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**FORM 10-KSB**

**(Mark One)**

**Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.**

**OR**

**Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

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**REED'S, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization

**35-2177773**

I.R.S. Employer Identification Number

**13000 South Spring Street**

**Los Angeles, California**

Address of principal executive offices

**90061**

Zip Code

**(310) 217-9400**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: **Common Stock, par value \$0.0001**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

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Check whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 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  No

Check if there is no disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation S-B is not contained in this form, and no disclosure will be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information

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statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB or any amendment to this Form 10-KSB.

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

The issuer's revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 were \$13,058,813.

The aggregate market value of the voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the issuer as of April 10, 2008 was approximately \$12,586,773 (computed based on the closing sale price of the common stock at \$2.93 per share as of such date). Shares of common stock held by each officer and director and each person owning more than 10% of the outstanding common stock have been excluded in that such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of the affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

The number of shares of Common Stock of the registrant outstanding as of April 10, 2008 was 8,907,700 shares.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (Check One): Yes  No

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## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND INFORMATION

This Annual Report on Form 10-KSB, the other reports, statements, and information that we have previously filed or that we may subsequently file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and public announcements that we have previously made or may subsequently make include, may include, incorporate by reference or may incorporate by reference certain statements that may be deemed to be “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are intended to enjoy the benefits of that act. The forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this Annual Report and those reports, statements, information and announcements address activities, events or developments that Reed’s, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries hereinafter referred to as “we,” “us,” “our” or “Reed’s”) expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future. Any statements in this document about expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and are forward-looking statements. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as “may,” “should,” “could,” “predict,” “potential,” “believe,” “will likely result,” “expect,” “will continue,” “anticipate,” “seek,” “estimate,” “intend,” “plan,” “projection,” “would” and “outlook,” and similar. Accordingly, these statements involve estimates, assumptions and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in them. Any forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the factors discussed throughout this document. All forward-looking statements concerning economic conditions, rates of growth, rates of income or values as may be included in this document are based on information available to us on the dates noted, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements.

The risk factors referred to in this Annual Report could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by us, and you should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made and we do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which will arise. In addition, we cannot assess the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

Management cautions that these statements are qualified by their terms and/or important factors, many of which are outside of our control, involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from the statements made, including, but not limited to, the following, and other factors discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report, including under the section entitled “Risk Factors:”

- Our ability to generate sufficient cash flow to support capital expansion plans and general operating activities,
  - Decreased demand for our products resulting from changes in consumer preferences,
- Competitive products and pricing pressures and our ability to gain or maintain its share of sales in the marketplace,
  - The introduction of new products,
- Our being subject to a broad range of evolving federal, state and local laws and regulations including those regarding the labeling and safety of food products, establishing ingredient designations and standards of identity for certain foods, environmental protections, as well as worker health and safety. Changes in these laws and regulations could have a material effect on the way in which we produce and market our products and could result in increased costs,
- Changes in the cost and availability of raw materials and the ability to maintain our supply arrangements and relationships and procure timely and/or adequate production of all or any of our products,

- Our ability to penetrate new markets and maintain or expand existing markets,
- Maintaining existing relationships and expanding the distributor network of our products,

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- The marketing efforts of distributors of our products, most of whom also distribute products that are competitive with our products,
- Decisions by distributors, grocery chains, specialty chain stores, club stores and other customers to discontinue carrying all or any of our products that they are carrying at any time,
  - The availability and cost of capital to finance our working capital needs and growth plans,
    - The effectiveness of our advertising, marketing and promotional programs,
      - Changes in product category consumption,
        - Economic and political changes,
          - Consumer acceptance of new products, including taste test comparisons,
            - Possible recalls of our products, and
              - Our ability to make suitable arrangements for the co-packing of any of our products.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements.

## PART I

### Item 1. Description of Business

#### Background

We develop, manufacture, market, and sell natural non-alcoholic and “New Age” beverages, candies and ice creams. “New Age Beverages” is a category that includes natural soda, fruit juices and fruit drinks, ready-to-drink teas, sports drinks and water. We currently manufacture, market and sell five unique product lines:

- Reed’s Ginger Brews,
- Virgil’s Root Beer and Cream Sodas,
- China Colas,
- Reed’s Ginger Candies, and
- Reed’s Ginger Ice Creams.

We sell most of our products in specialty gourmet and natural food stores (estimated at 4,000 smaller or specialty stores and 3,000 supermarket format stores), supermarket chains (estimated at 7,500 stores), retail stores and restaurants in the United States and, to a lesser degree, in Canada, Europe and other international territories. We primarily sell our products through a network of natural, gourmet and independent distributors. We also maintain an organization of in-house sales managers who work mainly in the stores serviced by our natural, gourmet and mainstream distributors and with our distributors. We also work with regional, independent sales representatives who maintain store and distributor relationships in a specified territory. In Southern California, we have our own direct

distribution system, but have plans to direct these sales to distributors.

We produce and co-pack our products in part at our company-owned facility in Los Angeles, California, known as the Brewery, and primarily at a contracted co-packing facility in Pennsylvania. We also co-pack certain of our products at smaller co-packing facilities in the United States and in Europe.

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Key elements of our business strategy include:

- Increase our relationship with and sales to the 10,500 supermarkets that carry our products in natural and mainstream,
- stimulate consumer demand and awareness for our existing brands and products,
- develop additional unique alternative and natural beverage brands and other products, including
- specialty packaging like our 5-liter party kegs, our swing-lid bottle and our 750 ml champagne bottle,
- lower our cost of sales for our products, and
- optimize the size of our sales force to manage our relationships with distributors.

Our current sales effort is focused for the next 12-18 months on building our business in the 10,500 natural and mainstream supermarket accounts in the US and Canada.

In addition, since 2003, we have introduced into the marketplace new products and offer specialty beverage packaging options not typically available in the marketplace that have contributed to our growth in sales. These products include a 5-liter “party keg” version of our Virgil’s Root Beer and Cream Soda, 12-ounce long neck bottles of our Virgil’s Cream Soda, 750 ml size bottles of our Reed’s Original Ginger Brew, Extra Ginger Brew and Spiced Apple Brew and a one pint version of our Virgil’s Root Beer with a swing-lid. In addition, we recently introduced three new diet flavors of Virgil’s Root Beer, Virgil’s Cream Soda and Virgil’s Black Cherry Cream Soda and a new 7 ounce version of our Reed’s Extra Ginger Brew for mini-bars and on-premise accounts. These new products and packaging options are being utilized in our marketing efforts.

We create consumer demand for our products by:

- supporting in-store sampling programs of our products,
- generating free press through public relations,
- advertising in national magazines targeting our customers,
- maintaining a company website ([www.reedsgingerbrew.com](http://www.reedsgingerbrew.com)),
- participating in large public events as sponsors; and
- partnering with alcohol brands such as Dewars and Barcardi to create co-branded cocktail recipes such as “Dewars and Reeds” and a “Reed’s Dark and Stormy.”

Our principal executive offices are located at 13000 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90061. Our telephone number is (310) 217-9400. Our Internet address is ([www.reedsgingerbrew.com](http://www.reedsgingerbrew.com)). Information contained on our website or that is accessible through our website should not be considered to be part of this Annual Report.

## **Historical Development**

In June 1987, Christopher J. Reed, our founder and Chief Executive Officer, began development of Reed’s Original Ginger Brew, his first beverage creation. After two years of development, the product was introduced to the market in



Southern California stores in 1989. By 1990, we began marketing our products through natural food distributors and moved our production to a larger facility in Boulder, Colorado.

In 1991, we incorporated our business operations in the state of Florida under the name of Original Beverage Corporation and moved all of our production to a co-pack facility in Pennsylvania. We began exhibiting at national natural and specialty food trade shows, which brought national distribution in natural, gourmet and specialty foods and the signing of our first mainstream supermarket distributor. Our products began to receive trade industry recognition as an outstanding new product. The United States National Association of the Specialty Food Trade, or NASFT, named Original Ginger Brew as an “Outstanding Beverage Finalist” in the United States, and the Canadian Fancy Food Association, or CFFA, awarded us “Best Imported Food Product.”

Throughout the 1990's, we continued to develop and launch new Ginger Brew varieties. Reed's Ginger Brews reached broad placement in natural and gourmet foods stores nationwide through major specialty, natural/gourmet and mainstream food and beverage distributors.

In 1997, we began licensing the products of China Cola and eventually acquired the rights to that product in December 2000. In addition, we launched Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy, a product which we manufacture in Fiji under a proprietary, natural, non-sulfured process. In 1999, we purchased the Virgil's Root Beer brand from the Crowley Beverage Company. The brand has won numerous gourmet awards. In 2000, we began to market three new products: Reed's Original Ginger Ice Cream, Reed's Cherry Ginger Brew and a beautiful designer 10-ounce gift tin of our Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy. In December 2000, we purchased an 18,000 square foot warehouse property, the Brewery, in Los Angeles, California, to house our west coast production and warehouse facility. The Brewery now also serves as our principal executive offices. In 2001, we changed our state of incorporation to Delaware and also changed our name to Reed's, Inc. We also introduced our Reed's Chocolate Ginger Ice Cream and Reed's Green Tea Ginger Ice Cream products and expanded our confectionary line with two new candy products: Reed's Crystallized Ginger Baking Bits and Reed's Ginger Candy Chews. In 2002, we launched our Reed's Ginger Juice Brew line, with four flavors of organic juice blends. In November 2002, we completed our first test runs of Reed's and Virgil's products at the Brewery and in January 2003, our first commercially available products came off the Los Angeles line. In 2003, we commenced our own direct distribution in Southern California and introduced sales of our 5-liter Virgil's party keg. In 2004, we expanded our product line to include Virgil's Cream Soda (including in a 5-liter keg), Reed's Spiced Apple Brew in a 750 ml. champagne bottle and draught Virgil's Root Beer and Cream Soda. In 2006, we expanded our product line to include Virgil's Black Cherry Cream Soda. Progressive Grocers, a top trade publication in the grocery industry voted this product as the best new beverage product of 2006. On December 12, 2006, we completed the sale of 2,000,000 shares of our common stock at an offering price of \$4.00 per share in our initial public offering. The public offering resulted in gross proceeds of \$8,000,000 to us.

In 2007, we executed several elements of our business plan, including the hiring of several key personnel such as a Chief Operating Officer, a Chief Financial Officer, two Senior Vice Presidents of Sales, an Executive Vice President of Sales and several sales personnel. In addition, we developed and launched a line of diet sodas of the three flavors of the Virgil's brand and introduced a new 7 ounce package of our Extra Ginger Brew. We acquired a warehouse immediately adjacent to our principal executive office and brewery in Los Angeles that serves as our finished goods warehouse. We executed several agreements with distributors that service mainstream retailers that expand our product reach beyond our core reach of natural and specialty retailers through direct store distribution ("DSD"). The relationships with these distributors are supported, in large part, by one of our Senior Vice Presidents of Sales and newly hired sales staff. We hired a Senior Vice President of Sales to develop sales into national accounts, such as grocery store chains, club stores and other large retailers that can be serviced either directly or through our existing natural foods distributors or mainstream distributors. We also hired an Executive Vice President of Sales and reassigned an existing sales executive to co-lead our initiative to introduce our products to international customers in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America. Also in 2007, we raised a net of \$7,600,000 in a private placement.

In 2008, we announced and developed a refined sales strategy that focuses our sales efforts on the estimated 10,500 natural and mainstream supermarket grocery stores that carry our products. Our 2007 sales strategy had focused on a more global effort to hit all the accounts in certain regions of the country. As part of our sales forces' new direction, we consolidated roles and reduced the sales staff by 16 people from 33 at the end of 2007 to 17 at the end of the first quarter 2008. In 2008, we also plan to expand our draft strategy by launching Virgil's Root Beer to sell in bars and accounts that offer draft beer. We also launched the peanut butter ginger chews, the second candy in the Reed's Ginger Chew line.

## **Industry Overview**

Our beverages are classified as New Age beverages, a category that includes natural soda, fruit juices and fruit drinks, ready-to-drink teas, sports drinks and water. According to Beverage Marketing Corporation, in 2007, total wholesale dollar sales in the New Age segment were approximately \$25.5 billion in wholesale dollar sales, an increase of 11.4% over the estimated wholesale sales in 2006 of approximately \$22.9 billion.

Annual confectionary sales (including chocolate, non-chocolate and gum sales) in the United States were approximately \$29.1 billion in 2007, of which approximately \$9.4 billion was non-chocolate candy.

According to the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA), total U.S. sales of ice cream and frozen desserts were estimated at approximately \$23 billion. The packaged ice cream industry includes economy, regular, premium and super-premium products. Super-premium ice cream, such as Reed's Ginger Ice Creams, is generally characterized by a greater richness and density than other kinds of ice cream. This higher quality ice cream generally costs more than other kinds and is usually marketed by emphasizing quality, flavor selection, texture and brand image. The International Ice Cream Association attributes almost all of the market growth over the past 10 years to sales of super-premium and premium ice creams, particularly the innovative products.

## **Our Products**

We currently manufacture and sell 14 beverages, three candies and three ice creams. We make all of our products using premium all-natural ingredients.

We produce carbonated soda products. According to Spence Information Services (SPINS), which is the only sales information service catering to the natural food trade, for the year 2007, Reed's products were the top four items based on dollar and unit sales among all sugar/fructose sweetened sodas in the natural foods industry in the United States, with Reed's Extra Ginger Brew holding the number one position, Virgil's Root Beer being number two, Premium Ginger Brew being number three and Original Ginger Brew as number four.

Our carbonated products include six varieties of Reed's Ginger Brews, Virgil's Root Beer and Cream Sodas, China Cola and Cherry China Cola.

Our candy products include Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy, Reed's Crystallized Ginger Baking Bits and Reed's Ginger Candy Chews.

Our ice cream products include Reed's Original Ginger Ice Cream, Reed's Chocolate Ginger Ice Cream and Reed's Green Tea Ginger Ice Cream.

### *Beverages*

#### *Reed's Ginger Brews*

Ginger ale is the oldest known soft drink. Before modern soft drink technology existed, non-alcoholic beverages were brewed at home directly from herbs, roots, spices, and fruits. These handcrafted brews were then aged like wine and highly prized for their taste and their tonic, health-giving properties. Reed's Ginger Brews are a revival of this home brewing art and we make them with care and attention to wholesomeness and quality, using the finest fresh herbs, roots, spices, and fruits. Our expert brew masters brew each batch and age it with great pride.

We believe that Reed's Ginger Brews are unique in their kettle brewed origin among all mass-marketed soft drinks. Reed's Ginger Brews contain between 8 and 26 grams of fresh ginger in every 12-ounce bottle. We use no refined sugars as sweeteners. Our products differ from commercial soft drinks in three particular characteristics: sweetening, carbonation and coloring for greater adult appeal. Instead of using injected-based carbonation, we produce our carbonation naturally, through slower, beer-oriented techniques. This process produces smaller, longer lasting bubbles that do not dissipate rapidly when the bottle is opened. We do not add coloring. The color of our products comes naturally from herbs, fruits, spices, roots and juices.

In addition, since Reed's Ginger Brews are pasteurized, they do not require or contain any preservatives. In contrast, modern commercial soft drinks generally are produced using natural and artificial flavor concentrates prepared by flavor laboratories, tap water, and highly refined sweeteners. Typically, manufacturers make a centrally processed concentrate that will lend itself to a wide variety of situations, waters, and filling systems. The final product is generally cold-filled and requires preservatives for stability. Colors are added that are either natural, although highly processed, or artificial.

In addition, while we make no claim as to any medical or therapeutic benefits of our products, we have found friends and advocates among alternative, holistic, naturopathic, and homeopathic medical practitioners, dieticians and medical doctors, who tell us that they recommend Reed's Extra Ginger Brew for their patients as a simple way to ingest a known level of ginger. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) includes ginger on their GRAS (generally recognized as safe) list. However, neither the FDA nor any other government agency officially endorses or recommends the use of ginger as a dietary supplement.

We currently manufacture and sell six varieties of Reed's Ginger Brews:

*Reed's Original Ginger Brew* was our first creation, and is a Jamaican recipe for homemade ginger ale using 17 grams of fresh ginger root, lemon, lime, honey, fructose, pineapple, herbs and spices. Reed's Original Ginger Brew is 20% fruit juice.

*Reed's Extra Ginger Brew* is the same approximate recipe, with 26 grams of fresh ginger root for a stronger bite. Reed's Extra Ginger Brew is 20% fruit juice.

*Reed's Premium Ginger Brew* is the no-fructose version of Reed's Original Ginger Brew, and is sweetened only with honey and pineapple juice. Reed's Premium Ginger Brew is 20% fruit juice.

*Reed's Raspberry Ginger Brew* is brewed from 17 grams of fresh ginger root, raspberry juice and lime. Reed's Raspberry Ginger Brew is 20% raspberry juice and is sweetened with fruit juice and fructose.

*Reed's Spiced Apple Brew* uses 8 grams of fresh ginger root, the finest tart German apple juice and such apple pie spices as cinnamon, cloves and allspice. Reed's Spiced Apple Brew is 50% apple juice and sweetened with fruit juice and fructose.

*Reed's Cherry Ginger Brew* is the newest addition to our Ginger Brew family, and is naturally brewed from: filtered water, fructose, fresh ginger root, cherry juice from concentrate and spices. Reed's Cherry Ginger Brew is 22% cherry juice.

All six of Reed's Ginger Brews are offered in 12-ounce bottles and are sold in stores as singles, in four-packs and in 24-bottle cases. Reed's Original Ginger Brew is sold by select retailers in a special 12-pack. Reed's Spiced Apple Brew is now available in a 750 ml. champagne bottle. The Reed's Extra Ginger Brew is produced in a 7-ounce bottle and sold in eight-packs and 32-bottle cases.

### *Virgil's Root Beer*

Over the years, Virgil's Root Beer has won numerous awards and has a reputation among many as one of the best root beers made anywhere. Virgil's Root Beer won the "Outstanding Beverage" award at the NASFT's International Fancy Food and Confection Show in 1997.

Virgil's is a premium root beer. We use all-natural ingredients, including filtered water, unbleached cane sugar, anise from Spain, licorice from France, bourbon vanilla from Madagascar, cinnamon from Sri Lanka, clove from Indonesia, wintergreen from China, sweet birch and molasses from the southern United States, nutmeg from Indonesia, pimento berry oil from Jamaica, balsam oil from Peru and cassia oil from China.

We collect these ingredients worldwide and gather them together at the brewing and bottling facilities we use in the United States and Germany. We combine and brew these ingredients under strict specifications and finally

heat-pasteurize Virgil's Root Beer, to ensure quality.

We sell Virgil's Root Beer in four packaging styles: 12-ounce bottles in a four-pack, a special swing-lid style pint bottle and a 5-liter self-tapping party keg.

*Virgil's Cream Soda*

We launched Virgil's Cream Soda in January 2004. We make this product with the same attention to quality that makes Virgil's Root Beer so popular. Virgil's Cream Soda is a gourmet cream soda. We brew Virgil's Cream Soda the same way we brew Virgil's Root Beer. We use all-natural ingredients, including filtered water, unbleached cane sugar and bourbon vanilla from Madagascar.

Virgil's Cream Soda is currently sold in 12-ounce long neck bottles in colorful 4-packs and a 5-liter party keg version.

In 2006, we expanded our product line to include Virgil's Black Cherry Cream Soda in a 12-ounce bottle.

In 2007, we further expanded our Virgil's product line to include diet Root Beer, diet Black Cherry Cream Soda and diet Cream Soda. Our diet sodas are sweetened with Stevia and Xylitol.

#### *China Cola*

We consider China Cola to be the most natural cola in the world. We restored China Cola to its original delicious blend of raw cane sugar, imported Chinese herbs, essential oils and natural spices. China Cola contains no caffeine. It comes in two varieties, Original China Cola and Cherry China Cola.

Original China Cola is made from filtered water, raw cane sugar, szechwan poeny root, cassia bark, Malaysian vanilla, oils of lemon and oil of orange, nutmeg, clove, licorice, cardamom, caramel color, citric acid and phosphoric acid.

Cherry China Cola is made from the same ingredients as Original China Cola, with the addition of natural cherry flavor.

China Cola and Cherry China Cola sell as singles, in four-packs and in 24-bottle cases.

#### *Reed's Ginger Juice Brews*

In May 2007, we discontinued offering Ginger Juice Brews.

#### *Reed's Ginger Candies*

##### *Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy*

Reed's Crystallized Ginger was the first crystallized ginger on the market in the United States to be sweetened with raw cane instead of refined white sugar. Reed's Crystallized Ginger is custom-made for us in Fiji.

The production process is an ancient one that has not changed much over time. After harvesting baby ginger (the most tender kind), the root is diced and then steeped for several days in large vats filled with simmering raw cane syrup. The ginger is then removed and allowed to crystallize into soft, delicious nuggets. Many peoples of the islands have long enjoyed these treats for health and pleasure.

