

EVOLVING SYSTEMS INC
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 30, 2003

Evolving Systems, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-24081

(Commission File Number)

84-1010843

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

9777 Mt. Pyramid Court, Englewood, Colorado 80112

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 802-1000**

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On April 30, 2003, Evolving Systems, Inc. (the Company) published a press release containing certain financial information about the Company as follows:

EVOLVING SYSTEMS REPORTS 2003 FIRST QUARTER RESULTS

**\$3.1 Million Net Income Marks Company's Third Consecutive Profitable Quarter;
Revenue Increases To \$8.6 Million For Sixth Straight Quarterly Advance;
Cash Balance Increases To \$16.9 Million**

ENGLEWOOD, Colorado Evolving Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ-EVOL), a provider of innovative software solutions for operations, enhanced services and systems integration to many of the largest communications companies in the U.S., today reported results for its first quarter ended March 31, 2003.

First Quarter Results

Evolving Systems reported its third consecutive profitable quarter with net income of \$3.1 million, or \$0.23 per basic share and \$0.21 per diluted share, in the quarter ended March 31, 2003, compared with a net loss of \$6.9 million, or \$0.52 per basic and diluted share, in the same quarter a year ago. The Company's strong bottom line performance was attributable to sharply higher revenue, including \$1.6 million from a large LNP product license sale, combined with a significantly lower expense base. It was also the third consecutive quarter in which Evolving Systems increased its cash position. The Company's cash balance at March 31, 2003 increased to \$16.9 million from \$8.6 million at year-end, primarily as a result of the collection in the first quarter of 2003 annual maintenance.

Revenue in the first quarter increased 95% to \$8.6 million from \$4.4 million in the first quarter last year. That growth included a 159% increase in license fees and services revenue to \$5.0 million and a 45% increase in customer support revenue to \$3.6 million. On a sequential basis, first quarter revenue increased 17% over fourth-quarter revenue of \$7.3 million. It was the Company's sixth consecutive quarter of increased revenue.

Total costs of revenue and operating expenses were reduced by 51% to \$5.5 million in the first quarter compared with \$11.3 million in the same quarter in 2002. Sequentially, total costs of revenue and operating expenses declined by approximately \$100,000 from the fourth quarter, reflecting the Company's ongoing commitment to aggressively managing its costs.

The Company's backlog at March 31, 2003 was approximately \$14.1 million—a figure that includes \$3.9 million in license fees and services and \$10.2 million in customer support. The Company booked more than \$3.0 million in new business in the first quarter. These bookings include new software licenses, enhanced features sales and service agreements primarily involving the Company's NumeriTrack solution, which facilitates compliance with FCC-mandated number conservation and pooling requirements. The bookings also include annual maintenance renewals for 2003.

CEO Comments

Given the ongoing challenges in the telecommunications industry, our first quarter was one of the strongest in the Company's history, said George Hallenbeck, chairman and CEO. We have done a good job managing our costs. We are focused on selling new product and services opportunities by leading with our ServiceXpress offerings. We believe we are building a foundation that can support sustained profitability and growth well into the future.

While we continue to leverage our deep domain knowledge to offer superior products and services to our customers, which include many of the largest telecommunications companies in the United States, we are rebuilding Evolving Systems into a different and much improved company, Hallenbeck added. We are a more efficient organization with a high-performance staff and an offshore development capability. This team provides customers

with solutions that meet their needs exactly while affording the critical cost and time benefits that result from our low-cost offshore development and round-the-clock work day. This is made possible by our ServiceXpress methodology. While working to expand our business with existing customers, we are also executing a sales strategy directed at a focused prospect list to expand our overall customer base in the United States. In our first quarter conference call I will describe the rebuilding phase of our new strategy in more detail.

Outlook

Based on its \$14.1 million backlog and strong first quarter profitability, Evolving Systems reaffirms expectations for profitability and cash flow positive operations in 2003. The Company continues to expect an ongoing operating expense base of \$22.0 to \$23.0 million for the year with total revenue ranging from \$25.5 to \$26.5 million. The Company reiterated that the first quarter is likely to be the highest revenue quarter of the year due to significant one-time revenue from a large contract in the period. The Company expects to be profitable in the second quarter on revenue in the range of \$5.5 to \$6.5 million. The low end of that range is based on booked business currently scheduled for delivery during the quarter. The high end of the range contemplates additional business that has a reasonable chance of closure and delivery during the period. The Company's cash position is expected to decline over the next three quarters, although the Company projects its cash at year-end will be at a higher level than at 2002 year-end. Evolving Systems believes its 2003 business plan is fully funded, with no additional capital required.

