance, reliability and availability of our Web site, the Internet and the World Wide Web. Problems with our Web site, the Internet or the Web may impede the development of our business for a number of reasons. As the number of Internet users or their use of Internet resources continues to grow, and as companies deliver increasingly larger amounts of data over the Internet, the Internet's infrastructure must also grow. Growth in Internet usage that is not matched by comparable growth of the infrastructure supporting the Internet could result in slower response time, cause outright failure of the Internet, or otherwise adversely affect usage. In addition, if we experience technical problems in distributing our products over the Web, including interruption or failure of services provided by our local exchange carriers or Internet service providers, we could experience reduced demand for our products.

Temporary or permanent outages of our computers, software or telecommunications equipment could have an adverse effect on our business. Our operations depend on our ability to protect our database, computers and software, telecommunications equipment and facilities against damage from potential dangers such as fire, power loss, security breaches, and telecommunications failures. Any temporary or permanent loss of one or more of these systems or facilities from an accident, equipment malfunction or some other cause could harm our business. If we experience a failure that results in our not being able to deliver our products to clients, or to update our products, we could experience reduced demand for our products.

We may be subject to legal liability for displaying or distributing information. Because the content in our database is distributed to others, we may be subject to claims for defamation, negligence or copyright or trademark infringement or claims based on other theories. We could also be subject to claims based upon the content that is accessible from our Web site through links to other Web sites or information on our Web site supplied by third parties. Even if these claims do not result in liability to us, we could incur significant costs in investigating and defending against any claims. Our potential liability for information distributed by us to others could require us to implement measures to reduce our exposure to liability, which may require the expenditure of substantial resources and limit the attractiveness of our service to users.

We may be unable to enforce or defend our ownership and use of intellectual property. The success of our business depends in large part on the intellectual property involved in our methodologies, database and software. We rely on a combination of trade secret, patent, copyright and other laws, nondisclosure and noncompetition provisions, license agreements and other contractual provisions and technical measures to protect our intellectual property rights. However, current law may not provide for adequate protection of our databases and the actual data. In addition, legal standards

relating to the validity, enforceability and scope of protection of proprietary rights in Internet-related businesses are uncertain and evolving, and we cannot assure you of the future viability or value of any of our proprietary rights. Our business could be significantly harmed if we are not able to protect our content and our other intellectual property. The same would be true if a court found that our services infringe other persons' intellectual property rights. Any intellectual property lawsuits in which we are involved, either as a plaintiff or as a defendant, could cost us a significant amount of time and money. In addition, if any intellectual property claims are adversely determined, this could result in a material adverse result on our financial position and our business.

Litigation in which we become involved may adversely affect our business. Currently and from time to time, we are involved in litigation incidental to the conduct of our business. We cannot assure you that we will have insurance to cover our pending claims or our future claims. Any lawsuits in which we are involved could cost us a significant amount of time and money. If any pending claims or future claims are adversely determined, they could have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Our business depends on retaining and attracting highly capable management and operating personnel. Our success depends in large part on our ability to retain and attract management and operating personnel, including our President and Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Florance, our officers, and other key employees. Our business requires highly skilled technical, sales, management, Web-development, marketing and research personnel, who are in high demand and are often subject to competing offers. To retain and attract key personnel, we use various measures, including employment agreements, a stock option plan, and incentive bonuses for key executive officers. These measures may not be enough to retain and attract the personnel we need or to offset the impact on our business of the loss of the services of Mr. Florance or other key officers or employees.

Problems with our software could impair the use of our services. The software underlying our services is complex and may contain undetected errors. We have previously discovered errors in our proprietary software. Despite testing, we cannot be certain that errors will not be found in current versions, new versions or enhancements of our software. Any errors could result in adverse publicity, impaired use of our services, loss of revenues, cost increases and legal claims by customers. All these factors could seriously damage our business, operating results and financial condition.

International expansion may result in new business risks. If we expand internationally, this expansion could subject us to new business risks, including: adapting to the differing business practices and laws in foreign commercial real estate markets; difficulties in managing foreign operations; limited protection for intellectual property rights in some countries; difficulty in collecting accounts receivable and longer collection periods; costs of enforcing contractual obligations; impact of recessions in economies outside the United States; currency exchange rate fluctuations; and potentially adverse tax consequences.

We may not be able to manage successfully our geographic expansion. Our future business and financial success will depend on our ability to manage our geographic expansion. Our efforts to manage expanded growth must occur while information technology is rapidly changing. These efforts impose additional burdens on our research, systems development, sales, and general managerial resources. If we were not able to manage our expanded growth successfully, it would have a material adverse effect on our profitability.

If we are unable to provide our clients with training and customer support, our business could be harmed. It is important that our clients find our products easy to use. To meet these needs, we provide client training and have developed a client support network that seeks to respond to client inquiries as soon as possible. If we do not maintain adequate training and support levels, we could experience reduced demand for our services.

If there is a reduction in our supply of data from public record providers, our business could be harmed. We license a small portion of our data from public records providers and other data providers to enhance our products and services. If we are unable to enter into licensing agreements with these entities, or if this data becomes unavailable for any reason, we could experience increased costs and our financial position could be adversely affected.

Our increasing use of the Internet and the World Wide Web exposes us to regulatory and other uncertainties. Most of our clients currently receive their CoStar data via the Internet. This exposes us to various uncertainties arising from the future course of development of the Internet and the World Wide Web. Governments in the United States and abroad might adopt laws or regulations applicable to Internet commerce that could harm our business by, for example, regulating our transmissions over the Internet or exposing our business to new taxes in various jurisdictions. User concerns about

the privacy and security of Internet-distributed communications might impede the growth of our business. We may need to expend substantial resources to protect against security breaches on our Web site or in our Internet communications.

We face risks associated with legislation in the real estate industry. Real estate is a regulated industry in the United States. These laws and related regulations, and any newly adopted regulations, may limit or restrict our activities or could require us to expend significant resources to comply. As the real estate industry evolves in the Internet environment, legislators, regulators and industry participants may advocate additional legislative or regulatory initiatives. Should existing laws or regulations be amended or new laws or regulations be adopted, we may need to comply with additional legal requirements and incur resulting costs, or we may be precluded from certain activities. In addition, if we are found to be in violation of these regulations, we may incur penalties and legal costs or we may be precluded from certain activities.

