

SUNPOWER CORP
Form 10-Q
November 13, 2006
Table of Contents

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended October 1, 2006

OR

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

Commission file number 000-51593

SunPower Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

3939 North First Street, San Jose, California 95134

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(408) 240-5500

94-3008969
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

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

The total number of outstanding shares of the registrant's class A common stock as of November 9, 2006 was 17,200,543.

The total number of outstanding shares of the registrant's class B common stock as of November 9, 2006 was 52,033,287.

Table of Contents

SunPower Corporation

INDEX TO FORM 10-Q

<u>PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>	3
Item 1. <u>Financial Statements (unaudited)</u>	3
<u>Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005</u>	3
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005</u>	4
<u>Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005</u>	5
<u>Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements</u>	6 - 21
Item 2. <u>Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	22 - 29
Item 3. <u>Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risks</u>	29
Item 4. <u>Controls and Procedures</u>	30
<u>PART II. OTHER INFORMATION</u>	30
Item 1A. <u>Risk Factors</u>	30
Item 6. <u>Exhibits</u>	52
<u>Signatures</u>	53
<u>Index to Exhibits</u>	54

Table of Contents**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****SunPower Corporation****Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(in thousands, except share data)

(unaudited)

	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 253,735	\$ 143,592
Short-term investments	19,897	
Accounts receivable, net	47,067	25,498
Inventories	26,069	13,147
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	22,472	3,236
Total current assets	369,240	185,473
Property, plant and equipment, net	163,455	110,559
Goodwill	2,883	2,883
Intangible assets, net	15,213	18,739
Other long-term assets	271	
Advances to suppliers, net of current portion	13,308	
Total assets	\$ 564,370	\$ 317,654
Liabilities and Stockholders Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 31,048	\$ 14,194
Accounts payable to Cypress	3,904	2,533
Accrued liabilities	11,154	4,541
Current portion of customer advances	11,643	8,962
Total current liabilities	57,749	30,230
Deferred tax liability	1,140	336
Customer advances, net of current portion	28,854	28,438
Total liabilities	87,743	59,004
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)		
Stockholders Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share; 10,042,490 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 375,000,000 shares authorized; 69,206,453 and 61,092,484 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively	69	61
Additional paid-in capital	520,358	316,617
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(474)	505
Accumulated deficit	(43,326)	(58,533)

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

Total stockholders' equity	476,627	258,650
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 564,370	\$ 317,654

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**SunPower Corporation****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

(in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Revenue	\$ 65,348	\$ 21,903	\$ 162,001	\$ 49,395
Costs and expenses:				
Cost of revenue	50,164	18,953	129,678	49,631
Research and development	2,536	1,481	7,120	4,508
Sales, general and administrative	6,206	2,877	15,572	6,880
Total costs and expenses	58,906	23,311	152,370	61,019
Operating income (loss)	6,442	(1,408)	9,631	(11,624)
Interest income (expense)	3,440	(197)	5,843	(3,381)
Other income (expense), net	518	(25)	1,008	(198)
Income (loss) before income tax provision	10,400	(1,630)	16,482	(15,203)
Income tax provision	832		1,275	
Net income (loss)	\$ 9,568	\$ (1,630)	\$ 15,207	\$ (15,203)
Net income (loss) per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.14	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.24	\$ (0.93)
Diluted	\$ 0.13	\$ (0.06)	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.93)
Weighted-average shares:				
Basic	68,947	27,786	64,704	16,267
Diluted	73,899	27,786	70,080	16,267

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**SunPower Corporation****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,	2005
	2006	2005
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income (loss)	\$ 15,207	\$ (15,203)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	11,647	4,954
Amortization of intangibles	3,526	3,529
Stock-based compensation	3,706	510
Impairment charge related to equipment		461
Gain on sale of fixed assets	(16)	(120)
Interest expense related to warrants and notes payable		3,381
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(21,569)	(13,342)
Inventories	(12,831)	(6,001)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(3,101)	(121)
Advances to suppliers	(19,443)	
Other long-term assets	(271)	
Accounts payable	16,854	116
Accounts payable to Cypress	1,371	6,084
Accrued liabilities and deferred tax liability	6,438	314
Advances from customers	3,097	33,294
 Net cash provided by operating activities	 4,615	 17,856
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(64,618)	(48,091)
Purchase of marketable securities	(25,897)	
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	6,000	
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	91	120
Note receivable	(10,000)	
 Net cash used in investing activities	 (94,424)	 (47,971)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from debt obligations to Cypress		12,500
Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock, net of issuance costs		7,000
Proceeds from issuance of common stock to Cypress		27,372
Principal payments on notes payable to Cypress		(248)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs	197,431	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,521	37
 Net cash provided by financing activities	 199,952	 46,661
 Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	 110,143	 16,546

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	143,592	3,776
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 253,735	\$ 20,322

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents

SunPower Corporation

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1. The Company and Basis of Presentation

The Company

SunPower Corporation (the Company or SunPower), a majority-owned subsidiary of Cypress Semiconductor Corporation (Cypress), was originally incorporated in the State of California on April 24, 1985. The Company was basically dormant until October 1988, when it was organized as a business venture to commercialize high-efficiency photovoltaic, or solar, cell technology. The Company designs, manufactures and sells solar electric power products based on its proprietary processes and technologies. In addition, the Company offers imaging detectors and infrared detectors based on its solar power technology.

On November 10, 2005, the Company reincorporated in Delaware and filed an amendment to its certificate of incorporation to effect a 1-for-2 reverse stock split of the Company's outstanding and authorized shares of common stock. All share and per share figures presented herein have been adjusted to reflect the reverse stock split.

In November 2005, the Company raised net proceeds of \$145.6 million in an initial public offering of 8.8 million shares of common stock at a price of \$18.00 per share. In May 2006, the Company completed a follow-on public offering of 7.0 million shares of its common stock, at a per share price of \$29.50, and received net proceeds of \$197.4 million.

Cypress made a significant investment in the Company in 2002. On November 9, 2004, Cypress completed a reverse triangular merger with the Company in which all of the outstanding minority equity interest of SunPower was retired, effectively giving Cypress 100% ownership of all of our then outstanding shares of capital stock but leaving its unexercised warrants and options outstanding. After completion of the Company's initial public offering in November 2005 (IPO), Cypress held, in the aggregate, 52,033,287 shares of class B common stock. Including the effect of the secondary public offering in May 2006, Cypress holds approximately 75% of the Company's total outstanding shares of common stock or approximately 70% on a fully diluted basis after taking into account outstanding stock options. Cypress holds approximately 96% of the voting power of the Company's total outstanding capital stock.

The financial statements include allocations of certain Cypress expenses, including centralized legal, tax, treasury, information technology, employee benefits and other Cypress corporate services and infrastructure costs. The expense allocations have been determined based on a method that Cypress and the Company considered to be reasonable reflections of the utilization of services provided or the benefit received by the Company. The financial information included herein may not be indicative of the consolidated financial position, operating results, and cash flows of the Company in the future, or what they would have been had the Company been a separate stand-alone entity during the periods presented. See Note 7 for additional information on the transactions with Cypress.

As of September 30, 2006, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$43.3 million and, with the exception of fiscal 2006 to date, has a history of operating losses. The Company is subject to a number of business risks including, but not limited to, an industry-wide shortage of polysilicon, an essential raw material in the production of solar cells; limited suppliers for capital equipment; concentration of revenue among few customers; competition from other companies with a longer operating history and significantly greater financial resources; dependency on a third-party subcontractor; the ability to obtain adequate financing to fund operating activities; dependence on key employees; and the ability to attract and retain additional qualified personnel.

Fiscal Year

The Company reports on a fiscal-year basis and ends its quarters on the Sunday closest to the end of the applicable calendar quarter, except in a 53-week fiscal year, in which case the additional week falls into the fourth quarter of that fiscal year. Both fiscal 2005 and 2006 consist of 52 weeks. The third quarter of fiscal 2006 ended on October 1, 2006 and the third quarter of fiscal 2005 ended on October 1, 2005. For presentation purposes only, the consolidated financial statements and notes refer to the calendar year end and month end of each respective period.

Table of Contents

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding interim financial reporting. The year-end condensed balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. In the opinion of management, the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, which the Company believes are necessary for a fair statement of the Company's financial position as of September 30, 2006 and its results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These condensed consolidated financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, and Related Implementation Issues (FIN 48). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a Company's financial statements in accordance with FASB 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN 48 is effective as of the beginning of fiscal years that begin after December 15, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the effects of implementing this new standard.

In July 2006, the FASB issued EITF Issue No. 06-3, How Taxes Collected from Customers Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should be Presented in the Income Statement (that is, Gross versus Net Presentation). The adoption of EITF No. 06-3 did not have an impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Company's accounting policy is to present the above mentioned taxes on a net basis, excluded from revenues.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS No. 157). SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value instruments. This statement does not require any new fair value measurements; rather, it applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. The provisions of this statement are to be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which this statement is initially applied, with any transition adjustment recognized as a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. The provisions of SFAS No. 157 are effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 1007; therefore, the Company anticipates adopting this standard as of January 1, 2008. The Company has not determined the effect, if any, the adoption of this statement will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements, to eliminate the diversity of practice surrounding how public companies quantify financial statement misstatements. Traditionally, there have been two widely-recognized methods for quantifying the effects of financial statement misstatements: the roll-over method and the iron curtain method. The roll-over method focuses primarily on the impact of a misstatement on the income statement, including the reversing effect of prior misstatements, but its use can lead to the accumulation of misstatements in the balance sheet. The iron-curtain method focuses primarily on the effect of correcting the period-end balance sheet with less emphasis on the reversing effects of prior year errors on the income statement. In SAB No. 108, the SEC Staff established an approach that requires quantification of financial statement misstatements based on the effects of the misstatements on each financial statement and the related financial statement disclosures. This model is commonly referred to as a dual approach because it requires quantification of errors under both the iron curtain and the roll-over methods. The Company is required to adopt SAB No. 108 in the fourth quarter of 2006 but does not expect that the adoption will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**Note 2. Balance Sheet Components**

	September 30,	December 31,
(In thousands)	2006	2005
Inventories:		
Raw materials	\$ 10,825	\$ 6,214
Work-in-process	959	351
Finished goods	14,285	6,582
	\$ 26,069	\$ 13,147
Prepaid expenses and other current assets:		
Note receivable	\$ 10,000	\$
Advances to suppliers, current portion	6,135	
Deferred tax asset, current portion	1,142	
Other prepaid expenses	5,195	3,236
	\$ 22,472	\$ 3,236
Property, plant and equipment:		
Land	\$ 4,804	\$
Buildings	2,500	
Manufacturing equipment	93,573	60,807
Computer equipment	2,363	1,738
Furniture and fixtures	83	124
Leasehold improvements	34,788	24,372
Construction-in-process (manufacturing facility in the Philippines)	46,633	33,684
	184,744	120,725
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(21,289)	(10,166)
	\$ 163,455	\$ 110,559

Table of Contents

	September 30,	December 31,
(In thousands)	2006	2005
Intangible assets:		
Purchased technology	\$ 18,139	\$ 18,139
Patents	3,811	3,811
Trademark and other	2,066	2,066
	24,016	24,016
Accumulated amortization of intangible assets:		
Purchased technology	(6,663)	(3,999)
Patents	(1,254)	(749)
Trademark and other	(886)	(529)
	(8,803)	(5,277)
	\$ 15,213	\$ 18,739

The estimated future amortization expense related to intangible assets as of September 30, 2006 is as follows:

2006 (remaining three months)	\$ 1,164
2007	4,493
2008	3,873
2009	3,590
2010	2,093
	\$ 15,213

Accrued liabilities:

Warranty reserve	\$ 2,738	\$ 574
Foreign exchange derivative liability	1,853	49
Employee compensation and employee benefits	1,453	1,173
Income tax payable	1,325	
Other	3,785	2,745
	\$ 11,154	\$ 4,541

Note 3. Short-Term Investments

The Company began investing in auction rate securities which are classified as short-term investments and carried at their market values. At September 30, 2006, the Company had \$16.9 million invested in auction rate securities, which are bought and sold in the marketplace through a bidding process sometimes referred to as a Dutch Auction. After the initial issuance of the securities, the interest rate on the securities resets periodically, at intervals set at the time of issuance (e.g., every seven, twenty-eight, or thirty-five days; every six months; etc.), based on the market demand at the reset period. The stated or contractual maturities for these securities, however, generally are 20 to 30 years. In addition, at September 30, 2006, the Company had \$3.0 million invested in commercial paper with maturities greater than ninety days. Despite the long-term maturities, the Company has the ability and intent, if necessary, to liquidate any of these investments in order to meet the Company's working capital needs within its normal operating cycles.

The Company has classified these investments as available-for-sale securities under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 115 Accounting for Investment in Certain Debt and Equity Securities (SFAS No. 115). As these securities trade at their par values, the Company has not recorded any gains or losses in comprehensive income during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006.

Note 4. Net Income (Loss) per Share

Basic net income (loss) per share is computed using the weighted-average common shares outstanding. Diluted net income (loss) per share is computed using the weighted-average common shares outstanding plus any potentially dilutive securities outstanding during the period using the treasury stock method, except when their effect is anti-dilutive. In computing dilutive net income per share, the average stock price for the period is used in determining the number of shares assumed to be purchased from the exercise of stock options or warrants. Dilutive securities include stock options, warrants and convertible preferred stock.

Table of Contents

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, outstanding convertible preferred stock, stock options to purchase common stock and warrants to purchase preferred and common stock, were excluded from the calculation of diluted net loss per share as the Company was in a net loss position and their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

The following is a summary of all outstanding anti-dilutive potential common shares:

(In thousands)	As of September 30,	
	2006	2005
Convertible preferred stock		44,915
Stock options	74	6,508

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted weighted-average common shares:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Basic weighted-average common shares	68,947	27,786	64,704	16,267
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock options	4,845		5,318	
Restricted stock	107		58	
Weighted-average common shares for diluted computation	73,899	27,786	70,080	16,267

Note 5. Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) is defined as the change in equity of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. Comprehensive income (loss) includes unrealized gains and losses on the Company's available-for-sale investments and derivatives.

The components of comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, were as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Net income (loss)	\$ 9,568	\$ (1,630)	\$ 15,207	\$ (15,203)
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivatives, net of tax	1,326	222	(979)	2,771
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 10,894	\$ (1,408)	\$ 14,228	\$ (12,432)

Note 6. Advances to Suppliers and Other Current Assets

In April 2006, the Company loaned \$10.0 million to a third-party company pursuant to a one-year interest-bearing note receivable that is convertible into equity at the Company's option.

As of September 30, 2006, the Company's advances to suppliers aggregated \$19.4 million which relate to the following:

A deposit of 10.5 million Euro (approximately \$13.3 million as of September 30, 2006) to a vendor of polysilicon. Under the terms of the related agreement, the vendor will sell the Company a total of 45.0 million Euros (approximately \$53.3 million based on the exchange rate at the date

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

the agreement was entered into) of polysilicon in fixed annual quantities and at fixed prices over a ten-year period beginning in fiscal 2008.

An advance of \$5.6 million related to an agreement with a vendor of ingots to purchase a total of \$55.5 million of ingots over a period of five years beginning in July 2006 (the purchase period). The terms of the agreement require remittance of preset amounts at six-month intervals over the purchase period. As of September 30, 2006, no purchases had yet been applied against such prepayment.

The Company has agreements with other suppliers of polysilicon, ingots and wafers that also require prepayment obligations over the term of the arrangements. Inclusive of the advances described above, the Company's future prepayment obligations total approximately \$142.1 million, payable over the next four years.

Table of Contents

Note 7. Transactions with Cypress

Purchases of Imaging and Infrared Detector Products from Cypress

The Company purchases wafers from Cypress at intercompany prices which are consistent with Cypress' internal transfer pricing methodology.

Manufacturing Services in Texas

The Company originally made its imaging and infrared detector and solar power products at its Sunnyvale, California facility. In May 2002, the Company installed certain tenant improvements to build a pilot wafer fabrication line for a newly designed solar cell in a Cypress facility located in Texas. The Company then paid pro rata costs for materials and Cypress personnel to operate the facility which made the Company's pre-commercial production solar cells until the Philippines facility came on line in November 2004. In late 2004, the Company moved its imaging and infrared detector production lines to the Cypress Texas facility and continues to pay the costs of materials and Cypress personnel to operate the facility.

Under the terms of the manufacturing agreement, Cypress will continue to make infrared and imaging detector products for the Company at prices consistent with the then current Cypress transfer pricing, which is equal to the forecasted cost to Cypress to manufacture the wafers, for the earlier of the three years from the Company's IPO or until a change in control of the Company occurs, which includes until such time as Cypress ceases to own at least a majority of the aggregate number of shares of all classes of the Company common stock then outstanding, after which a new supply agreement may be negotiated or the Company and Cypress will negotiate a reasonable winding-up procedure. In addition, the Company may use other Cypress fabs for development work on a cost per activity basis.

The Company will indemnify Cypress for any liabilities that arise only to the extent that they are based on claims of infringement based on the Company's design specifications that the Company submits to Cypress for the manufacture of the Company's products. Cypress will indemnify the Company for liabilities that arise only to the extent that they are based on claims that the manufacturing, assembling, product testing or packaging process that Cypress uses for the Company's products infringes or violates upon the intellectual property rights of third parties or Cypress' unauthorized use of the Company's design specifications or proprietary information.

Administrative Services Provided by Cypress

Cypress has seconded employees and consultants to the Company for different time periods for which the Company pays their fully-burdened compensation. In addition, Cypress personnel render services to the Company to assist with administrative functions such as centralized legal, tax, treasury, information technology, employee benefits and other Cypress corporate services and infrastructure. Cypress bills the Company for a portion of the Cypress employees' fully-burdened compensation. In the case of the Philippines subsidiary, which entered into a services agreement for such secondments and other consulting services in January 2005, the Company pays the fully-burdened compensation plus 10%. Amounts paid for these services are recorded as general and administrative expenses in the accompanying statements of operations.

Leased Facility in the Philippines

In 2003, the Company and Cypress reached an understanding that the Company would build out and occupy a building owned by Cypress for its wafer fabrication facility in the Philippines. The Company entered into a lease agreement for this facility, which expires in July 2021. Under the lease, the Company will pay Cypress at a rate equal to the cost to Cypress for that facility (including taxes, insurance, repairs and improvements) until the earlier of November 2015 or a change in control of the Company occurs, which includes such time as Cypress ceases to own at least a majority of the aggregate number of shares of all classes of the Company's common stock then outstanding. Thereafter, the Company will pay market rate rent for the facility. The Company will have the right to purchase the facility from Cypress at any time at Cypress' original purchase price of approximately \$8.0 million, plus interest computed on a variable index starting on the date of purchase by Cypress until the sale to the Company, unless such purchase option is exercised after a change of control of the Company, in which case the purchase price shall be at a market rate, as reasonably determined by Cypress. The lease agreement also contains certain indemnification and exculpation provisions by the Company for the benefit of Cypress as lessor.

Leased Facility in California

On May 15, 2006, the Company entered into a lease agreement for its 43,732 square foot headquarters, which is located in a building owned by Cypress in San Jose, California, for \$6.0 million over the five-year term of the lease. In the event Cypress decides to sell the building, the Company has the right of first refusal to purchase the building at a fair market price which will be based on comparable sales in the area.

Table of Contents

Purchases of imaging and infrared detector products from Cypress, manufacturing services provided by Cypress in Texas, administrative services provided by Cypress and the facilities leased from Cypress in the Philippines and in California aggregated \$3.5 million and \$9.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$2.4 million and \$5.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, respectively.