We sell this product in 3.5-ounce bags, 10-ounce enameled, rolled steel gift tins, 16-ounce re-sealable Mylar bags, and in bulk. We also sell Reed's Crystallized Ginger Baking Bits in bulk.

##### *Reed's Ginger Candy Chews*

For many years, residents of Southeast Asia from Indonesia to Thailand have enjoyed soft, gummy ginger candy chews. We sell Reed's Ginger Candy Chews individually wrapped in hard-packs of ten candies and as individually wrapped loose pieces in bulk. The candies come in two flavors, Reed's Ginger Chews and Reed's Peanut Butter Ginger Chews. Reed's has taken them a step further, adding more ginger, using no gelatin (vegan-friendly) and making them slightly easier to unwrap than their Asian counterparts.

Reed's Ginger Candy Chews are made for us in Indonesia from sugar, maltose (malt sugar), ginger, and tapioca starch. In addition, the peanut butter version includes peanut butter.





### *Reed's Ginger Ice Creams*

We make Reed's Ginger Ice Creams with 100% natural ingredients, using the finest hormone-free cream and milk. We combine fresh milk and cream with the finest natural ginger puree, Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy and natural raw cane sugar to make a delicious ginger ice cream with a super premium, ultra-creamy texture and Reed's signature spicy-sweet bite. Our ice creams are made for us, according to our own recipes, at a dairy in upstate New York.

We sell three Reed's Ginger Ice Cream products:

- Reed's Original Ginger Ice Cream* made from milk, cream, raw cane sugar, Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy (finest ginger root, raw cane sugar), ginger puree, and guar gum (a natural vegetable gum),

- Chocolate Ginger Ice Cream* made from milk, cream, raw cane sugar, finest Belgian cocoa (used to make Belgian chocolate), Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy (fresh baby ginger root, raw cane sugar), chocolate shavings (sugar, unsweetened chocolate, Belgian cocoa, soy lecithin and real vanilla), ginger puree, and guar gum (a natural vegetable gum) creating the ultimate chocolate ginger ice cream, and

- Reed's Green Tea Ginger Ice Cream* made from milk, cream, the finest green tea, raw cane sugar, ginger puree, Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy (fresh baby ginger root, raw cane sugar), and guar gum (a natural vegetable gum) creating the ultimate green tea ginger ice cream.

We sell Reed's Ginger Ice Creams in pint containers and cases of eight pints.

### **New Product Development**

We are always working on developments to continue expanding from our Reed's Ginger Brews, Virgil's product line, Reed's Ginger Ice Cream, and Reed's Ginger Candy product lines and packaging styles. However, research and development expenses in the last two years have been nominal. We intend to expend some, but not a significant amount, of funds on research and development for new products and packaging. We intend to introduce new products and packaging as we deem appropriate from time to time for our business plan.

Among the advantages of our owned and self-operated Brewery are the flexibility to try innovative packaging and the capability to experiment with new product flavors at less cost to our operations or capital. Currently, we sell a half-liter Virgil's Root Beer swing-lid bottle that is made for us in Europe. We intend to produce several of our beverages in one-liter swing-lid bottles in the United States. Our Reed's Original Ginger Brew, Extra Ginger Brew and Spiced Apple Brew are available in a 750 ml champagne bottle and other products are planned to be available with this packaging in the near future.

### **Manufacture of Our Products**

We produce our carbonated beverages at two facilities:

- a facility that we own in Los Angeles, California, known as The Brewery, at which we produce certain soda products for the western half of the United States, and

- a packing, or co-pack, facility in Pennsylvania, known as the Lion Brewery, with which they supply us with product we do not produce at The Brewery. The term of our agreement

with Lion Brewery renews automatically for a successive two-year term on May 31, 2007, expiring on May 31, 2009 and renews automatically for another successive two year term unless terminated by either party. The Lion Brewery assembles our products and charges us a fee, generally by the case, for the products they produce.

Our west coast Brewery facility is running at 41% of capacity. We have had difficulties with the flavor of our Ginger Brew products produced at the Brewery. As a result, we continue to supply our Ginger Brew products at the Brewery from our east coast co-packing facility, thereby causing us to incur increased freight and warehousing expenses on our products. Management is committed to selling a high quality, great tasting product and has elected to continue to sell certain of our Ginger Brew products produced from our east coast facility on the west coast, even though it negatively impacts our gross margins. As we are able to make the Brewery become more fully utilized, we believe that we will experience improvements in gross margins due to freight and production savings.

Our ice creams are co-packed for us at Ronnybrooke Dairy in upstate New York. We supply all the flavor additions and packaging and the dairy supplies the ice cream base. The co-pack facility assembles our products and charges us a fee, by the unit produced for us. We have half-liter swing-lid bottles of our Virgil's Root Beer line co-packed for us at the Hofmark Brewery in southern Germany. The co-pack facility assembles our products and charges us a fee by the unit they produce for us. Our arrangements with Ronnybrooke Dairy and Hofmark Brewery are on an order-by-order by basis.

We follow a "fill as needed" manufacturing model to the best of our ability and we have no significant backlog of orders.

Substantially all of the raw materials used in the preparation, bottling and packaging of our products are purchased by us or by our contract packers in accordance with our specifications. Reed's Crystallized Ginger is made to our specifications in Fiji. Reed's Ginger Candy Chews are made and packed to our specifications in Indonesia.

Generally, we obtain the ingredients used in our products from domestic suppliers and each ingredient has several reliable suppliers. We have no major supply contracts with any of our suppliers. As a general policy, we pick ingredients in the development of our products that have multiple suppliers and are common ingredients. This provides a level of protection against a major supply constriction or calamity.

We believe that as we continue to grow, we will be able to keep up with increased production demands. We believe that the Brewery has ample capacity to handle increased West Coast business. To the extent that any significant increase in business requires us to supplement or substitute our current co-packers, we believe that there are readily available alternatives, so that there would not be a significant delay or interruption in fulfilling orders and delivery of our products. In addition, we do not believe that growth will result in any significant difficulty or delay in obtaining raw materials, ingredients or finished product that is repackaged at the Brewery.

In July 2007, the FDA issued a statement that warned that fresh ginger from a specific importer was contaminated with a banned pesticide. We import ginger from China, but from a different importer than was named by the FDA. Our importer requires a pre-shipment lab test in order to perform chemical analysis. In addition to the pre-shipment chemical analysis, our importer has indicated to us that they verify that every container of ginger shipped has passed the Chinese Photosanitary inspection. Upon arrival at the Port of Long Beach, California, the ginger we import undergoes a food safety inspection by the USDA's Agricultural Quality Inspection Unit. We believe the ginger we use is certified clean and good for human consumption.

### **Our Primary Markets**

We target a niche in the soft drink industry known as New Age beverages. The soft drink industry generally characterizes New Age Beverages as being made more naturally, with upscale packaging, and often creating and utilizing new and unique flavors and flavor combinations.

The New Age beverage segment is highly fragmented and includes such competitors as SoBe, Snapple, Arizona, Hansen's and Jones Soda, among others. These brands have the advantage of being seen widely in the national market and being commonly well known for years through well-funded ad campaigns. Despite our products' having a relatively high price for a premium beverage product, no mass media advertising and a relatively small presence in the mainstream market compared to many of our competitors, we believe that results to date demonstrate that Reed's Ginger Brews and Virgil's sodas are making market inroads among these significantly larger brands. See "Business - Competition."

We sell the majority of our products in natural food stores, mainstream supermarket chains and foodservice locations, primarily in the United States and, to a lesser degree, in Canada and Europe.

*Natural Food Stores*

Our primary and historical marketing source of our products has been natural food and gourmet stores. These stores include Whole Foods Market, Wild Oats and Trader Joe's. We also sell in gourmet restaurants and delis.

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We believe that our products have achieved a leading position in their niche in the fast-growing natural food industry.

With the advent of large natural food store chains and specialty merchants, the natural foods segment continues to grow each year in direct competition with the mainstream grocery trade.

#### *Mainstream Supermarkets and Retailers*

We sell our products to 57 direct store distributors (“DSD”) who specialize in mainstream retailers, 55 distributors that specialize in Natural Foods and specialty stores, 40 distribution centers of customers who handle their own logistics, and 1,030 direct accounts locations (with our southern Californian fleet of trucks).

Supermarkets, particularly supermarket chains and prominent local supermarkets, often impose slotting fees before permitting new product placements in their store or chain. These fees can be structured to be paid one-time only or in installments. We pursue broad-based slotting in supermarket chains throughout the United States and, to a lesser degree, in Canada. However, our direct sales team in Southern California and our national sales management team have been able to place our products without having to pay slotting fees much of the time. However, slotting fees for new placements normally cost between \$10 and \$100 per store per new item placed.

We also sell our products to large national retailers who place our products within their national distribution streams. These retailers include Costco, Sam’s Club, Cost Plus World Markets and Trader Joe’s.

#### *Foodservice Placement*

We also market our beverage products to industrial cafeterias, bars and restaurants. We intend to place our beverage products in stadiums, sports arenas, concert halls, theatres, and other cultural centers as a long-term marketing plan.

#### **International Sales**

We have developed a limited market for our products in Canada, Europe and Asia. Sales outside of North America currently represent less than 1% of our total sales. Sales in Canada represent about 1.3% of our total sales. We are currently analyzing our international sales and marketing plan, which is lead by our Vice President and National Sales Manager - Mainstream, Robert T. Reed, Jr. and our Executive Vice President - Sales, Mark Reed, the brothers of our Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Christopher J. Reed. Our analysis will explore options that may include outsourcing the international sales effort to third or related parties, which may or may not include Robert T. Reed, Jr. and Mark Reed.

The European Union is an open market for Reed’s with access to that market due in part to the ongoing production of Virgil’s Special Extra Nutmeg Root Beer in Germany. We market our products in Europe through a master distributor in Amsterdam and sub-distributors in the Netherlands, Denmark, the United Kingdom and Spain. We are currently negotiating with a Dutch company in Amsterdam for wider European distribution.

American Trading Corp. orders our products on a regular basis for distribution in Japan. We are holding preliminary discussions with other trading companies and import/ export companies for the distribution of our products throughout Asia, Europe and South America. We believe that these areas are a natural fit for Reed’s ginger products, because of the importance of ginger in International, but especially the Asian diet and nutrition.

#### **Distribution, Sales and Marketing**

We currently have a national network of mainstream, natural and specialty food distributors in the United States and Canada. We sell directly to our distributors, who in turn sell to retail stores. We also use our own sales group and

independent sales representatives to promote our products for our distributors and direct sales to our retail customers. In Southern California, we have our own direct distribution in addition to other local distributors and are in the process of discontinuing our direct distribution and redirecting our customers to local distributors.

One of the main goals of our sales and marketing efforts is to increase sales and grow our brands. Our sales force consists of seventeen sales personnel (down from 33 at its peak in 2007) and several outside independent food brokerage companies. The reduction of our sales force from 2007 was instigated by the refocusing of our sales efforts from 2007's global effort to market to all accounts up and down the street in 20 markets nationally to 2008's refocus of expanding the sales to our existing 10,500 supermarket customers. In addition, we are working to increase the number of stores that carry our products. To support our sales effort to our existing supermarket customers we are actively enlisting regional mainstream beverage distributors to carry our products. We are not abandoning our up and down the street sales marketing approach. But in most markets, we are delaying that effort until after we have expanded our sales and presence in supermarkets.

We have entered into agreements with our customers that commit us to fees if we terminate the agreements early or without cause. The agreements call for our customer to have the right to distribute our products to a defined type of retailer within a defined geographic region. As is customary in the beverage industry, if we should terminate the agreement or not automatically renew the agreement, we would be obligated to make certain payments to our customers. We have no plans to terminate or not renew any agreement with any of our customers.

Our sales force markets existing products, run promotions and introduces new items. Our in-house sales managers are responsible for the distributor relationships and larger chain accounts that require headquarter sales visits and managing our independent sales representatives.

We also offer our products and promotional merchandise directly to consumers via the Internet through our website, [www.reedsgingerbrew.com](http://www.reedsgingerbrew.com).

### **Marketing to Distributors**

We market to distributors using a number of marketing strategies, including direct solicitation, telemarketing, trade advertising and trade show exhibition. These distributors include natural food, gourmet food, and mainstream distributors. Our distributors sell our products directly to natural food, gourmet food and mainstream supermarkets for sale to the public. We maintain direct contact with the distributors through our in-house sales managers. In limited markets, where use of our direct sales managers is not cost-effective, we utilize food brokers and outside representatives.

### **Marketing to Retail Stores**

Our main focus in 2008 is supermarket sales. We have a small highly trained sales force that is directly contacting supermarket chains and setting up promotional calendars for 2008. This is a new effort for us. In the past, the supermarkets have had little or no direct contact with us. In addition, we market to retail stores by utilizing trade shows, trade advertising, telemarketing, direct mail pieces and direct contact with the store. Our sales managers and representatives visit these retail stores to sell directly in many regions. Sales to retail stores are coordinated through our distribution network and our regional warehouses.

### **Direct Sales and Distribution**

In June 2003, we started Direct Sales and Distribution (DSD) to stores in Southern California, using a direct hired sales team and our delivery trucks. Our in-house sales manager works directly with our new route drivers and with distributors in the Southern California area. A DSD system allows us to have greater control over our marketing efforts, but required us to carry the full cost of logistics. We are currently making arrangements to transfer the Southern California DSD effort to local third-party DSD distributors.

Southern California sales represented approximately \$1,580,000 and \$1,040,000 in 2007 and 2006, respectively. These new direct-distribution accounts also include retail locations, including many new independent supermarkets, “mom and pop” markets and foodservice locations. In addition, direct distribution facilitates our new placements at hospitals, the Getty Center in Los Angeles, Fox Studios and other cultural and institutional accounts. We are discontinuing this organization and moving the servicing of these accounts to a local beer distribution network. We found running our own trucks to be expensive and time consuming and we want to focus more on our core competency sales and marketing.

### **Marketing to Consumers**



*Advertising* . We utilize several marketing strategies to market directly to consumers. Advertising in targeted consumer magazines such as “Vegetarian Times” and “New Age” magazine, in-store discounts on the products, in-store product demonstration, street corner sampling, coupon advertising, consumer trade shows, event sponsoring and our website [www.reedsgingerbrew.com](http://www.reedsgingerbrew.com) are all among current consumer-direct marketing devices.

*In-Store Draught Displays* . As part of our marketing efforts, we have started to offer in-store draught displays, or Kegeators. While we believe that packaging is an important part of making successful products, we also believe that our products and marketing methods themselves need to be exceptional to survive in today's marketplace. Our Kegeator is an unattended, in-store draught display that allows a consumer to sample our products at a relatively low cost per demonstration. Stores offer premium locations for these new, and we believe unique, draught displays.

*On Draft Program* . Our West Coast Brewery has initiated an on-draught program. We have installed draught locations at Fox Studios commissaries and in approximately 12 restaurants or in-store deli counters in Southern California. Currently, we are serving Virgil's Root Beer and Virgil's Cream Soda on draught. In addition, all of our other carbonated drinks are available in draught format.

*Proprietary Coolers*. The placement of in-store branded refrigerated coolers by our competitors has proven to have a significant positive effect on their sales. We are currently testing our own Reed's branded coolers in a number of locations.

## **Competition**

The beverage industry is highly competitive. The principal areas of competition are pricing, packaging, development of new products and flavors and marketing campaigns. Our products compete with a wide range of drinks produced by a relatively large number of manufacturers. Most of these brands have enjoyed broad, well-established national recognition for years, through well-funded ad and other branding campaigns. In addition, the companies manufacturing these products generally have greater financial, marketing and distribution resources than we do.

Important factors affecting our ability to compete successfully include taste and flavor of products, trade and consumer promotions, rapid and effective development of new, unique cutting edge products, attractive and different packaging, branded product advertising and pricing. We also compete for distributors who will concentrate on marketing our products over those of our competitors, provide stable and reliable distribution and secure adequate shelf space in retail outlets. Competitive pressures in the New Age beverage categories could cause our products to be unable to gain or to lose market share or we could experience price erosion.

We believe that our innovative beverage recipes and packaging and use of premium ingredients and a trade secret brewing process provide us with a competitive advantage and that our commitments to the highest quality standards and brand innovation are keys to our success.

Our premium New Age beverage products compete generally with all liquid refreshments and in particular with numerous other New Age beverages, including: SoBe, Snapple, Mystic, IBC, Stewart's, Henry Weinhard, Arizona, Hansen's, Knudsen & Sons and Jones Sodas.

Our Virgil's and China Cola lines compete with a number of other natural soda companies, including Stewarts, IBC, Henry Weinhard, Blue Sky, A&W and Natural Brews.

We also generally compete with other traditional soft drink manufacturers and distributors, such as Coke, Pepsi and Cadbury Schweppes.

Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy competes primarily with other candies and snacks in general and, in particular, with other ginger candies. The main competitors in ginger candies are Royal Pacific, Australia's Buderim Ginger Company, and Frontier Herbs. We believe that Reed's Crystallized Ginger Candy is the only one among these brands that is sulfur-free.

Reed's Ginger Ice Creams compete primarily with other premium and super-premium ice cream brands. Our principal competitors in the ice cream business are Haagen-Dazs, Ben & Jerry's, Godiva, Starbucks, Dreyer's and a number of smaller natural food ice cream companies.

## **Proprietary Rights**

We own trademarks that we consider material to our business, including Reed's, Virgil's and China Cola. Three of our material trademarks are registered trademarks in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Virgil's®, Reed's® and China Cola®. Registrations for trademarks in the United States will last indefinitely as long as we continue to use and police the trademarks and renew filings with the applicable governmental offices. We have not been challenged in our right to use any of our material trademarks in the United States. We intend to obtain international registration of certain trademarks in foreign jurisdictions, as we see fit.

In addition, we consider our finished product and concentrate formulae, which are not the subject of any patents, to be trade secrets. Our brewing process is a trade secret. This process can be used to brew flavors of beverages other than ginger ale and ginger beer, such as root beer, cream soda, cola, and other spice and fruit beverages. We have not sought any patents on our brewing processes because we would be required to disclose our brewing process in patent applications.

We generally use non-disclosure agreements with employees and distributors to protect our proprietary rights.

## **Government Regulation**

The production, distribution and sale in the United States of many of our products is subject to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, various environmental statutes and various other federal, state and local statutes and regulations applicable to the production, transportation, sale, safety, advertising, labeling and ingredients of such products. California law requires that a specific warning appear on any product that contains a component listed by the State as having been found to cause cancer or birth defects. The law exposes all food and beverage producers to the possibility of having to provide warnings on their products because the law recognizes no generally applicable quantitative thresholds below which a warning is not required. Consequently, even trace amounts of listed components can expose affected products to the prospect of warning labels. Products containing listed substances that occur naturally in the product or that are contributed to the product solely by a municipal water supply are generally exempt from the warning requirement. While none of our beverage products are required to display warnings under this law, we cannot predict whether an important component of any of our products might be added to the California list in the future. We also are unable to predict whether or to what extent a warning under this law would have an impact on costs or sales of our products.

Measures have been enacted in various localities and states that require that a deposit be charged for certain non-refillable beverage containers. The precise requirements imposed by these measures vary. Other deposit, recycling or product stewardship proposals have been introduced in certain states and localities and in Congress, and we anticipate that similar legislation or regulations may be proposed in the future at the local, state and federal levels, both in the United States and elsewhere.

Our facilities in the United States are subject to federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. Compliance with these provisions has not had, and we do not expect such compliance to have, any material adverse effect upon our capital expenditures, net income or competitive position.

## **Environmental Matters**

Our primary cost of environmental compliance is in recycling fees, which approximated \$175,000 and \$185,000 in 2007 and 2006, respectively. This is a standard cost of doing business in the soft drink industry.

In California, and in certain other states where we sell our products, we are required to collect redemption values from our customers and remit those redemption values to the state, based upon the number of bottles of certain products

sold in that state.

In certain other states and Canada where our products are sold, we are also required to collect deposits from our customers and to remit such deposits to the respective state agencies based upon the number of cans and bottles of certain carbonated and non-carbonated products sold in such states.

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In the year ended December 31, 2007, we upgraded our lighting system to an energy efficient and shatter proof system throughout the Brewery and the offices. We also initiated a trash recycling program for both the Brewery and the offices.

### **Employees**

We currently have 60 full-time employees, as follows: three in general management, 33 in sales and marketing support, eight in admin and operations and 16 in production. We employ additional people on a part-time basis as needed.

We have never participated in a collective bargaining agreement. We believe that the relationship with our employees is good.

### **Risk Factors**

The risks described below could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and the trading price of our common stock. You should carefully consider the following risk factors and all other information contained in this Annual Report. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones we face, and there may be additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial to our business.

