SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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[X]	Quarterly	Report	Pursuant	to	Section	13	or	15(d)	of	the	Securities
	Exchange A	ct of	1934								

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 1996 or

[_] Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission file number 0-15235

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Mitek Systems, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 87-0418827

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (619) 635-5900

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(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X No

There were 7,746,959 shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock as of April 12, 1996.

PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION MITEK SYSTEMS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

	March 31, 1996	September 30, 1995
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:	\$ 301,190	\$ 103,895
Accounts receivable-net Note receivable	1,895,858 0	1,619,886 158,335
Inventories Prepaid expenses	280,163 50,785	131,929 52,777
Total current assets	2,527,996	2,066,822
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT-at cost Less accumulated depreciation	1,108,247	, ,
and amortization	1,017,395	1,039,549
Property and equipment-net	90,852	131,085
PREPAID LICENSE AND OTHER ASSETS	517,141	666,393
TOTAL	\$ 3,135,989 =======	\$ 2,864,300 =======
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES: Note payable - Bank Current portion of long-term liabilities Amount payable under factoring agreement Accounts payable Accrued payroll and related taxes	\$ 201,676 8,362 0 523,279 230,312	\$ 0 267,927 195,545 722,955 163,789
Other accrued liabilities	471,611 	114,803
Total current liabilities	1,435,240	1,465,019
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	10,543	56,567
COMMITMENTS		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: Preferred stock - \$.001 par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized; none outstanding Common stock - \$.001 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; 7,732,959 issued and		
outstanding, respectively Additional paid-in capital Accumulated deficit	7,733 3,426,595 (1,744,122)	7,728 3,423,072 (2,088,086)
Total stockholders' equity	1,690,206	1,342,714
TOTAL	\$ 3,135,989 ======	\$ 2,864,300 ======

MITEK SYSTEMS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	THREE MONTI March	HS ENDED 31,	SIX MONTI March	
	1996 1995		1996	1995
NET SALES	\$1,923,829	\$1,435,852	\$3,749,282	\$3,328,273
COST OF GOODS SOLD	736,367	689,902	1,476,429	1,720,935
GROSS MARGIN	1,187,462		2,272,853	1,607,338
COSTS AND EXPENSES: Selling and marketing General and administrative Research and development Interest	283,029 258,172 319,482 33,476	20,652	613,188 587,245 81,707	468,546 575,863
Total costs and expenses	894,159	943,871	1,868,723	1,788,228
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	293,303		404,130	(180,890)
OTHER INCOME (Note D)	0	204,853	0	204,853
INCOME (loss) BEFORE INCOME TAXES PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	293,303 38,000	6,932 800	404,130 60,165	,
NET INCOME EARNINGS PER SHARE:	\$ 255,303 =======	\$ 6,132 ======	\$ 343,965 =======	\$ 19,757 =======
Common and Common equivalent shares	\$.03 ======		\$.04 ======	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON AND COMMON EQUIVALENT SHARES	7,952,297 =======	7,029,079 ======	7,898,307 ======	7,019,981 =======

See notes to financial statements.

MITEK SYSTEMS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

	Six Months End 1996	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	\$ 343,965	\$ 19,757
Depreciation and amortization Gain on sale of TEMPEST	218,650 (204,853)	
Gain on sale of property and equipment Change in operating assets and liabilities Income tax receivable	238,950	(6,045)
Increase (decrease) in accounts receivable Increase in inventory and prepaid expense	(275,972)	172,067 (180,193)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	223,655	(306,559)
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(54, 489)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of property and equipment Proceeds from sale of property and equipment Proceeds from sale of TEMPEST	(29,166)	(10,118) 6,045 50,000
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(29,166)	45,927
FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Proceeds from bank debt Repayment of debt Proceeds from note receivable Proceeds from exercise of stock options Proceeds from sale of stock	1,506,816 (1,806,274) 158,335 3,528	26,060 153,896
Net cash provided by financing activities		86,192
NET INCREASE IN CASH	197,295	77,630
CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	103,895	99,976
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 301,190	\$ 177,606

MITEK SYSTEMS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and, therefore, do not include all information and footnote disclosures that are otherwise required by Regulation S-X and that will normally be made in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K. The financial statements do, however, reflect all adjustments (solely of a normal recurring nature) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the results of the interim periods presented.

Results for the three and six months ended March 31, 1996 and 1995 are not necessarily indicative of results which may be reported for any other interim period or for the year as a whole.

B. Inventories

Inventories are summarized as follows:

	Mar	ch 31, 1996	Septe	ember 30, 1995
Raw materials Work in process Finished goods	\$	110,610 68,202 101,351	\$	36,929 42,970 52,030
Total	\$ ===	280,163 ======	\$	131,929 =======

Inventories are recorded at the lower of cost (on the first-in, first-out basis) or market.

C. Earning Per Share

Earnings per share amounts are computed based on the weighted average shares outstanding during the periods which include any delutive stock options.

D. Sale of TEMPEST business

In the prior year, other income consisted of the gain on the sale of the TEMPEST business, and was made up of the following components: Sale price (\$350,000) offset by the carrying cost of inventory sold (\$132,000) and costs related to the transaction (\$13,000).