Our business depends on our management team's ability to execute our business plan. Our business depends on the ability of our assembled management team to successfully execute our business plan. The inability of our management team to successfully execute our business plan could have an adverse effect on our operations.

If we do not generate sufficient cash flows from operations, we may need additional capital. To date, we have financed our operations through cash from profitable operations in certain of our regions, the sale of our stock and borrowing money. If we do not generate enough cash from operations to finance our business in the future, we will need to raise additional funds through public or private financing. Selling additional equity securities could dilute the equity interests of our stockholders. If we borrow money, we will have to pay interest and agree to restrictions that may limit our operating flexibility. We may not be able to obtain funds needed to finance our operations at all or may be able to obtain funds only on unattractive terms. If we require additional funds and are not able to obtain such funds, it would have a material adverse effect on our operations.

Market volatility may have an adverse effect on our stock price. The trading price of our common stock has fluctuated widely in the past, and we expect that it will continue to fluctuate in the future. The price could fluctuate widely based on numerous factors, including: quarter-to-quarter variations in our operating results; changes in analysts' estimates of our earnings; announcements by us or our competitors of technological innovations or new services; general conditions in the commercial real estate industry; developments or disputes concerning copyrights or proprietary rights; regulatory developments; and economic or other factors. In addition, in recent years, the stock market in general, and the shares of Internet-related and other technology companies in particular, have experienced extreme price fluctuations. This volatility has had a substantial effect on the market prices of securities issued by many companies for reasons unrelated to the operating performance of the specific companies.

Stock ownership by executive officers and directors provides substantial influence over matters requiring a vote of stockholders. Our executive officers and directors, and entities affiliated with them, beneficially own a sufficient number of shares of our outstanding common stock to exercise substantial influence over the election of directors and other matters requiring a vote of stockholders. This concentrated ownership might delay or prevent a change in control and may impede or prevent transactions in which stockholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares.

#### Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We do not have significant exposure to market risks associated with changes in interest rates related to cash equivalent securities held as of December 31, 2001.

#### Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Financial Statements meeting the requirements of Regulation S-X are set forth beginning at page F-1.

# Item 9 Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure Not applicable.

#### PART III

#### Item 10 Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement.

#### Item 11 Executive Compensation

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement.

#### Item 12 Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement.

#### Item 13 Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement.

#### **PART IV**

#### Item 14 Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules and Reports on Form 8-K

- (a)(1) The following financial statements are filed as a part of this report: CoStar Group, Inc. Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (a)(2) All schedules are omitted because they are not applicable or not required or because the required information is incorporated here by reference or included in the financial statements or related notes included elsewhere in this report.
- (a)(3) The documents required to be filed as exhibits to this Report under Item 601 of Regulation S-K are listed in the Exhibit Index included elsewhere in this report, which list is incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) We did not file any reports on Form 8-K during the quarter ended December 31, 2001.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bethesda, State of Maryland, on the 27th day of March, 2002.

| COSTAR GR | OUP, INC.                           |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| By:       | /s/                                 |
|           | Andrew C. Florance                  |
| Ch        | ief Executive Officer and President |

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each individual whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Andrew C. Florance and Frank A. Carchedi power of substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this report, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and to all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or his or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this report has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the dates indicated.

| Signature                 | Capacity  | Date           |
|---------------------------|---|----------------|
| /s/<br>Michael R. Klein   | Chairman of the Board   | March 27, 2002 |
| /s/ Andrew C. Florance    | Chief Executive Officer and President, and a Director (Principal Executive Officer) | March 27, 2002 |
| /s/<br>Frank A. Carchedi  | Chief Financial Officer (Chief Financial and Accounting Officer)                    | March 27, 2002 |
| /s/<br>David Bonderman    | Director  | March 27, 2002 |
| /s/<br>Warren H. Haber    | Director  | March 27, 2002 |
| /s/<br>Josiah O. Low, III | Director  | March 27, 2002 |
| /s/<br>John Simon         | Director  | March 27, 2002 |

### INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 2.1         | Agreement and Plan of Merger by and among CoStar Group, Inc., COMPS.COM, Inc., and AcqSub, Inc., dated as of November 3, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report of the Registrant on Form 8-K (File No. 0-24531) filed with the Commission on November 17, 1999). |
| 2.2         | Side Letter, dated February 10, 2000, by and between CoStar Group, Inc. and Christopher Crane (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-Q dated March 31, 2000).  |
| 3.1         | Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of the Registrant (Reg. No. 333-47953) filed with the Commission on June 30, 1998 (the "1998 Form S-1")).  |
| 3.2         | Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-Q dated June 30, 1999).   |
| 3.3         | Amended and Rested By-Laws (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the 1998 Form S-1).   |
| 4.1         | Specimen Common Stock Certificate (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1999 (the "1999 10-K")).  |
| *10.1       | CoStar Group, Inc. 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-Q dated June 30, 2001).   |
| *10.2       | Employment Agreement for Andrew C. Florance (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the 1998 Form S-1).   |
| *10.3       | Employment Agreement for Frank A. Carchedi (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the 1998 Form S-1).  |
| *10.4       | Employment Agreement for David M. Schaffel (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the 1998 Form S-1).  |
| *10.5       | Employment Agreement for Larry Dressel (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 2000).  |
| *10.6       | Employment Terms for Craig Farrington (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000).   |
| 10.7        | Registration Rights Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the 1998 Form S-1).   |
| 10.8        | Office Lease, dated August 12, 1999, between CoStar Realty Information, Inc. and Newlands Building Ventures, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Report on Form 10-Q dated September 30, 1999).  |
| 10.9        | Office Building Lease, dated January 31, 1999, between Comps, Inc. and Comps Plaza Associates, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to the Registration Statement of Comps on Form S-1 (Reg. No. 333-72901) filed with the Commission on April 5, 1999 (the "Comps Form S-1")).     |
| 10.10       | First Amendment to Lease, dated March 22, 1999, between Comps, Inc. and Comps Plaza Associates, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14.1 to the Comps Form S-1).  |
| 10.11       | Sublease Agreement, dated June 28, 1999, between Comps, Inc. and Pulse Engineering, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the 1999 10-K).   |
| 21.1        | Subsidiaries of the Registrant (filed herewith).  |
| 23.1        | Consent of Independent Auditors (filed herewith).   |
| 24.1        | Powers of Attorney (Included in the Signature Pages to the Report).   |
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<sup>\*</sup>Management Contract or Compensatory Plan or Arrangement.