2005 Separation and Service Agreements

On October 6, 2005, SunPower entered into a series of separation and services agreements with Cypress. Among these agreements are a master separation agreement, a sublease of the land and a lease for the building in the Philippines (see above); a three-year wafer manufacturing agreement for detector products at inter-company pricing; a three-year master transition services agreement under which Cypress would allow SunPower to continue to utilize services provided by Cypress such as corporate accounting, legal, tax, information technology, human resources and treasury administration at Cypress' cost; an asset lease under which Cypress will lease certain manufacturing assets from SunPower; an employee matters agreement under which the Company's employees would be allowed to continue to participate in certain Cypress health insurance and other employee benefits plans; an indemnification and insurance matters agreement; an investor rights agreement; and a tax sharing agreement. All of these agreements, except the tax sharing agreement and the manufacturing asset lease agreement became effective at the time of completion of the Company's IPO.

Master Separation Agreement

The Company entered into a master separation agreement containing the framework with respect to the Company's separation from Cypress. The master separation agreement provides for the execution of various ancillary agreements that further specify the terms of the separation.

Master Transition Services Agreement

The Company has also entered into a master transition services agreement which would govern the provisions of services to us by Cypress, such as: financial services; human resources; legal matters; training programs; and information technology.

Until the earlier of November 2009 or the occurrence of a change of control of the Company, Cypress has agreed to provide these services and the Company will pay Cypress for services provided to the Company, at Cypress' cost (which, for purposes of the master transition services agreement, means an appropriate allocation of Cypress' full salary and benefits costs associated with such individuals as well as any out-of-pocket expenses that Cypress incurs in connection with providing the Company with those services) or at the rate negotiated with Cypress. Cypress has the ability to deny requests for services under this agreement if, among other things, the provision of such services creates a conflict of interest, causes an adverse consequence to Cypress, requires Cypress to retain additional employees or other resources or the provision of such services become impracticable as a result or cause outside of the control of Cypress. In addition, Cypress will incur no liability in connection with the provision of these services. The master transition services agreement also contains certain indemnification provisions by the Company for the benefit of Cypress.

Lease for Manufacturing Assets

In 2005 the Company entered into a lease with Cypress under which Cypress leases from the Company certain manufacturing assets owned by the Company and located in Cypress' Texas manufacturing facility. The term of the lease is 27 months and it expires on December 31, 2007. Under this lease, Cypress is reimbursing the Company's cost of approximately \$0.7 million of the net book value of the assets divided over the life of the leasehold improvements.

Employee Matters Agreement

The Company entered into an employee matters agreement with Cypress to allocate assets, liabilities and responsibilities relating to its current and former U.S. and international employees and its employees' participation in the employee benefits plans that Cypress sponsors and maintains.

The Company's eligible employees generally remain able to participate in Cypress' benefit plans, as they may change from time to time. The Company is responsible for all liabilities incurred with respect to the Cypress plans by the Company as a participating company in such plans. The Company intends to have its own benefit plans established by the time its employees no longer are eligible to participate in Cypress' benefit plans. Once the Company has established its own benefit plans, the Company will have the ability to modify or terminate each plan in accordance with the terms of those plans and our policies. It is the Company's intent that employees not receive duplicate benefits as a result of participation in its benefit plans and the corresponding Cypress benefit plans.

Table of Contents

All of the Company's eligible employees are able to continue to participate in Cypress' health plans, life insurance and other benefit plans as they may change from time to time, until the earliest of, (1) a change of control of the Company occurs, which includes such time as Cypress ceases to own at least a majority of the aggregate number of shares of all classes of our common stock then outstanding, (2) such time as the Company's status as a participating company under the Cypress plans is not permitted by a Cypress plan or by applicable law, (3) such time as Cypress determines in its reasonable judgment that the Company's status as a participating company under the Cypress plans has or will adversely affect Cypress, or its employees, directors, officers, agents, affiliates or its representatives, or (4) such earlier date as the Company and Cypress mutually agree. However, to avoid redundant benefits, the Company's employees will generally be precluded from participating in Cypress' stock option plans and stock purchase plans.

With respect to the Cypress 401(k) Plan, the Company is obligated to establish its own 401(k) Plan within 90 days of separation from Cypress, and Cypress will transfer all accounts in the Cypress 401(k) Plan held by the Company's employees to our 401(k) Plan.

Employees who are eligible to participate in Cypress' stock option plans retain that eligibility until the earliest of (1) a change of control of the company occurs, which includes such time as Cypress ceases to own at least a majority of the aggregate number of shares of all classes of our common stock then outstanding, (2) such time as the Company's status as a participating company under the Cypress plans is not permitted by a Cypress plan or by an applicable law or (3) such time as Cypress determines in its reasonable judgment that the Company's status as a participating company under the Cypress plans has or will adversely affect Cypress, or its employees, directors, officers, agents, affiliates or its representatives. Upon the occurrence of such an event, each of the Company's employees will be deemed terminated from Cypress employment for purposes of the Cypress stock option plans and each outstanding option will be treated in accordance with that employee's stock option agreement with Cypress.

In accordance with discretion provided to Cypress under the terms of its stock purchase plan, Cypress has removed the Company as a subsidiary designated for participation in offering periods under its stock purchase plan that began on July 1, 2005. This means that the Company's employees are not eligible to participate in offering periods under the Cypress stock purchase plan.

Indemnification and Insurance Matters Agreement

The Company will indemnify Cypress and its affiliates, agents, successors and assigns from all liabilities arising from environmental conditions existing on, under, about or in the vicinity of any of the Company's facilities, or arising out of operations occurring at any of the Company's facilities, including the California facilities, whether prior to or after the separation; existing on, under, about or in the vicinity of the Philippines facility which the Company occupies, or arising out of operations occurring at such facility, whether prior to or after the separation, to the extent that those liabilities were caused by the Company; arising out of hazardous materials found on, under or about any landfill, waste, storage, transfer or recycling site and resulting from hazardous materials stored, treated, recycled, disposed or otherwise handled by any of the Company's operations or the Company's California and Philippines facilities prior to the separation; and arising out of the construction activity conducted by or on behalf of the Company at Cypress' Texas facility.

The indemnification and insurance matters agreement and the master transition services agreement also contain provisions governing the Company's insurance coverage, which are under the Cypress insurance policies (other than the Company's directors and officers insurance, for which we have our own separate policy) until the earliest of (1) a change of control of the Company occurs, which includes such time as Cypress ceases to own at least a majority of the aggregate number of shares of all classes of the Company's common stock then outstanding, (2) the date on which Cypress' insurance carriers do not permit the Company to remain on Cypress policies, (3) the date on which Cypress' cost of insurance under any particular insurance policy increases, directly or indirectly, due to the Company's inclusion or participation in such policy, (4) the date on which our coverage under the Cypress policies causes a real or potential conflict of interest or hardship for Cypress, as determined solely by Cypress or (5) the date on which Cypress and the Company mutually agree to terminate this arrangement. Prior to that time, Cypress will maintain insurance policies on the Company's behalf, and the Company shall reimburse Cypress for expenses related to insurance coverage during this period. The Company will work with Cypress to secure additional insurance if desired and cost effective.

Investor Rights Agreement

The Company has entered into an investor rights agreement with Cypress providing for specified (1) registration and other rights relating to the Company's shares of the Company's common stock, (2) information and inspection rights, (3) coordination of auditing practices and (4) approval rights with respect to certain transactions.

Table of Contents**Tax Sharing Agreement**

The Company has entered into a tax sharing agreement with Cypress providing for each of the party's obligations concerning various tax liabilities. The tax sharing agreement is structured such that Cypress will pay all federal, state, local and foreign taxes that are calculated on a consolidated or combined basis (while being a member of Cypress' consolidated or combined group pursuant to federal, state, local and foreign tax law). The Company's portion of such tax liability or benefit will be determined based upon its separate return tax liability as defined under the tax sharing agreement. Such liability or benefit will be based on a pro forma calculation as if the Company were filing a separate income tax return in each jurisdiction, rather than on a combined or consolidated basis with Cypress subject to adjustments as set forth in the tax sharing agreement.

After the date the Company ceases to be a member of Cypress' consolidated group for federal income tax purposes or state income tax purposes, as and to the extent that the Company becomes entitled to utilize on the Company's separate tax returns portions of those credit or loss carryforwards existing as of such date, the Company will distribute to Cypress the tax effect, estimated to be 34% for federal income tax purposes, of the amount of such tax loss carryforwards so utilized, and the amount of any credit carryforwards so utilized. The Company will distribute these amounts to Cypress in cash or in the Company's shares, at the Company's option. As of December 31, 2005, the Company had approximately \$36.5 million of federal net operating loss carryforwards and approximately \$4.8 million of California net operating loss carryforwards meaning that such potential future payments to Cypress, which would be made over a period of several years, would therefore aggregate approximately \$15.0 million.

Upon completion of its follow-on public offering of common stock in June 2006, the Company is no longer considered to be a member of Cypress' consolidated group for federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, the Company will be subject to the obligations payable to Cypress for any federal income tax credit or loss carryforwards utilized in its federal tax returns in subsequent periods, as explained in the preceding paragraph.

The Company will continue to be jointly and severally liable for any tax liability as governed under federal, state and local law during all periods in which it is deemed to be a member of the Cypress consolidated or combined group. Accordingly, although the tax sharing agreement allocates tax liabilities between Cypress and all its consolidated subsidiaries, for any period in which the Company is included in Cypress' consolidated group, the Company could be liable in the event that any federal tax liability was incurred, but not discharged, by any other member of the group.

Note 8. Foreign Currency Derivatives

The Company has non-U.S. subsidiaries that operate and sell the Company's products in various global markets, primarily in Europe. As a result, the Company is exposed to risks associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates. It is the Company's policy to use various hedge instruments to manage the exposures associated with purchases of foreign sourced equipment, net asset or liability positions of its subsidiaries and forecasted revenues and expenses. The Company does not enter into foreign currency derivative financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes.

As of September 30, 2006, the Company's hedge instruments consisted entirely of forward exchange contracts. The Company calculates the fair value of its forward contracts based on spot rates and interest differentials from published sources.

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, the Company accounts for its hedges of forecasted foreign currency revenues as cash flow hedges and hedges of firmly committed purchase contracts denominated in foreign currency as fair value hedges.

Cash Flow Hedges: Hedges of forecasted foreign currency denominated revenues are designated as cash flow hedges and changes in fair value of the effective portion of hedge contracts are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Amounts deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) are reclassified into the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations in the periods in which the hedged exposure impacts earnings. The effective portion of unrealized gains (losses) recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, were gains of \$1.3 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and a \$1.0 million loss and a \$2.8 million gain for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. As of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the Company had outstanding cash flow hedge forward contracts with an aggregate notional value of \$122.7 million and \$31.2 million, respectively. The maturity dates of the outstanding contracts ranged from January 2007 to October 2007.

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

Fair Value Hedges: On occasion, the Company commits to purchase equipment in foreign currency, predominantly Euros. When these purchases are hedged and qualify as firm commitments under SFAS No. 133, they are designated as fair value hedges and changes in the fair value of the firm commitment derivative contract are recognized in the Condensed

Table of Contents

Consolidated Statement of Operations. Under fair value hedge treatment, the changes in the firm commitment on a spot to spot basis are recorded in property and equipment, net, in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet and in other income (expense), net in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

Both cash flow hedges and fair value hedges are tested for effectiveness each period on a spot to spot basis using the dollar-offset method. Both the excluded time value and any ineffectiveness, which were not significant for all periods, are recorded in other income and (expense), net.

In addition, the Company began hedging the net balance sheet effect of Euro denominated assets and liabilities in 2005 primarily for Euro denominated receivables from customers, prepayments to suppliers and advances received from customers. The Company records its hedges of foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities at fair value with the related gains or losses recorded in other income. The gains or losses on these contracts are substantially offset by transaction gains or losses on the underlying balances being hedged. As of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the Company held forward contracts with an aggregate notional value of \$14.2 million and \$26.6 million to hedge the risks associated with Euro foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

Note 9. Stock-Based Compensation

Adoption of SFAS No. 123(R)

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment, (SFAS No. 123(R)) which requires the Company to measure the stock-based compensation costs of share-based compensation arrangements based on the grant-date fair value and recognize the costs in the financial statements over the employee requisite service period. As permitted by SFAS No. 123(R), the Company elected to use the modified prospective application transition method and has not restated its financial results for prior periods. Under this transition method, stock-based compensation expense for fiscal 2006 included compensation expense for all stock-based compensation awards granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provision of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (SFAS No. 123). Stock based compensation expense for all stock-based compensation awards granted after January 1, 2006 was based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R).

The following table summarizes the consolidated stock-based compensation expense, by type of awards:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006		September 30, 2006	
(In thousands)				
Employee stock options	\$	918	\$	3,090
Non-employee stock options				304
Restricted stock		260		403
Amounts capitalized in inventory		(21)		(91)
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$	1,157	\$	3,706

The following table summarizes the consolidated stock-based compensation expense by line items in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and the impact on net income per share:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006		September 30, 2006	
(In thousands, except per share data)				
Cost of revenue	\$	200	\$	628
Research and development		336		1,019
Sales, general and administrative		621		2,059

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

Total stock-based compensation expense		1,157		3,706
Tax effect on stock-based compensation expense				
Total stock-based compensation expense after income taxes	\$	1,157	\$	3,706
Effect on net income per share:				
Basic	\$	0.02	\$	0.06
Diluted	\$	0.02	\$	0.05

Table of Contents

As stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it has been reduced for estimated forfeitures in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R). SFAS No. 123(R) requires forfeitures to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

Net cash proceeds from option exercises were \$0.7 million and \$2.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$20,000 and \$37,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, respectively. No income tax benefit was realized from stock option exercises during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. In accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), the Company presents excess tax benefits from the exercise of stock options, if any, as financing cash flows rather than operating cash flows.

The following table summarizes the Company's unrecognized stock-based compensation balance by type of awards:

(In thousands)	September 30, 2006	Weighted-Average Period
Stock options	\$ 4,409	2.6 years
Restricted stock	3,047	3.7 years
Total unrecognized stock-based compensation balance	\$ 7,456	3.0 years

The Company recognizes its stock-based compensation costs on a straight-line recognition basis. Additionally, the Company issues new shares upon option exercises by employees.

Prior to the Adoption of SFAS No. 123(R)

Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123(R), the Company applied SFAS No. 123, as amended by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation—Transition and Disclosure, which allowed companies to apply the accounting rules under Accounting Principles Board No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees (APB No. 25), and related interpretations. The following table illustrates the effect on net loss after tax and net loss per share as if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 to stock-based compensation:

(In thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005
Net loss as reported	\$ (1,630)	\$ (15,203)
Add: Total stock-based employee compensation expense reported in net loss, net of related tax effects	326	510
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(1,300)	(3,487)
Pro forma net loss	\$ (2,604)	\$ (18,180)
Net loss per share:		
Basic and diluted as reported	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.93)
Basic and diluted pro forma	\$ (0.09)	\$ (1.12)

Valuation Assumptions

The Company estimates the fair value of its stock-based awards using the Black-Scholes valuation model (Black-Scholes model). The determination of fair value of share-based payment awards on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes model is affected by the stock price as well as assumptions regarding a number of highly complex and subjective variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, expected

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

stock price volatility over the term of the awards, and actual and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors.

Table of Contents

Assumptions used in the determination of fair value of share-based payment awards using the Black-Scholes model were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Expected term	6.5 years	4.0 years	6.5 years	4.0 years
Risk-free interest rate	4.60%	3.63%	4.92%	3.63%
Volatility	90%	74%	92%	74%
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0%	0%

For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005:

The Company estimated the expected term based on an assumed exercise of vested tranches at the earlier of one year after their vesting date or one year after an assumed public offering. Volatility was based on Cypress's volatility for all periods through the third quarter of fiscal 2005, and from the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005 onwards, on a publicly-traded U.S.-based direct competitor of the Company. The interest rate was based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. Since the Company does not pay and does not expect to pay dividends, the expected dividend yield is zero.

For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006:

For awards granted after the effective date of SFAS No. 123(R), the Company utilizes the simplified method under the provisions of Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107 (SAB No. 107) for estimating expected term, instead of its historical exercise data. The Company elected not to base the expected term on historical data because of the significant difference in its status before and after the effective date. The Company was a privately-held company until its IPO, and the only available liquidation event for option holders was Cypress's buyout of minority interests in November 2004. At all other times, optionees could not cash out on their vested options. During the Company's limited history as a publicly-traded company since its initial public offering, a majority of the optionees were unable to exercise vested options because of lock-up restrictions which expired on May 16, 2006.

Because of the limited history of its stock price returns, the Company does not believe that its historical volatility would be representative of the expected volatility for its equity awards. Accordingly, the Company has chosen to use the historical volatility rates for a publicly-traded U.S.-based direct competitor to calculate the volatility for its granted options.

The interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. Since the Company does not pay and does not expect to pay dividends, the expected dividend yield is zero.

Equity Incentive Programs

Stock Option Plans:

The Company has three stock option plans: the 1988 Incentive Stock Plan (1988 Plan), the 1996 Stock Plan (1996 Plan), and the 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (2005 Plan). Under the terms of the plans, the Company may issue incentive or nonstatutory stock options or stock purchase rights to employees and consultants to purchase common stock. The 2005 Plan was adopted by the Company's board of directors in August 2005, and was approved by shareholders in November 2005. The 2005 Plan replaced the 1988 Plan and 1996 Plan and allows not only for the grant of options, but also for the grant of stock appreciation rights, restricted stock grants, restricted stock units and other equity rights. In May 2006, the Company's stockholders approved an increase of 250,000 shares in the number of shares available for grant under the 2005 Plan. As of September 30, 2006, approximately 289,000 shares were available for grant under the 2005 Plan.

Incentive stock options may be granted at no less than the fair value of the common stock on the date of grant. Nonqualified stock options and stock purchase rights may be granted at no less than 85% of the fair value of the common stock at the date of grant. The options and rights become exercisable when and as determined by the Company's board of directors, although these terms are generally do not exceed ten years for stock options and six months for stock purchase rights. The options typically vest over five years with a one-year cliff and monthly vesting thereafter.

Table of Contents

The following table summarizes the Company's stock option activities:

	Shares	Weighted- Average Exercise Price Per Share
(In thousands, except per share data)		
Outstanding as of December 31, 2005	6,572	\$ 3.41
Granted	17	38.40
Exercised	(183)	2.22
Forfeited	(73)	3.04
Outstanding as of March 31, 2006	6,333	3.54
Granted	9	39.74
Exercised	(512)	2.69
Forfeited	(28)	6.71
Outstanding as of June 30, 2006	5,802	3.66
Granted		
Exercised	(320)	2.32
Forfeited	(1)	3.75
Outstanding as of September 30, 2006	5,481	3.73
Exercisable as of September 30, 2006	1,982	2.75

There were no options granted during the three months ended September 30, 2006. The weighted-average grant-date fair value was \$30.84, \$7.00 and \$4.06 per share for options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2006, for options granted during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, respectively. The total intrinsic value of options exercised was \$8.8 million and \$30.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, and \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million for options exercised during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. Total fair value of options vested was \$0.9 million and \$3.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$1.3 million and \$3.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, respectively.