**THERE IS A LIMITED PUBLIC MARKET FOR OUR COMMON STOCK. PERSONS WHO MAY OWN OR INTEND TO PURCHASE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK IN ANY MARKET WHERE THE COMMON STOCK MAY TRADE SHOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING RISK FACTORS, TOGETHER WITH OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED ELSEWHERE IN OUR REPORTS, PROXY STATEMENTS AND OTHER AVAILABLE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AS FILED WITH THE COMMISSION, PRIOR TO PURCHASING SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK:**

#### **Risks Relating to Our Business**

**We have a history of operating losses. If we continue to incur operating losses, we eventually may have insufficient working capital to maintain or expand operations according to our business plan.**

As of December 31, 2007, we had an accumulated deficit of \$11,081,141. For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, we incurred losses from operations of \$5,488,889 and \$1,806,590, respectively. We may not generate sufficient revenues from product sales in the future to achieve profitable operations. If we are not able to achieve profitable operations at some point in the future, we eventually may have insufficient working capital to maintain our operations as we presently intend to conduct them or to fund our expansion and marketing and product development plans. In addition, our losses may increase in the future as we expand our manufacturing capabilities and fund our marketing plans and product development. These losses, among other things, have had and will continue to have an adverse effect on our working capital, total assets and stockholders' equity. If we are unable to achieve profitability, the market value of our common stock will decline and there would be a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

If we need to raise additional financing to support our operations, we cannot assure you that additional financing will be available on terms favorable to us, or at all. If adequate funds are not available or if they are not available on acceptable terms, our ability to fund the growth of our operations, take advantage of opportunities, develop products or services or otherwise respond to competitive pressures, could be significantly limited.

**We may not be able to develop successful new beverage products which are important to our growth.**

An important part of our strategy is to increase our sales through the development of new beverage products. We cannot assure you that we will be able to continue to develop, market and distribute future beverage products that will enjoy market acceptance. The failure to continue to develop new beverage products that gain market acceptance could have an adverse impact on our growth and materially adversely affect our financial condition. We may have higher obsolescent product expense if new products fail to perform as expected due to the need to write off excess inventory of the new products.

Our results of operations may be impacted in various ways by the introduction of new products, even if they are successful, including the following:

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- sales of new products could adversely impact sales of existing products,
- We may incur higher cost of goods sold and selling, general and administrative expenses in the periods when we introduce new products due to increased costs associated with the introduction and marketing of new products, most of which are expensed as incurred, and
- when we introduce new platforms and bottle sizes, we may experience increased freight and logistics costs as our co-packers adjust their facilities for the new products.

**The beverage business is highly competitive.**

The premium beverage and carbonated soft drink industries are highly competitive. Many of our competitors have substantially greater financial, marketing, personnel and other resources than we do. Competitors in the soft drink industry include bottlers and distributors of nationally advertised and marketed products, as well as chain store and private label soft drinks. The principal methods of competition include brand recognition, price and price promotion, retail space management, service to the retail trade, new product introductions, packaging changes, distribution methods, and advertising. We also compete for distributors, shelf space and customers primarily with other premium beverage companies. As additional competitors enter the field, our market share may fail to increase or may decrease.

**The growth of our revenues is dependent on acceptance of our products by mainstream consumers.**

We have dedicated significant resources to introduce our products to the mainstream consumer. As such, we have increased our sales force and executed agreements with distributors who, in turn, distribute to mainstream consumers at grocery stores, club stores and other retailers. If our products are not accepted by the mainstream consumer, our business could suffer.

**Our failure to accurately estimate demand for our products could adversely affect our business and financial results.**

We may not correctly estimate demand for our products. Our ability to estimate demand for our products is imprecise, particularly with new products, and may be less precise during periods of rapid growth, particularly in new markets. If we materially underestimate demand for our products or are unable to secure sufficient ingredients or raw materials including, but not limited to, glass, labels, flavors or packing arrangements, we might not be able to satisfy demand on a short-term basis. Moreover, industry-wide shortages of certain juice concentrates and sweeteners have been and could, from time to time in the future, be experienced, which could interfere with and/or delay production of certain of our products and could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results. We do not use hedging agreements or alternative instruments to manage this risk.

**The loss of our largest customers would substantially reduce revenues.**

Our customers are material to our success. If we are unable to maintain good relationships with our existing customers, our business could suffer. Unilateral decisions could be taken by our distributors, and/or convenience chains, grocery chains, specialty chain stores, club stores and other customers to discontinue carrying all or any of our products that they are carrying at any time, which could cause our business to suffer.

United Natural Foods, the parent of certain of our retailers, accounted for approximately 35% and 39% of our sales in each of 2007 and 2006. Trader Joe's accounted for approximately 14% of our 2007 sales and approximately 17% of our sales in 2006. The loss of United Natural Foods or Trader Joe's as a retailer would substantially reduce our revenues unless and until we replaced that source of revenue.



**The loss of our third-party distributors could impair our operations and substantially reduce our financial results.**

We depend in large part on distributors to distribute our beverages and other products. Most of our outside distributors are not bound by written agreements with us and may discontinue their relationship with us on short notice. Most distributors handle a number of competitive products. In addition, our products are a small part of our distributors' businesses.

We continually seek to expand distribution of our products by entering into distribution arrangements with regional bottlers or other direct store delivery distributors having established sales, marketing and distribution organizations. Many of our distributors are affiliated with and manufacture and/or distribute other soda and non-carbonated brands and other beverage products. In many cases, such products compete directly with our products.

The marketing efforts of our distributors are important for our success. If our brands prove to be less attractive to our existing distributors and/or if we fail to attract additional distributors, and/or our distributors do not market and promote our products above the products of our competitors, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

United Natural Foods, Inc. accounted for approximately 35% and 39% of our sales in 2007 and 2006. Management believes it could find alternative distribution channels in the event of the loss of this distributor. Such a loss may adversely affect sales in the short term.

The loss of our third-party beverage distributors could impair our operations and adversely affect our financial performance.

**Price fluctuations in, and unavailability of, raw materials and packaging that we use could adversely affect us.**

We do not enter into hedging arrangements for raw materials. Although the prices of raw materials that we use have not increased significantly in recent years, our results of operations would be adversely affected if the price of these raw materials were to rise and we were unable to pass these costs on to our customers.

We depend upon an uninterrupted supply of the ingredients for our products, a significant portion of which we obtain overseas, principally from China and Brazil. We obtain almost all of our crystallized ginger from Fiji and our Ginger Chews from Indonesia. Any decrease in the supply of these ingredients or increase in the prices of these ingredients as a result of any adverse weather conditions, pests, crop disease, interruptions of shipment or political considerations, among other reasons, could substantially increase our costs and adversely affect our financial performance.

We also depend upon an uninterrupted supply of packaging materials, such as glass for our bottles and kegs for our 5 liter party kegs. We obtain our bottles domestically and our kegs from Europe. Any decrease in supply of these materials or increase in the prices of the materials, as a result of decreased supply or increased demand, could substantially increase our costs and adversely affect our financial performance.

**The loss of any of our co-packers could impair our operations and substantially reduce our financial results.**

We rely on third parties, called co-packers in our industry, to produce some of our beverages, to produce our glass bottles and to bottle some of our beverages. Our co-packing arrangements with our main co-packer are under a contract that expires on May 31, 2009 and renews automatically for successive two-year terms unless terminated by either party. Our co-packing arrangements with other companies are on a short term basis and such co-packers may discontinue their relationship with us on short notice. While this arrangement permits us to avoid significant capital expenditures, it exposes us to various risks, including:

- Our largest co-packer, Lion Brewery, accounted for approximately 82% and 72% of our total case production in 2007 and 2006, respectively,
- if any of those co-packers were to terminate our co-packing arrangement or have difficulties in producing beverages for us, our ability to produce our beverages would be adversely affected until we were able to make alternative arrangements, and

·Our business reputation would be adversely affected if any of the co-packers were to produce inferior quality products.

**We compete in an industry that is brand-conscious, so brand name recognition and acceptance of our products are critical to our success.**

Our business is substantially dependent upon awareness and market acceptance of our products and brands by our targeted consumers. In addition, our business depends on acceptance by our independent distributors of our brands as beverage brands that have the potential to provide incremental sales growth rather than reduce distributors' existing beverage sales. Although we believe that we have been relatively successful towards establishing our brands as recognizable brands in the New Age beverage industry, it may be too early in the product life cycle of these brands to determine whether our products and brands will achieve and maintain satisfactory levels of acceptance by independent distributors and retail consumers. We believe that the success of our product name brands will also be substantially dependent upon acceptance of our product name brands. Accordingly, any failure of our brands to maintain or increase acceptance or market penetration would likely have a material adverse affect on our revenues and financial results.

**We compete in an industry characterized by rapid changes in consumer preferences and public perception, so our ability to continue to market our existing products and develop new products to satisfy our consumers' changing preferences will determine our long-term success.**

Consumers are seeking greater variety in their beverages. Our future success will depend, in part, upon our continued ability to develop and introduce different and innovative beverages. In order to retain and expand our market share, we must continue to develop and introduce different and innovative beverages and be competitive in the areas of quality and health, although there can be no assurance of our ability to do so. There is no assurance that consumers will continue to purchase our products in the future. Additionally, many of our products are considered premium products and to maintain market share during recessionary periods, we may have to reduce profit margins, which would adversely affect our results of operations. In addition, there is increasing awareness and concern for the health consequences of obesity. This may reduce demand for our non-diet beverages, which could affect our profitability. Product lifecycles for some beverage brands and/or products and/or packages may be limited to a few years before consumers' preferences change. The beverages we currently market are in varying stages of their lifecycles and there can be no assurance that such beverages will become or remain profitable for us. The beverage industry is subject to changing consumer preferences and shifts in consumer preferences may adversely affect us if we misjudge such preferences. We may be unable to achieve volume growth through product and packaging initiatives. We also may be unable to penetrate new markets. If our revenues decline, our business, financial condition and results of operations will be materially and adversely affected.

**Our quarterly operating results may fluctuate significantly because of the seasonality of our business.**

Our highest revenues occur during the spring and summer, the second and third quarters of each fiscal year. These seasonality issues may cause our financial performance to fluctuate. In addition, beverage sales can be adversely affected by sustained periods of bad weather.

**Our business is subject to many regulations and noncompliance is costly.**

The production, marketing and sale of our unique beverages, including contents, labels, caps and containers, are subject to the rules and regulations of various federal, provincial, state and local health agencies. If a regulatory authority finds that a current or future product or production run is not in compliance with any of these regulations, we may be fined, or production may be stopped, thus adversely affecting our financial conditions and operations. Similarly, any adverse publicity associated with any noncompliance may damage our reputation and our ability to successfully market our products. Furthermore, the rules and regulations are subject to change from time to time and while we closely monitor developments in this area, we have no way of anticipating whether changes in these rules and regulations will impact our business adversely. Additional or revised regulatory requirements, whether labeling,

environmental, tax or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

**Rising fuel and freight costs may have an adverse impact on our sales and earnings.**

The recent volatility in the global oil markets has resulted in rising fuel and freight prices, which many shipping companies are passing on to their customers. Our shipping costs, and particularly our fuel expenses, have been increasing and we expect these costs may continue to increase. Due to the price sensitivity of our products, we do not anticipate that we will be able to pass all of these increased costs on to our customers. The increase in fuel and freight costs could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition.

**Our manufacturing process is not patented.**

None of the manufacturing processes used in producing our products are subject to a patent or similar intellectual property protection. Our only protection against a third party using our recipes and processes is confidentiality agreements with the companies that produce our beverages and with our employees who have knowledge of such processes. If our competitors develop substantially equivalent proprietary information or otherwise obtain access to our knowledge, we will have greater difficulty in competing with them for business, and our market share could decline.

**We face risks associated with product liability claims and product recalls.**

Other companies in the beverage industry have experienced product liability litigation and product recalls arising primarily from defectively manufactured products or packaging. We maintain product liability insurance insuring our operations from any claims associated with product liability and we believe that the amount of this insurance is sufficient to protect us. We do not maintain product recall insurance. In the event we were to experience additional product liability or product recall claim, our business operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

**Our intellectual property rights are critical to our success, the loss of such rights could materially, adversely affect our business.**

We regard the protection of our trademarks, trade dress and trade secrets as critical to our future success. We have registered our trademarks in the United States that are very important to our business. We also own the copyright in and to portions of the content on the packaging of our products. We regard our trademarks, copyrights and similar intellectual property as critical to our success and attempt to protect such property with registered and common law trademarks and copyrights, restrictions on disclosure and other actions to prevent infringement. Product packages, mechanical designs and artwork are important to our success and we would take action to protect against imitation of our packaging and trade dress and to protect our trademarks and copyrights, as necessary. We also rely on a combination of laws and contractual restrictions, such as confidentiality agreements, to establish and protect our proprietary rights, trade dress and trade secrets. However, laws and contractual restrictions may not be sufficient to protect the exclusivity of our intellectual property rights, trade dress or trade secrets. Furthermore, enforcing our rights to our intellectual property could involve the expenditure of significant management and financial resources. There can be no assurance that other third parties will not infringe or misappropriate our trademarks and similar proprietary rights. If we lose some or all of our intellectual property rights, our business may be materially and adversely affected.

**If we are not able to retain the full time services of our management team, including Christopher J. Reed, it will be more difficult for us to manage our operations and our operating performance could suffer.**

Our business is dependent, to a large extent, upon the services of our management team, including Christopher J. Reed, our founder, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. We depend on our management team, but especially on Mr. Reed's creativity and leadership in running or supervising virtually all aspects of our day-to-day operations. We do not have a written employment agreement with any member of our management team or Mr. Reed. In addition, we do not maintain key person life insurance on any of our management team or Mr. Reed. Therefore, in the event of the loss or unavailability of any member of the management team to us, there can be no assurance that we would be able to locate in a timely manner or employ qualified personnel to replace him. The loss of the services of any member of our management team or our failure to attract and retain other key personnel over time would jeopardize our ability to execute our business plan and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**We need to manage our growth and implement and maintain procedures and controls during a time of rapid expansion in our business.**

The cost of manufacturing and packaging our products was approximately 84% and 80% of our aggregate revenues in 2007 and 2006, respectively. This gross margin places pressure upon our cash flow and cash reserves when our sales increase. If we are to expand our operations, such expansion would place a significant strain on our management, operational and financial resources. Such expansion would also require improvements in our operational, accounting and information systems, procedures and controls. If we fail to manage this anticipated expansion properly, it could divert our limited management, cash, personnel, and other resources from other responsibilities and could adversely affect our financial performance.

**Our business may be negatively impacted by a slowing economy or by unfavorable economic conditions or developments in the United States and/or in other countries in which we operate.**

A general slowdown in the economy in the United States or unfavorable economic conditions or other developments may result in decreased consumer demand, business disruption, supply constraints, foreign currency devaluation, inflation or deflation. A slowdown in the economy or unstable economic conditions in the United States or in the countries in which we operate could have an adverse impact on our business results or financial condition. Our foreign sales (except for Canada) accounted for less than 1.0% of our sales for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

**We have operated without independent directors in the past.**

We have not had two independent directors through a large portion of our history. As a result, certain material agreements between related parties have not been negotiated with the oversight of independent directors and were entered into at the absolute discretion of the majority stockholder, Christopher J. Reed. Please see the "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" section for specific details of these transactions.

**Risks Relating to Our Securities**

We recently conducted a rescission offer for shares issued in our initial public offering. Although we have completed the rescission offer, we may continue to be subject to claims related to the circumstances related to the rescission offer.

From August 3, 2005 through April 7, 2006, we issued 333,156 shares of our common stock in connection with our initial public offering. The shares issued in connection with the initial public offering may have been issued in violation of either federal or state securities laws, or both, and may be subject to rescission. In order to address this issue, we made a rescission offer to the holders of these shares.

Our rescission covered an aggregate of 333,156 shares of common stock issued in connection with our initial public offering. These securities represented all of the shares issued in connection with the initial public offering prior to October 11, 2006. We offered to rescind the shares of our common stock that were subject to the rescission offer for an amount equal to the price paid for the shares plus interest, calculated from the date of the purchase through the date on which the rescission offer expires, at the applicable statutory interest rate per year. If our rescission offer had been accepted by all offerees, we would have been required to make an aggregate payment to the holders of these shares of up to approximately \$1,332,624, plus statutory interest.

On August 12, 2006, we made a rescission offer to all holders of the outstanding shares that we believe are subject to rescission, pursuant to which we offered to repurchase these shares then outstanding from the holders. At the expiration of our rescission offer on September 18, 2006, the rescission offer was accepted by 32 of the offerees to the extent of 28,420 shares for an aggregate of \$118,711.57, including statutory interest. The shares that were tendered for rescission were agreed to be purchased by others and not from our funds.

Federal securities laws do not provide that a rescission offer will terminate a purchaser's right to rescind a sale of stock that was not registered as required or was not otherwise exempt from such registration requirements. Accordingly, although the rescission offer may have been accepted or rejected by some of the offerees, we may continue to be liable under federal and state securities laws for up to an amount equal to the value of all shares of common stock issued in connection with the initial public offering, plus any statutory interest we may be required to pay. If it is determined that we offered securities without properly registering them under federal or state law, or securing an exemption from registration, regulators could impose monetary fines or other sanctions as provided under these laws.



**There has been a very limited public trading market for our securities and the market for our securities, may continue to be limited, and be sporadic and highly volatile.**

There is currently a limited public market for our common stock. Our common stock was previously listed for trading on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board (the "OTCBB") from January 3, 2007 to November 26, 2007. Since November 27, 2007, our common stock has been listed for trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market. We cannot assure you that an active market for our shares will be established or maintained in the future. Holders of our common stock may, therefore, have difficulty selling their shares, should they decide to do so. In addition, there can be no assurances that such markets will continue or that any shares, which may be purchased, may be sold without incurring a loss. Any such market price of our shares may not necessarily bear any relationship to our book value, assets, past operating results, financial condition or any other established criteria of value, and may not be indicative of the market price for the shares in the future.

In addition, the market price of our common stock may be volatile, which could cause the value of our common stock to decline. Securities markets experience significant price and volume fluctuations. This market volatility, as well as general economic conditions, could cause the market price of our common stock to fluctuate substantially. Many factors that are beyond our control may significantly affect the market price of our shares. These factors include:

- price and volume fluctuations in the stock markets,
- changes in our earnings or variations in operating results,
- any shortfall in revenue or increase in losses from levels expected by securities analysts,
- changes in regulatory policies or law,
- operating performance of companies comparable to us, and
- general economic trends and other external factors.

Even if an active market for our common stock is established, stockholders may have to sell their shares at prices substantially lower than the price they paid for it or might otherwise receive than if a broad public market existed.

**Future financings could adversely affect common stock ownership interest and rights in comparison with those of other security holders.**

Our board of directors has the power to issue additional shares of common or preferred stock without stockholder approval. If additional funds are raised through the issuance of equity or convertible debt securities, the percentage ownership of our existing stockholders will be reduced, and these newly issued securities may have rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of existing stockholders.

If we issue any additional common stock or securities convertible into common stock, such issuance will reduce the proportionate ownership and voting power of each other stockholder. In addition, such stock issuances might result in a reduction of the book value of our common stock.

**Because Christopher J. Reed controls a large portion of our stock, he can control the outcome, or greatly influence the outcome, of all matters on which stockholders vote.**

Christopher J. Reed, our President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board owns 35.9% of our common stock. Therefore, Mr. Reed will be able to control the outcome, or greatly influence the outcome, on all matters requiring stockholder approval, including the election of directors, amendment of our certificate of incorporation, and any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets or other transactions resulting in a change of control of our company. In addition, as our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Reed has and will continue to have significant influence over our strategy, technology and other matters. Mr. Reed's interests may not always coincide with the interests of other holders of our common stock.

**A substantial number of our shares are available for sale in the public market and sales of those shares could adversely affect our stock price.**

Sales of a substantial number of shares of common stock into the public market, or the perception that such sales could occur, could substantially reduce our stock price in the public market for our common stock, and could impair our ability to obtain capital through a subsequent financing of our securities. We have 8,755,707 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 14, 2008. Of the shares of our common stock currently outstanding, 5,983,103 shares

are “restricted securities” under the Securities Act. Some of these “restricted securities” will be subject to restrictions on the timing, manner, and volume of sales of such shares.

In addition, we have issued and outstanding options and warrants that may be exercised into 2,417,236 shares of common stock and 48,121 shares of Series A preferred stock that may be converted into 192,484 shares of common stock. In addition, our outstanding shares of Series A preferred stock bear a dividend of 5% per year, or approximately \$27,770 per year. We have the option to pay the dividend in shares of our common stock. In 2007 and 2006, we paid the dividend in an aggregate of 3,820 and 7,373 shares of common stock in each such year, respectively, and anticipate that we will be obligated to issue at least this many shares annually to the holders of the Series A preferred stock so long as such shares are issued and outstanding.