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Board of Directors CoStar Group, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CoStar Group, Inc. as of December 31, 2000 and 2001, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of CoStar Group, Inc. at December 31, 2000 and 2001, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

McLean, Virginia February 11, 2002

# COSTAR GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

|  |                 | Year Ended December 3 | 1,              |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
|  | 1999            | 2000                  | 2001            |
| Revenues                               | \$ 30,234,213   | \$ 58,502,302         | \$ 72,512,952   |
| Cost of revenues                       | 13,243,813      | 30,202,464            | 30,316,161      |
| Gross margin  Operating expenses:      | 16,990,400      | 28,299,838            | 42,196,791      |
| Selling and marketing                  | 17,964,829      | 37,644,107            | 23,502,106      |
| Software development                   | 1,108,197       | 3,864,380             | 5,136,734       |
| General and administrative             | 11,054,402      | 27,085,784            | 28,438,501      |
| Purchase amortization                  | 2,245,835       | 8,928,298             | 7,845,818       |
| Acquired in-process development        | _               | 5,812,000             | _               |
|  | 32,373,263      | 83,334,569            | 64,923,159      |
| Loss from operations                   | (15,382,863)    | (55,034,731)          | (22,726,368)    |
| Other income (expense):                |                 |                       |                 |
| Loss on disposal of assets             | _               | (180,721)             | (21,942)        |
| Interest expense                       | _               | (295,880)             | (18,122)        |
| Interest income                        | 3,106,190       | 3,866,133             | 1,692,404       |
| Other expense                          |                 | (54,764)              | (74,563)        |
| Loss before income taxes               | (12,276,673)    | (51,699,963)          | (21,148,591)    |
| Income tax benefit                     |                 | 2,045,014             | 987,262         |
| Net loss                               | \$ (12,276,673) | \$ (49,654,949)       | \$ (20,161,329) |
| Net loss per share — basic and diluted | \$(1.05)        | \$(3.28)              | \$(1.29)        |
| Weighted average outstanding shares    | 11,726,589      | 15,136,976            | 15,635,931      |

## COSTAR GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

|   | December 31,           |               |  |
|---|------------------------|---------------|--|
|   | 2000                   | 2001          |  |
| ASSETS  |                        |               |  |
| Current assets:   |                        |               |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 43,925,195          | \$ 30,746,087 |  |
| Short-term investments  | 3,176,047              | 11,256,115    |  |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts               | , ,                    | , ,           |  |
| of approximately \$2,890,000 and \$2,483,000                            |                        |               |  |
| as of December 31, 2000 and 2001  | 6,148,399              | 5,982,896     |  |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                               | 861,613                | 956,709       |  |
| Total current assets  | 54,111,254             | 48,941,807    |  |
| Property and equipment:   |                        |               |  |
| Leasehold improvements  | 2,074,122              | 2,487,531     |  |
| Furniture, office equipment and research vehicles                       | 7,054,810              | 7,288,998     |  |
| Computer hardware and software  | 12,038,698             | 13,489,455    |  |
|   | 21,167,630             | 23,265,984    |  |
| Accumulated depreciation  | (6,474,886)            | (11,390,271)  |  |
|   | 14,692,744             | 11,875,713    |  |
| Goodwill, intangibles and other assets, net                             | 76,658,067             | 62,471,547    |  |
| Deposits  | 408,561                | 356,914       |  |
| Total assets  | \$145,870,626          | \$123,645,981 |  |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY                                    |                        |               |  |
| Current liabilities:  |                        |               |  |
| Accounts payable  | \$ 1,417,199           | \$ 1,216,823  |  |
| Accrued wages and commissions   | 5,093,220              | 4,985,866     |  |
| Accrued expenses  | 7,049,886              | 4,891,786     |  |
| Deferred revenue  | 4,949,289              | 4,532,285     |  |
| Total current liabilities   | 18,509,594             | 15,626,760    |  |
| Deferred taxes  | 987,262                | _             |  |
| Stockholders' equity:   |                        |               |  |
| Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 2,000,000 shares                      |                        |               |  |
| authorized, none outstanding  | _                      | _             |  |
| Common stock, \$.01 par value; 30,000,000 shares                        |                        |               |  |
| authorized; 15,545,139 and 15,717,883 issued and                        | 155 451                | 157,178       |  |
| outstanding as of December 31, 2000 and 2001 Additional paid-in capital | 155,451<br>202,761,692 | 204,566,745   |  |
| Retained deficit  | (76,543,373)           | (96,704,702)  |  |
| Total stockholders' equity.   | 126,373,770            | 108,019,221   |  |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity                              | \$145,870,626          | \$123,645,981 |  |
| Total naumites and stockholders equity                                  | \$17J,0/U,0Z0          | \$143,043,701 |  |