Changes in the Company's non-vested stock options and stock are summarized as follows:

	Stock Options Weighted- Average Exercise Price		Restricted Stock Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair	
(In thousands, except per share data)	Shares	Per Share	Shares	Value Per Share
Non-vested as of December 31, 2005	4,789	\$ 3.82	15	\$ 30.04
Granted	17	38.40	11	39.75
Vested	(474)	2.90		
Forfeited	(73)	3.04		
Non-vested as of March 31, 2006	4,259	4.07	26	34.09

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

Granted	9	39.74	51	33.84
Vested	(349)	2.88		
Forfeited	(28)	6.71	(1)	44.07
Non-vested as of June 30, 2006	3,891	4.24	76	33.15
Granted			38	28.15
Vested	(392)	3.17	(7)	27.20
Forfeited			*	39.94
Non-vested as of September 30, 2006	3,499	4.29	107	32.19

* denotes less than 500 shares

Table of Contents

Information regarding stock options outstanding as of September 30, 2006 was as follows (aggregate intrinsic value and shares in thousands):

	Options Outstanding					Options Exercisable				
	Weighted-					Weighted-				
	Average	Weighted-				Average	Weighted-			
	Remaining	Average				Remaining	Average			
	Contractual	Exercise	Aggregate			Contractual	Exercise	Aggregate		
	Life	Price per	Intrinsic			Life	Price per	Intrinsic		
Range of Exercise Price	Shares	(in years)	Share	Value	Shares	(in years)	Share	Value		
\$ 0.30 0.66	932	6.41	\$ 0.51	\$ 25,374	539	6.19	\$ 0.52	\$ 14,669		
2.00 3.30	3,850	8.04	3.28	94,166	1,338	8.20	3.27	32,750		
4.30 9.50	506	8.81	7.10	10,443	101	8.81	7.21	2,074		
10.80 17.00	119	9.11	11.40	1,948	4	9.12	14.73	51		
29.02 38.40	74	9.30	32.47							
	5,481	7.87	3.73	\$ 131,931	1,982	7.69	2.75	\$ 49,544		

The aggregate intrinsic value in the preceding table represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value, based on the Company's closing stock price of \$27.74 at September 30, 2006, which would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options as of that date. The total number of in-the-money options exercisable was 2.0 million as of September 30, 2006.

As of September 30, 2006, stock options vested and expected to vest totaled approximately 5.3 million shares, with weighted-average remaining contractual life of 7.9 years and weighted-average exercise price of \$3.77 per share. The aggregate intrinsic value was approximately \$127.2 million.

Stock Unit Plan:

In September 2005, the Company adopted the 2005 Stock Unit Plan in which all of the Company's employees except its executive officers and directors are eligible to participate, although the Company currently intends to limit participation to its non-U.S. employees who are not senior managers. Under the 2005 Stock Unit Plan, the Company's board of directors awards participants the right to receive cash payments from the Company in an amount equal to the appreciation in the Company's common stock between the award date and the date the employee redeems the award. The right to redeem the award typically vests in the same manner as options vest under the 2005 Plan. In July 2006, the Board of Directors amended the terms of the plan to increase the maximum number of stock units that may be subject to stock unit awards granted under the 2005 Stock Unit Plan from 100,000 to 300,000 stock units. As of September 30, 2006, the Company has granted approximately 116,000 units to 1,150 employees in the Philippines at an average unit price of \$24.18. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, the Company recognized \$45,000 and \$0.3 million of compensation expense associated with the 2005 Stock Unit Plan.

Note 10. Income Taxes

The Company has a valuation allowance for its net deferred tax asset associated with its U.S. operations. Until such time as the Company utilizes its U.S. net operating loss carryforwards and unused tax credits, a provision for taxes on the Company's U.S. operations may be offset by a reduction in the valuation allowance. The provision for income taxes for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 primarily relates to taxes on the Company's non-U.S. operations (see Note 7 for a description of the Company's tax sharing agreement with Cypress).

The calculation of tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex global tax regulations. The Company regularly assesses its tax positions in light of legislative, bilateral tax treaty, regulatory and judicial developments in many countries in which the Company and its affiliates do business.

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

The Company files tax returns in each jurisdiction in which they are registered to do business. In the U.S. and many of the state jurisdictions, and in many foreign countries in which the Company files tax returns, a statute of limitations period exists. After a statute of limitations period expires, the respective tax authorities may no longer assess additional income tax for the expired period. Similarly, the Company is no longer eligible to file claims for refund for any tax that it may have overpaid.

Table of Contents**Note 11. Segment and Geographical Information**

The Company operates in one industry segment comprising the design, manufacture and sale of solar electric power products, or solar power products, imaging and infrared detectors based on its proprietary processes and technologies. The following tables present revenue and long-lived asset information based on geographic region. Revenue is based on the destination of the shipments. Long-lived assets, which consist of net property and equipment, are based on the physical location of the assets:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Revenue by geography				
United States	34%	36%	30%	30%
Europe	62%	56%	63%	61%
Asia	4%	4%	5%	4%
Others	%	4%	2%	5%
	100%	100%	100%	100%
Revenue by product				
Solar power products	94%	83%	94%	81%
Imaging and infrared detectors and other	6%	17%	6%	19%
	100%	100%	100%	100%
Significant customers				
Conergy AG	26%	39%	24%	45%
Solon AG	24%	14%	27%	15%
PowerLight Incorporated	19%	*	16%	*
General Electric Company **	*	13%	*	13%

* denotes less than 10% during the period

** includes its subcontracting partner, Plexus Corp.

(In thousands)	September 30,	December 31,
	2006	2005
Long-lived assets by geography		
United States	\$ 7,110	\$ 5,632
Philippines	154,511	104,627
China	1,834	300
	\$ 163,455	\$ 110,559

Note 12. Commitments and Contingencies**Product Warranties**

The Company warrants or guarantees the performance of its solar panels at certain levels of conversion efficiency for extended periods, often as long as 25 years. It also warrants or guarantees the functionality of solar cells and imaging detectors for at least one year. Therefore, the Company maintains warranty reserves to cover potential liability that could result from these guarantees. The Company's potential liability is generally in the form of product replacement. Warranty reserves are based on the Company's best estimate of such liabilities and are recognized

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

as a cost of revenue. The Company continuously monitors product returns for warranty failures and maintains a reserve for the related warranty expenses based on historical experience of similar products as well as various other assumptions that are considered reasonable under the circumstances. In the second quarter of 2006, the Company increased its estimated warranty provision rate which increased its warranty reserve based on results of recent testing that simulates adverse environmental conditions and potential failure rates the Company's solar panels could experience during their 25-year warranty period.

Table of Contents

The following summarized activity within accrued warranty:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Balance at beginning of the period	\$ 1,988	\$ 310	\$ 574	\$
Accruals for warranties issued during the period	750	110	2,327	420
Release of previously accrued warranties		(17)	(163)	(17)
Balance at the end of the period	\$ 2,738	\$ 403	\$ 2,738	\$ 403

Indemnifications

The Company is a party to a variety of agreements pursuant to which it may be obligated to indemnify the other party with respect to certain matters. Typically, these obligations arise in connection with contracts and license agreements or the sale of assets, under which the Company customarily agrees to hold the other party harmless against losses arising from a breach of warranties, representations and covenants related to such matters as title to assets sold, negligent acts, damage to property, validity of certain intellectual property rights, non-infringement of third-party rights, and certain tax related matters. In each of these circumstances, payment by the Company is typically subject to the other party making a claim to the Company pursuant to the procedures specified in the particular contract. These procedures usually allow the Company to challenge the other party's claims or, in case of breach of intellectual property representations or covenants, to control the defense or settlement of any third-party claims brought against the other party. Further, the Company's obligations under these agreements may be limited in terms of activity (typically to replace or correct the products or terminate the agreement with a refund to the other party), duration and/or amounts. In some instances, the Company may have recourse against third parties and/or insurance covering certain payments made by the Company.

Purchase Commitments

The Company has agreements with several suppliers of polysilicon, ingots and wafers. These agreements specify future quantities and pricing of products to be supplied by the vendors for periods up to 12 years and there are certain consequences, such as forfeiture of advanced deposits and penalty payments relating to previous purchases, in the event that the Company terminates the arrangements. At September 30, 2006, total obligations related to such supplier agreements was \$450.3 million and the Company's non-cancelable purchase orders related to equipment and building improvements totaled approximately \$59.7 million.

Joint Venture

On September 29, 2006, the Company entered into an agreement with Woongjin Coway Co., Ltd. (Woongjin), a provider of environmental products located in Korea, in which the Company and Woongjin have each committed to invest approximately \$5.0 million in a joint venture to manufacture mono-crystalline silicon ingots. This joint venture will operate in Korea, with polysilicon to be supplied primarily from DC Chemical. The Company expects to purchase approximately \$250 million of silicon ingot from the joint venture through a five-year supply agreement, which the Company expects to execute upon formation of the joint venture. The jointly owned company is expected to begin manufacturing in the second half of fiscal 2007 and the Company intends to sell polysilicon to the joint venture and also procure silicon ingot from the joint venture.

Note 13. Line of Credit

In December 2005, the Company entered into a \$25.0 million three-year revolving credit facility (the Facility) with affiliates of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Lehman Brothers, Inc. The Facility is collateralized by substantially all of our assets, including the stock of our foreign subsidiaries. Borrowings under the Facility are conditioned upon customary conditions as well as (1) with respect to the first \$10.0 million drawn on the facility, maintenance of cash collateral to the extent of outstanding borrowings (excluding amounts borrowed), and (2) with respect to the remaining \$15.0 million of the Facility, satisfaction of a coverage test which is based on the ratio of our cash flow to capital expenditures. The Facility contains customary covenants and defaults including limitations on dividends, incurrence of indebtedness and liens, and mergers and acquisitions. The Facility bears interest at a rate of the greater of the prime rate or federal funds rate for U.S. dollar draws, or the LIBOR plus 1% for Euro dollar draws on the first \$10.0 million of borrowings and the greater of the prime rate plus 2% or federal funds rate plus 2% for U.S. dollar draws, or LIBOR plus 3% for Euro dollar draws on any borrowings over \$10.0 million. The interest rate for Euro dollar

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

borrowings would have been 6.3% on the first \$10.0 million of borrowings and 8.3% on any borrowings over \$10.0 million at September 30, 2006. The interest rate U.S. dollar borrowings would have been 8.3% on the first \$10.0 million of borrowings and 10.3% on any borrowings over \$10.0 million at September 30, 2006. To date there have been no borrowings under the Facility.

Note 14. Subsequent Events

In October 2006, the Company signed a supply agreement with an ingot manufacturer which calls for the Company to purchase approximately \$23.1 million of ingots in 2007. Also in October 2006, in accordance with the terms under existing polysilicon supply agreements, the Company made advance payments to three suppliers of \$30.0 million, \$3.6 million and 11.2 million Euros (approximately \$14.2 million), which will be applied to its future polysilicon purchases under the respective agreements.

Table of Contents

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of SunPower Corporation and its subsidiaries (SunPower or the Company, Us, We or Our) contains forward-looking statements. All statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including those made by the management of SunPower, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made pursuant to safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Examples of forward-looking statements include statements regarding SunPower's ability to obtain polysilicon ingots or wafers, future financial results, operating results, business strategies, projected costs, products, competitive positions, management's plans and objectives for future operations, and industry trends. These forward-looking statements are based on management's estimates, projections and assumptions as of the date hereof and include the assumptions that underlie such statements. Forward-looking statements may contain words such as may, will, should, could, would, expect, plan, anticipate, believe, estimate, predict, potential, and continue, the negative of these terms, or other comparable terminology. Any expectations based on these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and other important factors, including those discussed below and in the section titled PART II OTHER INFORMATION, ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS. Other risks and uncertainties are disclosed in SunPower's prior Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings, including its 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K and current filings on Form 8-K. These and many other factors could affect SunPower's future financial condition and operating results and could cause actual results to differ materially from expectations based on forward-looking statements made in this document or elsewhere by SunPower or on its behalf. SunPower undertakes no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements.

The following information should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Our fiscal quarters end on the Sunday closest to the end of the applicable calendar quarter. For presentation purposes only, the consolidated financial statements and notes refer to the calendar year-end and month-end of each respective period. All references to fiscal periods apply to SunPower's fiscal quarters or year which ends on the Sunday closest to the calendar month end.

Overview

We design, develop, manufacture, market and sell solar electric power products, systems and services. Our products are based on our proprietary processes and technologies. We have spent more than 15 years developing high performance solar cells, which are semiconductor devices that directly convert sunlight into electricity. We believe our solar cells have the highest conversion efficiency, a measurement of the amount of sunlight converted by the solar cell into electricity, available for the mass market. We also believe our solar cells provide the following benefits compared with conventional solar cells:

Superior performance, including the ability to generate up to 50% more power per unit area;

Superior aesthetics, with our uniformly black surface design which eliminates highly visible reflective grid lines and metal interconnect ribbons; and

Efficient use of silicon, a key raw material used in the manufacture of solar cells.

We offer solar power products, including solar cells, solar panels and inverters, which convert sunlight to electricity compatible with the utility network. Our initial solar sales efforts have been focused on residential and commercial applications where the high performance and superior aesthetics of our solar power products provide compelling customer benefits. We are also selling products for multi-megawatt solar power plant applications that mount our products on moving structures that track the sun. We sell our products in many countries, principally in regions where government incentives have accelerated solar power adoption.

We produce our solar cells at our manufacturing facility in the Philippines. Our solar panels are assembled for us by a third-party subcontractor in China. We currently operate three 25 megawatts per year solar cell production lines in the Philippines and we plan to commence commercial production in our fourth solar cell line during the fourth quarter of 2006, which is expected to increase the total rated production capacity to over 108 megawatts per year by the end of 2006. We currently sell our solar power products to system integrators and original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs.

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

In addition, we offer imaging detectors based on our solar power technology primarily for medical imaging applications. Our imaging detectors are manufactured for us by Cypress Semiconductor Corporation (Cypress) and are processed and tested in our San Jose, California facility. We sell our imaging detectors to OEMs. We also offer infrared detectors based on our high performance all back contact technology primarily for use in computing and mobile phone applications.

Table of Contents**Relationship with Cypress Semiconductor Corporation (Cypress)**

Cypress made a significant investment in us in 2002. On November 9, 2004, Cypress completed a reverse triangular merger with us in which all of the outstanding minority equity interest of SunPower was retired, effectively giving Cypress 100% ownership of all of our then outstanding shares of capital stock but leaving our unexercised warrants and options outstanding. After completion of our initial public offering in November 2005 and follow-on stock offering in June 2006 Cypress holds, in the aggregate, 52,033,287 shares of class B common stock, representing approximately 75% of our total outstanding shares of common stock or approximately 70% on a fully diluted basis after taking into account outstanding stock options. Because the class B common stock held by Cypress has eight votes per share compared to one vote per share for our class A common stock, Cypress holds approximately 96% of the voting power of our total outstanding capital stock.

Critical Accounting Policies

The Company's critical accounting policies are disclosed in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and have not changed materially as of September 30, 2006, with the exception of the following:

Stock-based Compensation: Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), using the modified prospective application transition method, and therefore have not restated prior periods' results. Under the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), we recognize stock-based compensation net of an estimated forfeiture rate and only recognize compensation cost for those shares expected to vest over the requisite service period of the award. Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), we accounted for share-based payments under APB No. 25 and, accordingly, generally recognized compensation expense only when we granted options with a discounted exercise price.

Determining the appropriate fair value model and calculating the fair value of share-based payment awards require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected life of the share-based payment awards and stock price volatility. The assumptions used in calculating the fair value of share-based payment awards represent management's best estimates, but these estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management judgment. As a result, if factors change and we use different assumptions, our stock-based compensation expense could be materially different in the future. In addition, we are required to estimate the expected forfeiture rate and only recognize expense for those shares expected to vest. If our actual forfeiture rate is materially different from our estimate, the stock-based compensation expense could be significantly different from what we have recorded in the current period. See Note 9 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a further discussion on stock-based compensation.

Short-Term Investments: We began investing in auction rate securities which are classified as short-term investments and carried at their market values. At September 30, 2006, we had \$16.9 million invested in auction rate securities, which are bought and sold in the marketplace through a bidding process sometimes referred to as a Dutch Auction. After the initial issuance of the securities, the interest rate on the securities resets periodically, at intervals set at the time of issuance (e.g., every seven, twenty-eight, or thirty-five days; every six months; etc.), based on the market demand at the reset period. The stated or contractual maturities for these securities, however, generally are 20 to 30 years. In addition, at September 30, 2006, we had \$3.0 million invested in commercial paper with maturities greater than ninety days. Despite the long-term maturities, we have the ability and intent, if necessary, to liquidate any of these investments in order to meet our liability needs within our normal operating cycles.

Results of Operations for Three-month and Nine-month Periods Ended September 30, 2006 and 2005

The following table sets forth the percentage relationship of certain items to the Company's revenue during the periods shown:

Revenue

Revenue and the year-over-year change were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Year-over - Year	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year-over - Year
	2006	2005	Change	2006	2005	Change
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>						

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

Revenue	\$ 65,348	\$ 21,903	198%	\$ 162,001	\$ 49,395	228%
---------	-----------	-----------	------	------------	-----------	------

We generate product revenue from sales of our solar cells, solar panels, inverters, imaging detectors and infrared detectors. Solar power products accounted for 94% of our revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared with 81% for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Imaging products and other revenue accounted for 6% of our revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared with 19% for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. International sales accounted for approximately 70% of our total revenue for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 and we expect international sales to remain a significant portion of overall sales for the foreseeable future.

Table of Contents

During the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006, our revenues were \$65.3 million and \$162.0 million, respectively, which represent increases of 198% and 228% from revenues reported in the comparable periods of 2005. The marked revenue increases during both the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006 compared to the same periods of 2005 resulted from continued increases in unit production and unit shipments of both solar cells and solar panels as we have continued to expand our solar manufacturing capacity. During the first nine months of 2005, we had one solar cell manufacturing line in operation with an approximate annual production capacity of 25 megawatts. Since then, we added a second 25 megawatt line during the fourth quarter of 2005 and a third production line capable of producing approximately 25 megawatts per year began operations during the first quarter of 2006. Our fourth solar cell manufacturing line has a rated production capacity of 33 megawatts and is expected to commence commercial production in the fourth quarter of 2006.

From 2005 through the third quarter of 2006, we have experienced a modest increase in average selling prices for our solar products primarily due to the strength of end-market demand. However, we expect average selling prices for our solar power products to decline over time as the market becomes more competitive, as new products are introduced and as manufacturers are able to lower their manufacturing costs and pass on some of the savings to their customers, similar to our experience historically in our imaging products.

We have four customers that each accounted for more than 10 percent of our total revenue in one or more of the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, as follows:

<i>(percentage of revenue)</i>	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Conergy AG	26%	39%	24%	45%
Solon AG	24%	14%	27%	15%
PowerLight Incorporated	19%	*	16%	*
General Electric Company**	*	13%	*	13%

* denotes less than 10% during the period

** includes its subcontracting partner, Plexus Corp.

Cost of Revenue

Cost of revenue as a percentage of revenue and the year-over-year change were as follows:

<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	Three Months Ended		Year-over -	Nine Months Ended		Year-over -
	September 30,			September 30,		
	2006	2005	Change	2006	2005	Change
Cost of revenue	\$ 50,164	\$ 18,953	165%	\$ 129,678	\$ 49,631	161%
As a percentage of revenue	77%	87%		80%	100%	
Gross margin percentage	23%	13%		20%	%	

During the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006, our cost of revenue was \$50.2 million and \$129.7 million, respectively, which represent increases of 165% and 161%, respectively, from cost of revenue reported in the comparable periods of 2005. Cost of revenue was markedly higher in both the three-month and nine-month periods of 2006 compared to the same periods in 2005 primarily as a result of increased costs in all spending categories relating to operating more production lines and producing substantially higher unit volumes of solar products. As a percentage of sales, our cost of revenues has continued to decline due to economies of scale, improved yields and declining fixed costs per unit associated with markedly higher production volume in 2006 compared to 2005, although materials costs have continued to increase. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 we increased our estimated warranty reserve provision rates based on results of our recent testing that simulates adverse environmental conditions and potential failure rates our solar panels could experience during their 25-year warranty period. Warranty charges were \$0.8 million and \$2.3 million during the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006, respectively, compared to \$0.1 million and \$0.4 million for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005, respectively.