**If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal controls, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results or prevent fraud.**

We are subject to reporting obligations under the U.S. securities laws. The SEC, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, adopted rules requiring every public company to include a management report of such company's internal controls over financial reporting in its annual report, which contains management's assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal controls over financial reporting. This requirement applies to us beginning with our annual report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2007. In addition, in the future, an independent registered public accounting firm will be required to attest to and report on management's assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal controls over financial reporting. Our management may conclude that our internal controls over our financial reporting are not effective. Moreover, even if our management concludes that our internal controls over financial reporting are effective, our independent registered public accounting firm may still decline to attest to our management's assessment or may issue a report that is qualified if it is not satisfied with our controls or the level at which our controls are documented, designed, operated, or reviewed, or if it interprets the relevant requirements differently from us. Our reporting obligations as a public company will place a significant strain on our management, operational, and financial resources and systems for the foreseeable future. Effective internal controls, particularly those related to revenue recognition, are necessary for us to produce reliable financial reports and are important to help prevent fraud. As a result, our failure to achieve and maintain effective internal controls over financial reporting could result in the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which in turn could harm our business and negatively impact the trading price of our stock. Furthermore, we anticipate that we will incur considerable costs and use significant management time and other resources in an effort to comply with Section 404 and other requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

**Item 2. Description of Property**

We own an 18,000 square foot warehouse, known as the Brewery, at 13000 South Spring Street in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County, near downtown Los Angeles. The property is located in the Los Angeles County Mid-Alameda Corridor Enterprise Zone. Businesses located in the enterprise zone are eligible for certain economic incentives designed to stimulate business investment, encourage growth and development and promote job creation.

We purchased the facility in December 2000 for a purchase price of \$850,000, including a down payment of \$102,000. We financed approximately \$750,000 of the purchase price with a loan from U.S. Bank National Association, guaranteed by the United States Small Business Administration. We also obtained a building improvement loan for \$168,000 from U.S. Bank National Association, guaranteed by the United States Small Business Administration. Christopher J. Reed, our founder and Chief Executive Officer, personally guaranteed both loans. Both loans are due and payable on November 29, 2025, with interest at the New York prime rate plus 1%, adjusted monthly, with no cap or floor. As of December 31, 2007, the principal and interest payments on the two loans combined were \$7,113 per month. This facility serves as our principal executive offices, our West Coast Brewery and bottling plant and our Southern California warehouse facility until August 2007.

In August 2007, we purchased the building immediately adjacent to the Brewery on South Spring Street for \$1,700,000 in cash. Since its purchase, this facility serves as our warehouse for mainly finished goods and raw

materials. In March 2008, we borrowed a total of \$1,770,000 from Lehman Brothers secured by our real estate. The loan is personally guaranteed by Christopher J. Reed, our Chief Executive Officer. We have used the proceeds of the loan to pay off the outstanding loan on the Brewery and as working capital. The new loan is payable over a 30 year term, bears interest at 8.41% per annum and carries a prepayment penalty of 3% if the loan is repaid within five years.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

On January 20, 2006, Consac Industries, Inc. (dba Long Life Teas and Long Life Beverages) filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Central District of California against Reed's Inc. and Christopher Reed, Case No. CV06-0376. The complaint asserted claims for negligence, breach of contract, breach of warranty, and breach of express indemnity relating to Reed's, Inc.'s manufacture of approximately 13,000 cases of "Prism Green Tea Soda" for Consac. Consac contended that we negligently manufactured the soda resulting in at least one personal injury. Consac sought \$2.6 million in damages, plus interest and attorneys fees. In January 2007, we settled the lawsuit for \$450,000, of which \$300,000 was paid by us and \$150,000 was paid by our insurance carrier. The \$300,000 was accrued as of December 31, 2006 and is included in legal costs in the statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2006.

Except as set forth above, we believe that there are no material litigation matters at the current time. Although the results of such litigation matters and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe that the final outcome of such claims and proceedings will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position, liquidity, or results of operations.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Company was held on November 19, 2007. At the meeting, the following individuals were elected as directors of the Company and received the number of votes set opposite their respective names:

Director	Votes For	Votes Against
Christopher J. Reed	6,866,464	12,597
Judy Holloway Reed	6,865,214	13,147
Mark Harris	6,866,614	11,497
Dr. D.S.J. Muffoletto, N.D.	6,851,116	20,266
Michael Fischman	6,864,464	13,597

In addition, at the meeting our stockholders approved the Reeds 2007 Stock Incentive Award Plan by a vote of 4,836,802 for and 50,822 against.

In addition, at the meeting, our stockholders ratified an amendment to our articles of incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of common stock from 11,500,000 shares to 19,500,000 by a vote of 4,899,513 for and 28,621 against.

**PART II****Item 5. Market for Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters****Trading History**

Our Common stock is currently traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "REED".

On November 27, 2007, we qualified for trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market. Prior to that time and since January 3, 2007, our common stock was listed for trading on the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

Over-The-Counter Bulletin Board, or the OTC Bulletin Board. Trading in our common stock has not been extensive and such trades cannot be characterized as constituting an active trading market. The following is a summary of the high and low closing prices of our common stock by the NASDAQ Capital Market and the OTC Bulletin Board, as

applicable during the periods presented. Such prices represent inter-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, mark down or commissions, and may not necessarily represent actual transactions:

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	Closing Sale Price	
	High	Low
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2007</b>		
First Quarter	\$ 7.17	\$ 3.00
Second Quarter	9.00	6.00
Third Quarter	10.55	6.75
Fourth Quarter	7.35	5.35

On April 10, 2008, the closing sales price for the common stock was \$2.93, as reported on the website of the NASDAQ Stock Market. As of April 10, 2008, there were approximately 261 stockholders of record of the common stock (not including the number of persons or entities holding stock in nominee or street name through various brokerage firms) and 8,907,700 outstanding shares of common stock.

### Dividends

We have never declared or paid dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain future earnings, if any, for use in our business, and, therefore, we do not anticipate declaring or paying any dividends in the foreseeable future. Payments of future dividends, if any, will be at the discretion of our board of directors after taking into account various factors, including the terms of our credit facility and our financial condition, operating results, current and anticipated cash needs and plans for expansion.

We are obligated to pay a non-cumulative 5% dividend from lawfully available assets to the holders of our Series A preferred stock in either cash or additional shares of common stock at our discretion. In 2007 and 2006, we paid the dividend in an aggregate of 3,820 and 7,373 shares of common stock in each such year, respectively, and anticipate that we will be obligated to issue at least this many shares annually to the holders of the Series A preferred stock so long as such shares are issued and outstanding.

### Recent Issuances of Unregistered Securities

In the months of October 2007 and December 2007, 500 shares of Series A preferred stock were converted into a total of 4,000 shares of common stock. In October 2007, we issued 1,000 shares, valued at \$7,250, to a consultant for services rendered in conjunction with the purchase of a building.

In March 2008, we issued 150,000 shares of common stock to a consultant pursuant to a research and analysis services agreement. The shares were issued pursuant to an exemption from registration under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act.

In January 2008, we entered into an agreement for future consulting services. We have agreed to pay 11,960 shares of common stock over the six month engagement and agreed to register the shares with the SEC in our next registration statement. From January to March 2008, we issued 5,979 shares of common stock to the consultant under the agreement. The shares were issued pursuant to an exemption from registration under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act.



## Item 6. Management’s Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation

*The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report. This discussion and analysis may contain forward-looking statements based on assumptions about our future business. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including but not limited to those set forth under the heading of “Risk Factors” in the “Business” section in this Annual Report.*

### Overview

We develop, manufacture, market and sell natural non-alcoholic and “New Age” beverages, candies and ice creams. “New Age Beverages” is a category that includes natural soda, fruit juices and fruit drinks, ready-to-drink teas, sports drinks and water. We currently manufacture, market and sell five unique product lines:

- Reed’s Ginger Brews,
- Virgil’s Root Beer and Cream Sodas,
- China Colas,
- Reed’s Ginger Candies, and
- Reed’s Ginger Ice Creams

We sell most of our products in specialty gourmet and natural food stores (estimated at 4,000 smaller or specialty stores and 3,000 supermarket format), supermarket chains (estimated at 7,500 stores), retail stores and restaurants in the United States and, to a lesser degree, in Canada, Europe and other international territories. We primarily sell our products through a network of natural, gourmet and independent distributors. We also maintain an organization of in-house sales managers who work mainly in the stores serviced by our natural, gourmet and mainstream distributors and with our distributors. We also work with regional, independent sales representatives who maintain store and distributor relationships in a specified territory. In Southern California, we have our own direct distribution system, but we have plans to direct these sales to distributors.

The following table shows a breakdown of net sales with respect to our distribution channels for the periods set forth in the table:

	Direct sales to large retailer accounts	% of total sales	Local direct distribution	% of total sales	Natural, gourmet and mainstream distributors	% of total	Total sales
2007	\$ 3,395,110	26	\$ 1,567,058	12	\$ 8,096,645	62	\$ 13,058,813
2006	1,853,439	18	1,039,966	10	7,590,948	72	10,484,353
2005	1,536,896	16	751,999	8	7,181,390	76	9,470,285
2004	1,983,598	22	395,601	4	6,599,166	74	8,978,365

Historically, we have focused our marketing efforts on natural and gourmet food stores. In 2003, we expanded our marketing efforts to include more mainstream markets. These efforts included selling our products directly to:

·large retail accounts, such as Costco, BJ Wholesale, and Cost Plus World Markets, and

·the natural food section of mainstream supermarket chains, such as Safeway, Kroger's, and several other national and regional chains, such as Ralph's and Bristol Farms.

In addition, since 2003, we have introduced new products and offer specialty beverage packaging options not typically available in the marketplace into the marketplace that have contributed to our growth in sales. These products include a 5-liter "party keg" version of our Virgil's Root Beer and Cream Soda, 12-ounce long neck bottles of our Virgil's Cream Soda and 750 ml. size bottles of our Reed's Original Ginger Brew, Extra Ginger Brew and Spiced Apple Brew. In addition, we recently introduced three new diet flavors of Virgil's Root Beer, Virgil's Cream Soda and Virgil's Black Cherry Cream Soda and a new 7 ounce version of our Reed's Extra Ginger Brew for mini-bars and on-premise accounts. These new products and packaging options are being utilized in our marketing efforts.

We gauge the financial success of our company by a number of different parameters. Because our industry typically values companies on a top-line basis, one of our main company goals is to increase net sales. Our net sales have increased each year during the period from 2003 to 2007, as follows:

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Net sales</b>	\$ 6,800,000	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 9,500,000	\$ 10,500,000	\$ 13,059,000

We believe that the increase in net sales over this period comes from three factors:

- increases in our core of national distribution to natural and gourmet food stores,
- increases in our mainstream supermarket chains, and
- increases in our direct sales to large retailers.

Almost as important as increasing our net sales are increasing our gross margins. We continue to work to reduce costs related to production of our products. However, we have encountered difficulties in increasing our gross margins due to certain factors, including:

- inefficiencies commensurate with a start-up period for the Brewery that we purchased in 2002 as our West Coast production facility,
- higher freight, glass and production expenses due to the increase in the cost of fuel and increases in the price of ingredients in our products, and
- increases in the use of promotions and discounting,

In 2002, we purchased and outfitted the Brewery, in part to help reduce both production costs and freight costs associated with our west coast sales. Gross margins decreased from 24.8% in 2002 to 19.5% in 2003 as a principal result of the start-up of the Brewery. Gross margins increased to 20.9% in 2004 as a principal result of attaining greater functionality and efficiencies in our operation of the Brewery by our own personnel and being able to produce and ship products in the western half of the United States from a west coast facility. However, in 2005, gross margins decreased to 18.2% as a principal result of increases in fuel prices, which put downward pressure on our margins due to increased freight expenses and increased glass and production costs, both of which are sensitive to fuel costs. In February 2006, we decided to raise our prices on the Ginger Brew line for the first time in 16 years. In 2006, gross margins recovered to 19.6% partially as a result of a price increase on our core Reed's Ginger Brew line and offset by increased pressure from more expensive production, ingredients and packaging expenses due to fuel related price increases. In 2007, our gross margins decreased to 15.5% partially as a result of increased promotions and increased freight and commodity costs.

In addition, our west coast Brewery facility is running at 41% of capacity. We have had difficulties with the flavor of our Ginger Brew products produced at the Brewery. As a result, we continue to supply our Ginger Brew products at the Brewery from our east coast co-packing facility, thereby causing us to incur increased freight and warehousing expenses on our products. Management is committed to selling a high quality, great tasting product and has elected to continue to sell certain of our Ginger Brew products produced from our east coast facility on the west coast, even though it negatively impacts our gross margins. As we are able to make the Brewery become more fully utilized, we believe that we will experience improvements in gross margins due to freight and production savings.

On December 12, 2006, we completed the sale of 2,000,000 shares of our common stock at an offering price of \$4.00 per share in our initial public offering. The public offering resulted in gross proceeds of \$8,000,000 to us. In connection with the public offering, we paid aggregate commissions, concessions and non-accountable expenses to the underwriters of \$800,000, resulting in net proceeds of \$7,200,000, excluding other expenses of the public offering. In addition, we have agreed to issue, to the underwriters, warrants to purchase up to approximately an additional 200,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.60 per share (165% of the public offering price per share), at a purchase price of \$0.001 per warrant. The underwriters' warrants are exercisable for a period of five years commencing on the final closing date of the public offering. From August 3, 2005 through April 7, 2006, we had issued 333,156 shares of our common stock in connection with the public offering. We sold the balance of the 2,000,000 shares in connection with the public offering (1,666,844 shares) following October 11, 2006.

From May 25, 2007 through June 15, 2007, we completed a private placement to accredited investors only, on subscriptions for the sale of 1,500,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase up to 749,995 shares of common stock, resulting in an aggregate of \$9,000,000 of gross proceeds. We Company sold the shares at a purchase price of \$6.00 per share. The warrants issued in the private placement have a five-year term and an exercise price of \$7.50 per share. We paid cash commissions of \$900,000 to the placement agent for the private placement and issued warrants to the placement agent to purchase up to 150,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$6.60 per share. We also issued additional warrants to purchase up to 15,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$6.60 per share and paid an additional \$60,000 in cash to the placement agent as an investment banking fee. Total proceeds received, net of underwriting commissions and the investment banking fee and excluding other expenses of the private placement, was \$8,040,000.

### **Trends, Risks, Challenges, Opportunities That May or Are Currently Affecting Our Business**

Our main challenges, trends, risks and opportunities that could affect or are affecting our financial results include but are not limited to:

**Fuel Prices** - As oil prices continue to increase, our packaging, production and ingredient costs will continue to rise. We have attempted to offset the rising freight costs from fuel price increases by creatively negotiating rates and managing freight. We will continue to pursue alternative production, packaging and ingredient suppliers and options to help offset the affect of rising fuel prices on these expenses.

**Low Carbohydrate Diets and Obesity** - Our products are not geared for the low carbohydrate market. Consumer trends have reflected higher demand for lower carbohydrate products. Despite this trend, we achieved an increase in our sales growth in 2007. We monitor these trends closely and have started developing low-carbohydrate versions of some of our beverages, although we do not have any currently marketable low-carbohydrate products.

**Distribution Consolidation** - There has been a recent trend towards continued consolidation of the beverage distribution industry through mergers and acquisitions. This consolidation results in a smaller number of distributors to market our products and potentially leaves us subject to the potential of our products either being dropped by these distributors or being marketed less aggressively by these distributors. As a result, we have initiated our own direct distribution to mainstream supermarkets and natural and gourmet foods stores in Southern California and to large national retailers. Consolidation among natural foods industry distributors has not had an adverse affect on our sales.

**Consumer Demanding More Natural Foods** - The rapid growth of the natural foods industry has been fueled by the growing consumer awareness of the potential health problems due to the consumption of chemicals in the diet. Consumers are reading ingredient labels and choosing products based on them. We design products with these consumer concerns in mind. We feel this trend toward more natural products is one of the main trends behind our growth. Recently, this trend in drinks has not only shifted to products using natural ingredients, but also to products with added ingredients possessing a perceived positive function like vitamins, herbs and other nutrients. Our

ginger-based products are designed with this consumer demand in mind.

***Supermarket and Natural Food Stores*** - More and more supermarkets, in order to compete with the growing natural food industry, have started including natural food sections. As a result of this trend, our products are now available in mainstream supermarkets throughout the United States in natural food sections. Supermarkets can require that we spend more advertising money and they sometimes require slotting fees. We continue to work to keep these fees reasonable. Slotting fees in the natural food section of the supermarket are generally not as expensive as in other areas of the store.

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***Beverage Packaging Changes*** - Beverage packaging has continued to innovate, particularly for premium products. There is an increase in the sophistication with respect to beverage packaging design. While we feel that our current core brands still compete on the level of packaging, we continue to experiment with new and novel packaging designs such as the 5-liter party keg and 750 ml. champagne style bottles. We have further plans for other innovative packaging designs.

***Packaging or Raw Material Price Increases*** - An increase in packaging or raw materials has caused our margins to suffer and has negatively impacted our cash flow and profitability. We continue to search for packaging and production alternatives to reduce our cost of goods.

***Cash Flow Requirements*** - Our growth will depend on the availability of additional capital infusions. We have a financial history of losses and are dependent on non-banking sources of capital, which tend to be more expensive and charge higher interest rates. Any increase in costs of goods will further increase losses and will further tighten cash reserves.

***Interest Rates*** - We use lines of credit as a source of capital and are negatively impacted as interest rates rise.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in our financial statements including various allowances and reserves for accounts receivable and inventories, the estimated lives of long-lived assets and trademarks and trademark licenses, as well as claims and contingencies arising out of litigation or other transactions that occur in the normal course of business. The following summarize our most significant accounting and reporting policies and practices:

***Trademark License and Trademarks.*** Trademark license and trademarks primarily represent the costs we pay for exclusive ownership of the Reed's® registered trademark in connection with the manufacture, sale and distribution of beverages and water and non-beverage products. We also own the China Cola® and Virgil's® registered trademarks. In addition, we own a number of other trademarks in the United States, as well as in a number of countries around the world. We account for these items in accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets." Under the provisions of SFAS No. 142, we do not amortize indefinite-lived trademark licenses and trademarks.

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, we evaluate our non-amortizing trademark license and trademarks quarterly for impairment. We measure impairment by the amount that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value of the trademark license and trademarks. The fair value is calculated by reviewing net sales of the various beverages and applying industry multiples. Based on our quarterly impairment analysis the estimated fair values of trademark license and trademarks exceeded the carrying value and no impairments were identified during the years ended December 31, 2007 or 2006.

***Long-Lived Assets.*** Our management regularly reviews property, equipment and other long-lived assets, including identifiable amortizing intangibles, for possible impairment. This review occurs quarterly or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. If there is indication of impairment of property and equipment or amortizable intangible assets, then management prepares an estimate of future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If these cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized to write down the asset to its estimated fair value. The fair value is estimated at the present value of the future cash flows discounted at a rate commensurate with management's estimates of the business risks. Quarterly, or earlier if there is indication of impairment of identified intangible assets not subject to amortization, management compares the estimated fair value with the carrying amount of the asset. An impairment loss is recognized to write

down the intangible asset to its fair value if it is less than the carrying amount. Preparation of estimated expected future cash flows is inherently subjective and is based on management's best estimate of assumptions concerning expected future conditions. No impairments were identified during the years ended December 31, 2007 or 2006.

Management believes that the accounting estimate related to impairment of our long lived assets, including our trademark license and trademarks, is a "critical accounting estimate" because: (1) it is highly susceptible to change from period to period because it requires management to estimate fair value, which is based on assumptions about cash flows and discount rates; and (2) the impact that recognizing an impairment would have on the assets reported on our balance sheet, as well as net income, could be material. Management's assumptions about cash flows and discount rates require significant judgment because actual revenues and expenses have fluctuated in the past and we expect they will continue to do so.

In estimating future revenues, we use internal budgets. Internal budgets are developed based on recent revenue data for existing product lines and planned timing of future introductions of new products and their impact on our future cash flows.

*Accounts Receivable.* We evaluate the collectibility of our trade accounts receivable based on a number of factors. In circumstances where we become aware of a specific customer's inability to meet its financial obligations to us, a specific reserve for bad debts is estimated and recorded which reduces the recognized receivable to the estimated amount our management believes will ultimately be collected. In addition to specific customer identification of potential bad debts, bad debt charges are recorded based on our historical losses and an overall assessment of past due trade accounts receivable outstanding. The allowance for doubtful accounts and returns and discounts is established through a provision for returns and discounts charged against sales. Receivables are charged off against the allowance when payments are received or product returned. The allowance for doubtful accounts and returns and discounts as of December 31, 2007 was approximately \$407,000.