# COSTAR GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

|   | Commo<br>Shares | on Stock<br>Amount | Paid-In<br>Capital | Additional<br>Retained<br>Deficit | Total<br>Stockholders'<br>Equity |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 1998                  | 8,771,027       | \$ 87,710          | \$ 37,727,345      | \$(14,611,751)                    | \$ 23,203,304                    |
| Exercise of stock options                     | 121,907         | 1,219              | 927,447            | _                                 | 928,666                          |
| Stock issued for follow-on                    |                 |                    |                    |                                   |                                  |
| public offering                               | 3,019,495       | 30,195             | 97,381,198         | _                                 | 97,411,393                       |
| Stock issued for acquisitions                 | 1,046,516       | 10,466             | 10,325,271         | _                                 | 10,335,737                       |
| Stock issued for compensation                 | 8,330           | 83                 | 74,887             | _                                 | 74,970                           |
| Reduction of note receivable from stockholder | _               | _                  | 19,406             | _                                 | 19,406                           |
| Net loss                                      |                 | _                  |                    | (12,276,673)                      | (12,276,673)                     |
| Balance at December 31, 1999                  | 12,967,275      | 129,673            | 146,455,554        | (26,888,424)                      | 119,696,803                      |
| Exercise of stock options                     | 269,776         | 2,698              | 2,099,285          | _                                 | 2,101,983                        |
| Stock issued for acquisitions                 | 2,272,794       | 22,728             | 54,207,205         | _                                 | 54,229,933                       |
| Warrants                                      | 35,294          | 352                | (352)              | _                                 | _                                |
| Net loss                                      |                 |                    | _                  | (49,654,949)                      | (49,654,949)                     |
| Balance at December 31, 2000                  | 15,545,139      | 155,451            | 202,761,692        | (76,543,373)                      | 126,373,770                      |
| Exercise of stock options                     | 167,739         | 1,677              | 1,715,253          | _                                 | 1,716,930                        |
| Restricted stock grants issued                | 5,005           | 50                 | 89,800             | _                                 | 89,850                           |
| Net loss                                      |                 | _                  |                    | (20,161,329)                      | (20,161,329)                     |
| Balance at December 31, 2001                  | 15,717,883      | \$157,178          | \$204,566,745      | \$(96,704,702)                    | \$108,019,221                    |

## COSTAR GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

|  | Year Ended December 31, |                |                |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 1999                    | 2000           | 2001           |
| Operating activities:                                |                         |                |                |
| Net loss   | \$(12,276,673)          | \$(49,654,949) | \$(20,161,329) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash        |                         | , , , , ,      | , , , , ,      |
| used in operating activities:                        |                         |                |                |
| Depreciation   | 1,148,531               | 4,261,468      | 4,915,385      |
| Amortization   | 3,705,238               | 14,547,368     | 14,334,482     |
| Acquired in-process development                      | _                       | 5,812,000      | _              |
| Loss on disposal of assets                           | _                       | 180,721        | 21,942         |
| Income tax benefit                                   | _                       | (2,045,014)    | (987,262)      |
| Provision for losses on accounts receivable          | 974,578                 | 2,312,089      | 2,453,046      |
| Non-cash compensation charges                        | 19,406                  | _              | _              |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:         |                         |                |                |
| Accounts receivable                                  | (2,494,232)             | (1,329,576)    | (2,287,543)    |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets            | (2,057,418)             | 3,081,479      | (95,096)       |
| Deposits   | (230,493)               | 1,188,088      | 141,497        |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                | 3,773,811               | (1,661,917)    | (2,465,830)    |
| Deferred revenue                                     | (39,410)                | (3,538,022)    | (417,004)      |
| Net cash used in operating activities                | (7,476,662)             | (26,846,265)   | (4,547,712)    |
| Investing activities:                                |                         |                |                |
| Purchases and sales of short-term investments        | (18,222,318)            | 15,046,271     | (8,080,068)    |
| Purchases of property and equipment                  | (4,520,375)             | (11,493,570)   | (2,098,354)    |
| Other assets   | (2,198,832)             | (3,133,033)    | (169,904)      |
| Acquisitions, net of acquired cash                   | (9,736,950)             | (3,071,000)    |                |
| Net cash used in investing activities                | (34,678,475)            | (2,651,332)    | (10,348,326)   |
| Financing activities:                                |                         |                |                |
| Payment of long-term liability                       | _                       | (4,531,000)    | _              |
| Net proceeds from public offerings                   | 97,411,393              | _              | _              |
| Net proceeds from exercise of stock options          | 928,666                 | 2,101,983      | 1,716,930      |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities  | 98,340,059              | (2,429,017)    | 1,716,930      |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 56,184,922              | (31,926,614)   | (13,179,108)   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year       | 19,666,887              | 75,851,809     | 43,925,195     |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year             | \$ 75,851,809           | \$ 43,925,195  | \$ 30,746,087  |

### COSTAR GROUP, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

CoStar Group, Inc. (the "Company") has created a comprehensive, proprietary database of commercial real estate information for metropolitan areas throughout the United States. Based on its unique database, the Company provides information to the commercial real estate and related business community and operates within one reportable business segment. The information in the Company's database is distributed to its clients under license agreements, which are typically one to three years in duration.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of LeaseTrend, Inc. ("LeaseTrend") acquired on January 8, 1999, Jamison Research, Inc. ("Jamison") acquired on January 22, 1999, ARES Development Group, LLC ("ARES") acquired on September 15, 1999, COMPS.COM, Inc. ("Comps") acquired on February 10, 2000 and First Image Technologies, Inc. ("First Image") acquired and merged into Comps on November 9, 2000. LeaseTrend and Jamison were merged into CoStar on December 31, 1999 and ARES was merged into CoStar on December 31, 2000. Comps was merged into CoStar on December 31, 2001.

#### CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries after elimination of all significant intercompany transactions.

#### **USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain previously reported amounts have been reclassified to conform to the Company's current presentation.

#### REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue from the sale of licenses is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the license, which is typically from one to three years. Deferred revenue results from advance cash receipts from the sales of licenses and is recognized over the term of the licenses.

#### SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMERS

No single customer accounted for more than 5% of our revenues as of December 31, 2001. The Company operates solely within one business segment.

#### **COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)**

For the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, the Company's net income (loss) reflects comprehensive income (loss) and accordingly, no additional disclosure is presented.

#### **ADVERTISING COSTS**

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense was \$1,332,000, \$4,028,000, and \$268,000 for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000, and 2001, respectively.

#### **INCOME TAXES**

The Company provides for income taxes under the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 ("FAS 109"). Deferred income taxes result from temporary differences between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and the basis reported in the Company's consolidated financial statements. Deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the difference between financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted rates expected to be in effect during the year in which the differences reverse. Valuation allowances are provided against assets, including net operating losses, if it is anticipated that some or all of the asset may not be realized through future taxable earnings or implementation of tax planning strategies.

#### STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company accounts for its stock-based compensation in accordance with APB No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25") using the intrinsic value method. Stock-based compensation related to options granted to non-employees is accounted for using the fair value method in accordance with the Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123 "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("FAS 123"). The Company has made proforma disclosures required by FAS 123 for all options granted.

#### **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consist of money market fund investments and United States Government Securities, substantially all of which are held with two institutions. At December 31, 2001 cash of \$956,000 was held in accounts to support letters of credit.

#### SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

The Company accounts for short-term investments in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities." The Company determines the appropriate classification of investments at the time of purchase and reevaluates such designation as of each balance sheet date. Short-term investments consist of debt securities that the Company classifies as available for sale. Such securities are held at the lower of cost or market, based on quoted market rates. The Company acquires short-term highly liquid investments from government agencies or corporate obligations with high-quality credit ratings. The weighted average maturities of short-term investments are less than one year. Due to the nature of these short-term investments, cost approximated fair market value at December 31, 2000 and 2001.

#### CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and generally does not require that its customers' obligations to the Company be secured. The Company maintains reserves for credit losses, and such losses have been within management's expectations. The risk of nonpayment of the Company's accounts receivable is mitigated by the large size and widespread nature of the Company's customer base and lack of dependence on individual customers. The carrying amount of the accounts receivable approximates their net realizable value. The carrying value of the Company's financial instruments including cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued expenses approximates fair value.

#### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortization are calculated on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives of the assets:

Leasehold improvements Shorter of lease term or useful life

Furniture and office equipment Seven years
Research vehicles Three years

Computer hardware and software Two to five years

#### CAPITALIZED PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COSTS

Initial costs to develop and produce the Company's database and software products, including direct labor, contractors and applicable overhead are capitalized from the time technological feasibility is determined until initial product release. Prior to technological feasibility, such costs are classified as software development and expensed as incurred. Ongoing significant enhancements of the products are capitalized subsequent to initial product release. Amortization of capitalized costs is based on the greater of the amount computed using (a) the ratio of current gross revenues to the sum of current and anticipated gross revenues, or (b) the straight-line method over the remaining estimated economic life of the product, typically five years after initial product release. Included in amortization is approximately \$219,000, \$318,000 and \$239,000 of expense related to the capitalized product development costs for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively.

#### GOODWILL, INTANGIBLES AND OTHER ASSETS

Goodwill and other intangibles represent the unamortized excess of the cost of acquiring companies over the fair value of such companies' net tangible assets at the dates of acquisition. Goodwill, acquired technology, and customer base, which are related to the Company's acquisitions as described in Note 3, are being amortized on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from two to ten years. The cost of photography is amortized on a straight-line basis over five years.

#### LONG-LIVED ASSETS

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be disposed of", management periodically reviews, if impairment indicators exist, the carrying value and lives of long-lived assets. For long-lived assets to be held and used, the Company bases its evaluation on such impairment indicators as the nature of the assets, the future economic benefit of the assets, as well as other external market conditions or factors that may be present. If such impairment indicators are present or other factors exist that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable, the Company determines whether an impairment has occurred through the use of an undiscounted cash flows analysis of assets at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows exist. If impairment has occurred, the Company recognizes a loss for the difference between the carrying amount and the estimated value of the asset. The fair value of the asset is measured using discounted cash flow analysis or other valuation techniques. In addition, the Company evaluates the recoverability of enterprise goodwill by assessing whether the book value can be recovered through expected and undiscounted cash flows. No impairment losses have been recorded during the periods presented.

#### **NET LOSS PER SHARE**

Basic loss per share is based on the weighted average shares outstanding during the period. The calculation of diluted loss per share reflects the dilutive effects of outstanding stock and other dilutive common stock equivalents if any. Diluted loss per share is equal to the basic loss per share as the effect on the calculation of basic loss per share assuming the exercise of common stock equivalents is anti-dilutive.

#### **NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statements of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, "Business Combinations", and No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. Under the new rule, goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives will no longer be amortized but will be subject to annual impairment tests in accordance with the Standards. Other intangible assets will continue to be amortized over their useful lives. The Company will apply the new rules on accounting for goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives beginning in the first quarter of 2002. The Company estimates that the effect of the new rules will be to decrease amortization expense related to goodwill by approximately \$3.7 million in 2002. During 2002, the Company will perform the first of the required impairment tests of goodwill and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives as of January 1, 2002. The Company does not expect that these tests will have any effect on our earnings and financial position during 2002. Any charges taken upon adoption of this statement would be treated as a cumulative effect change in accounting principle.

#### NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

In August 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets ("SFAS No. 144"), which addresses the financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets. SFAS No. 144 supersedes SFAS No. 121 but retains SFAS No. 121's fundamental provisions for recognition/measurement of impairment of long-lived assets to be held and used, and measurement of long-lived assets to be disposed of by sale. SFAS No. 144 also supersedes the accounting and reporting provisions of APB Opinion No. 30 for segments of a business to be disposed of but retains the requirement to report discontinued operations separately from continuing operations and extends that reporting requirement to a component of an entity that either has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale. SFAS No. 144 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company does not expect the requirements of SFAS No. 144 to have an impact on the Company's financial statements during fiscal year 2002.

#### 3. ACQUISITIONS

On January 8, 1999, the Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of LeaseTrend, Inc., a Cincinnati based provider of commercial real estate information, for \$4,500,000 in cash and 566,671 shares of the Company's common stock. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase and the consideration was valued for accounting purposes at approximately \$9,200,000 including acquisition expenses.

On January 22, 1999, the Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of Jamison Research, Inc., an Atlanta based provider of commercial real estate information, for \$5,284,000 in cash and 446,637 shares of the Company's common stock. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase and the consideration was valued for accounting purposes at approximately \$10,300,000 including acquisition expenses.