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

During the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006, our gross margins were 23% and 20%, respectively, which compares to 13% and zero percent, respectively, reported in the comparable periods of 2005. The improvement in gross margin during 2006 is reflective of improved manufacturing economies of scale associated with markedly higher production volume and improved yields, offset partially by higher warranty and material costs, particularly costs of silicon ingots and wafers.

Table of Contents

Our cost of revenue consists primarily of silicon ingots and wafers for the production of solar cells, along with other materials such as chemicals and gases that are needed to transform silicon wafers into solar cells. Other factors contributing to cost of revenue include amortization of intangible assets, depreciation of property and equipment, salaries, personnel-related costs, facilities expenses and manufacturing supplies associated with solar cell fabrication. Our solar panel-related cost of revenue includes raw materials such as solar cells, glass, aluminum frames, backing and other materials, as well as the assembly costs we pay to our third-party subcontractor in China. In addition, cost of revenues includes provisions for warranty and freight costs. For our imaging products, our cost of revenue includes the cost of silicon wafers, which is charged to us by our manufacturing contractor, Cypress, and our packaging and test costs. We expect cost of revenue to increase in absolute dollars as we bring on additional capacity and increase our product volume. Starting in the fourth quarter of 2005 and continuing throughout 2006, we have experienced marked increases in our cost of polysilicon, which is the primary raw material used in the manufacture of our solar products. The increased cost of polysilicon has contributed to higher cost of revenue although we have partially mitigated the impact of the higher material prices by utilizing thinner polysilicon wafers starting in the first quarter of 2006 and by raising prices on certain products. Our ability to sustain or continue such price increases in the future is dependent on market conditions and cannot be assured. We expect that the average price we pay for polysilicon will continue to increase in the fourth quarter of 2006.

On November 9, 2004, Cypress completed a reverse triangular merger with us which effectively gave Cypress 100% ownership of all of our then outstanding shares of capital stock but left our unexercised warrants and options outstanding. As a result of that transaction, we were required to record Cypress' cost of acquiring us in our financial statements, including its equity investment and pro rata share of our losses by recording intangible assets, including purchased technology, patents, trademarks and distribution agreement. The fair value for these intangible assets is being amortized as a component of cost of revenue over two to six years on a straight-line basis. Amortization of these intangible assets was approximately \$1.2 million in each quarter of 2005 and in each of the first three quarters of 2006.

Our gross profit each quarter is affected by a number of factors, including average selling prices for our products, our product mix, the cost of our raw materials (particularly polysilicon), our actual manufacturing costs, the utilization rate of our wafer fabrication facilities and changes in depreciation and amortization of our long-lived assets. We expect our cost of revenue to fluctuate as a percentage of revenue depending on these factors. Due to strong end-market demand for solar power products we have increased unit production output during each quarter of 2006, which allowed us to spread a significant amount of our fixed manufacturing costs over more production volume, thereby reducing our per unit fixed cost. In the first quarter of 2006, we commenced manufacturing in our third production line which has an annual capacity of 25 megawatts. Our fourth solar cell manufacturing line has a rated production capacity of 33 megawatts and is expected to commence commercial production in the fourth quarter of 2006. As we build additional manufacturing lines or facilities, our fixed costs will increase, and the overall utilization rate of our wafer fabrication facilities could decline, which could negatively impact our gross margin. Such declines in gross margin may continue until our facility's manufacturing output sustains production at rated practical capacity.

From time to time, we enter into agreements whereby the selling price for certain of our solar power products is fixed over a defined period. We also have fixed price agreements for raw materials purchases. An increase in our manufacturing costs, including polysilicon, silicon ingots and wafers, over such a defined period could have a negative impact on our overall gross profit. Our gross profit may also be impacted by certain adjustments for inventory reserves. We expect our gross profit to be impacted positively over time as we improve our manufacturing process and as we grow our business and leverage certain of our fixed costs. Any such positive effect could, however, be partially or completely offset by increased raw material costs or decreased revenue.

Research and Development Expense

	Three Months Ended		Year-over -	Nine Months Ended		Year-over -
	September 30,		Year	September 30,		Year
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2006	2005	Change	2006	2005	Change
Research & development expense	\$ 2,536	\$ 1,481	71%	\$ 7,120	\$ 4,508	58%
As a percentage of revenue	4%	7%		4%	9%	

During the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006, our research and development expenses were \$2.5 million and \$7.1 million, respectively, which represent increases of 71% and 58%, respectively, from research and

Table of Contents

development expenses reported in the comparable periods of 2005. However, research and development expense decreased as a percentage of revenues as a result of the rapid increase in our revenue. The increase in research and development spending during both the three and six-month periods of 2006 compared to the same periods of 2005 resulted primarily from increases in: (i) salaries and benefits costs as a result of increased headcount; (ii) stock-based compensation expense resulting from the Company's adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) in 2006; and (iii) additional material and equipment costs incurred for the development of our next generation of more efficient solar cells and thinner polysilicon wafers for solar cell manufacturing, as well as development of new processes to automate solar panel assembly operations. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in consulting service fees as well as by cost reimbursements received from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to fund a portion of the design of our next generation solar panels. Additionally, during the nine months ended September 30, 2005, we recognized a \$0.5 million impairment charge related to certain equipment when the Company decommissioned its pilot wafer lab located in Cypress Round Rock, Texas facility.

Research and development expense consists primarily of salaries and related personnel costs, depreciation and the cost of solar cells and solar panel materials and services used for the development of products, including experiment and testing. During 2005 we entered into a three-year cost-sharing research and development project with NREL to fund the design of our next generation solar panels. Payments received under this contract help offset our research and development expense. This contract is expected to fund approximately \$1.0 million per year of our research and development expense through May 2008. Billings to NREL were approximately \$0.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to approximately \$0.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

We expect our research and development expense to increase in absolute dollars as we continue to develop new processes to further improve the conversion efficiency of our solar cells and reduce their manufacturing cost, and as we develop new products to diversify our product offerings.

Sales, General and Administrative

	Three Months Ended		Year-over -	Nine Months Ended		Year-over -
	September 30,		Year	September 30,		Year
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2006	2005	Change	2006	2005	Change
Sales, general & administrative	\$ 6,206	\$ 2,877	116%	\$ 15,572	\$ 6,880	126%
As a percentage of revenue	9%	13%		10%	14%	

During the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006, our sales, general and administrative expenses were \$6.2 million and \$15.6 million, respectively, which represent increases of 116% and 126%, respectively, from sales, general and administrative expenses reported in the comparable periods of 2005. The increases in our sales, general and administrative expenses in both the three and nine-month periods of 2006 compared to the same periods of 2005 are a result of higher spending to support the growth of our business, particularly increased headcount and payroll costs in all areas of sales, marketing, finance and information technology. In addition, the 2006 periods include stock-based compensation expense resulting from the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R). Accounting and legal fees have increased substantially in 2006 mainly due to compliance-related costs of having publicly traded common stock since November 2005. Also in 2006 our sales, general and administrative expenses include increased legal costs incurred in relation to developing contracts and agreements. During 2006 we have also continued to increase headcount and sales and marketing spending to expand our SunPower North America sales channel initiative. As a percentage of revenue, sales, general and administrative expenses decreased from 14% in the first nine months of 2005 to 10% in the first nine months of 2006 because these expenses increased at a substantially lower rate than the rate of growth in our revenues.

Interest and Other Income (Expense), Net

	Three Months Ended		Year-over -	Nine Months Ended		Year-over -
	September 30,		Year	September 30,		Year
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2006	2005	Change	2006	2005	Change
Interest income (expense), net	\$ 3,440	\$ (197)	1846%	\$ 5,843	\$ (3,381)	273%
As a percentage of revenue	5%	(1)%		4%	(7)%	
Other income (expense), net	\$ 518	\$ (25)	2172%	\$ 1,008	\$ (198)	609%

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

As a percentage of revenue

1%

%

1%

%

26

Table of Contents

During the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006, our net interest income represents primarily interest income earned on our cash equivalents during the period, offset partially by interest expense paid on a customer advance payment. During the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2005, net interest expense represents primarily interest expense on borrowings and from warrants held by Cypress. Other income and expense for all periods primarily represents gains and losses from foreign currency transactions.

Income Taxes

	Three Months Ended		Year-over -	Nine Months Ended		Year-over -
	September 30,		Year	September 30,		Year
<i>(dollars in thousands)</i>	2006	2005	Change	2006	2005	Change
Income tax provision	\$ 832	\$	100%	\$ 1,275	\$	100%
As a percentage of revenue	1%			1%		

In the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006, our income tax expense was provided primarily for foreign income taxes in jurisdictions where our operations are profitable for tax purposes. The Company's interim period tax provisions are estimated based on the expected annual worldwide tax rate. As described in Note 7, we will pay federal and state income taxes in accordance with the tax sharing agreement with Cypress. Since the completion of our follow-on public offering of common stock in June 2006, we are no longer considered to be a member of Cypress consolidated group for federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, we will be required to pay Cypress for any federal income tax credit or net operating loss carryforwards utilized in our federal tax returns in subsequent periods.

For financial reporting purposes, income tax expense and deferred income tax balances were calculated as if we were a separate entity and had prepared our own separate tax return. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for temporary differences between financial statement and income tax bases of assets and liabilities. Valuation allowances are provided against deferred tax assets when management cannot conclude that it is more likely than not that all or a portion of our deferred tax assets will be realized. As of December 31, 2005, we had federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$36.5 million. These federal net operating loss carryforwards expire at various dates from 2011 through 2025, if not utilized. We had California state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$4.8 million as of December 31, 2005.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

A summary of the sources and uses of cash and cash equivalents is as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 4,615	\$ 17,856
Net cash used in investing activities	(94,424)	(47,971)
Net cash provided by financing activities	199,952	46,661
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,143	\$ 16,546

From 2002 until the closing of our initial public offering of 8.8 million shares of class A common stock on November 22, 2005, we financed our operations primarily through sale of equity to and borrowings from Cypress totaling approximately \$142.8 million. We received net proceeds from our IPO of approximately \$145.6 million and in a follow-on offering of 7.0 million shares of common stock in June 2006 we received net proceeds of approximately \$197.4 million. As of September 30, 2006, we had approximately \$253.7 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$19.9 million of short-term investments.

Net cash provided by operating activities of \$4.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily the result of net income of \$15.2 million, plus non-cash items included in net income, including depreciation of \$11.6 million related to property and equipment, amortization of intangibles of \$3.5 million and stock-based compensation expense of \$3.7 million, which was the effect of the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) during the period. Also contributing to cash provided by operating activities were an increase in total accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$24.7 million resulting from the timing of payment of inventory and capital purchases, as well as advances from customers of \$3.1

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

million. These items were partially offset by advance payments to suppliers of polysilicon totaling \$19.4 million as well as increases in: prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$3.1 million; accounts receivable of \$21.6 million; inventories of \$12.8 million. The significant increases in all of our current assets and current liabilities resulted from our substantial revenue increases in the first nine months of 2006.

Table of Contents

Net cash generated from operating activities was \$17.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Our net loss during that period was \$15.2 million, which was primarily offset by a customer advance of \$32.4 million to fund future expansion of our manufacturing facility. In April 2005, we entered into an agreement with one of our customers to supply solar cells. As part of this agreement, the customer agreed to fund future expansion of our manufacturing facility to support this customer's solar cell product demand.

Net cash used in investing activities of \$94.4 million and \$48.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, primarily relate to capital expenditures of \$64.6 million and \$48.1 million incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Capital expenditures in both periods were mainly associated with manufacturing capacity expansion in the Philippines. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, we used \$19.9 million of net cash for the purchase of auction rate securities and commercial paper which are classified as short-term investments on our balance sheet. Also during the nine months ended September 30, 2006, we loaned \$10.0 million to a third-party company pursuant to a one-year interest-bearing note receivable that is convertible into equity at our option. Although the timing of our capital expansion plans may shift depending on many factors, we currently expect capital expenditures of approximately \$100.0 million in 2006 as we continue to increase our manufacturing capacity.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 reflects \$197.4 million of net proceeds from our follow-on offering of 7.0 million shares of common stock in June 2006 as well as \$2.5 million proceeds from the exercise of stock options. Cash provided by financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 primarily represents proceeds from the issuance of debt and equity securities to Cypress, net of repayments.

In December 2005, we entered into a \$25.0 million three-year revolving credit facility (the Facility) with affiliates of Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC and Lehman Brothers, Inc. The Facility is collateralized by substantially all of our assets, including the stock of our foreign subsidiaries. Borrowings under the Facility are conditioned upon customary conditions as well as: (1) with respect to the first \$10.0 million drawn on the facility, maintenance of cash collateral to the extent of outstanding borrowings (excluding amounts borrowed); and (2) with respect to the remaining \$15.0 million of the Facility, satisfaction of a coverage test which is based on the ratio of our cash flow to capital expenditures. The Facility contains customary covenants and defaults including limitations on dividends, incurrence of indebtedness and liens, and mergers and acquisitions. The Facility bears interest at a rate of the greater of the prime rate or federal funds rate for U.S. dollar draws, or the LIBOR plus 1% for Euro dollar draws on the first \$10.0 million of borrowings and the greater of the prime rate plus 2% or federal funds rate plus 2% for U.S. dollar draws, or LIBOR plus 3% for Euro dollar draws on any borrowings over \$10.0 million. The interest rate for Euro dollar borrowings would have been 6.3% on the first \$10.0 million of borrowings and 8.3% on any borrowings over \$10.0 million at September 30, 2006. The interest rate for U.S. dollar borrowings would have been 8.3% on the first \$10.0 million of borrowings and 10.3% on any borrowings over \$10.0 million at September 30, 2006. To date there have been no borrowings under the Facility.

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents and funds available from the Facility will be sufficient to meet our working capital and capital expenditure commitments for at least the next 12 months. However, if our financial results or operating plans change from our current assumptions, we may not have sufficient resources to support our business plan. If our capital resources are insufficient to satisfy our liquidity requirements, we may seek to sell additional equity securities or debt securities or obtain other debt financing. The sale of additional equity securities or convertible debt securities would result in additional dilution to our stockholders. Additional debt would result in increased expenses and would require us to abide by covenants under the Facility or other debt agreements that would restrict our operations. Financing arrangements may not be available to us, or may not be available in amounts or on terms acceptable to us.

The following summarizes our contractual obligations at September 30, 2006:

(In thousands)	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	3 months	2007 - 2008	2009 - 2010	Beyond 2010
Obligation to Cypress	\$ 3,904	\$ 3,904	\$	\$	\$
Customer advances	40,497	3,431	21,072	15,994	
Interest on customer advances	4,243	472	2,806	965	
Lease commitments	10,295	425	3,329	3,418	3,123
Non-cancelable purchase orders	59,653	27,268	32,385		
Purchase commitments under agreements	450,318	6,150	85,900	172,663	185,605

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

Total	\$ 568,910	\$ 41,650	\$ 145,492	\$ 193,040	\$ 188,728
-------	------------	-----------	------------	------------	------------

Table of Contents

Purchase commitments under agreements relate to arrangements entered into with suppliers of polysilicon, ingots and wafers. These agreements specify future quantities and pricing of products to be supplied by the vendors for periods up to 12 years and there are certain consequences, such as forfeiture of advanced deposits and penalty payments relating to previous purchases, in the event that we terminate the arrangements.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, and Related Implementation Issues (FIN 48). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a Company s financial statements in accordance with FASB 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN 48 is effective as of the beginning of fiscal years that begin after December 15, 2006. We are currently evaluating the effects of implementing this new standard.

In July 2006, the FASB issued EITF Issue No. 06-3, How Taxes Collected from Customers Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should be Presented in the Income Statement (that is, Gross versus Net Presentation). The adoption of EITF No. 06-3 did not have an impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements. Our accounting policy is to present the above mentioned taxes on a net basis, excluded from revenues.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS No. 157). SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value instruments. This statement does not require any new fair value measurements; rather, it applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. The provisions of this statement are to be applied prospectively as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which this statement is initially applied, with any transition adjustment recognized as a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. The provisions of SFAS No. 157 are effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 1007; therefore, we anticipate adopting this standard as of January 1, 2008. We have not determined the effect, if any, the adoption of this statement will have on it consolidated financial statements.

In September 2006, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 108, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements, to eliminate the diversity of practice surrounding how public companies quantify financial statement misstatements. Traditionally, there have been two widely-recognized methods for quantifying the effects of financial statement misstatements: the roll-over method and the iron curtain method. The roll-over method focuses primarily on the impact of a misstatement on the income statement, including the reversing effect of prior misstatements, but its use can lead to the accumulation of misstatements in the balance sheet. The iron-curtain method focuses primarily on the effect of correcting the period-end balance sheet with less emphasis on the reversing effects of prior year errors on the income statement. In SAB No. 108, the SEC Staff established an approach that requires quantification of financial statement misstatements based on the effects of the misstatements on each financial statement and the related financial statement disclosures. This model is commonly referred to as a dual approach because it requires quantification of errors under both the iron curtain and the roll-over methods. We are required to adopt SAB No. 108 in the fourth quarter of 2006 but do not expect that the adoption will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

Our exposure to market risks for changes in interest rates relates primarily to our cash equivalents and short-term investment portfolio. As of September 30, 2006, our cash equivalents consisted of money market funds and short-term investments represented high quality auction rate securities. Due to the short-term nature of our investment portfolio, we do not believe that an immediate 10% increase in interest rates would have a material effect on the fair market value of our portfolio. Since we believe we have the ability to liquidate this portfolio, we do not expect our operating results or cash flows to be materially affected to any significant degree by a sudden change in market interest rates on our investment portfolio.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

Our exposure to adverse movements in foreign currency exchange rates is primarily related to sales to European customers that are denominated in Euros and procurement of certain capital equipment in Euros. During each of the nine

Table of Contents

months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, approximately 70% of our total revenue was generated outside the United States. A hypothetical change of 10% in foreign currency exchange rates could impact our consolidated financial statements or results of operations by \$13.7 million based on our outstanding forward contracts of 108.1 million Euros as of September 30, 2006. We currently conduct hedging activities, which involve the use of currency forward contracts. We cannot predict the impact of future exchange rate fluctuations on our business and operating results. In the past, we have experienced an adverse impact on our revenue and profitability as a result of foreign currency fluctuations. We believe that we may have increased risk associated with currency fluctuations in the future.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the disclosure controls and procedures are met. Our disclosure controls are designed to meet, and management believes they met, reasonable assurance standards. Additionally, in designing disclosure controls and procedures, our management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible disclosure controls and procedures. The design of any disclosure controls and procedures also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions.

Based on their evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, subject to the limitations noted above, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that material information relating to us, including our consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to them by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q was being prepared.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) identified in connection with the evaluation described above that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1A. Risk Factors

We are operating in a market environment that involves significant risks, many of which are beyond our control. The following risk factors may adversely impact our results of operations, cash flows and the market price of our stock. Although we believe that we have identified and discussed below the key risk factors affecting our business, there may be additional risks and uncertainties that are not presently known or that are not currently believed to be significant that may adversely affect our performance or financial condition.

Risks Related to Our Business

We are currently experiencing an industry-wide shortage of polysilicon. The prices that we pay for polysilicon have increased recently and we expect prices to remain at or above current levels for the foreseeable future, which may constrain our revenue growth and decrease our gross margins and profitability.