*Inventories.* Inventories are stated at the lower of cost to purchase and/or manufacture the inventory or the current estimated market value of the inventory. We regularly review our inventory quantities on hand and record a provision for excess and obsolete inventory based primarily on our estimated forecast of product demand and/or our ability to sell the product(s) concerned and production requirements. Demand for our products can fluctuate significantly. Factors that could affect demand for our products include unanticipated changes in consumer preferences, general market conditions or other factors, which may result in cancellations of advance orders or a reduction in the rate of reorders placed by customers. Additionally, our management's estimates of future product demand may be inaccurate, which could result in an understated or overstated provision required for excess and obsolete inventory.

## **Results of Operations**

### *Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2007 Compared to Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2006*

Net sales increased by \$2,574,460, or 24.6%, to \$13,058,813 in 2007 from \$10,484,353 in 2006. The increase in net sales was primarily due to an increase in our Virgil's product line of Root Beer and Cream Sodas, our Reed's Ginger Brews and ginger Candies. The increase in sales was also primarily due to an increase in net sales due to newly introduced mainstream distributors and an increase in our existing distribution channels of natural food distributors and retailers, partially offset by a decrease in sales to international customers.

The Virgil's brand, which includes Root Beer, Cream Soda and Black Cherry Cream soda, Diet Root Beer, Diet Cream Soda and Diet Black Cherry Cream Soda, realized an increase in net sales of \$1,715,000, or 44.9% from \$3,823,000 in 2006 to \$5,538,000 in 2007. The increase was the result of increased sales in Root Beer of \$985,000 or 33.3% to \$3,945,000 in 2007 from \$2,960,000 in 2006, increased sales in Cream Soda of \$201,000 or 31.8% to \$834,000 in 2007 from \$633,000 in 2006, and increased sales in Black Cherry Cream Soda of \$193,000 or 86.5% to \$416,000 in 2007 from \$223,000 in 2006. The increase in the Virgil's Root Beer was due, in part, to an increase in five-liter party kegs of \$316,000 or 71.9%, to \$756,000 in 2007 from \$440,000 in 2006. In addition, the increase in sales in the Virgil's Brand was the result of three diet products introduced in 2007. The three new products include Diet Root Beer, which realized \$99,000 in net sales for 2007, Diet Cream Soda and Black Cherry Cream soda which realized net sales of \$57,000 and \$52,000, respectively in 2007.

The Reeds Ginger Brew Line increased \$720,000 or 13.2% from \$5,450,000 in 2006 to \$6,170,000 in 2007. The increase was the result of increased sales across all Reed's line of products, but mostly due to increased sales of Reed's Extra Ginger Brew of \$317,000 or 11.8% to \$3,011,000 in 2007 from \$2,694,000 in 2006, Reed's Original Ginger Brew of \$86,000 or 6.8% to \$1,350,000 in 2007 from \$1,264,000 in 2006 and Reed's Premium Ginger Brew of \$84,000 or 9.4% to \$978,000 in 2007 from \$894,000 in 2006. The Reed's Cherry Ginger Brew and Reed's Spice Apple Cider realized an increase in sales of 20.3% and 2.5%, respectively, from 2007 to 2006.





Net sales of candy increased \$110,000, or 13.7% from \$802,000 in 2006 to \$912,000 in 2007. The increase in candy sales was mostly due to increased crystallized ginger sales of \$93,000 or 17.2% to \$633,000 in 2007 from \$540,000 in 2006.

The product mix for our two most significant product lines, Reed's Ginger Brews and Virgil's sodas was 47.2% and 42.4%, respectively of net sales in 2007 and was 52.0% and 36.5%, respectively of net sales in 2006.

Commencing in 2007, the Company executed several distribution contracts with distributors who service retailers that cater to the mainstream consumer. In 2007, of the sales noted above, net sales to distributors that cater to mainstream consumers totaled \$428,000. For sales to distributors that specialize in natural foods, net sales increased \$1,857,000 or 23.6% from \$7,874,000 in 2006 to \$9,731,000 in 2007. For sales to other mainstream customers, including chains, club stores and mass merchants, net sales increased \$534,000 or 21.9% from \$2,437,000 in 2006 to \$2,971,000 in 2007. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in net sales to international customers of \$52,000 or 29.8% to \$122,000 in 2007 from \$174,000 in 2006.

We expect to increase sales in 2008. Our new direction in sales is to focus our sales efforts predominantly in the grocery channels, where we have an estimated 10,500 supermarket stores carrying our products.

Cost of sales increased by \$2,612,803, or 31.0%, from \$8,426,774 in 2006 to \$11,039,577 in 2007. As a percentage of net sales, cost of sales increased from 80.4% in 2006 to 84.5% in 2007. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased by 4.1%, primarily as a result of increased discounting and promotions, increased production expenses, increased packaging costs and increased ingredient costs.

Gross profit decreased \$38,343 or 1.9% from \$2,057,579 in 2006 to \$2,019,236 in 2007. As a percentage of net sales, gross profit decreased from 19.6% in 2006 to 15.5% in 2007. Fuel and commodity price increases have caused an increase in our costs of production from our co-packer. Fuel price increases have increased our costs of delivery. In addition, we had increased costs of packaging costs. If fuel and commodity prices continue to increase, we will have more pressure on our margins.

Our gross profit for beverages before the affects of promotions and discounting was approximately 40% for 2007. After promotions and discounts, we realized gross margin of 15.5%. To improve gross margins in 2008, we have set a date to raise prices on the Reed's Ginger Brew line by 13% bringing it more in line with our competitors in the natural soda category. The impact of the price increase will raise our gross margin before the affects of promotions and discounting to 45% with the expectation of increasing the net gross margin 2008. In addition, we are implementing systems to track and manage the approval and use of promotions and discounting to maintain a higher net gross margin. Finally, we are performing a competitive bidding process for our third party co-packing production. We expect to select a co-packer by the third quarter 2008. We expect to lower our costs of production, thus further improving our gross margin while maintaining our product quality.

Operating expenses increased by \$3,643,956, or 94.3%, from \$3,864,169 in 2006 to \$7,508,125 in 2007 and increased as a percentage of net sales from 36.9% in 2006 to 57.5% in 2007. The increase was primary the result of increased selling and general and administrative expenses, partially offset by one-time charges in 2006. Based on the reduction in the sales staff and other sales support staff, we do not anticipate an increase in operating expenses in 2008.

Selling expensed increased by \$3,234,293 or 239.2%, from \$1,352,313 in 2006 to \$4,586,806 in 2007. The increase in selling expenses is due to increased salaries of sales personnel, general selling expenses, promotional costs, non-cash stock option amortization expense, recruiting costs of sales personnel and public relations. Salaries of sales personnel increased \$1,572,000 or 236.6% from \$664,000 in 2006 to \$2,236,000 in 2007. This increase was due to increased personnel to support the initiative to increase sales of our product to the mainstream consumer through mainstream stores and distributors that support mainstream retailers. General selling expenses increased \$779,000 or 226.5% from

\$344,000 in 2006 to \$1,123,000 in 2007. The increase in general selling expenses was due to the increased support for the increased sales personnel such as travel, road-shows and trade shows. Promotional expenses increased \$335,000 or 177.2%, from \$189,000 in 2006 to \$524,000 in 2007. The increase in promotional expenses was due to increased activities of advertising, demonstrations and sampling. Non-cash stock option amortization expense increased \$344,000 or 5,733.3% from \$6,000 in 2006 to \$350,000 in 2007. This increase is due to stock options issued to new sales personnel in 2007. Also, selling expense increased from 2007 versus 2006 due to new initiatives in 2007 of public relations and recruiting fees for selling personnel of \$104,000 and \$66,000, respectively. In March 2008, we announced our new strategic direction in sales, whereby our focus is to strengthen our product placements in our estimated 10,500 supermarkets nationwide. This strategy replaces our strategy in 2007 that focused on both the supermarkets and a direct store delivery (DSD) effort. Since March 2008, our sales organization has been reduced by 16 compared to the level we had at December 31, 2007. We have found that our brand performs most efficiently in grocery stores. We have our products in many supermarket stores across the country and our new direction for 2008 is to remain focused on these accounts while opening new business with other grocery stores leveraging our brand equity. We feel that the trend in grocery stores to offer their customers natural products can be served with our products. Our sales personnel are leveraging our success at natural food grocery stores to establish new relationships with mainstream grocery stores

General and administrative expenses increased by \$109,463 or 4.4% from \$2,511,856 in 2006 to \$2,621,319 in 2007. The increase in general and administrative expenses is due to increased legal, accounting and investor relations expenses, salaries, general office expenses and non-cash stock option amortization expense partially offset by one-time charges in 2006 of legal costs associated with the rescission offer of our initial public offering. Legal, accounting and investor relations expenses increased \$738,000 or 476.1% from \$155,000 in 2006 to \$893,000 in 2007. The increase in legal, accounting and investor relation expenses was due to a new initiative in 2007 for investor relations that resulted in an increase of general and administrative expenses of \$140,000. The remaining increase in legal and accounting costs mostly related to the increased costs of reporting and compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission and NASDAQ. Salaries increased by \$372,000 or 67.4% from \$552,000 in 2006 to \$924,000 in 2007. The increase was due to additional personnel including the newly hired Chief Operating and Chief Financial Officers. General office expenses increased \$390,000 or 113.0% from \$345,000 in 2006 to \$735,000 in 2007. This increase was mainly due to increased costs to support the additional personnel such as computers and telephones. In addition, in 2007, we incurred additional information technology costs as part of our general ledger conversion. Non-cash stock option expense increased by \$46,000 or 85.2%, from \$54,000 in 2006 to \$100,000 in 2007. The increase in non-cash stock option expense relates to the options issued to personnel hired in 2007. These increases in general and administrative expenses were partially offset by the one-time charges in 2006 of \$835,000 and \$300,000 relating to the rescission offer of our initial public offering that we undertook to satisfy a possible securities law violation associated with our sales of common stock and the resumption of our sales of securities and the settlement of a lawsuit.

In the year ended December 31, 2007, we funded and wrote-off a note-receivable for \$300,000. This note was made by a company that developed and owned certain intellectual property in the form of recipes and marketing materials of energy drinks. Even though we are pursuing collection of this note, we have determined that the collectability of this note and the usefulness of the collateral are doubtful and have therefore fully reserved for the entire balance due.

Interest expense was \$414,792 in 2006, compared to interest expense of \$182,402 in 2007. We had less interest expense in 2007 due to decreased borrowings, a result of our receiving funds from our initial public offering in 2006 and our private placement in 2007. In 2006, we had an outstanding balance on a receivable line of credit which was paid-off in June 2007. We expect to have an increase in interest expenses in 2008 due to our increased borrowings.

Interest income increased \$112,289 or 1,444.6% from \$7,773 in 2006 to \$120,062 in 2007. The increase in interest income was the result of increased balances in cash and cash equivalents throughout 2007 versus 2006, mainly due to the proceeds received in our initial public offering in 2006 and private placement in 2007. We expect to have less interest income in 2008 due to our expectation of having less cash on hand than in 2007.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Historically, we have financed our operations primarily through the sale of common stock, preferred stock, convertible debt, a line of credit from a financial institution, and cash generated from operations. On December 12, 2006, we completed the sale of 2,000,000 shares of our common stock at an offering price of \$4.00 per share in our initial public offering. The public offering resulted in gross proceeds of \$8,000,000 to us. In connection with the public offering, we paid aggregate commissions, concessions and non-accountable expenses to the underwriters of \$800,000, resulting in net proceeds of \$7,200,000, excluding other expenses of the public offering. In addition, we issued, to the underwriters, warrants to purchase up to approximately an additional 200,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$6.60 per share (165% of the public offering price per share), at a purchase price of \$0.001 per warrant. The underwriters' warrants are exercisable for a period of five years commencing on the final closing date of the public offering. From August 3, 2005 through April 7, 2006, we had issued 333,156 shares of our common stock in connection with the public offering. We sold the balance of the 2,000,000 shares in connection with the public offering (1,666,844 shares) following October 11, 2006.



From May 25, 2007 through June 15, 2007, we completed a private placement to accredited investors only, on subscriptions for the sale of 1,500,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase up to 749,995 shares of common stock, resulting in an aggregate of \$9,000,000 of gross proceeds to us. We sold the shares at a purchase price of \$6.00 per share. The warrants issued in the private placement have a five-year term and an exercise price of \$7.50 per share. We paid cash commissions of \$900,000 to the placement agent for the private placement and issued warrants to the placement agent to purchase up to 150,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$6.60 per share. We also issued additional warrants to purchase up to 15,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$6.60 per share and paid an additional \$60,000 in cash to the placement agent as an investment banking fee. Total proceeds received, net of underwriting commissions and the investment banking fee and excluding other expenses of the private placement, was \$8,040,000.

As of December 31, 2007, we had an accumulated deficit of \$11,081,141. As of December 31, 2007, we had working capital of \$2,942,909, compared to working capital of \$2,834,940 as of December 31, 2006. The increase in our working capital was primarily attributable to the completion of our private placement in the second quarter of 2007 partially offset by our net loss. Cash and cash equivalents were \$742,719 as of December 31, 2007, as compared to \$1,638,917 as December 31, 2006.

Net cash used in operating activities increased to \$5,806,185 in the year ended December 31, 2007 from \$3,003,327 in the year ended December 31, 2006. This increase was primarily due to our net loss in 2007 of \$5,551,229 and increase in inventory of \$1,517,220, net of an increase in accounts payable.

We used \$2,950,807 in investing activities in the year ended December 31, 2007, as compared to \$64,924 in the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily a result of the purchase of a warehouse and other equipment for a total of \$2,650,807 and funding of a loan for \$300,000.

Cash flow provided from financing activities was \$7,860,792 in the year ended December 31, 2007, as compared to \$4,679,424 in the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase resulted primarily from the receipt of \$9,000,000 in gross proceeds from our private placement and the liquidation of an investment of \$1,580,456 in a restricted money market account which secured a line of credit facility, offset by the payment of offering costs and the payments of our lines of credit.

As of December 31, 2007, we had no outstanding borrowings under our lines of credit agreements. We have an unsecured \$50,000 line of credit with US Bank which expires in December 2009. Interest is payable monthly at the prime rate, as published in the Wall Street Journal, plus 12% per annum. Our outstanding balance was \$-0- at December 31, 2007 and there was \$50,000 available under the line of credit.

In the year ended December 31, 2007, we expended approximately \$500,000 for equipment including a conveyor system and pasteurizer to improve our packaging line and operations, but do not consider these improvements to have been a material capital expenditure for the purpose of improving plant capacity at the Brewery. In August 2007, we purchased the adjacent land and building to our Los Angeles location for approximately \$1,730,000 in cash. We use the facility to store some of our finished goods inventory. No major renovations were needed to be made to the property in order for us to attain the intended use of the property. At December 31, 2007, we did not have any material commitments for capital expenditures. In March 2008, we borrowed a total of \$1,770,000 from Lehman Brothers secured by our real estate. The loan is personally guaranteed by Christopher J. Reed, our Chief Executive Officer. We have used the proceeds of the loan to pay off the outstanding loan on the Brewery and as working capital. The new loan is payable over a 30 year term, bears interest at 8.41% per annum and carries a prepayment penalty of 3% if the loan is repaid within five years.

Subsequent to December 31, 2007, we obtained a loan of \$1.7 million secured by our real estate which netted approximately \$1.0 million after the repayment of debt. We do not have a line of credit for our working capital,

receivables or inventory. However, we are negotiating to obtain a line of credit facility secured by our receivables and inventory. There can be no assurance that we will be offered or accept the terms of a line of credit. However, we believe that we will be able to obtain a line of credit which would be based on the amount of our eligible receivables and inventory of up to \$3 million. In addition, if necessary, we believe we can borrow additional amounts on our real estate and equipment. In January 2008, we obtained an appraisal of our buildings that estimated their value at approximately \$4 million. Giving effect to the existing \$1.7 million loan on the property, we would have equity of \$2.3 million for an additional debt facility. However, we cannot be certain that we will be able to obtain a loan for the full amount of the equity or that the equity in the real estate will remain at that level. Except for the use of this equity as additional collateral for the working capital lines of credit, we have not sought to further encumber our real estate or equipment. If presented with a borrowing opportunity, there can be no assurance that we will accept the terms of a facility on our real estate.

We recognize that operating losses negatively impact liquidity and are working on decreasing operating losses. In the first quarter of 2008, we implemented a cost reduction program, including a reduction of our staff. Our current business plan assumes an increase in sales. Assuming an increase in sales and a reduction in our operating costs, we expect to reduce our operating losses in 2008 compared to 2007. If the increase in sales does not materialize, we will need to further reduce our operating costs.

If we have an increase in sales in 2008 and a reduction in operating expenses, we believe our current working capital and cash position and our ability to obtain a new line of credit will be sufficient to enable us to meet our cash needs through December 2008.

We may not generate sufficient revenues from product sales in the future to achieve profitable operations. If we are not able to achieve profitable operations at some point in the future, we eventually may have insufficient working capital to maintain our operations as we presently intend to conduct them or to fund our expansion and marketing and product development plans. In addition, our losses may increase in the future as we expand our manufacturing capabilities and fund our marketing plans and product development. These losses, among other things, have had and will continue to have an adverse effect on our working capital, total assets and stockholders' equity. If we are unable to achieve profitability, the market value of our common stock will decline and there would be a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

If we continue to suffer losses from operations, the proceeds from our public offering, private placement and borrowings may be insufficient to support our ability to expand our business operations as rapidly as we would deem necessary at any time, unless we are able to obtain additional financing. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain such financing on acceptable terms, or at all. If adequate funds are not available or are not available on acceptable terms, we may not be able to pursue our business objectives and would be required to reduce our level of operations, including reducing infrastructure, promotions, personnel and other operating expenses. These events could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

In addition, some or all of the elements of our expansion plan may have to be curtailed or delayed unless we are able to find alternative external sources of working capital. We would need to raise additional funds to respond to business contingencies, which may include the need to:

- fund more rapid expansion,
- fund additional marketing expenditures,
- enhance our operating infrastructure,
- respond to competitive pressures, and
- acquire other businesses.

We cannot assure you that additional financing will be available on terms favorable to us, or at all. If adequate funds are not available or if they are not available on acceptable terms, our ability to fund the growth of our operations, take advantage of opportunities, develop products or services or otherwise respond to competitive pressures, could be significantly limited.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements", which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures



about fair value measurements. The provisions of SFAS No. 157 are effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The FASB has deferred the implementation of SFAS No. 157 by one year for certain non-financial assets and liabilities such that this will be effective for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009. The Company is currently evaluating the effect of adopting SFAS No. 157 on its financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, “The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115” (SFAS No. 159), which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The provisions of SFAS No.159 are effective as of the beginning of our 2008 fiscal year. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting SFAS No. 159 on its consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 141 (R), “Business Combinations” (FAS 141(R)), which establishes accounting principles and disclosure requirements for all transactions in which a company obtains control over another business. Statement 141 (R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, “Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51”. SFAS No. 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards that require that the ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the parent be clearly identified, labeled, and presented in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, but separate from the parent’s equity; the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest be clearly identified and presented on the face of the consolidated statement of income; and changes in a parent’s ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling financial interest in its subsidiary be accounted for consistently. SFAS No. 160 also requires that any retained noncontrolling equity investment in the former subsidiary be initially measured at fair value when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. SFAS No. 160 also sets forth the disclosure requirements to identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS No. 160 applies to all entities that prepare consolidated financial statements, except not-for-profit organizations, but will affect only those entities that have an outstanding noncontrolling interest in one or more subsidiaries or that deconsolidate a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited. SFAS No. 160 must be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which it is initially applied, except for the presentation and disclosure requirements. The presentation and disclosure requirements are applied retrospectively for all periods presented.

Management believes the adoption of the above mentioned accounting policies will not have a material impact on the Company’s results of operations, financial position or cash flow.

### **Inflation**

Although management expects that our operations will be influenced by general economic conditions, we do not believe that inflation has a material effect on our results of operations.

**ITEM 7: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Reed's, Inc. as of December 31, 2007 and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006. 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 the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. 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 financial position of Reed's, Inc. as of December 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ WEINBERG & COMPANY, P.A.