On September 15, 1999, the Company acquired all of the membership interests of ARES Development Group, LLC, Los Angeles based developers and distributors of ARES for ACT!, for \$250,000 in cash and 33,208 shares of the Company's common stock. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase and the consideration was valued for accounting purposes at approximately \$1,265,000 including acquisition expenses. In addition, the acquisition agreement provided for \$1,000,000 of additional consideration (in a combination of cash and stock) to be paid by the Company upon the achievement of certain operating goals by the members of ARES. In February 2000, the Company issued 2,140 shares of its common stock and paid \$437,500 in cash to the members of ARES upon the achievement of the first operating goal by the members of ARES. In October 2000, the Company issued an additional 2,196 shares of its common stock and paid an additional \$437,500 in cash to members of ARES upon the achievement of the second (and final) of the operating goals by members of ARES.

On February 10, 2000, the Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of COMPS.COM, Inc., a San Diego based provider of commercial real estate information, for \$49,015,905 in cash and 2,259,034 shares of the Company's common stock. The acquisition has been accounted for using purchase accounting and has been valued at approximately \$101,379,000 for accounting purposes. The purchase price was allocated primarily to cash, acquired technology and other intangibles, which is being amortized over a period of 2 to 10 years.

On November 9, 2000, CoStar completed the acquisition of First Image Technologies, Inc. The primary asset of First Image is the Metropolis software system, a single interface that combines commercial real estate data from multiple information providers into a comprehensive resource. The Company acquired all of the outstanding capital stock of First Image Technologies, Inc. for approximately \$665,000 in cash and 9,424 shares of the Company's common stock. The transaction was accounted for as a purchase and the initial consideration was valued for accounting purposes at approximately \$950,000 including acquisition expenses. In addition, the acquisition agreement provides for \$950,000 of additional consideration (in a combination of cash and stock) to be paid by the Company upon the achievement of certain operating goals by the sole stockholder of First Image.

The operations of all acquired businesses were included in the Company's statement of operations after the respective date of acquisitions. Except for the portion of the purchase price of acquisitions acquired with cash, these transactions have been excluded from the statements of cash flows.

#### **ACQUISITIONS (CONTINUED)**

The Company's unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations for the year ended December 31, 1999 and 2000, assuming the acquisition of Comps and First Image had been consummated as of January 1 of each period, is summarized as follows:

|   | For the Year Ended December 31, |                      |  |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|
|   | 1999                            | 2000                 |  |
| Revenues  | \$ 30,989,000                   | \$ 60,632,000        |  |
| Net loss  | \$ (12,694,000)                 | \$ (55,458,000)      |  |
| Weighted average shares   | 11,787,000                      | 15,398,089           |  |
| Net loss per share – basic and diluted                            | \$ (1.08)                       | \$ (3.60)            |  |
| 4. GOODWILL, INTANGIBLES AND OTHER ASSETS                         |                                 |                      |  |
| Goodwill, intangibles and other assets consists of the following: |                                 |                      |  |
|   | December 31,<br>2000            | December 31,<br>2001 |  |
| Capitalized product development costs                             | \$ 1,801,146                    | \$ 1,795,255         |  |
| Accumulated amortization  | (934,767)                       | (1,173,107)          |  |
|   | 866,379                         | 622,148              |  |
| Building photography  | 4,466,974                       | 4,642,883            |  |
| Acquired database technology                                      | 17,649,324                      | 17,949,324           |  |
| Customer base   | 31,645,487                      | 31,945,487           |  |
| Tradename   | 4,198,000                       | 4,198,000            |  |
| Goodwill  | 37,567,915                      | 36,967,801           |  |
| Accumulated amortization  | (19,736,012)                    | (33,854,096)         |  |
|   | 75,791,688                      | 61,849,399           |  |
| Goodwill, intangibles and other assets                            | \$ 76,658,067                   | \$ 62,471,547        |  |

#### 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During 1997, the general partner of Realty Information Group, L. P. ("RIGLP"), a predecessor company to CoStar Group, Inc., obtained a commitment from a partner for an additional \$1,000,000 of subordinated, unsecured credit, bearing interest at the prime interest rate plus 1%. In connection with the commitment, the individual contributing partner received warrants for the purchase of 45,450 shares of Common Stock. The warrants had a two-year term beyond the Company's initial public offering and provided for the purchase of an equivalent number of shares at a price of 10% less than the price of the stock sold in the initial public offering (\$9.00 per share). During February 2000, the partner exercised warrants for the purchase of 45,450 shares by a net exercise and received 35,294 shares.

#### 6. INCOME TAXES

Through June 30, 1998 the Company operated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. The Company paid no income taxes in 1999, 2000 or 2001.

|  | December 31,<br>2000 | December 31,<br>2001 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Deferred tax assets:                                       |                      |                      |
| Reserve for bad debts                                      | \$ 1,116,139         | \$ 958,860           |
| Accrued compensation                                       | 736,056              | 1,540,641            |
| Net operating losses                                       | 32,483,747           | 28,999,888           |
| Other liabilities  | 3,553,488            | 2,310,928            |
| Total deferred tax assets                                  | 37,889,430           | 33,810,317           |
| Deferred tax liabilities:                                  |                      |                      |
| Depreciation   | (756,039)            | (772,400)            |
| Product development costs                                  | (334,596)            | (240,274)            |
| Identified intangibles associated with purchase accounting | (18,092,461)         | (12,224,456)         |
| Total deferred tax liabilities                             | (19,183,096)         | (13,237,130)         |
| Net deferred tax asset                                     | 18,706,334           | 20,573,187           |
| Valuation allowance  | (19,693,596)         | (20,573,187)         |
| Net deferred taxes   | \$ (987,262)         | \$ 0                 |

A valuation allowance has been established against the related net deferred tax assets due to the uncertainty of realization. The Company's change in valuation allowance was approximately \$13,323,000 and \$880,000 during the years ended December 31, 2000 and 2001, respectively. The valuation allowance and net operating losses at December 31, 2001 have been reduced to reflect return to accrual adjustments.