Polysilicon is an essential raw material in our production of photovoltaic, or solar, cells. Polysilicon is created by refining quartz or sand. Polysilicon is melted and grown into crystalline ingots by companies specializing in ingot growth. We procure silicon ingots from these suppliers on a contractual basis and then slice these ingots into wafers. We also purchase wafers and polysilicon from third-party vendors. The ingots are sliced and the wafers are processed into solar cells in our Philippines manufacturing facility.

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

There is currently an industry-wide shortage of polysilicon, which has resulted in significant price increases. Based on our experience, we believe that the average price of polysilicon has continued to increase. Increases in polysilicon prices have in the past increased our manufacturing costs and may impact our manufacturing costs and net income in the future. As

Table of Contents

demand for solar cells has increased, many of our principal competitors have announced plans to add additional manufacturing capacity. As this manufacturing capacity becomes operational, it will increase the demand for polysilicon and further exacerbate the current shortage. Polysilicon is also used in the semiconductor industry generally and any increase in demand from that sector will compound the shortage. The production of polysilicon is capital intensive and adding additional capacity requires significant lead time. While we are aware that several new facilities for the manufacture of polysilicon are under construction, we do not believe that the supply imbalance will be remedied in the near term. We expect that polysilicon demand will continue to outstrip supply throughout 2007 and potentially for a longer period.

Although we have contracted with vendors for what we believe will be an adequate supply of silicon ingots through 2007, our estimates regarding our supply needs may not be correct and our purchase orders and contracts may be cancelled by our suppliers. The volume and pricing associated with these purchase orders and contracts may be changed by our suppliers based on market conditions. Our purchase orders are generally non-binding in nature. If our suppliers were to cancel our purchase orders or change the volume or pricing associated with these purchase orders and/or contracts, we may be unable to meet customer demand for our products, which could cause us to lose customers, market share and revenue. This would have a material negative impact on our business and operating results. If our manufacturing yields decrease significantly, we add manufacturing capacity faster than currently planned or our suppliers cancel or fail to deliver, we may not have made adequate provision for our polysilicon needs for the balance of the year. In addition, we currently purchase polysilicon and make advances to suppliers to secure future polysilicon supply, which adversely affects our liquidity. These advances may in the future take the form of equity issuances, which would result in additional dilution to our stockholders.

In addition, since some of our silicon ingot and wafer arrangements are with suppliers who do not themselves manufacture polysilicon but instead purchase their requirements from other vendors, these suppliers may not be able to obtain sufficient polysilicon to satisfy their contractual obligations to us.

There are a limited number of polysilicon suppliers. Many of our competitors also purchase polysilicon from our suppliers. Since we have only been purchasing polysilicon in bulk for a shorter period than our competitors slightly more than one year, these other competitors have longer and perhaps stronger relationships with our suppliers than we do. Many of them also have greater buying power than we do. Some of our competitors also have inter-locking board members with their polysilicon suppliers or have entered into joint ventures with their suppliers. Additionally, a substantial amount of our future polysilicon requirements are expected to be sourced by new suppliers that have not yet proven their ability to manufacture large volumes of polysilicon. In some cases we expect that new entrants will provide us with polysilicon and ingots. The failure of these new entrants to produce adequate supplies of polysilicon and/or ingots in the quantities and quality we require could adversely affect our ability to grow production volumes and revenues and could also result in a decline in our gross profit margin. Since we have committed to significantly increase our manufacturing output, an inadequate supply of polysilicon would harm us more than it would harm many of our competitors.

The inability to obtain sufficient polysilicon, ingots or wafers at commercially reasonable prices or at all would adversely affect our ability to meet existing and future customer demand for our products and could cause us to make fewer shipments, lose customers and market share and generate lower than anticipated revenue, thereby seriously harming our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We currently depend on four customers for a high percentage of our total revenue and the loss of, or a significant reduction in orders from, any of these customers, if not immediately replaced, would significantly reduce our revenue and harm our operating results.

Currently, our largest customers for our solar power products are Conergy, Solon and PowerLight, our largest customers for our imaging detector products are GE and Plexus and our largest customer for our infrared detector products is Integration Associates. Conergy AG, or Conergy, accounted for approximately 24% of our total revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 45% of our total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2005. Solon AG, or Solon, accounted for approximately 27% of our total revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 16% of our total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2005. PowerLight Incorporated, or PowerLight, accounted for approximately 16% of our revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and less than 10% of our revenues for the year ended December 31, 2005. General Electric Company, or GE, and its subcontracting partner, Plexus Corp., or Plexus, accounted for less than 10% of our total revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and approximately 10% of our total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2005. The loss of sales to any of these customers would have a significant negative impact on our business. Our agreements with these customers may be cancelled if we fail to meet certain product specifications or materially breach the agreement or in the event of bankruptcy, and our customers may seek to renegotiate the terms of current agreements or renewals. Most of the solar panels we sell to the European market are sold through our agreement with Conergy, and we may enter into similar agreements in the future.

Table of Contents

We currently sell to a relatively small number of customers, and we expect our operating results will likely continue to depend on sales to a relatively small number of customers for the foreseeable future, as well as the ability of these customers to sell solar power products that incorporate our solar cells. Our customer relationships have been developed over a short period of time and are generally in their preliminary stages. We cannot be certain that these customers will generate significant revenue for us in the future or if these customer relationships will continue to develop. If our relationships with our other customers do not continue to develop, we may not be able to expand our customer base or maintain or increase our revenue. This is exacerbated by our current manufacturing constraints for solar cells which limit our ability to sell to other customers and our contractual arrangements which require us to sell part of our future output to Conergy, Solon and PowerLight. In addition, our business is affected by competition in the market for the end products that each of Conergy, Solon and PowerLight sell, and any decline in their business could harm our business and cause our revenue to decline.

The reduction or elimination of government and economic incentives could cause our revenue to decline.

We believe that the near-term growth of the market for on-grid applications, where solar power is used to supplement a customer's electricity purchased from the utility network, depends in large part on the availability and size of government and economic incentives. Because a majority of our sales are in the on-grid market, the reduction or elimination of government and economic incentives may adversely affect the growth of this market or result in increased price competition, both of which could cause our revenue to decline.

Today, the cost of solar power exceeds retail electric rates in many locations. As a result, federal, state and local government bodies in many countries, most notably Germany, Japan and the U.S., have provided incentives in the form of rebates, tax credits and other incentives to end users, distributors, system integrators and manufacturers of solar power products to promote the use of solar energy in on-grid applications and to reduce dependency on other forms of energy. These government economic incentives could be reduced or eliminated altogether. For example, Germany has been a strong supporter of solar power products and systems and political changes in Germany could result in significant reductions or eliminations of incentives, including the reduction of feed-in tariffs over time. Some solar program incentives expire, decline over time, are limited in total funding or require renewal of authority. Net metering policies in California, Japan or other markets could limit the amount of solar power installed there. Reductions in, or eliminations or expirations of, governmental incentives could result in decreased demand for our products and lower revenue.

Our quarterly revenue and operating results are difficult to predict, and if we do not meet quarterly financial expectations, our stock price will likely decline.

Our quarterly revenue and operating results are difficult to predict and have in the past, and may in the future, fluctuate from quarter to quarter. It is possible that our operating results in some quarters will be below market expectations. Our quarterly operating results are affected by a number of factors, including:

the average selling price of our solar cells and modules and imaging detectors;

the availability and pricing of raw materials, particularly polysilicon;

the rate and cost at which we are able to expand our manufacturing capacity to meet customer demand, including costs and timing of adding personnel;

timing, availability and changes in government incentive programs;

unplanned additional expenses such as manufacturing failures, defects or downtime;

acquisition and investment related costs;

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

unpredictable volume and timing of customer orders, some of which are not fixed by contract but vary on a purchase order basis;

the loss of one or more key customers or the significant reduction or postponement of orders from these customers;

geopolitical turmoil within any of the countries in which we operate or sell our products;

foreign currency fluctuations, particularly in the Euro or Philippine peso;

the effect of our currency hedging activities;

our ability to establish and expand customer relationships;

changes in our manufacturing costs;

changes in the relative sales mix of our solar cells, solar panels and imaging detectors;

the availability, pricing and timeliness of delivery of other products, such as inverters which are sourced by a single supplier for our North American customers, necessary for our solar power products to function;

Table of Contents

our ability to successfully develop, introduce and sell new or enhanced solar power products in a timely manner, and the amount and timing of related research and development costs;

the timing of new product or technology announcements or introductions by our competitors and other developments in the competitive environment;

increases or decreases in electric rates due to fossil fuel prices or other factors; and

shipping delays.

We base our planned operating expenses in part on our expectations of future revenue, and a significant portion of our expenses is relatively fixed in the short term. If revenue for a particular quarter is lower than we expect, we likely will be unable to proportionately reduce our operating expenses for that quarter, which would harm our operating results for that quarter. This may cause us to miss analysts' guidance or any future guidance announced by us. If we fail to meet or exceed analyst or investor expectations or our own future guidance, even by a small amount, our stock price could decline, perhaps substantially.

We have incurred operating losses since inception, and may not be able to generate sufficient revenue in the future to achieve or sustain profitability.

With the exception of fiscal 2006 to date, we have incurred operating losses since inception and, at September 30, 2006, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$43.3 million. To achieve profitability, we will need to generate and sustain higher revenue while maintaining reasonable cost and expense levels. We do not know if our revenue will grow, or if it will grow sufficiently to outpace our expenses, which we expect to increase as we expand our manufacturing capacity. We may not be able to sustain or increase profitability on a quarterly or an annual basis. If we do not sustain profitability or otherwise meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors, the market price of our common stock will likely decline.

Our dependence on a limited number of third-party suppliers for key components for our solar power products could prevent us from delivering our products to our customers within required timeframes, which could result in order cancellations and loss of market share.

In North America, where we intend to increase our sales and marketing efforts, systems incorporating our solar cells and solar panels currently require a specialized inverter. To date we have obtained the inverters that we sell with our solar panels from only two suppliers and we do not expect to obtain inverters from any additional suppliers for the foreseeable future. We believe there are only a few suppliers of inverters that are compatible with our solar cells and solar panels. We have no long-term commitments regarding supply or price from our supplier of inverters, which leaves us vulnerable to the risk that our suppliers may stop supplying inverters to us for any reason, including their financial viability. If we or our customers cannot obtain substitute sources of inverters on a timely basis or on acceptable terms, these supply problems may cause our revenue to decline, increase our costs, delay solar power system installations, result in loss of market share or otherwise harm our business.

We manufacture all of our solar power products using components procured from a limited number of third-party suppliers. For example, we currently purchase glass from one supplier and aluminum frames and plastic back-sheet materials which we use in our products from a limited number of suppliers. If we fail to develop or maintain our relationships with these or our other suppliers, we may be unable to manufacture our products or our products may be available only at a higher cost or after a long delay, which could prevent us from delivering our products to our customers within required timeframes and we may experience order cancellation and loss of market share. To the extent the processes that our suppliers use to manufacture components are proprietary, we may be unable to obtain comparable components from alternative suppliers. The failure of a supplier to supply components in a timely manner, or to supply components that meet our quality, quantity and cost requirements, could impair our ability to manufacture our products or decrease their costs, particularly if we are unable to obtain substitute sources of these components on a timely basis or on terms acceptable to us.

Acquisition of other companies or investments in joint ventures with other companies could adversely affect our operating results, dilute our stockholders' equity, or cause us to incur additional debt or assume contingent liabilities.

To increase our business and maintain our competitive position, we may acquire other companies or engage in joint ventures in the future. Acquisitions and joint ventures involve a number of risks that could harm our business and result in the acquired business or joint venture not performing as expected, including:

insufficient experience with technologies and markets in which the acquired business is involved, which may be necessary to successfully operate and integrate the business;

problems integrating the acquired operations, personnel, technologies or products with the existing business and products;

Table of Contents

diversion of management time and attention from our core business to the acquired business or joint venture;

potential failure to retain key technical, management, sales and other personnel of the acquired business or joint venture;

difficulties in retaining relationships with suppliers and customers of the acquired business, particularly where such customers or suppliers compete with us; and

subsequent impairment of the acquired assets, including intangible assets.

We may decide that it is in our best interests to enter into acquisitions, supply agreements or joint ventures that are dilutive to earnings per share or that negatively impact our margins as a whole. In addition, acquisitions, supply agreements or joint ventures could require investment of significant financial resources and require us to obtain additional equity financing, which may dilute our stockholders' equity, or require us to incur additional indebtedness.

To the extent that we invest in upstream suppliers or downstream channel capabilities, we may experience competition or channel conflict with certain of our existing and potential suppliers and customers. Specifically, existing and potential suppliers and customers may perceive that we are competing directly with them by virtue of such investments, and may decide to reduce or eliminate their supply volume to us or order volume from us. In particular, any supply reductions from our polysilicon, ingot or wafer suppliers could materially reduce our manufacturing volume.

The steps we have taken to increase the efficiency of our polysilicon utilization are unproven at volume production levels and may not enable us to realize the cost reductions we anticipate.

Given the polysilicon shortage, we believe the efficient use of polysilicon will be critical to our ability to reduce our manufacturing costs. We continue to implement several measures to increase the efficient use of polysilicon in our manufacturing process. For example, we are developing processes to utilize thinner wafers which require less polysilicon and improved wafer-slicing technology to reduce the amount of material lost while slicing wafers, otherwise known as kerf loss. Although we have implemented some production on thinner wafers and anticipate further reductions in wafer thickness, these methods may have unforeseen negative consequences on our yields or our solar cell efficiency or reliability once they are put into large-scale commercial production or they may not enable us to realize the cost reductions we hope to achieve.

We depend on a combination of our own wafer-slicing operations and those of other vendors for the wafer-slicing stage of our manufacturing, and any technical problems, breakdowns, delays or cost increases could significantly delay our manufacturing operations, decrease our output and increase our costs.

We have historically depended on the wafer-slicing operations of third-party vendors to slice ingots into wafers. We have established our own wafer-slicing operations, and in the first nine months of 2006, we sliced approximately 61% of our wafers. If our third-party vendors increase their prices or decrease or discontinue their shipments to us, as a result of equipment malfunctions, competing purchasers or otherwise, and we are unable to obtain substitute wafer-slicing from another vendor on acceptable terms, or increase our own wafer-slicing operations on a timely basis, our sales will decrease, our costs may increase or our business will otherwise be harmed.

We obtain capital equipment used in our manufacturing process from sole suppliers and if this equipment is damaged or otherwise unavailable, our ability to deliver products on time will suffer, which in turn could result in order cancellations and loss of revenue.

Some of the capital equipment used in the manufacture of our solar power products and in our wafer-slicing operations has been developed and made specifically for us, is not readily available from multiple vendors and would be difficult to repair or replace if it were to become damaged or stop working. In addition, we currently obtain the equipment for many of our manufacturing processes from sole suppliers and we obtain our wafer-slicing equipment from one supplier. If any of these suppliers were to experience financial difficulties or go out of business, or if there were any damage to or a breakdown of our manufacturing or wafer-slicing equipment at a time when we are manufacturing commercial quantities of our products, our business would suffer. In addition, a supplier's failure to supply this equipment in a timely manner, with adequate quality and on terms acceptable to us, could delay our capacity expansion of our manufacturing facility and otherwise disrupt our production schedule or increase our costs of production.

Table of Contents

We have three solar cell production lines which are located in our manufacturing facilities in the Philippines and if we experience interruptions in the operation of these production lines or are unable to add additional production lines, it would likely result in lower revenue and earnings than anticipated.

As of September 30, 2006, we had three solar cell manufacturing lines in operation and another that is expected to commence production in the fourth quarter of 2006, which are located at our manufacturing facilities in the Philippines. If our current or future production lines were to experience any problems or downtime, including those caused by intermittent electricity supply at our Philippines facilities, we would be unable to meet our production targets and our business would suffer. If any piece of equipment were to break down or experience down-time, it could cause our production lines to go down. We have acquired equipment for a fourth cell production line that is expected to be rated at 33 megawatts per year and is expected to decrease per unit operating costs, and we have recently acquired a second solar cell manufacturing facility nearby our existing facility in the Philippines. This expansion has required and will continue to require significant management attention, a significant investment of capital and substantial engineering expenditures and is subject to significant risks including:

we may experience cost overruns, delays, equipment problems and other operating difficulties;

we may experience difficulties expanding our processes to larger production capacity;

our custom-built equipment may take longer and cost more to engineer than planned and may never operate as designed; and

we are incorporating first-time equipment designs and technology improvements, which we expect to lower unit capital and operating costs, but this new technology may not be successful.

If we experience any of these or similar difficulties, we may be unable to complete the addition of new production lines on schedule in order to expand our manufacturing facility and our manufacturing capacity could be substantially constrained. If this were to occur, our per-unit manufacturing costs would increase, we would be unable to increase sales as planned and our earnings would likely be materially impaired.

We expect to continue to make significant capital expenditures, particularly in our manufacturing facilities, and if adequate funds are not available or if the covenants in our credit agreements impair our ability to raise capital when needed, our ability to expand our manufacturing capacity and our business will suffer.

We expect to continue to make significant capital expenditures, particularly in our manufacturing facilities, and anticipate that our expenses will increase substantially in the foreseeable future as we expand our manufacturing operations, hire additional personnel, pay more or make advance payments for raw material, especially polysilicon, increase our sales and marketing efforts, invest in joint ventures and acquisitions, and continue our research and development efforts with respect to our products and manufacturing technologies. We expect total capital expenditures of approximately \$100.0 million in 2006 as we continue to increase our manufacturing capacity. These expenditures would be greater if we decide to bring capacity on line more rapidly. We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents and funds available under our credit facility will be sufficient to fund our capital and operating expenditures over the next 12 months. However, if our financial results or operating plans change from our current assumptions, we may not have sufficient resources to support our business plan. If our capital resources are insufficient to satisfy our liquidity requirements, we may seek to sell additional equity securities or debt securities or obtain other debt financing. We may also issue equity securities in the future to suppliers of raw materials in order to secure adequate materials to satisfy our production needs. The sale of additional equity securities or convertible debt securities would result in additional dilution to our stockholders. Additional debt would result in increased expenses and could require us to abide by covenants that would restrict our operations. Our \$25.0 million three-year revolving credit facility, or our revolving credit facility, contains customary covenants and defaults, including, among others, limitations on dividends, incurrence of indebtedness and liens and mergers and acquisitions and may restrict our operating flexibility. If adequate funds are not available or not available on acceptable terms or terms consistent with any new our credit agreement we may enter into, our ability to fund our operations, develop and expand our manufacturing operations and distribution network, maintain our research and development efforts or otherwise respond to competitive pressures would be significantly impaired.

Two of our largest customers purchase our products from us on a fixed price basis, and our financial results, including gross margin, may suffer if our manufacturing costs were to increase or purchase orders were changed or cancelled.

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

Our agreements with PowerLight and Solon provide that they will purchase our products from us on a fixed-price basis. Our agreement with Solon, which expires in 2010, provides for a fixed-price basis through 2006. Our agreement with PowerLight provides for a fixed-price basis through 2009. Our manufacturing costs, including the cost of polysilicon, are variable. If our manufacturing costs increase, we would be unable to raise our prices to these customers, which in turn would negatively impact our margins and profits.

Table of Contents

We do not have long-term agreements with other customers but instead operate on a purchase order basis. Although we believe that cancellations to date have been insignificant, our customers may cancel or reschedule purchase orders with us on relatively short notice. Cancellations or rescheduling of customer orders could result in the delay or loss of anticipated sales without allowing us sufficient time to reduce, or delay the incurrence of, our corresponding inventory and operating expenses. In addition, changes in forecasts or the timing of orders from these or other customers expose us to the risks of inventory shortages or excess inventory. This in turn could cause our operating results to fluctuate.

Technological changes in the solar power industry could render our solar power products uncompetitive or obsolete, which could reduce our market share and cause our sales to decline.