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Weinberg & Company, P.A.  
Los Angeles, California  
March 14, 2008

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**REED'S, INC.**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**December 31, 2007**

**ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 742,719
Inventory	3,028,450
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts and returns and discounts of \$407,480	1,160,940
Other receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$300,000	16,288
Prepaid expenses	76,604
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>5,025,001</b>
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$867,769	4,248,702
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>	
Brand names	800,201
Other intangibles, net of accumulated amortization of \$5,212	13,402
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>813,603</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 10,087,306</b>

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	\$ 1,996,849
Current portion of long term debt	27,331
Accrued interest	3,548
Accrued expenses	54,364
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,082,092</b>
Long term debt, less current portion	765,753
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,847,845</b>

**COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Preferred stock, \$10.00 par value, 500,000 shares authorized, 48,121 shares issued and outstanding, liquidation preference of \$10.00 per share	481,212
Common stock, \$.0001 par value, 19,500,000 shares authorized, 8,751,721 shares issued and outstanding	874
Additional paid in capital	17,838,516
Accumulated deficit	(11,081,141)
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>7,239,461</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 10,087,306</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**REED'S, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2007	2006
<b>SALES</b>	\$ 13,058,813	\$ 10,484,353
<b>COST OF SALES</b>	11,039,577	8,426,774
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	2,019,236	2,057,579
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Selling	4,586,806	1,352,313
General and Administrative	2,621,319	2,511,856
Write-off note receivable	300,000	-
Total Operating Expenses	7,508,125	3,864,169
<b>LOSS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	(5,488,889)	(1,806,590)
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>		
Interest Income	120,062	7,773
Interest Expense	(182,402)	(414,792)
Total Other Income (Expense)	(62,340)	(407,019)
<b>NET LOSS</b>	(5,551,229)	(2,213,609)
Preferred Stock Dividend	(27,770)	(29,470)
<b>NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS</b>	\$ (5,578,999)	\$ (2,243,079)
<b>NET LOSS PER SHARE AVAILABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS— Basic And Diluted</b>	\$ (0.70)	\$ (0.41)
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING,</b> Basic and Fully Diluted	8,009,009	5,522,753

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**REED'S, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006**

	Common Stock		Additional Paid In Capital		Preferred Stock		Accumulated	Total
	Shares	Amount	Issued	In Capital	Shares	Amount	Deficit	
Balance, January 1, 2006	5,042,197	\$ 503	\$ 29,470	\$ 2,788,683	58,940	\$ 589,402	\$ (3,259,063)	\$ 148,995
Common stock, issued in connection with the June 30, 2006 preferred stock dividend	7,373	1	—	29,469	—	—	(29,470)	—
Common stock, issued in connection with the June 30, 2005 preferred stock dividend	7,362	1	(29,470)	29,469	—	—	—	—
Common stock issued upon debt conversion	140,859	14	—	285,430	—	—	—	285,444
Common stock issued for cash, net of offering costs	1,945,394	195	—	6,396,255	—	—	—	6,396,450
Fair value of options issued to employees	—	—	—	5,808	—	—	—	5,808
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,213,609)	(2,213,609)
Balance, January 1, 2007	7,143,185	714	—	9,535,114	58,940	589,402	(5,502,142)	4,623,088
Fair Value of Common Stock issued for services and equipment	1,440	—	—	11,032	—	—	—	11,032
Common stock issued in connection with the June 30, 2007 preferred stock dividend	3,820	—	—	27,770	—	—	(27,770)	—
Common stock issued upon conversion of preferred stock	43,276	4	—	108,186	(10,819)	(108,190)	—	—
Common stock issued upon exercise of warrants	60,000	6	—	164,994	—	—	—	165,000
Common stock issued for cash, net of offering costs	1,500,000	150	—	7,626,243	—	—	—	7,626,393
Public Offering expenses	—	—	—	(55,394)	—	—	—	(55,394)
Fair value of vesting of options issued to employees	—	—	—	420,571	—	—	—	420,571
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	(5,551,229)	(5,551,229)
	8,751,721	\$ 874	\$	\$ 17,838,516	48,121	\$ 481,212	\$ (11,081,141)	\$ 7,239,461

Balance, December 31,  
2007

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**REED'S, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006**

	Year Ended December 31 ,	
	2007	2006
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Loss	\$ (5,551,229)	\$ (2,213,609)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	205,262	155,860
Provision for amounts due from director	—	3,000
Fair value of stock options issued to employees	420,571	5,808
Fair value of common stock issued for services or bonuses	3,782	—
Write off of note receivable	300,000	—
(Increase) decrease in operating assets and increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	22,823	(648,857)
Inventory	(1,517,220)	(303,211)
Prepaid expenses	87,858	(90,183)
Other receivables	8,523	(17,248)
Accounts payable	301,834	50,523
Accrued expenses	(63,937)	64,097
Accrued interest	(24,450)	(9,507)
Net cash used in operating activities	(5,806,183)	(3,003,327)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(2,650,807)	(64,924)
Increase in Note Receivable	(300,000)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,950,807)	(64,924)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceed received from borrowings on debt	163,276	—
Payments for public offering	(55,394)	—
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash	1,580,456	(1,580,456)
Deferred offering costs	—	(251,924)
Principal payments on debt	(263,413)	(327,734)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	7,626,393	7,004,611
Proceeds from issuance of common stock upon conversion of warrants	165,000	—
Payoff of previous line of credit	—	(1,171,567)
Net borrowings (repayments) on existing lines of credit	(1,355,526)	1,081,140
Payments on debt to related parties	—	(74,646)
Net cash provided by financing activities	7,860,792	4,679,424
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	(896,198)	1,611,173
<b>CASH — Beginning of year</b>	1,638,917	27,744
<b>CASH — End of year</b>	\$ 742,719	\$ 1,638,917

**Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information**

Cash paid during the year for:

Interest	\$ 206,852	\$ 424,298
Taxes	\$ —	\$ —

**Non Cash Investing and Financing Activities**

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Long term debt converted to common stock	\$	—	\$	9,000
Related party debt converted to common stock	\$	—	\$	177,710
Accrued interest converted to common stock	\$	—	\$	98,734
Preferred Stock converted to common stock	\$	108,190	\$	—
Common Stock issued in settlement of preferred stock dividend	\$	27,770	\$	29,470
Deferred stock offering costs charged to paid in capital	\$	-	\$	608,161
Common Stock issued in acquisition of property and equipment	\$	7,250	\$	—

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**REED'S, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

**(1) Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***A) Nature of Operations***

Reed's, Inc. (the "Company") was organized under the laws of the state of Florida in January 1991. In 2001, the Company changed its name from Original Beverage Corporation to Reed's, Inc. and changed its state of incorporation from Florida to Delaware. The Company is engaged primarily in the business of developing, manufacturing and marketing natural non-alcoholic beverages, as well as candies and ice creams. The Company currently offers 6 Reed's Ginger Brew flavors (Original, Premium, Extra, Cherry Ginger, Raspberry Ginger and Spiced Apple Ginger), 7 Virgil's Root Beer and Cream Sodas beverages (Root Beer, Cream Soda, Black Cherry Cream Soda, the same three in a Diet version, plus the Special Edition Bavarian Nutmeg Root Beer), 2 China Cola beverages (regular and cherry), 2 kinds of ginger candies (crystallized ginger and ginger chews), and 3 flavors of ginger ice cream (Original, Green Tea, and Chocolate).

The Company sells its products primarily in upscale gourmet and natural food stores and supermarket chains in the United States and, to a lesser degree, in Europe and Canada.

***B) Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include unrestricted deposits and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

***C) Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

***D) Accounts Receivable***

The Company evaluates the collectibility of its trade accounts receivable based on a number of factors. In circumstances where the Company becomes aware of a specific customer's inability to meet its financial obligations to the Company, a specific reserve for bad debts is estimated and recorded, which reduces the recognized receivable to the estimated amount the Company believes will ultimately be collected. In addition to specific customer identification of potential bad debts, bad debt charges are recorded based on the Company's historical losses and an overall assessment of past due trade accounts receivable outstanding.

The allowance for doubtful accounts and returns and discounts is established through a provision for returns and discounts charged against sales. Receivables are charged off against the allowance when payments are received or products returned. The allowance for doubtful accounts and returns and discounts as of December 31, 2007 was approximately \$407,000.

***E) Property and Equipment and Related Depreciation***

Property and equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is calculated using accelerated and straight-line methods over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

**Property and Equipment**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Years of Depreciation</b>
Building	39 years
Machinery and equipment	5-12 years
Vehicles	5 years
Office equipment	5-7 years

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Management regularly reviews property, equipment and other long-lived assets for possible impairment. This review occurs quarterly, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. If there is indication of impairment, management prepares an estimate of future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If these cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized to write down the asset to its estimated fair value. Management believes that the accounting estimate related to impairment of its property and equipment is a “critical accounting estimate” because: (1) it is highly susceptible to change from period to period because it requires management to estimate fair value, which is based on assumptions about cash flows and discount rates; and (2) the impact that recognizing an impairment would have on the assets reported on our balance sheet, as well as net income, could be material. Management’s assumptions about cash flows and discount rates require significant judgment because actual revenues and expenses have fluctuated in the past and are expected to continue to do so.

#### ***F) Intangible Assets***

The Company records intangible assets in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) Number 142, “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.” Goodwill and other intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives are not subject to annual amortization. The Company reviews, at least quarterly, its investment in brand names and other intangible assets for impairment and if impairment is deemed to have occurred the impairment is charged to expense. Intangible assets which have finite lives are amortized on a straight line basis over their remaining useful life; they are also subject to annual impairment reviews. See Note 4.

Management applies the impairment tests contained in SFAS Number 142 to determine if an impairment has occurred. Accordingly, management compares the carrying value of the asset to its fair value in determining the amount of the impairment. No impairments were identified for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.

Management believes that the accounting estimate related to impairment of its intangible assets, is a “critical accounting estimate” because: (1) it is highly susceptible to change from period to period because it requires management to estimate fair value, which is based on assumptions about cash flows and discount rates; and (2) the impact that recognizing an impairment would have on the assets reported on our balance sheet, as well as net income, could be material. Management’s assumptions about cash flows and discount rates require significant judgment because actual revenues and expenses have fluctuated in the past and are expected to continue to do so.

#### ***G) Concentrations***

The Company’s cash balances on deposit with banks are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. The Company may be exposed to risk for the amounts of funds held in bank accounts in excess of the insurance limit. In assessing the risk, the Company’s policy is to maintain cash balances with high quality financial institutions. The Company had cash balances in excess of the \$100,000 guarantee during the year ended December 31, 2007.

During the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 the Company had two customers, which accounted for approximately 35% and 14%, and 39% and 17%, respectively, of the Company’s total sales. No other customer accounted for more than 10% of sales in either year. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had \$660,123 (42%) and \$100,224 (6%), respectively, of accounts receivable due from these customers.

The Company currently relies on a single contract packer for a majority of its production and bottling of beverage products. The Company has different packers for their non-beverage products. Although there are other packers and the Company has outfitted their own brewery and bottling plant, a change in packers may cause a delay in the production process, which could ultimately affect operating results.

***H) Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The carrying amount of the Company's financial instruments including cash, restricted cash, accounts and other receivables, accounts payable, accrued interest and accrued expenses approximate their fair value as of December 31, 2007 due to their short maturities. The carrying amount of lines of credit and long term debt approximate fair value because the related effective interest rates on these instruments approximate the rates currently available to the Company.

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***I) Cost of sales***

The Company, with one exception, classifies shipping and handling costs of the sale of its products as a component of cost of sales. The one exception regards shipping and handling costs associated with local sales and local distribution. Since these activities are integrated, those costs are combined and are included as selling expenses. For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 those costs were approximately \$225,000 and \$179,000, respectively.

In addition, the Company classifies purchasing and receiving costs, inspection costs, warehousing costs, freight costs, internal transfer costs and other costs associated with product distribution as costs of sales. Certain of these costs become a component of the inventory cost and are expensed to costs of sales when the product to which the cost has been allocated is sold.

Expenses not related to the production of our products are classified as operating expenses.

***J) Income Taxes***

Current income tax expense is the amount of income taxes expected to be payable for the current year. A deferred income tax asset or liability is established for the expected future consequences of temporary differences in the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities. The Company considers future taxable income and ongoing, prudent and feasible tax planning strategies, in assessing the value of its deferred tax assets. If the Company determines that it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized, the Company will reduce the value of these assets to their expected realizable value, thereby decreasing net income. Evaluating the value of these assets is necessarily based on the Company's judgment. If the Company subsequently determined that the deferred tax assets, which had been written down, would be realized in the future, the value of the deferred tax assets would be increased, thereby increasing net income in the period when that determination was made.

***K) Revenue Recognition***

Revenue is recognized on the sale of a product when the product is shipped, which is when the risk of loss transfers to our customers, and collection of the receivable is reasonably assured. A product is not shipped without an order from the customer and credit acceptance procedures performed. The allowance for returns is regularly reviewed and adjusted by management based on historical trends of returned items. Amounts paid by customers for shipping and handling costs are included in sales.

The Company accounts for certain sales incentives, including slotting fees, as a reduction of gross sales, in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force on Issue 01-9 "Accounting for Consideration Given by a Vendor to a Customer or Reseller of the Vendor's Products." These sales incentives for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 approximated \$955,000 and \$697,000, respectively.

***L) Net Loss Per Share***

Loss per share calculations are made in accordance with SFAS No. 128, "Earnings Per Share." Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing net loss by weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the year. Diluted loss per share is computed by dividing net loss by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the dilutive effect of outstanding common stock warrants and convertible debentures.

For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 the calculations of basic and diluted loss per share are the same because potential dilutive securities would have an anti-dilutive effect. The potentially dilutive securities consisted of the following as of December 31, 2007:

Warrants	1,668,236
Preferred Stock	192,484
Options	749,000
Total	2,609,720

***M) Advertising Costs***

The Company accounts for advertising production costs by expensing such production costs the first time the related advertising is run.

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included in selling expense in the amount of \$174,000 and \$51,739, for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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***N) Reporting Segment of the Company***

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information" (SFAS No. 131) requires certain disclosures of operating segments, as defined in SFAS No. 131. Management has determined that the Company has only one operating segment and therefore is not required to disclose operating segment information. Management believes we operate in one segment and evaluates its revenues and expenses in only one segment.

***O) Stock Compensation Expense***

The Company periodically issues stock options and warrants to employees and non-employees in non-capital raising transactions for services and for financing costs. The Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123R effective January 1, 2006, and is using the modified prospective method in which compensation cost is recognized beginning with the effective date (a) based on the requirements of SFAS No. 123R for all share-based payments granted after the effective date and (b) based on the requirements of SFAS No. 123R for all awards granted to employees prior to the effective date of SFAS No. 123R that remained unvested on the effective date. The Company accounts for stock option and warrant grants issued and vesting to non-employees in accordance with EITF No. 96-18: "Accounting for Equity Instruments that are Issued to Other Than Employees for Acquiring, or in Conjunction with Selling, Goods or Services" and EITF 00-18 "Accounting Recognition for Certain Transactions involving Equity Instruments Granted to Other Than Employees" whereas the value of the stock compensation is based upon the measurement date as determined at either a) the date at which a performance commitment is reached, or b) at the date at which the necessary performance to earn the equity instruments is complete.

***P) Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements," which provides enhanced guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. SFAS No. 157 provides a common definition of fair value and establishes a framework to make the measurement of fair value in generally accepted accounting principles more consistent and comparable. SFAS No. 157 also requires expanded disclosures to provide information about the extent to which fair value is used to measure assets and liabilities, the methods and assumptions used to measure fair value, and the effect of fair value measures on earnings. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued in fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and to interim periods within those fiscal years.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities-Including an Amendment of FASB No. 115". This statement permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. This statement is effective for years beginning after November 15, 2007.

In December 2007, the FASB issued FASB Statement No. 141 (R), "Business Combinations" (FAS 141(R)), which establishes accounting principles and disclosure requirements for all transactions in which a company obtains control over another business. Statement 141 (R) applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51". SFAS No. 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards that require that the ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the parent be clearly identified, labeled, and presented in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, but separate from the parent's equity; the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest be clearly identified and presented

on the face of the consolidated statement of income; and changes in a parent's ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling financial interest in its subsidiary be accounted for consistently. SFAS No. 160 also requires that any retained noncontrolling equity investment in the former subsidiary be initially measured at fair value when a subsidiary is deconsolidated. SFAS No. 160 also sets forth the disclosure requirements to identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS No. 160 applies to all entities that prepare consolidated financial statements, except not-for-profit organizations, but will affect only those entities that have an outstanding noncontrolling interest in one or more subsidiaries or that deconsolidate a subsidiary. SFAS No. 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Earlier adoption is prohibited. SFAS No. 160 must be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which it is initially applied, except for the presentation and disclosure requirements. The presentation and disclosure requirements are applied retrospectively for all periods presented.

Management believes the adoption of the above mentioned accounting policies will not have a material impact on the Company's results of operations, financial position or cash flow.

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**(2) Inventory**

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market, and is comprised of the following as of December 31, 2007:

Raw Materials	\$ 1,179,580
Finished Goods	1,848,870
	\$ 3,028,450

**(3) Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are comprised of the following as of December 31, 2007:

Land	\$ 1,409,546
Building	1,743,420
Vehicles	339,624
Machinery and equipment	1,250,076
Office equipment	373,805
	5,116,471
Accumulated depreciation	(867,769)
	\$ 4,248,702

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$204,517 and \$155,116, respectively.

**(4) Intangible Assets*****Brand Names***

Brand Names consist of two (2) trademarks for natural beverages which the Company acquired in previous years. As long as the Company continues to renew its trademarks, these intangible assets will have an indefinite life. Accordingly, they are not subject to amortization. The Company determines fair value for Brand Names by reviewing the net sales of the associated beverage and applying industry multiples for which similar beverages are sold. As of December 31, 2007, carrying amounts for Brand Names were \$800,201.

***Other Intangible Assets***

At December 31, 2007, Other Intangible Assets consist of:

Asset	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Current Year Amortization	Useful Life
Building Loan Fees	\$ 18,614	\$ 5,212	\$ 745	300 months

The estimated aggregate amortization as of December 31, 2007 for each of the next five years is:

Year	Amount
2008	\$ 745
2009	745
2010	745
2011	745

2012

745

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**(5) Lines of Credit**

During the year ending December 31, 2007, the Company utilized the following line of credit agreements available:

The Company has an unsecured \$50,000 line of credit with a bank which expires in December 2009. Interest is payable monthly at the prime rate, as published in the Wall Street Journal, plus 12% per annum. The Company's outstanding balance was \$24,750 at December 31, 2006 and was paid off in the year ending December 31, 2007. As of December 31, 2007, there was \$50,000 available under the line of credit.

During the year ending December 31, 2007, the Company paid off and closed a line of credit with a bank. This line of credit allowed the Company to borrow a maximum amount of \$1,500,000. The interest rate on this line of credit was at the Prime rate.

**(6) Long-term Debt**

Long-term debt consists of the following as of December 31, 2007:

Note payable to the Small Business Association in the original amount of \$748,000 with interest at the Wall Street Journal prime rate plus 1% per annum, adjusted monthly with no cap or floor. The combined monthly principal and interest payments are \$5,976, subject to annual adjustments. The interest rate in effect at December 31, 2007 was 8.5%. The note is secured by land and building and guaranteed by the majority stockholder. The note matures November 2025.	\$ 650,483
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Building improvement loan with a maximum draw of \$168,000. The interest rate is at the Wall Street Journal prime rate plus 1%, adjusted monthly with no cap or floor. The combined monthly principal and interest payments are \$1,137; subject to annual adjustments. The rate in effect at December 31, 2007 was 7.08% per annum. The note is secured by land and building and guaranteed by the majority stockholder and matures November 2025.	136,525
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Note payable to GMAC, secured by an automobile, payable in monthly installments of \$384 including interest at 0.0%, with maturity in 2008.	384
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Notes payable to Chrysler Financial Corp., secured by automobiles, payable in monthly installments of \$658, including interest at 1.9% per annum, with maturity in 2008.	5,692
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Total	793,084
Less current portion	27,331
	\$ 765,753

The aggregate maturities of long-term debt for each of the next five years and thereafter are as follows as of December 31, 2007:

2008	\$ 27,331
2009	20,061
2010	22,006
2011	24,139
2012	26,479
Thereafter	673,068
Total	\$ 793,084

## **(7) Stockholders' Equity**

### Preferred Stock

Preferred stock consists of 500,000 shares authorized to Series A, \$10.00 par value, 5% non-cumulative, participating, preferred stock. As of December 31, 2007 there were 48,121 shares outstanding, with a liquidation preference of \$10.00.

These preferred shares have a 5% pro-rata annual non-cumulative dividend. The dividend can be paid in cash or, in the sole and absolute discretion of our board of directors, in shares of common stock based on its then fair market value. We cannot declare or pay any dividend on shares of our securities ranking junior to the preferred stock until the holders of our preferred stock have received the full non-cumulative dividend to which they are entitled. In addition, the holders of our preferred stock are entitled to receive pro rata distributions of dividends on an "as converted" basis with the holders of our common stock. During the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company accrued and paid a \$27,770 dividend payable to the preferred shareholders, which management has elected to pay through the issuance of 3,820 shares of its common stock. In June 2006, the Company issued 7,373 shares of common stock valued at \$29,470 to its preferred stockholders as payment for a preferred stock dividend.

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, or if there is a change of control event, then, subject to the rights of the holders of our more senior securities, if any, the holders of our Series A preferred stock are entitled to receive, prior to the holders of any of our junior securities, \$10.00 per share plus all accrued and unpaid dividends. Thereafter, all remaining assets shall be distributed pro rata among all of our security holders.