The Company's provision for income taxes resulted in effective tax rates that varied from the statutory federal income tax rate as follows:

|  | December 31,<br>1999 | December 31,<br>2000 | December 31,<br>2001 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Expected federal income tax provision (benefit) at 34% | \$ (4,174,000)       | \$ (17,577,988)      | \$(7,190,521)        |
| State income taxes, net of federal benefit             | (567,200)            | (2,388,538)          | (951,283)            |
| Increase in valuation allowance                        | 5,277,100            | 19,405,316           | 6,964,808            |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes               | (535,900)            | (1,483,804)          | 189,734              |
| Deferred income tax benefit                            | \$ -                 | \$ (2,045,014)       | \$ (987,262)         |

At December 31, 2001, the Company had net operating loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes of approximately \$75,090,337, which expire, if unused, from the year 2010 through the year 2021. The tax benefit of approximately \$10.7 million of net operating losses related to stock options will be credited to equity when the benefit of these losses is realized through utilization of the net operating loss carryforwards. Additionally, during 2000, the Company acquired a company that had net operating losses of approximately \$19,359,000, which expire, if unused, through the year 2019. The use of these acquired net operating losses is subject to limitation imposed by the Internal Revenue Code and is also restricted to the taxable income of the subsidiaries generating the losses.

During 1999 and 2000, the Company made acquisitions, which were reported using the purchase method of accounting. These acquisitions included identified intangible assets, which in accordance with FAS 109, required deferred taxes and related goodwill to be recorded. Additionally, net operating losses from the acquired companies and the net operating losses from CoStar prior to the acquisition, totaling approximately \$39,600,000, were valued in connection with the acquisition. The reversal of these deferred taxes in future periods may result in additions to the valuation allowance and the recording of additional tax expense in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 109, requiring evaluation regarding future realization.

#### 7. COMMITMENTS

The Company leases office facilities and office equipment under various noncancelable operating leases. The leases contain various renewal options. Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 was approximately \$2,440,000, \$5,595,000 and \$5,346,000, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2001 are as follows:

| 2002                | \$ 4,277,000 |
|---------------------|--------------|
| 2003                |              |
| 2004                | 3,115,000    |
| 2005                |              |
| 2006 and thereafter | 11,081,000   |
|                     | \$24,743,000 |

#### 8. SALES OF COMMON STOCK

On July 1, 1998, the Company completed an initial public offering ("IPO") of 2,875,000 shares of common stock (including the over-allotment option) for \$9.00 per share. Total proceeds of the IPO were \$22,737,000, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions of \$1,811,000 and offering expenses of \$1,326,000. On May 10, 1999, the Company completed a Follow-On Public Offering of 3,019,495 shares of common stock (including the over-allotment option) for \$34.50 per share. Total proceeds of the Follow-On Public Offering were \$97,411,000, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and offering expenses of \$1,024,000.

#### 9. NET LOSS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net loss per share:

|  | Years Ended December 31, |                 |                 |  |  |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--|
|  | 1999                     | 2000            | 2001            |  |  |
| Numerator:                                   |                          |                 |                 |  |  |
| Net loss                                     | \$ (12,276,673)          | \$ (49,654,949) | \$ (20,161,329) |  |  |
| Denominator:                                 |                          |                 |                 |  |  |
| Denominator for basic earnings per share —   |                          |                 |                 |  |  |
| weighted-average shares                      | 11,726,589               | 15,136,976      | 15,635,931      |  |  |
| Effect of dilutive securities:               |                          |                 |                 |  |  |
| Dilutive potential common shares             |                          |                 |                 |  |  |
| Denominator for diluted earnings per share — |                          |                 |                 |  |  |
| adjusted weighted-average shares             | 11,726,589               | 15,136,976      | 15,635,931      |  |  |
| Basic and diluted net loss per share         | \$ (1.05)                | \$ (3.28)       | \$ (1.29)       |  |  |

The weighted average number of shares does not include stock options and warrants outstanding of 1,352,142, 1,716,957 and 1,839,719 as of December 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively, as their effect would be anti-dilutive for the periods presented.

#### 10. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

#### Option Plan

In March 1996 RIGLP adopted the 1996 Option and Purchase Plan (the "1996 Plan"), under which 606,000 shares of Common Stock were reserved for issuance upon the exercise of options granted to officers, executive personnel, directors and key employees. Certain options previously granted were included in the 1996 Plan. In connection with the IPO, all of the options granted under the 1996 Plan were replaced with options under the 1998 Plan (as defined below).

In June 1998 the Company's Board of Directors adopted the Stock Incentive Plan (the "1998 Plan") prior to consummation of the IPO. The 1998 Plan provides for the grant of stock and stock options to officers, directors and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries. Options granted under the 1998 Plan may be incentive or non-qualified stock options. The exercise price for a stock option may not be less than the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, as defined in the 1998 Plan, all outstanding unexercisable options under the 1998 Plan immediately become exercisable. The Company has reserved 3,750,000 shares of common stock for issuance under the 1998 Plan. Unless terminated sooner by the Board of Directors, the 1998 Plan will terminate in 2008.

Option activity was as follows:

|                                  | Number of<br>Shares | Price Per<br>Share | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise Price |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|
| Outstanding at December 31, 1998 | 877,494             |                    | \$ 6.77                                |
| Granted                          | 635,945             | \$ 9.00-\$48.00    | \$27.17                                |
| Exercised                        | (121,907)           | \$ 5.63-\$34.95    | \$ 7.62                                |
| Canceled or expired              | (39,390)            | \$ 4.07-\$48.00    | \$18.25                                |
| Outstanding at December 31, 1999 | 1,352,142           |                    | \$15.95                                |
| Granted                          | 840,950             | \$20.13-\$52.13    | \$28.43                                |
| Exercised                        | (269,776)           | \$ 3.45-\$30.00    | \$ 8.26                                |
| Canceled or expired              | (206,359)           | \$ 5.63-\$49.50    | \$26.15                                |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2000 | 1,716,957           |                    | \$22.05                                |
| Granted                          | 544,550             | \$15.06-\$29.69    | \$20.88                                |
| Exercised                        | (167,739)           | \$ 3.45-\$24.88    | \$10.24                                |
| Canceled or expired              | (254,049)           | \$ 7.44-\$44.75    | \$26.16                                |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2001 | 1,839,719           |                    | \$22.20                                |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2001 | 847,686             |                    | \$19.44                                |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2000 | 686,887             |                    | \$14.59                                |
| Exercisable at December 31, 1999 | 531,530             |                    | \$ 8.89                                |

The Company follows the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 123. Accordingly, no compensation cost has been recognized for the Plan. Had compensation expense related to the Plan been determined based on the fair value at the grant date for options granted consistent with the provisions of SFAS No. 123, Company's pro forma net loss and net loss per share would have been approximately \$16,824,000, \$57,597,000 and \$27,920,000, and \$1.43, \$3.81 and \$1.79 for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively. Such pro forma results are not representative of the effects on operations for future years.