The solar power markets are characterized by continually changing technology requiring improved features, such as more efficient and higher power output, improved aesthetics and smaller size. This requires us to continuously develop new solar power products and enhancements for existing solar power products to keep pace with evolving industry standards and changing customer requirements. Technologies developed by others may prove more advantageous than ours for the commercialization of solar power products and may render our technology obsolete. Our failure to further refine our technology and develop and introduce new solar power products could cause our products to become uncompetitive or obsolete, which could reduce our market share and cause our sales to decline. Our research and development expense was \$7.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and \$6.5 million in fiscal year 2005. We will need to invest significant financial resources in research and development to maintain our market position, keep pace with technological advances in the solar power industry and to effectively compete in the future.

If our future innovations fail to enable us to maintain or improve our competitive position, especially with respect to solar cell efficiency, we may lose market share. Some solar cells designed by our competitors in laboratory conditions have demonstrated higher efficiency than our solar cells which are currently available for the mass market, and other companies have competing products in development. If we are unable to successfully design, develop and introduce or bring to market competitive new solar cells or other products, or enhance our existing solar cells, we may not be able to compete successfully. Competing solar power technologies may result in lower manufacturing costs or higher product performance than those expected from our solar cells. In addition, if we, or our customers, are unable to manage product transitions, our business and results of operations would be negatively affected.

Evaluating our business and future prospects may be difficult due to our limited history in producing and shipping solar cells and solar panels in commercial volumes.

There is limited historical information available about our company upon which you can base your evaluation of our business and prospects. Although we began to develop and commercialize high-efficiency solar cell technology for use in solar concentrators in 1988 and began shipping product from our pilot manufacturing facility in 2003, we shipped our first commercial A-300 solar cells from our Philippines manufacturing facility in late 2004. Relative to the entire solar industry, we have shipped only a limited number of solar cells and solar panels and have recognized limited revenue. Our future success will require us to continue to scale our Philippines facilities significantly beyond their current capacity. In addition, our business model, technology and ability to achieve satisfactory manufacturing yields at higher volumes are unproven at significant scale. As a result, you should consider our business and prospects in light of the risks, expenses and challenges that we will face as an early-stage company seeking to develop and manufacture new products in a rapidly growing market.

Our reliance on government contracts to partially fund our research and development programs could impair our ability to develop and incorporate new technologies into our solar power product, and these contracts could negatively affect our intellectual property rights.

Our government contracts enable us to develop new technologies more rapidly than we would have pursued otherwise. Funding from government contracts is recorded as an offset to our research and development expense. During 2005, we entered into a cost-sharing research and development project with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory to fund the design of our next generation solar panels. Payments received under this contract help offset our research and development expense. This contract is expected to fund approximately \$1.0 million per year of our research and development expense through May 2008. In the nine months ended September 30, 2006, funding from government contracts totaled approximately \$0.7 million as an offset to our research and development expense. A reduction or discontinuance of these programs or of our participation in these programs would increase our expenses, which could affect our profitability and impair our ability to develop our solar power technologies.

In addition, contracts involving government agencies may be terminated or modified at the convenience of the agency. Other risks include potential disclosure of our confidential information to third parties and the exercise of march-in rights by the government. March-in rights refer to the right of the United States government or government agency to require us to

Table of Contents

grant a license to the technology to a responsible applicant or, if we refuse, the government may grant the license itself. The government can exercise its march-in rights if it determines that action is necessary because we fail to achieve practical application of the technology or because action is necessary to alleviate health or safety needs, to meet requirements of federal regulations or to give the United States industry preference. Our government-sponsored research contracts are subject to audit and require that we provide regular written technical updates on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, and, at the conclusion of the research contract, a final report on the results of our technical research. Because these reports are generally available to the public, third parties may obtain some aspects of our sensitive confidential information. Moreover, the failure to provide these reports or to provide inaccurate or incomplete reports may provide the government with rights to any intellectual property arising from the related research. Funding from government contracts also may limit when and how we can deploy our technology developed under those contracts.

Problems with product quality or product performance, including defects, in our solar cells could result in a decrease in customers and revenue, unexpected expenses and loss of market share.

Our solar cells are complex and must meet stringent quality requirements. Products as complex as ours may contain undetected errors or defects, especially when first introduced. For example, our solar cells and solar panels may contain defects that are not detected until after they are shipped or are installed because we cannot test for all possible scenarios. These defects could cause us to incur significant re-engineering costs, divert the attention of our engineering personnel from product development efforts and significantly affect our customer relations and business reputation. If we deliver solar cells or solar panels with errors or defects, or if there is a perception that our solar cells or solar panels contain errors or defects, our credibility and the market acceptance and sales of our solar power products could be harmed.

The possibility of future product failures could cause us to incur substantial expense to repair or replace defective products. Furthermore, widespread product failures may damage our market reputation and reduce our market share and cause sales to decline. We have agreed to indemnify our customers and our distributors in some circumstances against liability from defects in our solar cells. A successful indemnification claim against us could require us to make significant damage payments, which would negatively affect our financial results.

Product liability claims against us could result in adverse publicity and potentially significant monetary damages.

Like other retailers, distributors and manufacturers of products that are used by consumers, we face an inherent risk of exposure to product liability claims in the event that the use of the solar power products into which our solar cells and solar panels are incorporated results in injury. Since our solar power products are electricity producing devices, it is possible that our products could result in injury, whether by product malfunctions, defects, improper installation or other causes. In addition, since we only began selling our solar cells and solar panels in late 2004 and the products we are developing incorporate new technologies and use new installation methods, we cannot predict whether or not product liability claims will be brought against us in the future or the effect of any resulting negative publicity on our business. Moreover, we may not have adequate resources in the event of a successful claim against us. We have evaluated the potential risks we face and believe that we have appropriate levels of insurance for product liability claims. We rely on our general liability insurance to cover product liability claims and have not obtained separate product liability insurance. The successful assertion of product liability claims against us could result in potentially significant monetary damages and if our insurance protection is inadequate to cover these claims, they could require us to make significant payments.

Since we cannot test our solar panels for the duration of our standard 25-year warranty period, we may be subject to unexpected warranty expense.

Our current standard product warranty for our solar panels includes a 10-year warranty period for defects in material and workmanship and a 25-year warranty period for declines in power performance as well as a one-year warranty on the functionality of our solar cells. We believe our warranty periods are consistent with industry practice. Due to the long warranty period and our proprietary technology, we bear the risk of extensive warranty claims long after we have shipped product and recognized revenue. We have sold solar cells only since late 2004. Any increase in the defect rate of our products would cause us to increase the amount of warranty reserves and have a corresponding negative impact on our results. Although we conduct accelerated testing of our solar cells and have several years of experience with our all back contact cell architecture, our solar panels have not and cannot be tested in an environment simulating the 25-year warranty period. In the second quarter of 2006, we increased our estimated warranty provision rate, which increased our warranty reserve by approximately \$1.0 million. This change in estimate was based on results of recent testing that simulates adverse environmental conditions and potential failure rates our solar panels could experience during their 25-year warranty period. As a result of the foregoing, we may be subject to unexpected warranty expense, which in turn would harm our financial results.

Table of Contents

Existing regulations and policies and changes to these regulations and policies may present technical, regulatory and economic barriers to the purchase and use of solar power products, which may significantly reduce demand for our products.

The market for electricity generation products is heavily influenced by foreign, federal, state and local government regulations and policies concerning the electric utility industry, as well as policies promulgated by electric utilities. These regulations and policies often relate to electricity pricing and technical interconnection of customer-owned electricity generation. In the United States and in a number of other countries, these regulations and policies are being modified and may continue to be modified. Customer purchases of, or further investment in the research and development of, alternative energy sources, including solar power technology, could be deterred by these regulations and policies, which could result in a significant reduction in the potential demand for our solar power products. For example, without a regulatory mandated exception for solar power systems, utility customers are often charged interconnection or standby fees for putting distributed power generation on the electric utility grid. These fees could increase the cost to our customers of using our solar power products and make them less desirable, thereby harming our business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

We anticipate that our solar power products and their installation will be subject to oversight and regulation in accordance with national and local ordinances relating to building codes, safety, environmental protection, utility interconnection and metering and related matters. It is difficult to track the requirements of individual states and design equipment to comply with the varying standards. Any new government regulations or utility policies pertaining to our solar power products may result in significant additional expenses to us and our resellers and their customers and, as a result, could cause a significant reduction in demand for our solar power products.

Because the markets in which we compete are highly competitive and many of our competitors have greater resources than us, we may not be able to compete successfully and we may lose or be unable to gain market share.

We compete with a large number of competitors in the solar power market, including BP Solar International Inc., Evergreen Solar, Inc., Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Q-Cells AG, Sanyo Corporation, Sharp Corporation, SolarWorld AG and Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd.

In addition, universities, research institutions and other companies are developing alternative technologies such as thin films and concentrators, which may compete with our technology. We expect to face increased competition in the future. Further, many of our competitors are developing and are currently producing products based on new solar power technologies that may ultimately have costs similar to, or lower than, our projected costs.

Many of our current and potential competitors have longer operating histories, greater name recognition, access to larger customer bases and significantly greater financial, sales and marketing, manufacturing, distribution, technical and other resources than us. As a result, they may be able to respond more quickly to changing customer demands or to devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sales of their products than we can. Our business relies on sales of our solar power products and our competitors with more diversified product offerings may be better positioned to withstand a decline in the demand for solar power products. Some of our competitors own, partner with, have longer term or stronger relationships with polysilicon providers which could result in them being able to obtain raw materials on a more favorable basis than us. It is possible that new competitors or alliances among existing competitors could emerge and rapidly acquire significant market share, which would harm our business. If we fail to compete successfully, our business would suffer and we may lose or be unable to gain market share.

In addition, the solar power market in general competes with other sources of renewable energy and conventional power generation. If prices for conventional and other renewable energy resources decline, or if these resources enjoy greater policy support than solar power, the solar power market could suffer.

We face competition in the market for our imaging detectors and infrared detectors, and if we fail to compete effectively, we will lose or fail to gain market share.

We compete with companies such as Hamamatsu Photonics K.K. and UDT Sensors, Inc. in the market for high performance imaging detectors. In addition we compete with companies such as Vishay Intertechnology, Inc., Rohm Co., Ltd. and Agilent Technologies, Inc. in the market for infrared detectors. We may face competition in the future from other manufacturers of high performance imaging detectors, infrared detectors or alternative devices. The use of alternative devices, including low power, high data rate wireless protocols, may replace existing detectors and limit our market opportunity. Our current and future competitors may have longer operating histories, greater name recognition and greater financial, sales and marketing, technical and other resources than us or may develop technologies superior to those incorporated in our imaging detectors and infrared detectors. If we fail to compete successfully, we may be unable to expand our customer base for our imaging detectors and our business would suffer.

Table of Contents

The demand for products requiring significant initial capital expenditures such as our solar power products is affected by general economic conditions.

The United States and international economies have recently experienced a period of slow economic growth. A sustained economic recovery is uncertain. In particular, terrorist acts and similar events, continued turmoil in the Middle East or war in general could contribute to a slowdown of the market demand for products that require significant initial capital expenditures, including demand for solar cells and solar power systems and new residential and commercial buildings. In addition, increases in interest rates may increase financing costs to customers, which in turn may decrease demand for our solar power products. If the economic recovery slows down as a result of the recent economic, political and social turmoil, or if there are further terrorist attacks in the United States or elsewhere, we may experience decreases in the demand for our solar power products, which may harm our operating results.

Because of the lengthy sales cycles for our imaging detectors and the relatively fixed nature of a significant portion of our expenses, we may incur substantial expenses before we earn associated revenue and may not ultimately achieve our forecasted sales for our imaging detectors.

Our sales cycles from design to manufacture of our imaging detectors can typically take 12 to 18 months. Sales cycles for our imaging detectors are lengthy for a number of reasons, including:

our customers usually complete an in-depth technical evaluation of our imaging detectors before they place a purchase order;

the commercial adoption of our imaging detectors is typically limited during the initial release of their products to evaluate performance and consumer demand;

failure to deliver a product in a timely manner can seriously delay or cancel introduction; and

the development and commercial introduction of products incorporating complex technology frequently are delayed or canceled. As a result of our lengthy sales cycles, we may incur substantial expenses before we earn associated revenue because a significant portion of our operating expenses is relatively fixed and based on expected revenue.

If customer cancellations or product changes occur, this could result in the loss of anticipated sales without allowing us sufficient time to reduce our operating expenses.

We depend on a third-party subcontractor in China to assemble our solar cells into solar panels and any failure to obtain sufficient assembly and test capacity could significantly delay our ability to ship our solar panels and damage our customer relationships.

We rely on Jiawei, a third-party subcontractor in China, to assemble our solar cells into solar panels and perform panel testing and to manage test, packaging, warehousing and shipping of our solar panels. We do not have a long-term agreement with Jiawei and we typically obtain services from them based on short-term purchase orders that are generally aligned with timing specified by our customers' purchase orders and our sales forecasts. If the operations of our subcontractor were disrupted or their financial stability impaired, or if they should choose not to devote capacity to our solar panels in a timely manner, our business would suffer as we would be unable to produce finished solar panels on a timely basis. In addition, we supply inventory to Jiawei and we bear the risk of loss, theft or damage to our inventory while it is held in their facilities.

As a result of outsourcing this final step in our production, we face several significant risks, including:

lack of assembly and testing capacity and higher prices;

limited control over delivery schedules, quality assurance and control, manufacturing yields and production costs; and

delays resulting from an inability to move production to an alternate provider.

The ability of our subcontractor to perform assembly and test is limited by their available capacity. We do not have a guaranteed level of production capacity with our subcontractor, and it is difficult to accurately forecast our capacity needs because of the shifting mix between sales of solar cells and solar panels and the timing of expanding our manufacturing capacity. Other customers of Jiawei that are larger and better financed than we are, or that have long-term agreements in place, may induce Jiawei to reallocate capacity to them. Any reallocation could impair our ability to secure the supply of solar panels that we need for our customers. In addition, interruptions to the panel manufacturing processes caused by a natural or man-made disaster could result in partial or complete disruption in supply until we are able to shift manufacturing to another facility. It may not be possible to obtain sufficient capacity or comparable production costs at another facility. Migrating our design methodology to a new third-party subcontractor or to a captive panel assembly facility could involve

Table of Contents

increased costs, resources and development time. Utilizing additional third party subcontractors could expose us to further risk of losing control over our intellectual property and the quality of our solar panels. Any reduction in the supply of solar panels could impair our revenue by significantly delaying our ability to ship products and potentially damage our relationships with existing customers.

We are establishing a captive solar panel assembly and test facility and if this factory is unable to produce high quality solar panels at commercially reasonable costs, our revenue growth and gross margin could be adversely affected .

We have constructed a new 30 megawatt automated solar panel assembly and test facility in the Philippines. We expect this facility to commence commercial production during the fourth quarter of 2006. Much of the manufacturing equipment and technology in this facility is new and unproven in volume production of solar panels. In the event that this facility is unable to ramp production with commercially reasonable yields and competitive production costs, our anticipated revenue growth and gross margin will be adversely affected.

If we do not achieve satisfactory yields or quality in manufacturing our solar cells, our sales could decrease and our relationships with our customers and our reputation may be harmed.

The manufacture of solar cells is a highly complex process. Minor deviations in the manufacturing process can cause substantial decreases in yield and in some cases, cause production to be suspended or yield no output. We have from time to time experienced lower than anticipated manufacturing yields. This often occurs during the production of new products or the installation and start-up of new process technologies or equipment. For example, we recently acquired equipment for a fourth cell production line that is rated at 33 megawatts per year and is expected to decrease per unit operating costs, and acquired a building to house our second solar cell manufacturing facility nearby our existing facility. As we expand our manufacturing capacity and bring additional lines or facilities into production, we may experience lower yields initially as is typical with any new equipment or process. We also expect to experience lower yields as we continue the initial migration of our manufacturing processes to thinner wafers. If we do not achieve planned yields, our product costs could increase, and product availability would decrease resulting in lower revenues than expected.

Our ability to continue to manufacture our imaging detectors and our solar cells in our current facilities with our current and planned manufacturing capacities, and therefore to maintain and increase revenue and achieve profitability, depends to a large extent upon the continued success of our relationship with Cypress.

Our imaging detectors are manufactured for us by Cypress and are processed and tested in our San Jose, California facility. We do not have a long-term fixed-price agreement with Cypress for the manufacturing of our imaging detectors, but instead operate on a purchase order basis. The processes for manufacturing our imaging detectors are highly complex, specialized and proprietary. If Cypress is unable to continue manufacturing our imaging detectors for us, our manufacturing output would be interrupted and delayed, and we would incur increased expenses in establishing relationships with alternative manufacturers at market prices. We may not be able to find alternative manufacturers on terms acceptable to us, and we may be unable to establish our own operations in a timely or cost-effective manner, if at all.

We manufacture our solar cells in our Philippines manufacturing facility which we lease from Cypress. We are in the process of expanding existing facilities for solar and panel assembly. If we are unable to expand in our current facility or are required to move our manufacturing facility, we would incur significant expenses as well as lost sales. Furthermore, we may not be able to locate a facility that meets our needs on terms acceptable to us. Any of these circumstances would increase our expenses and decrease our total revenue and could prevent us from sustaining profitability.

We have significant international activities and customers, and plan to continue these efforts, which subject us to additional business risks, including logistical complexity, political instability and currency fluctuations.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and the year ended December 31, 2005, approximately 70% of our sales were made to customers outside of the United States. We currently have three solar cell production lines in operation, which are located at our manufacturing facility in the Philippines. In addition, our assembly functions are conducted by a third-party subcontractor in China. Risks we face in conducting business internationally include:

multiple, conflicting and changing laws and regulations, export and import restrictions, employment laws, regulatory requirements and other government approvals, permits and licenses;

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

difficulties and costs in staffing and managing foreign operations such as our manufacturing facility in the Philippines, as well as cultural differences;

difficulties and costs in recruiting and retaining individuals skilled in international business operations;

increased costs associated with maintaining international marketing efforts;

Table of Contents

potentially adverse tax consequences;

inadequate local infrastructure;

financial risks, such as longer sales and payment cycles and greater difficulty collecting accounts receivable; and

political and economic instability, including wars, acts of terrorism, political unrest, boycotts, curtailments of trade and other business restrictions.

Specifically, we face risks associated with political and economic instability and civil unrest in the Philippines. In addition, in the Asia/Pacific region generally, we face risks associated with a recurrence of SARS, tensions between countries in that region, such as political tensions between China and Taiwan, the ongoing discussions with North Korea regarding its nuclear weapons program, potentially reduced protection for intellectual property rights, government-fixed foreign exchange rates, relatively uncertain legal systems and developing telecommunications infrastructures. In addition, some countries in this region, such as China, have adopted laws, regulations and policies which impose additional restrictions on the ability of foreign companies to conduct business in that country or otherwise place them at a competitive disadvantage in relation to domestic companies.

In addition, although base wages are lower in the Philippines than in the United States, wages for our employees in the Philippines are increasing, which could result in increased costs to employ our manufacturing engineers. As of September 30, 2006, approximately 93% of our employees were located in the Philippines. We also are faced with competition in the Philippines for employees, and we expect this competition to increase as additional solar companies enter the market and expand their operations. In particular, there may be limited availability of qualified manufacturing engineers. We have benefited from an excess of supply over demand for college graduates in the field of engineering in the Philippines. If this favorable imbalance changes due to increased competition, it could affect the availability or cost of qualified employees, who are critical to our performance. This could increase our costs and turnover rates.