Conference Call

Evolving Systems will conduct its first quarter conference call today at 2:15 p.m. Mountain Time.

Call 1-800-240-5318 for domestic toll free

Call 303-205-0066 for Denver and international

Conference I.D. number is 536259

Phone replay through May 14, 2003, call 800-405-2236 or 303-590-3000, passcode 536259#.

Webcast, go to www.evolving.com. Replay available through May 15, 2003.

About Evolving Systems

Evolving Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: EVOL) provides innovative software solutions for operations, enhanced services and systems integration to many of the largest communications companies in the U.S. The Company provides local number portability solutions and offers software products that enable carriers to comply with the FCC's number conservation mandates intended to extend the life of the North American Numbering Plan. The Company's *ServiceXpress* methodology and offering is used to accelerate development and integration efforts. Evolving Systems' unique competence as an integration and solutions provider for both operations support system (OSS) and enhanced services software positions the Company to accelerate the automation and availability of tomorrow's services for today's tier one carriers and application service

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providers. For additional information visit www.evolving.com.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT: This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation reform Act of 1995, based on current expectations, estimates and projections that are subject to risk. Specifically, the Company's statements about growth and future profitability, revenue and expense projections for 2003, and expansion of its customer base are forward looking statements. Readers should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially because of the timing of delivery under the Company's contracts; FCC decisions concerning number portability; internal budgeting changes of customers; unexpected costs and delays in, or failure to meet, project milestones; and the impact of competition.

For a more extensive discussion of the Company's business, please refer to the Company's Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 28, 2003 as well as subsequently filed 10-Q and 8-K reports.

All information in this release is as of April 30, 2003. Evolving Systems will not necessarily update forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent developments.

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Statements of Operations

(In thousands except per share data)

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| | Three months ended March 31, | |
|---|------------------------------|------------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Revenue: | | |
| License fees and services* | \$ 5,004 | \$ 1,929 |
| Customer support* | 3,587 | 2,469 |
| Total revenue | 8,591 | 4,398 |
| Costs of revenue and operating expenses: | | |
| Cost of license fees and services, excluding depreciation and amortization* | 1,893 | 2,130 |
| Cost of customer support, excluding depreciation and amortization* | 1,307 | 3,636 |
| Sales and marketing | 705 | 1,883 |
| General and administrative | 916 | 1,952 |
| Product development | 276 | 554 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 330 | 522 |
| Restructuring and other expenses | 118 | 641 |
| Total costs of revenue and operating expenses | 5,545 | 11,318 |
| Income (loss) from operations | 3,046 | (6,920) |
| Other income, net | 47 | 13 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 3,093 | \$ (6,907) |
| Basic earnings (loss) per common share | \$ 0.23 | \$ (0.52) |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per common share | \$ 0.21 | \$ (0.52) |
| Weighted average basic shares outstanding | 13,437 | 13,292 |
| Weighted average diluted shares outstanding | 14,456 | 13,292 |

* Certain prior period balances have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

Balance Sheets

(In thousands except share data)

| | March 31, 2003 | December 31, 2002 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 16,910 | \$ 8,601 |
| Contract receivables, net of allowance of \$298 and \$290 at March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively | 4,062 | 12,727 |
| Unbilled work-in-progress | 537 | 129 |
| Prepaid and other current assets | 829 | 804 |
| Total current assets | 22,338 | 22,261 |
| Property and equipment, net | 1,720 | 2,004 |
| Restricted cash | 500 | 500 |
| Total assets | \$ 24,558 | \$ 24,765 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of long-term obligations | \$ 35 | \$ 34 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 3,923 | 4,176 |
| Unearned revenue | 11,310 | 14,523 |
| Total current liabilities | 15,268 | 18,733 |
| Long-term obligations | 233 | 141 |
| Total liabilities | 15,501 | 18,874 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 25,000,000 shares authorized; 13,846,489 and 13,305,052 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively | 14 | 13 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 53,706 | 53,634 |
| Accumulated deficit | (44,663) | (47,756) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 9,057 | 5,891 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 24,558 | \$ 24,765 |

Limitation of Incorporation by Reference

In accordance with the general instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this report is furnished pursuant to Item 9 and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section.

SIGNATURES

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

Evolving Systems, Inc.

Dated: April 30, 2003

*By: /s/ George A. Hallenbeck
George A. Hallenbeck
Chief Executive Officer*