The weighted average fair value of options granted during 1999 was \$19.60 using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: dividend yield 0%, expected volatility of 90%, risk-free interest rate of 5.0%, and expected life of five years. The weighted average fair value of options granted during 2000 was \$20.44 using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: dividend yield 0%, expected volatility of 87%, risk-free interest rate of 6.3%, and expected life of five years. The weighted average fair value of options granted during 2001 was \$20.88 using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions: dividend yield 0%, expected volatility of 100%, risk-free interest rate of 5.5%, and expected life of five years.

#### EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS (CONTINUED)

The following table summarizes information regarding options outstanding at December 31, 2001:

|                   |                     | <b>Options Outstanding</b>                             | Options Exercised                      |                     |  |
|-------------------|---------------------|--|--|---------------------|--|
| Exercise Price    | Number of<br>Shares | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Contractual Life<br>(In Years) | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise Price | Number of<br>Shares | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise Price |
| \$ 3.45 - \$ 9.00 | 360,712             | 6.3  | 6.28                                   | 360,712             | 6.28                                   |
| \$12.63 - \$17.97 | 90,768              | 9.1  | 16.82                                  | 7,367               | 15.70                                  |
| \$18.06 - \$18.06 | 227,500             | 9.3  | 18.06                                  | 0                   | 0                                      |
| \$18.31 - \$23.06 | 211,133             | 8.4  | 21.57                                  | 70,935              | 21.71                                  |
| \$23.25 - \$26.88 | 234,240             | 8.4  | 25.01                                  | 56,126              | 24.78                                  |
| \$27.00 - \$30.00 | 369,250             | 8.0  | 29.11                                  | 230,080             | 29.83                                  |
| \$30.75 - \$33.13 | 229,916             | 8.3  | 31.86                                  | 63,597              | 31.73                                  |
| \$34.25 - \$46.81 | 114,209             | 7.9  | 38.09                                  | 58,286              | 38.65                                  |
| \$52.13 - \$52.13 | 2,000               | 8.2  | 52.13                                  | 583                 | 52.13                                  |
|                   | 1,839,719           | 8.0  | 22.20                                  | 847,686             | 19.44                                  |

On September 28, 2001, the Company granted a total of 5,000 shares of restricted stock to the non-employee directors of the Company. The stock grants vest over a four-year period with 25% of the stock vesting on each anniversary of the grant date. The Company recorded \$89,800 in deferred compensation expense. The deferred compensation is calculated at the fair value on the grant date and is being amortized over the vesting period of the restricted stock.

#### Employee 401(k) Plan

The Company maintains a defined contribution retirement plan for all eligible employees. Effective January 1, 1997, the Company established a 401(k) Plan (the "401(k)") to provide retirement benefits for eligible employees. The 401(k) provides for tax deferred contributions of between 1% and 15% of employees' salaries, limited to a maximum annual amount as established by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company matched 100% in 1999, 2000 and 2001 of employee contributions up to a maximum of 6% of total compensation. Amounts contributed to the 401(k) by the Company to match employee contributions for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000, and 2001 were approximately \$364,000, \$698,000 and \$1,209,000, respectively.

#### 11. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL DATA (UNAUDITED)

The following table has been prepared from the financial records of the Company, without audit, and reflects all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for the fair presentation of the results of operations for the interim periods presented (in thousands, except per share amounts). The sum of the per share amounts do not equal the annual amounts presented in the audited financial statements because of the changes in the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year.

|                             | 2000           |            |            | 2001       |            |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                             | Mar. 31        | June 30    | Sept. 30   | Dec. 31    | Mar. 31    | June 30    | Sept. 30   | Dec. 31    |
|                             | (In Thousands) |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Revenues                    | \$ 11,372      | \$ 14,572  | \$ 15,717  | \$16,841   | \$17,354   | \$18,073   | \$18,447   | \$18,639   |
| Cost of revenues            | <b>5,977</b>   | 7,730      | 8,356      | 8,139      | 7,990      | 7,516      | 7,532      | 7,278      |
| Gross margin                | 5,395          | 6,842      | 7,361      | 8,702      | 9,364      | 10,557     | 10,915     | 11,361     |
| Operating expenses          | 22,090         | 21,571     | 20,261     | 19,413     | 17,629     | 16,867     | 15,728     | 14,699     |
| Loss from operations        | (16,695)       | (14,729)   | (12,900)   | (10,711)   | (8,265)    | (6,310)    | (4,813)    | (3,338)    |
| Other income (expense), net | 1,026          | 751        | 807        | 751        | 575        | 374        | 348        | 281        |
| Income tax benefit          | 565            | 845        | 523        | 112        | 41         | 41         | 452        | 453        |
| Net loss                    | \$(15,104)     | \$(13,133) | \$(11,570) | \$ (9,848) | \$ (7,649) | \$ (5,895) | \$ (4,013) | \$ (2,604) |
| Net loss per share –        |                |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| basic and diluted           | \$ (1.06)      | \$ (0.85)  | \$ (0.75)  | \$ (0.64)  | \$ (0.49)  | \$ (0.38)  | \$ (0.26)  | \$ (0.17)  |



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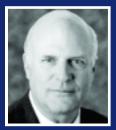
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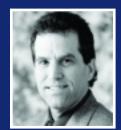
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