Currency fluctuations in the Euro or the Philippine peso relative to the U.S. dollar could decrease our revenue or increase our expenses.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and for the year ended December 31, 2005, approximately 70% of our total revenue was generated outside the United States. We presently have currency exposure arising from sales, capital equipment purchases, prepayments and customer advances denominated in foreign currencies. A majority of our total revenue is denominated in Euros, including our fixed price agreements with Conergy and Solon, and a significant portion is denominated in U.S. dollars while a portion of our costs are incurred and paid in Euros and a smaller portion of our expenses are paid in Philippine pesos and Japanese yen. In addition, our prepayment to Wacker-Chemie and our customer advances from Solon are denominated in Euros.

We are exposed to the risk of a decrease in the value of the Euro relative to the U.S. dollar, which would decrease our total revenue. Changes in exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar may adversely affect our operating margins. For example, if these foreign currencies appreciate against the U.S. dollar, it will make it more expensive in terms of U.S. dollars to purchase inventory or pay expenses with foreign currencies. In addition, currency devaluation can result in a loss to us if we hold deposits of that currency as well as make our products, which are usually purchased with U.S. dollars, relatively more expensive than products manufactured locally. An increase in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies could make our solar cells more expensive for our international customers, thus potentially leading to a reduction in our sales and profitability. Furthermore, many of our competitors are foreign companies that could benefit from such a currency fluctuation, making it more difficult for us to compete with those companies. We currently conduct hedging activities, which involve the use of currency forward contracts. We cannot predict the impact of future exchange rate fluctuations on our business and operating results. In the past, we have experienced an adverse impact on our total revenue and profitability as a result of foreign currency fluctuations.

We may not be able to prevent others from using the SunPower name or similar mark in connection with their solar power products which could adversely affect the market recognition of our name and our revenue.

SunPower is our registered trademark in the United States for use with solar cells and solar panels. We are seeking similar registration of the SunPower trademark in foreign countries but we may not be successful in some of these jurisdictions. For example, we have received initial rejection of our application to register the SunPower trademark in Canada and Japan based on prior registration by other people. In the foreign jurisdictions where we are unable to obtain this registration or have not tried, others may be able to sell their products using the SunPower trademark which could lead to customer confusion. In addition, if there are jurisdictions where someone else has already established trademark rights in the SunPower name, we may face trademark disputes and may have to market our products with other trademarks, which also could

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

hurt our marketing efforts. We may encounter trademark disputes with companies using marks which are confusingly similar to SunPower which if not resolved favorably could cause our branding efforts to suffer. In addition, we may have difficulty in establishing strong brand recognition with consumers if others use similar marks for similar products.

Table of Contents

We rely primarily upon copyright and trade secret laws and contractual restrictions to protect our proprietary rights, and, if these rights are not sufficiently protected, our ability to compete and generate revenue could suffer.

We seek to protect our proprietary manufacturing processes, documentation and other written materials primarily under trade secret and copyright laws. We also typically require employees and consultants with access to our proprietary information to execute confidentiality agreements. The steps taken by us to protect our proprietary information may not be adequate to prevent misappropriation of our technology. In addition, our proprietary rights may not be adequately protected because:

people may not be deterred from misappropriating our technologies despite the existence of laws or contracts prohibiting it;

policing unauthorized use of our intellectual property may be difficult, expensive and time-consuming, and we may be unable to determine the extent of any unauthorized use; and

the laws of other countries in which we market our solar cells, such as some countries in the Asia/Pacific region, may offer little or no protection for our proprietary technologies.

Reverse engineering, unauthorized copying or other misappropriation of our proprietary technologies could enable third parties to benefit from our technologies without paying us for doing so. Any inability to adequately protect our proprietary rights could harm our ability to compete, to generate revenue and to grow our business.

We may not obtain sufficient patent protection on the technology embodied in the solar cells we currently manufacture and market, which could harm our competitive position and increase our expenses.

Although we rely primarily on trade secret laws and contractual restrictions to protect the technology in the solar cells we currently manufacture and market, our success and ability to compete in the future may also depend to a significant degree upon obtaining patent protection for our proprietary technology. As of September 30, 2006, in the United States we owned seven issued patents and jointly owned another three patents, and had 18 U.S. and 10 foreign patent applications pending. These patent applications cover aspects of the technology in the solar cells we currently manufacture and market. Patents that we currently own or license-in do not cover the solar cells that we presently manufacture and market. Our patent applications may not result in issued patents, and even if they result in issued patents, the patents may not have claims of the scope we seek. In addition, any issued patents may be challenged, invalidated or declared unenforceable. The term of any issued patents would be 20 years from their filing date and if our applications are pending for a long time period, we may have a correspondingly shorter term for any patent that may issue. Our present and future patents may provide only limited protection for our technology and may not be sufficient to provide competitive advantages to us. For example, competitors could be successful in challenging any issued patents or, alternatively, could develop similar or more advantageous technologies on their own or design around our patents. Also, patent protection in certain foreign countries may not be available or may be limited in scope and any patents obtained may not be as readily enforceable as in the United States, making it difficult for us to effectively protect our intellectual property from misuse or infringement by other companies in these countries. Our inability to obtain and enforce our intellectual property rights in some countries may harm our business. In addition, given the costs of obtaining patent protection, we may choose not to protect certain innovations that later turn out to be important.

If the effective term of our patents is decreased due to changes in patent laws or if we need to refile some of our patent applications, the value of our patent portfolio and the revenue we derive from products protected by the patents may be decreased.

The value of our patents depends in part on their duration. A shorter period of patent protection means less value of a patent. For example, the United States patent laws were amended in 1995 to change the term of patent protection from 17 years after the date of the patent's issuance to 20 years after the earliest effective filing date of the application for a patent, unless the application was pending on June 8, 1995, in which case the term of a patent's protection expires either 17 years after its issuance or 20 years after its filing, whichever is later. Because the time required from the filing of patent application to issuance of a patent is often longer than three years, a 20-year patent term from the filing date may result in substantially shorter patent protection. Also, we may need to refile some of our patent applications and, in these situations, the patent term will be measured from the date of the earliest priority application to which benefit is claimed in such a patent application. This would also shorten our period of patent exclusivity. A shortened period of patent exclusivity may negatively impact our revenue protected by our patents.

Table of Contents

Our intellectual property indemnification practices may adversely impact our business.

We are required by contract to indemnify some of our customers and our third-party intellectual property providers for certain costs and damages of patent infringement in circumstances where our solar cells are a factor creating the customer's or these third-party providers' infringement liability. This practice may subject us to significant indemnification claims by our customers and our third-party providers. We cannot assure you that indemnification claims will not be made or that these claims will not harm our business, operating results or financial condition.

We may face intellectual property infringement claims that could be time-consuming and costly to defend and could result in our loss of significant rights.

From time to time, we, our customers or third-parties with whom we work may receive letters, including letters from various industry participants, alleging infringement of their patents. Although we are not currently aware of any parties pursuing or intending to pursue infringement claims against us, we cannot assure you that we will not be subject to such claims in the future. Also, because patent applications in the United States and many other jurisdictions are kept confidential for 18 months before they are published, we may be unaware of pending patent applications that relate to our solar cells. Our third-party suppliers may also become subject to infringement claims, which in turn could negatively impact our business. We may also initiate claims to defend our intellectual property. We ceased use of certain licensed technology for which we have not paid royalties since the second quarter of 2004 because our current products do not use the licensed technology. However, the licensor could challenge our actions and litigate against us. Intellectual property litigation is expensive and time-consuming and could divert management's attention from our business and could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results or financial condition. If there is a successful claim of infringement against us, our customers or our third-party intellectual property providers, we may be required to pay substantial damages to the party claiming infringement, stop selling products or using technology that contains the allegedly infringing intellectual property, or enter into royalty or license agreements that may not be available on acceptable terms, if at all. Parties making infringement claims may also be able to bring an action before the International Trade Commission that could result in an order stopping the importation into the United States of our solar cells. All these judgments could materially damage our business. We may have to develop non-infringing technology, and our failure in doing so or obtaining licenses to the proprietary rights on a timely basis could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We may file claims against other parties for infringing our intellectual property that may be very costly and may not be resolved in our favor.

Although we are not aware of infringement of our intellectual property by other parties except potential trademark infringement, we cannot guarantee that such infringement does not exist now or that it will not occur in the future. To protect our intellectual property rights and to maintain our competitive advantage, we may file suits against parties who we believe infringe our intellectual property. Intellectual property litigation is expensive and time consuming and could divert management's attention from our business and could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results or financial condition, and our enforcement effort may not be successful. In certain situations, we may have to bring such suit in foreign jurisdictions, in which case we are subject to additional risk as to the result of the proceedings and the amount of damage that we can recover. Certain foreign jurisdictions may not provide protection to intellectual property comparable to that in the United States. Our engagement in intellectual property enforcement actions may negatively impact our financial results.

The current tax holidays in the Philippines will expire within the next several years.

We currently benefit from income tax holiday incentives in the Philippines pursuant to our Philippine subsidiary's registrations with the Board of Investments and Philippine Economic Zone Authority, which provide that we pay no income tax in the Philippines for four years pursuant to our Board of Investments non-pioneer status and Philippine Economic Zone Authority registrations, and six years pursuant to our Board of Investments pioneer status registration. Our current income tax holidays expire in 2010, and we intend to apply for extensions. However, these tax holidays may or may not be extended. We believe that as our Philippine tax holidays expire, (a) gross income attributable to activities covered by our Philippine Economic Zone Authority registrations will be taxed at a 5% preferential rate, and (b) our Philippine net income attributable to all other activities will be taxed at the statutory Philippine corporate income tax rate of 32%. As of yet no tax benefit has been realized from the income tax holiday due to operating losses in the Philippines.

Table of Contents

We may not be able to increase or sustain our recent growth rate, and we may not be able to manage our future growth effectively.

We may be unable to continue to expand our business or manage future growth. Our recent expansion has placed, and our planned expansion and any other future expansion will continue to place, a significant strain on our management, personnel, systems and resources. We plan to purchase additional equipment to significantly expand our manufacturing capacity and to hire additional employees to support an increase in manufacturing, research and development and our sales and marketing efforts. To successfully manage our growth and handle the responsibilities of being a public company, we believe we must effectively:

hire, train, integrate and manage additional qualified engineers for research and development activities, sales and marketing personnel, and financial and information technology personnel;

retain key management and augment our management team, particularly if we lose key members;

continue to enhance our customer resource management and manufacturing management systems;

implement and improve additional and existing administrative, financial and operations systems, procedures and controls, including the need to integrate our financial internal control systems in our Philippines facility with those of our San Jose, California headquarters;

expand and upgrade our technological capabilities; and

manage multiple relationships with our customers, suppliers and other third parties.

We may encounter difficulties in effectively managing the budgeting, forecasting and other process control issues presented by rapid growth. If we are unable to manage our growth effectively, we may not be able to take advantage of market opportunities, develop new solar cells and other products, satisfy customer requirements, execute our business plan or respond to competitive pressures.

We had approximately 1,400 full-time employees as of September 30, 2006, and we anticipate that we will need to hire a significant number of highly skilled technical, manufacturing, sales, marketing, administrative and accounting personnel. The competition for qualified personnel is intense in our industry. We may not be successful in attracting and retaining sufficient numbers of qualified personnel to support our anticipated growth. Since we are a public company, may have more difficulty than our private competitors in attracting personnel because of the perception that the stock option component of our compensation package may not be as valuable.

The success of our business depends on the continuing contributions of our key personnel.

We rely heavily on the services of our key executive officers, including Thomas H. Werner, our Chief Executive Officer, Emmanuel T. Hernandez, our Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Richard Swanson, our President and Chief Technology Officer, PM Pai, our Chief Operating Officer and Peter Aschenbrenner, our Vice President of Sales and Marketing. The loss of services of any principal member of our management team, particularly Thomas H. Werner, Emmanuel T. Hernandez, Dr. Richard Swanson, PM Pai and Peter Aschenbrenner could adversely impact our operations. In addition, our technical personnel represent a significant asset and serve as the source of our technological and product innovations. We believe our future success will depend upon our ability to retain these key employees and our ability to attract and retain other skilled managerial, engineering and sales and marketing personnel. However, we cannot guarantee that any employee will remain employed at the Company for any definite period of time since all of our employees, including Messrs. Werner, Hernandez, Swanson, Pai and Aschenbrenner, serve at-will and may terminate their employment at any time for any reason.

Our headquarters, research and development and manufacturing facilities, the facilities of our subcontractor upon which we rely to assemble and test our solar panels and facilities of our suppliers of silicon ingots, are located in regions that are subject to earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

Our headquarters, including research and development operations, our manufacturing facility and the subcontractor upon which we rely to assemble and test our solar panels are located in countries that are subject to earthquakes and other natural disasters. Our headquarters and research and development operations are located in the United States, our manufacturing facility is located in the Philippines, and our subcontractor for assembly and test of solar panels is located in China. Since we do not have redundant facilities, any earthquake, tsunami or other natural disaster in these countries could materially disrupt our production capabilities and could result in our experiencing a significant delay in delivery, or substantial shortage, of our solar cells.

Table of Contents

Changes to financial accounting standards may affect our results of operations and cause us to change our business practices.

We prepare our financial statements to conform with generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, in the United States. These accounting principles are subject to interpretation by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the SEC and various bodies formed to interpret and create appropriate accounting policies. A change in those policies can have a significant effect on our reported results and may affect our reporting of transactions completed before a change is announced. Changes to those rules or the questioning of current practices may adversely affect our reported financial results or the way we conduct our business. For example, accounting policies affecting many aspects of our business, including rules relating to employee stock option grants, have recently been revised. The Financial Accounting Standards Board, or the FASB, and other agencies have made changes to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, that required us, starting in our first quarter of fiscal 2006, to record a charge to earnings for employee stock option grants and other equity incentives. We may have significant and ongoing accounting charges resulting from option grant and other equity awards that could reduce our net income or increase our net loss. In addition, since we historically have used equity-related compensation as a component of our total employee compensation program, the accounting change could make the use of equity-related compensation less attractive to us and therefore make it more difficult to attract and retain employees.

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. As a result, current and potential stockholders could lose confidence in our financial reporting, which could harm our business and the trading price of our common stock.

Beginning in connection with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006, Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 will require us to evaluate and report on our internal controls over financial reporting and have our independent registered public accounting firm annually attest to our evaluation, as well as issue their own opinion on our internal control over financial reporting. Because we have not been subject to these requirements before, we and our independent accountants have not reviewed our internal controls for purposes of Section 404 in the past, and are now in the process of doing so for the first time. Although Cypress completed its Section 404 compliance for its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2005, the review of our internal controls as part of this process was limited in scope and you should not conclude from this Cypress process that our internal controls were adequate to the extent required of an independent public company at that time. We have in the past discovered, and may in the future discover, areas of our internal controls that need improvement. We are preparing for compliance with Section 404 by strengthening, assessing and testing our system of internal controls to provide the basis for our report. However, the continuous process of strengthening our internal controls and complying with Section 404 is expensive and time consuming, and requires significant management attention. We cannot be certain that these measures will ensure that we will maintain adequate control over our financial processes and reporting, or that we or our independent registered public accounting firm will be able to provide the attestation and opinion required in connection with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006. If we or our independent registered public accounting firm discover a material weakness, the disclosure of that fact, even if quickly remedied, could reduce the market's confidence in our financial statements and harm our stock price. In addition, future non-compliance with Section 404 could subject us to a variety of administrative sanctions, including the suspension or delisting of our common stock from the NASDAQ Global Market and the inability of registered broker-dealers to make a market in our common stock, which would further reduce our stock price.

Compliance with environmental regulations can be expensive, and noncompliance with these regulations may result in adverse publicity and potentially significant monetary damages and fines.

We are required to comply with all foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding pollution control and protection of the environment. In addition, under some statutes and regulations, a government agency, or other parties, may seek recovery and response costs from operators of property where releases of hazardous substances have occurred or are ongoing, even if the operator was not responsible for such release or otherwise at fault. We use, generate and discharge toxic, volatile and otherwise hazardous chemicals and wastes in our research and development and manufacturing activities. Any failure by us to control the use of, or to restrict adequately the discharge of, hazardous substances could subject us to potentially significant monetary damages and fines or suspensions in our business operations. In addition, if more stringent laws and regulations are adopted in the future, the costs of compliance with these new laws and regulations could be substantial. To date such laws and regulations have not had a significant impact on our business and we believe that we have all necessary permits to conduct our business as it is presently conducted. If we fail to comply with present or future environmental laws and regulations, however, we may be required to pay substantial fines, suspend production or cease operations. Under our separation agreement with Cypress, we will indemnify Cypress from any environmental liabilities associated with our operations and facilities in San Jose, California and the Philippines.

Table of Contents

We maintain self-insurance for certain indemnities we have made to our officers and directors.

Our certificate of incorporation, by-laws and indemnification agreements require us to indemnify our officers and directors for certain liabilities that may arise in the course of their service to us. We self-insure with respect to potential indemnifiable claims. Although we have insured our officers and directors against certain potential third-party claims for which we are legally or financially unable to indemnify them, we intend to self-insure with respect to potential third-party claims which give rise to direct liability to such third-party or an indemnification duty on our part. If we were required to pay a significant amount on account of these liabilities for which we self-insure, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be seriously harmed.

Risks Related to Our Relationship with Cypress Semiconductor Corporation

As long as Cypress controls us, your ability to influence matters requiring stockholder approval will be limited.

As of September 30, 2006, Cypress owned all 52,033,287 shares of class B common stock, representing approximately 75% of the total outstanding shares of common stock or approximately 70% on a fully diluted basis after taking into account outstanding options and 96% of the voting power of outstanding capital stock. The holders of our class A common stock and our class B common stock have substantially similar rights, preferences, and privileges except with respect to voting and conversion rights and other protective provisions. Holders of our class B common stock are entitled to eight votes per share of class B common stock, and the holders of our class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share of class A common stock. If Cypress transfers shares of our class B common stock to any party other than a successor in interest or a subsidiary of Cypress prior to a tax-free distribution to its stockholders, those shares would automatically convert into class A common stock. Other than through such transfers or voluntary conversions by Cypress of class B common stock to class A common stock, only at such time, if at all, as Cypress, its successors in interest (not including its stockholders following a distribution) and its subsidiaries collectively own less than 40% of the shares of all classes of our common stock then outstanding will all shares of our class B common stock automatically convert into shares of our class A common stock on a one-for-one basis. For so long as Cypress, its successors in interest and its subsidiaries hold shares of our class B common stock, Cypress will be able to elect all of the members of our board of directors.

In addition, until such time as Cypress, its successors in interest and its subsidiaries collectively own less than 40% of the shares of all classes of our common stock then outstanding and Cypress is no longer consolidating us for accounting purposes, Cypress will have the ability to take stockholder action without the vote of any other stockholder, and investors will not be able to affect the outcome of any stockholder vote during this period. As a result, Cypress will have the ability to control all matters affecting us, including:

the composition of our board of directors and, through our board of directors, any determination with respect to our business plans and policies, including the appointment and removal of our officers;

any determinations with respect to mergers and other business combinations;

our acquisition or disposition of assets;

our financing activities;

changes to the agreements providing for our separation from Cypress;

the allocation of business opportunities that may be suitable for us and Cypress;

the payment of dividends on our common stock; and

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

the number of shares available for issuance under our stock plans.

Cypress voting control may discourage transactions involving a change of control of us, including transactions in which holders of our class A common stock might otherwise receive a premium for their shares over the then current market price. Cypress is not prohibited from selling a controlling interest in us to a third party and may do so without approval of class A stockholders and without providing for a purchase of class A common stock. Accordingly, shares of class A common stock may be worth less than they would be if Cypress did not maintain voting control over us.