Since June 30, 2007, we have the right, but not the obligation, to redeem all or any portion of the Series A preferred stock by paying the holders thereof the sum of the original purchase price per share, which was \$10.00, plus all accrued and unpaid dividends.

The Series A preferred stock may be converted, at the option of the holder, at any time after issuance and prior to the date such stock is redeemed, into four shares of common stock, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, reverse stock splits, stock dividends, recapitalization, reclassification and similar transactions. We are obligated to reserve out of our authorized but unissued shares of common stock a sufficient number of such shares to effect the conversion of all outstanding shares of Series A preferred stock. During the year ended December 31, 2007, 10,819 shares of preferred stock was converted into 43,276 shares of common stock.

Except as provided by law, the holders of our Series A preferred stock do not have the right to vote on any matters, including, without limitation, the election of directors. However, so long as any shares of Series A preferred stock are outstanding, we shall not, without first obtaining the approval of at least a majority of the holders of the Series A preferred stock, authorize or issue any equity security having a preference over the Series A preferred stock with respect to dividends, liquidation, redemption or voting, including any other security convertible into or exercisable for any equity security other than any senior preferred stock.

### Common Stock

Common stock consists of \$.0001 par value, 19,500,000 shares authorized, 8,751,721 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2007. During the year ending December 31, 2007, a majority of the Company's shareholders approved an increase of its authorized shares from 11,500,000 to 19,500,000.

During 2007, the Company completed a private placement to accredited investors only, on subscriptions for the sale of 1,500,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase up to 749,995 shares of common stock, resulting in an aggregate of \$9,000,000 of gross proceeds to the Company. The Company sold the shares of common stock at a

purchase price of \$6.00 per share. The warrants issued in the private placement have a five-year term and an exercise price of \$7.50 per share. The Company paid commissions of \$900,000 to the placement agent for the private placement and issued warrants to the placement agent to purchase up to 150,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$6.60 per share. We also issued additional warrants to purchase up to 15,000 shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$6.60 per share and paid an additional \$60,000 in cash to the placement agent as an investment banking fee. The Company received proceeds after commissions of approximately \$8,100,000 in the aggregate, of which approximately \$7,626,000 was received net of offering costs.

During the year ended December 31, 2007, 440 shares of common stock with a value of \$3,782 were issued to employees as a bonus, 1,000 shares with a value of \$7,250 were issued to a consultant for services rendered related to the acquisition of real estate and 60,000 shares of common stock were issued from the exercise of 60,000 warrants and the Company received \$165,000 upon their conversion.

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During 2006, the Company completed a public offering of its stock. The Company sold a total of 2,000,000 shares of common stock at \$4.00 per share. The Company received proceeds after commissions of approximately \$7,200,000 in the aggregate, of which approximately \$7,005,000 was received in 2006 (\$6,396,460 after commissions). In addition, the Company granted warrants to purchase 200,000 shares of common stock to the underwriters. These warrants have an exercise price of \$6.60. During the 2007 year, the Company incurred an additional \$55,394 in costs in relation to this public offering.

In November 2006, the Company issued 9,315 shares of common stock as a result of a former note holder who converted his note and accrued interest, in the amount of \$22,355, to common stock in accordance with the original note terms. During 2006, the Company converted related party debt and associated accrued interest, in the amount of \$263,089, to common stock. The total shares issued were 140,859 at a value of \$285,444. (See Note 11)

## **(8) Stock Options and Warrants**

### ***A) Stock Options***

In 2001, the Company adopted the Original Beverage Corporation 2001 Stock Option Plan and in 2007 the Company adopted the Reed's Inc 2007 Stock Option Plan (the "Plans"). The options under both plans shall be granted from time to time by the Compensation Committee. Individuals eligible to receive options include employees of the Company, consultants to the Company and directors of the Company. The options shall have a fixed price, which will not be less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the grant date. The total number of options authorized is 500,000 and 1,500,000, respectively for the Original Beverage Corporation 2001 Stock Option Plan and the Reed's Inc 2007 Stock Option Plan.

During the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company issued 474,000 options to purchase the Company's common stock at a weighted average price of \$7.50 to employees under the Plans. The aggregate value of the options vesting during the year ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$420,571 and \$5,808, respectively, and has been reflected as compensation cost. As of December 31, 2007, the aggregate value of unvested options was \$1,798,399, which will be amortized as compensation cost as the options vest, over 3 years.

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model that uses the assumptions noted in the following table. For the option awards from January 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007, the expected volatility is based on the volatilities of public entities which are in the same industry as the Company. Since October 1, 2007, expected volatility is based on the actual volatility based on the closing price of the Company's stock. For purposes of determining the expected life of the option, the full contract life of the option is used. The risk-free rate for periods within the contractual life of the options is based on the U. S. Treasury yield in effect at the time of the grant.

The weighted-average grant date fair value of options granted during 2007 and 2006 was \$4.68 and \$2.46, respectively.

	Year ended December 31, 2007	Year ended December 31, 2006
Expected volatility	70%-90%	70%
Weighted average volatility	72.14%	70%
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E x p e c t e d dividends		
Expected term (in years)	5	5
Risk free rate	4.48%	4.49%

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A summary of option activity as of December 31, 2007 and changes during the year then ended is presented below:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Terms (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2006	291,000	\$ 3.80		
Granted	85,000	\$ 4.00		
Exercised	—	—		
Forfeited or expired	(12,500)	\$ 4.00		
Outstanding at December 31, 2006	363,500	\$ 3.84	3.8	\$ 92,500
Exercisable at December 31, 2006	278,500	\$ 3.79	3.5	\$ 92,500
Outstanding at January 1, 2007	363,500	\$ 3.84		
Granted	474,000	\$ 7.50		
Exercised	—	—		
Forfeited or expired	(88,500)	\$ 5.01		
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	749,000	\$ 6.02	3.8	\$ 732,760
Exercisable at December 31, 2007	298,333	\$ 3.81	2.7	\$ 609,233

The aggregate intrinsic value was calculated, as of December 31, 2007, as the difference between the market price and the exercise price of the Company's stock for the 346,500 options outstanding and 280,833 options exercisable which were in-the-money.

A summary of the status of the Company's nonvested shares granted under the Company's stock option plan as of December 31, 2007 and changes during the year ended December 31, 2007 is presented below:

Nonvested Shares	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested at January 1, 2007	85,000	\$ 2.46
Granted	474,000	\$ 4.68
Vested	(28,333)	\$ 2.46
Forfeited	(80,000)	\$ 3.17
Nonvested at December 31, 2007	450,667	\$ 4.67

Additional information regarding options outstanding as of December 31, 2007 is as follows:

Exercise price	Options outstanding		Options exercisable			
	Number outstanding	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Weighted average exercise price	Number exercisable	Weighted average exercise price	
\$2.00 to \$2.99	37,500	1.55	\$ 2.00	37,500	\$ 2.00	
\$3.00 to \$3.99	26,500	2.30	3.24	17,500	3.00	
\$4.00 to \$4.99	282,500	3.23	4.00	225,833	4.00	
\$5.00 to \$5.99	-	-	-	-	-	
\$6.00 to \$6.99	17,500	1.42	6.00	17,500	6.00	
\$7.00 to \$7.99	200,000	4.64	7.61	-	-	
\$8.00 to \$8.99	175,000	4.63	8.50	-	-	
\$9.00 to \$9.99	-	-	-	-	-	
\$10.00 to \$10.99	10,000	4.60	10.01	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>749,000</b>	<b>3.79</b>	<b>\$ 6.02</b>	<b>298,333</b>	<b>\$ 3.81</b>	

#### **B) Warrants**

During the year ended December 31, 2007, the Company granted 914,995 warrants to investors and underwriters in relation to an underwriting agreement (see Note 7) valued at \$3,901,779.

The fair value of each warrant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model that uses the assumptions noted in the following table. Expected volatility is based on the volatilities of public entities which are in the same industry as the Company. For purposes of determining the expected life of the option, the full contract life of the option is used. The risk-free rate for periods within the contractual life of the options is based on the U. S. Treasury yield in effect at the time of the grant.

	Year ended December 31, 2007	Year ended December 31, 2006
Expected volatility	70%	70%
Weighted average volatility	70%	70%
Expected dividends	-	-
Expected term (in years)	5	5
Risk free rate	5.10%	4.45%

The weighted-average grant date fair value of warrants granted during 2007 and 2006 was \$4.27 and \$2.03, respectively.

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A summary of warrant activity as of December 31, 2007 and changes during the year then ended is presented below:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2006	613,241	\$ 2.80		
Granted	200,000	\$ 6.60		
Exercised	—			
Forfeited or expired	—			
Outstanding at December 31, 2006	813,241	\$ 3.74	3.0	\$ 731,617
Exercisable at December 31, 2006	613,241	\$ 2.80	2.4	\$ 731,617
Outstanding at January 1, 2007	813,241	\$ 3.74		
Granted	914,995	\$ 7.34		
Exercised	(60,000)	\$ 2.75		
Forfeited or expired	—			
Outstanding at December 31, 2007	1,668,236	\$ 5.75	3.4	\$ 1,674,580
Exercisable at December 31, 2007	1,668,236	\$ 5.75	3.4	\$ 1,674,580

The aggregate intrinsic value was calculated, as of December 31, 2007, as the difference between the market price and the exercise price of the Company's stock for the 553,241 warrants which were in-the-money.

A summary of the status of the Company's nonvested shares granted as warrants as of December 31, 2007 and changes during the year ended December 31, 2007 is presented below:

Nonvested Shares	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested at January 1, 2007	200,000	\$ 2.03
Granted	914,995	\$ 4.27
Vested	(1,114,995)	\$ 3.86
Forfeited	—	—
Nonvested at December 31, 2007	—	—

Additional information regarding warrants outstanding as of December 31, 2007 is as follows:

Exercise price	Warrants outstanding		Warrants exercisable		
	Number outstanding	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Weighted average exercise price	Number exercisable	Weighted average exercise price
\$2.00 to \$2.99	104,876	1.50	\$ 2.00	104,876	\$ 2.00
\$3.00 to \$3.99	446,865	1.50	3.00	446,865	3.00
\$4.00 to \$4.99	1,500	1.50	4.00	1,500	4.00
\$5.00 to \$5.99	-	-	-	-	-
\$6.00 to \$6.99	365,000	4.18	6.60	365,000	6.60
\$7.00 to \$7.99	749,995	4.46	7.50	749,995	7.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,668,236</b>	<b>3.42</b>	<b>\$ 5.75</b>	<b>1,668,236</b>	<b>\$ 5.75</b>



**(9) Income Taxes**

At December 31, 2007, the Company had available Federal and state net operating loss carryforwards to reduce future taxable income. The amounts available were approximately \$10,400,000 for Federal purposes and \$9,300,000 for state purposes. The Federal carryforward expires in 2026 and the state carryforward expires in 2011. Given the Company's history of net operating losses, management has determined that it is more likely than not the Company will not be able to realize the tax benefit of the carryforwards. Accordingly, the Company has not recognized a deferred tax asset for this benefit.

SFAS No. 109 requires that a valuation allowance be established when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of deferred tax assets will not be realized. Due to restrictions imposed by Internal Revenue Code Section 382 regarding substantial changes in ownership of companies with loss carry-forwards, the utilization of the Company's net operating loss carry-forwards will likely be limited as a result of cumulative changes in stock ownership. The company has not recognized a deferred tax asset and, as a result, the change in stock ownership has not resulted in any changes to valuation allowances.

Upon the attainment of taxable income by the Company, management will assess the likelihood of realizing the tax benefit associated with the use of the carryforwards and will recognize a deferred tax asset at that time.

Significant components of the Company's deferred income tax assets as of December 31, 2007 are as follows:

Deferred income tax asset:	
Net operating loss carry forward	\$ 4,800,000
Valuation allowance	(4,800,000)
Net deferred income tax asset	\$ —

Reconciliation of the effective income tax rate to the U.S. statutory rate is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2007	2006
Tax expense at the U.S. statutory income tax	(34.00)%	(34.00)%
Increase in the valuation allowance	34.00%	34.00%
Effective tax rate	—	—

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes ("FIN 48")— an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes ." The Interpretation addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under FIN 48, we may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position should be measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties on income taxes, accounting in interim periods and requires increased disclosures. At the date of adoption, and as of December 31, 2007, the Company does not have a liability for unrecognized tax

benefits.

The Company files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various states. The Company is subject to U.S. federal or state income tax examinations by tax authorities for five years after 2002. During the periods open to examination, the Company has net operating loss and tax credit carry forwards for U.S. federal and state tax purposes that have attributes from closed periods. Since these NOLs and tax credit carry forwards may be utilized in future periods, they remain subject to examination.

The Company's policy is to record interest and penalties on uncertain tax provisions as income tax expense. As of December 31, 2007, the Company has no accrued interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

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**(10) Commitments and Contingencies*****Lease Commitments***

The Company leases machinery under non-cancelable operating leases. Rental expense for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 was \$53,861 and \$67,707, respectively.

Future payments under these leases as of December 31, 2007 are as follows:

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	
2008	\$ 18,634
2009	12,365
2010	7,496
2011	6,872
2012	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45,367</b>

***Other Commitments***

The Company has entered into contracts with customers with clauses that commit the Company to fees if the Company terminates the agreement early or without cause. The contracts call for the customer to have the right to distribute the Company's products to a defined type of retailer within a defined geographic region. If the Company should terminate the contract or not automatically renew the agreements, amounts would be due to the customer. As of December 31, 2007, the Company has no plans to terminate or not renew any agreement with any of their customers, therefore no fees have been accrued in the accompanying financial statements.

***Legal Proceedings***

The Company currently and from time to time is involved in litigation incidental to the conduct of its business. The Company is not currently a party to any lawsuit or proceeding which, in the opinion of its management, is likely to have a material adverse effect on it.

On January 20, 2006, Consac Industries, Inc. (dba Long Life Teas and Long Life Beverages) filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Central District of California against Reed's Inc. and Christopher Reed, Case No. CV06-0376. The complaint asserts claims for negligence, breach of contract, breach of warranty, and breach of express indemnity relating to Reed's, Inc.'s manufacture of approximately 13,000 cases of "Prism Green Tea Soda" for Consac. Consac contends that the Company negligently manufactured the soda resulting in at least one personal injury. Consac sought \$2.6 million in damages, plus interest and attorneys fees. In January 2007, the Company settled the lawsuit for \$450,000, of which \$300,000 was paid by the Company and \$150,000 was paid by the Company's insurance. The \$300,000 was accrued as of December 31, 2006 and was included in legal costs on the Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2006.

**(11) Related Party Activity**

As of December 31, 2007, the Company has a \$300,000 note receivable from an entity that is partly owned by an advisor to the board of directors. The note is secured by all the entity's assets and intellectual property. The note is payable on March 25, 2008 and bears interest at 7.50% per annum with quarterly interest payments. As of December 31, 2007, the Company has determined that the note may be deemed uncollectible and the collateral worthless, and has created a reserve for uncollectible amounts for the entire balance due.

For the year ending December 31, 2007, the Company employed three family members of the majority shareholder and Chief Executive officer of the Company in sales and administrative roles. The three members were paid approximately \$232,000, \$80,000 and \$15,000, respectively. In addition, for the year ending December 31, 2007, these family members were granted 0, 100,000 and 0 options, respectively, to purchase the Company's common stock which vest over three years and expire in 2012.

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The Company had notes payable to Robert T. Reed, Sr., the father of the Company's President. During 2006 these notes payable and related accrued interest were either converted to common stock or fully repaid. \$177,710 of notes payable was converted to 88,855 shares of common stock, in accordance with the original terms of the note. In addition, \$85,379 of accrued interest was converted to 42,689 shares of common stock, in accordance with the original terms of the note. \$74,648 of notes payable and \$25,625 of accrued interest were repaid.

**(12) Subsequent Events**

In January 2008, the Company entered into an agreement for future consulting services. The Company has agreed to pay 11,960 shares of common stock over the six month engagement and agreed to register the shares with the Securities and Exchange Commission in its next registration statement. From January to March 2008, we issued 5,979 shares of common stock to the consultant under the agreement.

In March 2008, the Company borrowed a total of \$1,770,000 from a bank secured by the Company's real estate and personally guaranteed by Chris Reed, the Company's CEO and founder. The 30 year financing bears interest at 8.41% per annum and carries a prepayment penalty of 3% if the loan is repaid within five years. The amounts presented as Long Term debt on the accompanying balance sheet as of December 31, 2007 will be repaid as a condition of this financing.

In March 2008, options to purchase a total of 193,000 shares of company stock were issued to employees from the Plans with strike prices from \$3.48 to \$5.00.

In March 2008, we issued 150,000 shares of common stock to a consultant pursuant to a research and analysis services agreement.

## **Item 8. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

Not applicable.

### **Item 8A(T). Controls and Procedures**

#### **Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal control over financial reporting. Our system of internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our internal controls over financial reporting include those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect our transactions and dispositions of our assets;
- provide reasonable assurance that our transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and our directors; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, a system of internal control over financial reporting can provide only reasonable assurance and may not prevent or detect misstatements. Further, because of changes in conditions, effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting may vary over time. Our system contains self monitoring mechanisms, and actions are taken to correct deficiencies as they are identified.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the system of internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, our management concluded that our system of internal control over financial reporting was ineffective as of December 31, 2007.

In October 2007, we engaged an internal controls consultant to assist in our compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Specifically, the consultant was engaged to document our system of internal controls, identify material weaknesses, propose and implement remediation of the weaknesses, develop tests of our key controls, analyze the testing and train our personnel to maintain the system and tests. In December 2007, we received a report from our internal controls consultant that stated that we have material weaknesses in our system of internal controls. A material weakness, as defined in standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), has been identified. A material weakness is a deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected.

Based upon the report of the consultant and managements assessment, we have identified the following material weaknesses:

- insufficient disaster recovery or backup of core business functions,

- lack of segregation of duties,
- lack of a purchase order system or procurement process,
- lack of documented and reviewed system of internal controls, and
- accounting for the allowance for bad debts and the application of credit memos and chargebacks.

Management is continuing to work with our internal controls consultant to remediate these material weaknesses in our system of internal controls. The following is a summary of the material weaknesses identified in the report.

**Insufficient disaster recovery or backup of core business functions.** In December 2007, we experienced instability with our computer system back up systems due to an upgrade of several of our computer servers. We have selected a new back up solution, which we expect to be implemented by the second quarter of 2008.

**Lack of segregation of duties.** Under the supervision of our Chief Executive Officer, in June 2007, we purchased and implemented a new accounting system. We believe this system is more robust than our previous accounting system. In our informal post implementation analysis, we have determined that the migration to this new accounting system omitted several key elements such as training of our accounting, operations and management staff of key processes, such as the generation of management reports, implementation of modules and user access to the general ledger. The lack of these processes created a lack of segregation of duties. To remediate this deficiency, we have engaged internal control and information systems support personnel to train our staff, design reports, develop processes and document our system of internal controls. This process is ongoing and expected to be complete by the fourth quarter of 2008.

Immediately after the implementation of the new accounting system, all users were assigned "super user" rights, meaning that there were no limitations or restrictions to what modules or menu items our users could access. This "super user" right is usually reserved for system administrators because a user with "super user" access can enter, modify or approve any journal entry, without restriction. To remediate this internal control deficiency, we have defined job descriptions for each user of our accounting system and restricted access related to job responsibilities and functions, so there are no unauthorized transactions posted and a review process is in place. The restricted menus for each user were implemented in the first quarter of 2008. We are currently reviewing the list of processes and menus assigned to each staff member and expect the review will be complete by the end of the second quarter of 2008.

**Lack of a purchase order system or procurement process.** We do not utilize a purchase order system to initiate, track, and approve our purchases. Although we use a purchase order for the procurement and production of our inventory, the purchase orders generated are not integrated into our accounting system, compared to our budget and forecast process or reviewed by management. To address the lack of a purchase order system or process, we have assigned consultants to implement the purchase order process and module within the accounting system to initiate, approve, and track the purchasing of all goods and services. Management has identified individuals within the company who will be authorized to initiate and approve the purchasing of goods and services from vendors. In addition, we have informed most of our vendors that we will require an approved, system generated purchase order before any goods, products or services can be procured. For individuals approving purchase orders, dollar amount limits have been assigned within the accounting system consistent with their approval level and job function. We expect that we will complete and implement the purchase order module by the end of the second quarter of 2008.

It is common in the beverage industry for sales personnel to provide discounts, promotions, cooperative advertising or incentives to a company's customers. Our sales personnel often commit us to these types of programs to increase sales or introduce new products. However, our accounting personnel have not been regularly informed of this commitment until after the customer has deducted the cost of the program from their remittances. We believe that these undocumented commitments have created a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting. We also have experienced difficulty reconciling the deduction taken by our customers and the undocumented commitment by our sales personnel, thereby creating the potential for unauthorized discounts and the resulting loss of revenue. To remediate this weakness, we are designing a purchase order system whereby our sales personnel will be required to provide our customers with an approved and documented purchase order for committed programs. This system is anticipated to be designed and implemented over two phases. The first phase of the system will be manual (paper based) and not be electronically integrated into the accounting system. This first phase was designed in the first quarter of 2008 and will be completed in the second quarter of 2008. The next phase of the system will be designed in the second quarter of 2008 and is expected to be integrated into the accounting system.