E. Sale of Common Stock

In the prior year, the Company undertook a private placement stock offering during the reporting quarter. At March 31, 1995 an additional 470,333 shares of common stock were issued, with an aggregate value of \$357,625, before subtracting associated costs of \$24,529.

In conjunction with the aforementioned stock offering the Company issued an additional 120,000 shares of common stock, with an aggregate value of \$90,000, on April 25, 1995.

MITEK SYSTEMS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Continued

F. Commitments

Effective May 1, 1995, the Company's lease for its San Diego facility was terminated and its remaining obligations/commitments under such lease were effectively assigned to another company.

A new non-cancelable San Diego facility lease was entered into in April 1995. Future annual minimum rental payments under this non-cancelable operating lease are as follows:

Year ending September 30:

97,965
58,457
242,589

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

SALES Sales for the second quarter of fiscal 1996 ended March 31, 1996,

increased \$488,000 compared with the same period of fiscal 1995. Sales for the six months ended March 31, 1996 increased \$421,000 or 12.65% compared with the first six months of fiscal 1995. The backlog of new orders increased to \$2,284,000 compared to \$1,979,000 at March 31, 1995.

COST OF GOODS SOLD Cost of goods sold as a percentage of sales for the

three and six months ended March 31, 1996 were 38.3% and 39.4%, respectively. In the prior year, cost of goods sold as a percentage of sales for the three and six months ended March 31, 1995 were 48% and 51.7%, respectively. The prior year's sales consisted of a mix of ADR and TEMPEST products. The current year's sales consisted primarily of ADR products which produces a higher yield in gross margins, therefore causing a reduction in cost of goods sold.

OPERATING EXPENSES (Excluding Interest) Operating expenses increased

\$38,000 or 2.2% for six months ended March 31, 1996, while operating expenses decreased by \$62,500 or 68.8% for the quarter ended March 31, 1996 as compared to the same quarter in the prior year. The minimal changes reflects the Company's continued efforts to control and minimize cost.

INTEREST Interest expense increased \$13,000, or 62.1% and \$42,000 or 108%

for the three and six months ended March 31, 1996, compared with the same periods a year earlier. The increase reflects borrowings charged with an interest rate of 3% per month.

INCOME TAXES The charge for income taxes is approximately 13% of income before taxes.

OTHER INCOME Other income in the prior year consisted of the gain on the

sale of the TEMPEST business, and was made up of the following components: Sale price (\$350,000) offset by the carrying cost of inventory sold (\$132,000) and costs related to the transaction (\$13,000).

NET INCOME The Company netted income of \$255,000 and \$344,000 for the three

and six months ended March 31, 1996, respectively, compared with the net income of \$6,000 and \$20,000 for the same periods a year earlier. The income increases reflects the results of gross margins achieved with primarily ADR software products sold as compared to low margin yields in TEMPEST products sold in the prior years.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At March 31, 1996, stockholders' equity was \$1,690,00, an increase of \$347,000 from September 30, 1995. The Company's working capital and current ratio was \$1,093,000 and 1.76 to 1 at March 31, 1996 compared to \$602,000 and 1.41 to 1 at Sep tember 30, 1995, respectively.

At March 31, 1996, the total liabilities to equity ratio was 0.86 to 1 compared to 1.13 to 1 at September 30, 1995. As of March 31, 1996, the Company's total liabilities were \$76,000 less than September 30, 1995.

Components of working capital with significant changes during the six months ended March 31, 1996 were: Accounts Receivable, Notes Receivable, Inventory, and Other Accrued Liabilities. Compared to September 30, 1995, the components changed as follows:

Accounts Receivable - Increased \$276,000 due to the increase in sales.

Notes Receivable - Decreased \$158,000 due to expiration and collection of the note.

Inventory - Increased \$148,000 due to the procurement of materials to support shipments backlog.

Other Accrued Liabilities - Increased \$357,000 primarily because of unearned income on shipments billed for evaluation of products. Effective with the third quarter of fiscal 1996, the Company will be shipping these evaluation sales at no charge.

In August, 1995 the Company obtained a six month interim credit facility of \$650,000 with a financial institution while seeking conventional credit facilities. In March, 1996 the Company achieved a line of credit financing with a bank in the amount of \$400,000, with interest rate charges of 2.5% over prime lending rates. As of March 31, 1996, \$34,000 of the line of credit was in use.

The Company believes it will have sufficient cash flow generated from operations and existing credit facilities to meet its operational needs in the coming year.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

- Item 4. The annual meeting of stockholders was held on February 14, 1996.
 Brought to vote were the election of Directors for the ensuing year.
 With With 87.48% of shares represented at the meeting, all Directors from the prior year were re-elected. They are: John M. Thornton,
 Chairman, John F. Kessler, Daniel E. Steimle, James B.DeBello, Gerald I. Farmer and Sally B. Thornton.
- Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K
 - a. The exhibits are on Form 8-K: None
 - b. Reports on Form 8-K: Sales of TEMPEST Business

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.

MITEK SYSTEMS, INC. (Registrant)

Date: May 10, 1996 /s/ JOHN KESSLER

John Kessler, President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 10, 1996 /s/ GERALD I. FARMER

Gerald I. Farmer, Executive Vice President

and Assistant Treasurer

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