Our historical financial information as a business segment of Cypress prior to our initial public offering may not be representative of our results as an independent public company.

The historical financial information we have included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q does not necessarily reflect what our financial position, results of operations or cash flows would have been had we been an independent entity during the historical periods presented prior to our initial public offering. The historical costs and expenses reflected in our audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements include an allocation for certain corporate functions historically provided by Cypress prior to our initial public offering, including centralized legal, tax, treasury, information technology, employee

Table of Contents

benefits and other Cypress corporate services and infrastructure costs. These expense allocations were based on what we and Cypress considered reasonable reflections of the utilization of services provided or the benefit received by us. The historical financial information prior to our initial public offering is not necessarily indicative of what our results of operations, financial position, cash flows or costs and expenses will be in the future. We have not made adjustments to such historical financial information to reflect many significant changes that occurred or may yet occur in our cost structure, funding and operations as a result of our separation from Cypress, including changes in our employee base, changes in our tax structure, potential increased costs associated with reduced economies of scale and increased costs associated with being a publicly traded, stand-alone company. For additional information, see Selected Consolidated Financial Data, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and our audited and unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto.

Our ability to operate our business effectively may suffer if we are unable to cost-effectively establish our own administrative and other support functions in order to operate as a stand-alone company after the expiration of our services agreements with Cypress.

As a subsidiary of Cypress, we have relied on administrative and other resources of Cypress to operate our business. In connection with our initial public offering, we entered into various service agreements to retain the ability for specified periods to use these Cypress resources. These agreements will expire upon the earlier of November 2009 or a change of control of our Company. We need to create our own administrative and other support systems or contract with third parties to replace Cypress systems. In addition, we recently established disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting as part of our becoming a separate public company in November 2005. These services may not be provided at the same level as when we were a wholly owned subsidiary of Cypress, and we may not be able to obtain the same benefits that we received prior to the separation. These services may not be sufficient to meet our needs, and after our agreements with Cypress expire, we may not be able to replace these services at all or obtain these services at prices and on terms as favorable as we currently have with Cypress. Any failure or significant downtime in our own administrative systems or in Cypress administrative systems during the transitional period could result in unexpected costs, impact our results and/or prevent us from paying our suppliers or employees and performing other administrative services on a timely basis. For a description of these services, please see the section entitled Certain Relationships and Related Transactions in our 2006 Proxy Statement.

We may experience increased costs resulting from a decrease in our purchasing power and we may have difficulty obtaining new customers due to our relatively small size after our separation from Cypress.

Historically, we were able to take advantage of Cypress size and purchasing power in procuring goods, technology and services, including insurance, employee benefit support and audit services. We are a smaller company than Cypress, and we cannot assure you that we will have access to financial and other resources comparable to those available to us prior to our separation from Cypress. These risks would be more pronounced if Cypress were to cease to own a majority of our stock. As an independent company, we may be unable to obtain goods, technology and services at prices or on terms as favorable as those available to us prior to our separation from Cypress, which could increase our costs and reduce our profitability. In addition, as a smaller, separate, stand-alone company, we may encounter more customer concerns about our viability as a separate entity, which could harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. Our future success depends on our ability to maintain our current relationships with existing customers, and we may have difficulty attracting new customers.

Our agreements with Cypress require us to indemnify Cypress for certain tax liabilities. These indemnification obligations may limit our ability to obtain additional financing or participate in future acquisitions for up to two years.

We have entered into a tax sharing agreement with Cypress, under which we and Cypress agree to indemnify one another for certain taxes and similar obligations that the other party could incur under certain circumstances. In general, we will be responsible for taxes relating to our business. Furthermore, we may be held jointly and severally liable for taxes determined on a consolidated basis even though Cypress is required to indemnify us for its taxes pursuant to the tax sharing agreement. After the date we cease to be a member of Cypress consolidated group for federal income tax purposes or state income tax purposes, as and to the extent that we become entitled to utilize on our separate tax returns portions of those credit or loss carryforwards existing as of such date, we will distribute to Cypress the tax effect (estimated to be 34% for federal income tax purposes) of the amount of such tax loss carryforwards so utilized and the amount of any credit carryforwards so utilized. We will distribute these amounts to Cypress in cash or in our shares, at our option. Upon completion of our follow-on public offering of common stock in June 2006, we are no longer considered to be a member of Cypress consolidated group for federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, we will be subject to the obligations payable to Cypress for any federal income tax credit or loss carryforwards utilized in its federal tax returns. As of December 31, 2005, we had approximately \$36.5 million of federal net operating loss carryforwards and approximately \$4.8 million of California net operating loss

Table of Contents

carryforwards, meaning that such potential future payments to Cypress, which would be made over a period of several years, would therefore aggregate approximately \$15.0 million. For a more complete description of the tax sharing agreement, please see the section entitled *Relationship with Cypress Semiconductor Corporation Tax Sharing Agreement* in our 2006 Proxy Statement.

If Cypress distributes our class B common stock to Cypress stockholders in a transaction intended to qualify as a tax-free distribution under Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the Code, Cypress intends to obtain an opinion of counsel to the effect that such distribution qualifies under Section 355 of the Code. Despite such an opinion, however, the distribution may nonetheless be taxable to Cypress under Section 355(e) of the Code if 50% or more of our voting power or economic value is acquired as part of a plan or series of related transactions that includes the distribution of our stock. The tax sharing agreement includes our obligation to indemnify Cypress for any liability incurred as a result of issuances or dispositions of our stock after the distribution, other than liability attributable solely to certain dispositions of our stock by Cypress, that cause Cypress' distribution of shares of our stock to its stockholders to be taxable to Cypress under Section 355(e) of the Code. Under current law, following a distribution by Cypress and for up to two years thereafter, our obligation to indemnify Cypress will be triggered only if we issue stock or otherwise participate in one or more transactions other than the distribution in which 50% or more of our voting power or economic value is acquired in financing or acquisition transactions that are part of a plan or series of related transactions that includes the distribution. If such an indemnification obligation is triggered, the extent of our liability to Cypress will generally equal the product of (a) Cypress' top marginal federal and state income tax rate for the year of the distribution, and (b) the difference between the fair market value of our class B common stock distributed to Cypress stockholders and Cypress' tax basis in such stock as determined on the date of the distribution. Our ability to use our equity to obtain additional financing or to engage in acquisition transactions for a period of time after a distribution will be restricted if we can only sell or issue a limited amount of our stock before triggering our obligation to indemnify Cypress for taxes it incurs under Section 355(e) of the Code.

For example, under the current tax rules, if Cypress were to make a complete distribution of its class B common stock and our total outstanding capital stock at the time of such distribution was 69,000,000 shares, unless we qualified for one of several safe harbor exemptions available under the Treasury Regulations, in order to avoid our indemnification obligation to Cypress, we could not, for up to two years from the date of Cypress' distribution, issue 69,000,000 or more shares of class A common stock, nor could we participate in one or more transactions (excluding the distribution itself) in which 34,500,000 or more shares of our then existing class A common stock were to be acquired in connection with a plan or series of related transactions that includes the distribution. In addition, these limits could be lower depending on certain actions that we or Cypress might take before or after a distribution. If we were to participate in such a transaction, assuming Cypress distributed 52,000,000 shares, Cypress' top marginal income tax rate is 40% for federal and state income tax purposes, the fair market value of our class B common stock is \$32.00 per share and Cypress' tax basis in such stock is \$5.00 per share on the date of their distribution, then our liability under our indemnification obligation to Cypress would be approximately \$562 million.

Third parties may seek to hold us responsible for liabilities of Cypress.

Third parties may seek to hold us responsible for Cypress' liabilities. Under our separation agreements with Cypress, Cypress will indemnify us for claims and losses relating to liabilities related to Cypress' business and not related to our business. However, if those liabilities are significant and we are ultimately held liable for them, we cannot assure you that we will be able to recover the full amount of our losses from Cypress.

Our inability to resolve any disputes that arise between us and Cypress with respect to our past and ongoing relationships may result in a significant reduction of our revenue.

Disputes may arise between Cypress and us in a number of areas relating to our past and ongoing relationships, including:

labor, tax, employee benefit, indemnification and other matters arising from our separation from Cypress;

the cost of wafers for our imaging detectors;

employee retention and recruiting;

business combinations involving us;

pricing for transitional services;

sales or distributions by Cypress of all or any portion of its ownership interest in us;

the nature, quality and pricing of services Cypress has agreed to provide us; and

business opportunities that may be attractive to both Cypress and us.

Table of Contents

We may not be able to resolve any potential conflicts, and even if we do, the resolution may be less favorable than if we were dealing with an unaffiliated party.

The agreements we entered into with Cypress may be amended upon agreement between the parties. While we are controlled by Cypress, we may not have the leverage to negotiate amendments to these agreements if required on terms as favorable to us as those we would negotiate with an unaffiliated third party.

Some of our directors and executive officers may have conflicts of interest because of their ownership of Cypress common stock, options to acquire Cypress common stock and positions with Cypress.

Some of our directors and executive officers own Cypress common stock and options to purchase Cypress common stock. In addition, some of our directors are executive officers and/or directors of Cypress. Ownership of Cypress common stock and options to purchase Cypress common stock by our directors and officers and the presence of executive officers or directors of Cypress on our board of directors could create, or appear to create, conflicts of interest with respect to matters involving both us and Cypress. For example, corporate opportunities may arise that concern both of our businesses, such as the potential acquisition of a particular business or technology that is complementary to both of our businesses. In these situations, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that directors and officers who are also directors or officers of Cypress have no duty to communicate or present such corporate opportunity to us unless it is specifically applicable to the solar energy business and not applicable to or reasonably related to any business conducted by Cypress, have the right to deal with such corporate opportunity in their sole discretion and shall not be liable to us or our stockholders for breach of fiduciary duty by reason of the fact that such director or officer pursues or acquires such corporate opportunity for itself or for Cypress. In addition, we have not established at this time any procedural mechanisms to address actual or perceived conflicts of interest of these directors and officers and expect that our board of directors, in the exercise of its fiduciary duties, will determine how to address any actual or perceived conflicts of interest on a case-by-case basis. If any corporate opportunity arises and if our directors and officers do not pursue it on our behalf pursuant to the provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, we may not become aware of, and may potentially lose, a significant business opportunity.

Because Cypress is not obligated to distribute to its stockholders or otherwise dispose of our common stock that it owns, we will continue to be subject to the risks described above relating to Cypress' control of us if Cypress does not complete such a transaction.

Cypress is not obligated to distribute to its stockholders or otherwise dispose of the shares of our class B common stock that it beneficially owns, although it might elect to do so in the future. Cypress announced on October 6, 2006 and reiterated on October 19, 2006 that it was exploring ways in which to allow its stockholders to fully realize the value its investment in us. Moreover, completion of any such transaction could be contingent upon, among other things, the receipt of a favorable tax ruling from the Internal Revenue Service and/or a favorable opinion of Cypress' tax advisor as to the tax-free nature of such a transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Unless and until such a distribution occurs or Cypress otherwise disposes of shares so that it, its successors in interest and its subsidiaries collectively own less than 40% of the shares of all classes of our common stock then outstanding, we will continue to face the risks described above relating to Cypress' control of us and potential conflicts of interest between Cypress and us. We may be unable to realize potential benefits that could result from such a distribution by Cypress, such as greater strategic focus, greater access to capital markets, better incentives for employees and more accountable management, although we cannot guarantee that we would realize any of these potential benefits if such a distribution did occur. In addition, speculation by the press, investment community, our customers, our competitors or others regarding whether Cypress intends to complete such a distribution or otherwise dispose of its controlling interest in us could harm our business or lead to volatility in our stock price.

So long as Cypress continues to hold a controlling interest in us or is otherwise a significant stockholder, the liquidity and market price of our class A common stock may be adversely impacted. In addition, there can be no assurance that Cypress will distribute or otherwise dispose of any of its shares of our class B common stock.

Cypress' ability to replace our board of directors may make it difficult for us to recruit independent directors.

Cypress may at any time replace our entire board of directors. Furthermore, some actions of our board of directors require the approval of 75% of our directors except to the extent this condition is waived by Cypress. As a result, unless and until Cypress, its successors in interest and its subsidiaries collectively own less than 40% of the shares of all classes of our common stock then outstanding and Cypress is no longer consolidating us for accounting purposes, Cypress could exercise significant control over our board of directors. As such, individuals who might otherwise accept a board position at SunPower may decline to serve, and Cypress may be able to control important decisions made by our Board of Directors.

Table of Contents

Risks Related to Our Common Stock

Our stock price is volatile, and a liquid trading market for our class A common stock may not develop or be sustained.

Our class A common stock has a limited trading history in a public market. We cannot predict how liquid the market for our common stock might become. The trading price of our class A common stock could be subject to wide fluctuations due to the factors discussed in this risk factors section and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report. In addition, the stock market in general and the NASDAQ Global Market and technology companies in particular have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. These trading prices and valuations, including our own market valuation and those of companies in our industry generally, may not be sustainable. These broad market and industry factors may decrease the market price of our class A common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance. In addition, in the past, following periods of volatility in the overall market and the market price of a company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against these companies. This litigation, if instituted against us, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or reports about us, our business or our market, or if they change their recommendations regarding our stock adversely, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our class A common stock is influenced by the research and reports that industry or securities analysts publish about us, our business or our market. We have only been a public company since our IPO in November 2005, and accordingly our stock is covered by fewer securities analysts than that of more mature public companies. If one or more of the analysts who cover us change their recommendation regarding our stock adversely, our stock price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which in turn could cause our stock price or trading volume to decline.

Substantial future sales of our class A common stock or other securities in the public market could cause our stock price to fall.

Sales of our class A common stock in the public market or sales of any other securities in our Company, or the perception that such sales could occur, could cause the market price of our class A common stock to decline. As of September 30, 2006 we had 17,066,563 shares of class A common stock outstanding and Cypress owns the 52,033,287 outstanding shares of our class B common stock, representing approximately 75% of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Cypress may convert these shares into class A common stock at any time. Cypress has no contractual obligation to retain its shares of our common stock. Subject to applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws, Cypress may sell or distribute to its stockholders any or all of the shares of our common stock that it owns, which may or may not include the sale of a controlling interest in us. Any future issuances by us of class A common stock or other securities for financing purposes could similarly affect our stock price.

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act covering 6,332,549 shares of class A common stock issuable under outstanding options under our 1988 Incentive Stock Plan, under our 1996 Stock Plan and under non-plan options granted to employees and consultants and 356,839 shares reserved for future issuance as of September 30, 2006 under our 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. Shares registered under this registration statement are available for sale in the open market, although sales of shares held by our affiliates will be limited by Rule 144 volume limitations. The lock-up agreement with respect to these shares expired on May 16, 2006.

If Cypress elects to convert its shares of class B common stock into class A common stock, an additional 52,033,287 shares of class A common stock will be available for sale subject to volume and other restrictions as applicable under Rule 144 and 701 of the Securities Act. In addition, Cypress has the right to cause us to register the sale of its shares of our common stock under the Securities Act. Registration of these shares under the Securities Act would result in these shares, other than shares purchased by our affiliates, becoming freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act immediately upon the effectiveness of the registration.

If Cypress distributes to its stockholders shares of our common stock that it owns, substantially all of these shares would be eligible for immediate resale in the public market. We are unable to predict whether significant amounts of our common stock would be sold in the open market in anticipation of, or after, any such distribution. We also are unable to predict whether a sufficient number of buyers for shares of our class A common stock would be in the market at that time.

Table of Contents

The difference in the voting rights of our class A and our class B common stock may harm the value and liquidity of our class A common stock.

The rights of the holders of class A and class B common stock are substantially similar, except with respect to voting, conversion and other protective provisions. The holders of class B common stock are entitled to eight votes per share and the holders of our class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share. The difference in the voting rights of our class A and class B common stock both before and after any distribution of our class B common stock by Cypress to its stockholders could harm the value of the class A common stock to the extent that any investor or potential future purchaser of our common stock ascribes value to the right of the holders of our class B common stock to eight votes per share. The existence of two classes of common stock could result in less liquidity for either class of common stock than if there were only one class of our common stock.

Delaware law and our corporate charter and bylaws contain anti-takeover provisions that could delay or discourage takeover attempts that stockholders may consider favorable.

Provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation, as amended and restated, may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control or changes in our management. These provisions include the following:

the right of the board of directors to elect a director to fill a vacancy created by the expansion of the board of directors;

the prohibition of cumulative voting in the election of directors, which would otherwise allow less than a majority of stockholders to elect director candidates;

the requirement for advance notice for nominations for election to the board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon at a stockholders' meeting;

the ability of the board of directors to issue, without stockholder approval, up to 10,042,490 shares of preferred stock with terms set by the board of directors, which rights could be senior to those of common stock; and

in the event that Cypress, its successors in interest and its subsidiaries no longer collectively own shares of our common stock equal to at least 40% of the shares of all classes of our common stock then outstanding and Cypress is no longer consolidating us for accounting purposes:

our board of directors will be divided into three classes of directors, with the classes to be as nearly equal in number as possible;

no action can be taken by stockholders except at an annual or special meeting of the stockholders called in accordance with our bylaws, and stockholders may not act by written consent;

stockholders may not call special meetings of the stockholders; and

our board of directors will be able to alter our bylaws without obtaining stockholder approval.

Until such time as Cypress, its successor in interest and its subsidiaries collectively own less than 40% of the shares of all classes of our common stock then outstanding and Cypress is no longer consolidating us for accounting purposes, and unless Cypress waives this requirement, the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the then-authorized number of members of our board of directors will be required to: (a) adopt, amend or repeal our bylaws or certificate of incorporation; (b) appoint or remove our chief executive officer; (c) designate, appoint or allow for the

Edgar Filing: SUNPOWER CORP - Form 10-Q

nomination or recommendation for election by our stockholders of an individual to our board of directors; (d) change the size of our board of directors to be other than five members; (e) form a committee of our board of directors or establish or change a charter, committee responsibilities or committee membership of any committee of our board of directors; (f) adopt any stockholder rights plan, poison pill or other similar arrangement; or (g) approve any transactions that would involve a merger, consolidation, restructuring, sale of substantially all of our assets or any of our subsidiaries or otherwise result in any person or entity obtaining control of us or any of our subsidiaries. Cypress may at any time in its sole discretion waive this requirement to obtain such a supermajority vote of our board of directors.

In addition, because we are incorporated in Delaware, we are governed by the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. These provisions may prohibit large stockholders, in particular those owning 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock, from merging or combining with us. These provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation, bylaws and under Delaware law could discourage potential takeover attempts and could reduce the price that investors might be willing to pay for shares of our common stock in the future and result in the market price being lower than they would without these provisions.

Table of Contents***We incur substantial compliance costs as a public company.***

As a public company, we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses. In addition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as well as rules subsequently implemented by the SEC and the NASDAQ Global Market, have required changes in corporate governance practices of public companies. We expect these new rules and regulations to increase our legal and financial compliance costs in 2006 and beyond, and to make some activities more time-consuming and costly. We also expect these new rules and regulations to make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance in the future and we may be required to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. As a result, it may be more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers.

Item 6. Exhibits**Exhibit**

Number	Description
10.1	Supply Agreement, dated August 3, 2006, between the Registrant and Wacker Chemie AG
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Confidential treatment has been requested for portions of this exhibit.

Table of Contents

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

SUNPOWER CORPORATION

Dated: November 13, 2006

By: **/s/ EMMANUEL T. HERNANDEZ**
Emmanuel T. Hernandez
Chief Financial Officer

Table of Contents

Index to Exhibits

Exhibit

Number	Description
10.1	Supply Agreement, dated August 3, 2006, between the Registrant and Wacker Chemie AG
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Confidential treatment has been requested for portions of this exhibit.