**Lack of documented and reviewed system of internal controls.** Our internal controls consultant reported that we have a material weakness in our internal controls due to the lack of a documented and reviewed system of internal controls, and further advised us that if we had a documented and reviewed system of internal controls, it would indicate that we do not perform several key accounting processes. We have determined that to perform the processes and remediate this internal control deficiency, we would either need to hire additional accounting personnel or train our existing accounting personnel and reallocate their functions. We have not yet performed an analysis to determine if we can perform this function with our existing staff. However, we expect to perform this analysis in the second and third quarters of 2008. Examples of key processes that are not performed include:

*Reconciliation of accounts receivable activity*

Since July 2007, when we implemented a new accounting system, we have not had a process to reconcile activity with our customers, which include collection of past due amounts and follow-up with deductions. For example, when our customers take deductions for programs and do not provide documentation with their remittance, we do not have a process to reconcile, document and account for the deduction. Further, if the deductions were unauthorized, we have no process to dispute or collect from our customers. In addition, we do not have a process to collect from our customers for past-due amounts.

For several months in 2007, we incorrectly applied customer payments so that our reports of open invoices were not reliable. In order to fix the incorrectly applied payments, we will need to perform a reconciliation that may take several weeks. No resources have been allocated for this reconciliation, but we are expecting to assign resources in the second quarter of 2008 and complete the reconciliation in the third quarter of 2008. Since October 2007, we have correctly applied our customer payments.

*Month-end, quarterly and periodic reporting*

Since July 2007, when we implemented a new accounting system, we have not had a documented process for our month-end and quarter-end close. We plan to document and implement the quarter-end close process in the second quarter of 2008 and a month-end close process in the third-quarter of 2008.

*Management reports*

We do not produce several key management reports to analyze the performance of sales and operations and the estimate of liabilities, such as recycling fees. We are currently designing reports with a consultant on an as-needed, ad hoc basis. We will need additional reports so management can make decisions about the success of marketing initiatives, sales personnel and operational efficiencies, which we plan to design through the third quarter of 2008.

*Accounts Payable*

We do not pay vendor's invoices in a timely manner which results in accounts payable aging errors, errors in processing, lost discounts and potential threats of business disruptions. To address untimely payment of vendor's invoices, management is implementing the above mentioned purchase order system and developing an accounts payable process for entering invoices timely to track payments due to vendors to avoid business disruption and improved tracking of liabilities. In addition, our Chief Executive Officer is the only approved check signer. When he is not in the office, we need to rely on alternative methods of payments, such as wire transfers or overnight couriers. If we are unable to rely on these alternative methods of payments, we are unable to process payments to our vendors, which can create untimely payments to vendors. We expect to develop the accounts payable process in the second quarter of 2008. However, we do not expect to authorize additional check signers in the near future.

Beginning with the fourth quarter of 2007, we implemented remediation plans in order to eliminate these material weaknesses, including the following:

- we hired a consultant to evaluate our system of internal controls and hired a Chief Financial Officer and replaced our Controller,
- additional information systems personnel have been engaged and system issues, including necessary alternatives, have been evaluated and revised or corrected, and
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we have prepared process documentation related to our key assumptions, estimates and accounting policies and procedures.

As of December 31, 2007, we believe that we have identified and started the remediation of the material weaknesses related to improved process documentation surrounding our accounting policies and procedures. We will continue to implement remediation plans to address the identified material weakness during the remainder of 2008.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of our registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by our registered public accounting firm pursuant to temporary rules of the SEC to provide only management's report in this annual report.

With regard to the identified material weakness, we did not restate any financial results for any prior periods and believe that the identified material weakness did not have any material effect on the accuracy of our financial statements prepared with respect to any prior fiscal period.

### **Management's Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

As of December 31, 2007, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our "disclosure controls and procedures," as such term is defined under Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e).

In making this evaluation, we considered the material weaknesses of our system of internal controls identified by our internal controls consultant. Despite the lack of the complete implementation of recommended improvements to the identified weaknesses in our internal control procedures, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of December 31, 2007, such disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2007 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting .

### ***Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting***

Except as set forth above, we did not make any changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended December 31, 2007 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### **Item 8B. Other Information**

Not applicable.

**PART III****Item 9. Directors, Executive Officers, Promoters, Control Persons and Corporate Governance; Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act****General**

Our directors currently have terms which will end at our next annual meeting of the stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualify, subject to their death, resignation or removal. Officers serve at the discretion of the board of directors. Except as described below, there are no family relationships among any of our directors and executive officers. Our board members are encouraged to attend meetings of the board of directors and the annual meeting of stockholders. The board of directors held seven meetings and adopted two unanimous written consents in lieu of meetings in 2007.

The following table sets forth certain biographical information with respect to our directors and executive officers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Age</b>
Christopher J. Reed	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board	48
Thierry Foucaut	Chief Operating Officer	42
David M. Kane	Chief Financial Officer	45
Rory Ahearn	Vice President - Sales	56
Neal Cohane	Vice President - Sales	47
Mark Reed	Executive Vice President - Sales	46
Robert T. Reed, Jr.	Vice President and National Sales Manager - Mainstream	51
Eric Scheffer	Vice President and National Sales Manager - Natural Foods	39
Robert Lyon	Vice President Sales - Special Projects	57
Judy Holloway Reed	Secretary and Director	47
Mark Harris	Director	51
Dr. D.S.J. Muffoletto, N.D.	Director	52
Michael Fischman	Director	51

*Christopher J. Reed* founded our company in 1987. Mr. Reed has served as our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer since our incorporation in 1991. Until October 2007, Mr. Reed also served as the Company's Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Reed has been responsible for our design and products, including the original product recipes, the proprietary brewing process and the packaging and marketing strategies. Mr. Reed received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1980 from Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

*Thierry Foucaut* has been our Chief Operating Officer since May 2007. Prior to joining us, Mr. Foucaut worked for six years as Chief Operating Officer of Village Imports, a \$30 million specialty foods and beverage distributor in California, where he created and launched a line of sparkling lemonades and managed the company's operations including multiple warehouses and fleets of DSD delivery trucks. Mr. Foucaut spent 2000 with Eve.com, a leading San Francisco website specializing in retail sales of high end cosmetics. Mr. Foucaut worked for L'Oréal Paris from 1994 through 1999 with growing marketing and sales responsibilities, including Product Manager from September 1994 to May 1996, South Europe Marketing Coordinator from June 1996 to July 1998 and Duty Free Key Account Executive from July 1998 to December 1999, managing large airport and airline clients over several European countries. He earned a Master of Science degree from Ecole Centrale Paris in 1988, and an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1994.

*David M. Kane* has been our Chief Financial Officer since October 2007. Prior to joining us, Mr. Kane had served as the Interim Chief Financial Officer of National Lampoon, Inc. since December 2006. Since 2000, Mr. Kane has operated a financial consulting practice for entertainment and media companies. Prior to his consulting practice, Mr. Kane served as Chief Financial Officer of the Left Bank Organization, a record label and music management company. He also served as the Chief Financial Officer for GreatDomains.com, an internet start-up company which was eventually sold to VeriSign. Mr. Kane spent the early part of his career working as Director of Finance for Virgin Records and Chief Financial Officer of Focus Affiliates, a publicly held electronics distributor. Mr. Kane holds a B.A. degree in Psychology from the University of California at Los Angeles.

*Rory Ahearn* has been our Vice President of Sales since August 2007. He has approximately 30 years of experience in the beverage industry. He most recently served as the Director of Sales, Eastern Business Unit, for Red Bull North America. In his seven years with Red Bull, Mr. Ahearn was responsible for building a distributor network from New York to Virginia, as well as selecting, training and managing an on and off premise sales force in excess of 50 persons. In addition, he managed the brand's expansion into the national account segment in grocery, convenience, club, drug and non traditional channels. From 1998 through June 2000, Mr. Ahearn was the Northeast Regional Marketing Manager for Heineken USA and was responsible for channel programming in the off and on premise segments, with a particular emphasis on channel grocery and convenience in the Northeast markets. Mr. Ahearn spearheaded programming in the sports marketing area with the Boston Bruins, and conducted significant work in marketing to the Hispanic community. From 1987 to 1988, Mr. Ahearn held various executive positions with the Coors Distributing Company of New York. Mr. Ahearn managed both the distribution centers, as well as the on and off premise sales teams. Mr. Ahearn began his career in the beverage business while employed at Joyce Beverages, in Forestville, Maryland and Norwalk, Connecticut, as a route salesman. Mr. Ahearn is a graduate of Pace University, Pleasantville New York with a B.A. degree in Communications. In March 2008, Mr. Ahearn terminated his employment with the Company.

*Neal Cohane* has been our Vice President of Sales since August 2007. From March 2001 until August 2007, Mr. Cohane served in various senior-level sales and executive positions for PepsiCo, most recently as Senior National Accounts Manager, Eastern Division. In this capacity, Mr. Cohane was responsible for all business development and sales activities within the Eastern Division. From March 2001 until November 2002, Mr. Cohane served as Business Development Manager, Non-Carbonated Division within PepsiCo where he was responsible for leading the non-carbonated category build-out across the Northeast Territory. From 1998 to March 2001, Mr. Cohane spent three years at South Beach Beverage Company, most recently as Vice President of Sales, Eastern Region. During his tenure as Vice President of Sales, Eastern Region, Mr. Cohane managed a team of approximately 35 employees and an independent network of approximately 100 distributors to drive increased category sales volume and market share. From 1986 to 1998, Mr. Cohane spent approximately twelve years at Coca-Cola of New York where he held various senior-level sales and managerial positions, most recently as General Manager New York. Mr. Cohane holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts.

*Mark Reed* has been our Executive Vice President - International Sales since August 2007. Prior to joining Reed's, Mr. Reed was a Sales Director for Greenplum, a database software company, from January 2007 to August 2007. Mr. Reed worked as Vice President of Sales for 1Answer Solutions, a technology consulting company, where he managed a sales force from September 2004 to December 2006. Mr. Reed was a National Account Manager with Hyperion Solutions from 2001 to 2004 and a Senior Account Executive with SunGard Data Systems from 1998 to 2001. Mr. Reed worked as a Sales Executive for Prairie Systems, from 1996 to 1997 and for the Aeroquip Corporation from 1993 to 1995. Prior to his positions in sales, Mr. Reed worked as an Industrial Engineer for several Aerospace companies including Raytheon, Hughes Missile Systems, General Dynamics and Rockwell International. Mr. Reed received a B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from the University of Florida in 1985. Mr. Reed is the brother of Christopher J. Reed, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and Robert T. Reed, Jr. our Vice President - International Sales.

*Robert T. Reed, Jr.* has been our Vice President and National Sales Manager - Mainstream since January 2004. In September 2007, Mr. Reed joined Mark Reed to develop an International sales capability for Reed's Inc. Prior to joining us, Mr. Reed was employed with SunGard Availability Services from 1987 through 2003. While at SunGard, Mr. Reed held several sales and executive management positions. He earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Business and Finance from Mount Saint Mary's University. Mr. Reed is the brother of Christopher J. Reed, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and Mark Reed, our Executive Vice President - International Sales.

*Eric Scheffer* has been our Vice President and National Sales Manager - Natural Foods since May 2001. From September 2000 to May 2001, Mr. Scheffer worked as Vice President of Sales for Rachel Perry Natural Cosmetics.

Mr. Scheffer was national sales manager at Earth Science, Inc. from January 1999 to September 2000, where he managed the United States and Canadian outside sales force. Mr. Scheffer was national sales manager at USA Nutritionals from June 1997 to January 1999, where he led a successful effort bridging their marketing from natural foods to mainstream stores. He worked for Vita Source as Western sales manager from May 1994 to June 1997 and was their first sales representative. In February 2008, Mr. Scheffer terminated his employment with Company.

*Robert Lyon* has been our Vice President Sales - Special Projects since June 2002. In that capacity, Mr. Lyon directs our Southern California direct sales and distribution program in mainstream markets. Over the past five years, Mr. Lyon also has operated an organic rosemary farm in Malibu, California, selling bulk to re-packagers. In the 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Lyon operated a successful water taxi service with 20 employees and eight vessels of his own design. He also built the national sales team for a jewelry company, Iberia, from 1982 through 1987. Mr. Lyon holds several U.S. patents. He earned a Business Degree from Northwestern Michigan University in 1969.

*Judy Holloway Reed* has been with us since 1992 and, as we have grown, has run the accounting, purchasing and shipping and receiving departments at various times since the 1990s. Ms. Reed has been one of our directors since June 2004, and our Secretary since October 1996. In the 1980s, Ms. Reed managed media tracking for a Los Angeles Infomercial Media Buying Group and was an account manager with a Beverly Hills, California stock portfolio management company. She earned a Business Degree from MIU in 1981. Ms. Reed is the wife of Christopher J. Reed, our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Mark Harris* has been a member of our Board of Directors since April 2005. Mr. Harris is an independent venture capitalist and has been retired from the work force since 2002. In late 2003, Mr. Harris joined a group of Amgen colleagues in funding NeoStem, Inc., a company involved in stem-cell storage, archiving, and research to which he is a founding angel investor. From 1991 to 2002, Mr. Harris worked at biotech giant Amgen managing much of the company's media production for internal use and public relations. Mr. Harris spent the decade prior working in the aerospace industry at Northrop with similar responsibilities.

*Dr. Daniel S.J. Muffoletto, N.D.* has been a member of our Board of Directors since April 2005. Dr. Muffoletto has practiced as a Naturopathic Physician since 1986. He has been chief executive officer of Its Your Earth, a natural products marketing company since June 2004. From 2003 to 2005, Dr. Muffoletto worked as sales and marketing director for Worthington, Moore & Jacobs, a Commercial Law League member firm serving FedEx, UPS, DHL and Kodak, among others. From 2001 to 2003, he was the owner-operator of the David St. Michel Art Gallery in Montreal, Québec. From 1991 to 2001, Dr. Muffoletto was the owner/operator of a Naturopathic Apothecary, Herbal Alter\*Natives of Seattle, Washington and Ellicott City, Maryland. The apothecary housed Dr. Muffoletto's Naturopathic practice. Dr. Muffoletto received a Bachelors of Arts degree in Government and Communications from the University of Baltimore in 1977, and conducted postgraduate work in the schools of Public Administration and Publication Design at the University of Baltimore from 1978 to 1979. In 1986, he received his Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine from the Santa Fe Academy of Healing, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

*Michael Fischman* has been a member of our Board of Directors since April 2005. Since 1998, Mr. Fischman has been President and chief executive officer of the APEX course, the corporate training division of the International Association of Human Values. In addition, Mr. Fischman is a founding member and the director of training for USA at the Art of Living Foundation, a global non-profit educational and humanitarian organization at which he has coordinated over 200 personal development instructors since 1997. Among Mr. Fischman's personal development clients are the World Bank, Royal Dutch Shell, the United Nations, the US Department of Probation, the Washington, D.C. Police Department, and Rotary Clubs International.

Other than the relationships of Christopher J. Reed, Judy Holloway Reed, Mark Reed and Robert T. Reed, Jr., none of our directors or executive officers are related to one another.

## **Corporate Governance**

We are committed to having sound corporate governance principles. We believe that such principles are essential to running our business efficiently and to maintaining our integrity in the marketplace.

## **Director Qualifications**

We believe that our directors should have the highest professional and personal ethics and values, consistent with our longstanding values and standards. They should have broad experience at the policy-making level in business or banking. They should be committed to enhancing stockholder value and should have sufficient time to carry out their duties and to provide insight and practical wisdom based on experience. Their service on other boards of public companies should be limited to a number that permits them, given their individual circumstances, to perform responsibly all director duties for us. Each director must represent the interests of all stockholders. When considering

potential director candidates, the Board of Directors also considers the candidate's character, judgment, diversity, age and skills, including financial literacy and experience in the context of our needs and the needs of the Board of Directors.



## **Director Independence**

The Board of Directors has determined that three members of our Board of Directors, Mr. Harris, Dr. Muffoletto and Mr. Fischman, are independent under the revised listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. We intend to maintain at least two independent directors on our Board of Directors in the future.

Our Chief Executive Officer and all senior financial officers, including the Chief Financial Officer, are bound by a Code of Ethics that complies with Item 406 of Regulation S-B of the Exchange Act.

## **Board Structure and Committee Composition**

As of the date of this prospectus, our Board of Directors has five directors and the following three standing committees: an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominations and Governance Committee. These committees were formed in January 2007.

US EURO Securities, Inc., the lead underwriter in our initial public offering, will have the right to designate an observer to our board of directors and each of its committees through the period ending December 12, 2011.

*Audit Committee.* Our Audit Committee oversees our accounting and financial reporting processes, internal systems of accounting and financial controls, relationships with independent auditors and audits of financial statements. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- selecting, hiring and terminating our independent auditors;
- evaluating the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent auditors;
- approving the audit and non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditors;
- reviewing the design, implementation, adequacy and effectiveness of our internal controls and critical accounting policies;
- overseeing and monitoring the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to financial statements or accounting matters;
- reviewing with management and our independent auditors, any earnings announcements and other public announcements regarding our results of operations; and
- preparing the audit committee report that the SEC requires in our annual proxy statement.

Our Audit Committee is comprised of Dr. Muffoletto, Mr. Harris and Mr. Fischman. Dr. Muffoletto serves as Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors has determined that the three members of the Audit Committee are independent under the rules of the SEC and the Nasdaq National Market and that Dr. Muffoletto qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert,” as defined by the rules of the SEC. Our Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee meeting applicable standards of the SEC and the Nasdaq National Market.

*Compensation Committee.* Our Compensation Committee assists our Board of Directors in determining and developing plans for the compensation of our officers, directors and employees. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- approving the compensation and benefits of our executive officers;
- reviewing the performance objectives and actual performance of our officers; and
- administering our stock option and other equity compensation plans.

Our Compensation Committee is comprised of Dr. Muffoletto, Mr. Harris and Mr. Fischman. The Board of Directors has determined that all of the members of the Compensation Committee are independent under the rules of the Nasdaq National Market. Our Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Compensation Committee.

*Nominations and Governance Committee.* Our Nominations and Governance Committee assists the Board of Directors by identifying and recommending individuals qualified to become members of our Board of Directors, reviewing correspondence from our stockholders, and establishing, evaluating and overseeing our corporate governance guidelines. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- evaluating the composition, size and governance of our Board of Directors and its committees and making recommendations regarding future planning and the appointment of directors to our committees;
- establishing a policy for considering stockholder nominees for election to our Board of Directors; and
- evaluating and recommending candidates for election to our Board of Directors.

Our Nominations and Governance Committee is comprised of Dr. Muffoletto and Mr. Fischman. The Board of Directors has determined that all of the members of the Nominations and Governance Committee are independent under the rules of the Nasdaq National Market. Our Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Nominations and Corporate Governance Committee.

#### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") requires our directors and executive officers and beneficial holders of more than 10% of our common stock to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our equity securities. Directors, executive officers and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock are required by Securities and Exchange Commission regulations to furnish to us copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To our knowledge, based solely upon review of the copies of such reports received or written representations from the reporting persons, we believe that during the year ended December 31, 2007 our directors, executive officers and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements with the exception of the following:

Messrs. Christopher J. Reed, Rory Ahearn, Robert Lyon, Neal Cohane, David Kane, Mark Reed, Robert T. Reed, Jr., Eric Scheffer, Mark Harris, Michael Fischman and Thierry Foucaut and Ms. Judy Holloway Reed filed their initial statement of beneficial ownership of securities (Form 3) late.

**Item 10. Executive Compensation****Executive Compensation**

The following table sets forth certain information concerning compensation of certain of our executive officers, including our Chief Executive Officer and all other executive officers, or the Named Executives, whose total annual salary and bonus exceeded \$100,000, for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Non-Equity-Qualified			Total
				Option Stock Awards	Incentive Plan Compensation	Deferred Compensation Earnings	
Christopher J. Reed, Chief Executive Officer	2007	\$ 150,000				\$ 4,616	\$ 154,616
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Robert T. Reed, Jr. Executive Vice President	2007	\$ 167,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 24,600			\$ 256,600
Thierry Foucaut, Chief Operating Officer (2)	2007	\$ 83,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 43,500			\$ 160,500
Robert Lyon, Vice President	2007	\$ 90,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 24,600			\$ 179,600
Eric Scheffer, Vice President	2007	\$ 80,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 20,500			\$ 165,500
Mark Reed, Executive Vice President (3)	2007	\$ 80,192		\$			