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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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**Form 10-QSB**

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

**FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

**Commission file number: 000-21729**

**The viaLink Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Other Jurisdiction  
Incorporation or Organization)

**73-1247666**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Indemnification No.)

**13155 Noel Road, Suite 300**  
**Dallas, Texas**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**75240**  
(Zip Code)

**(972) 934-5500**  
(Issuer's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

As of June 30, 2004, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the voting common stock of the registrant held by non-affiliates of the registrant (affiliates for these purposes being Registrant's directors, executive officers and holders of more than 5% of Registrant's common stock on such date) computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity on that date was \$8.5 million. As of August 10, 2004, the issuer had 199,250,773 outstanding shares of Common Stock.

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**PART 1 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION****ITEM 1. Financial Statements****THE VIALINK COMPANY****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**December 31, 2003 and June 30, 2004**

	December 31, 2003	June 30, 2004
<b>ASSETS</b>		
		(Unaudited)
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 161,663	\$ 418,635
Accounts receivable – trade, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$135,000 in 2003 and \$120,000 in 2004	885,860	807,723
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	165,831	156,292
Total current assets	1,213,354	1,382,650
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, net	158,112	77,089
Software development costs, net	–	–
Other assets	60,197	260,926
Total assets	\$ 1,431,663	\$ 1,720,665
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 849,090	\$ 738,477
Deferred revenues	85,079	38,483
Notes payable, net of discount of \$1,067,000 in 2003 and \$886,000 in 2004	3,358,349	5,442,035
Current portion of capital lease obligations	229,549	88,228
Total current liabilities	4,522,067	6,307,223
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
Stockholders' deficit:		
Common stock, \$.001 par value; 400,000,000 shares authorized; 181,573,035 and 199,250,773 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2003 and June 30, 2004, respectively	181,573	199,251
Series D Preferred stock, \$.001 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; 831 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2003 and June 30, 2004	9,974,850	9,974,850
Additional paid-in capital	81,981,051	83,956,736
Accumulated deficit	(95,227,878)	(98,717,395)
Total stockholders' deficit	(3,090,404 )	(4,586,558 )
Total liabilities and stockholders' deficit	\$ 1,431,663	\$ 1,720,665

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

## THE VIALINK COMPANY

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

For the Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 and 2004  
(unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Revenues:				
Subscription	\$ 826,614	\$ 1,222,475	\$ 1,578,570	\$ 2,385,356
Implementation	126,416	97,633	214,991	136,516
Total revenues	\$ 953,030	\$ 1,320,108	\$ 1,793,561	\$ 2,521,872
Operating expenses:				
Customer operations	1,085,113	816,713	2,069,079	1,675,967
Development	445,988	395,469	983,877	802,949
Selling and marketing	478,410	192,524	1,006,632	394,940
General and administrative	640,507	372,623	1,332,890	682,742
Non-cash stock compensation	112,500	–	112,500	81,250
Depreciation and amortization	150,888	13,630	372,724	114,238
Total operating expenses	2,913,406	1,790,959	5,877,702	3,752,086
Loss from operations	(1,960,376 )	(470,851 )	(4,084,141 )	(1,230,214 )
Interest expense, net	(701,549 )	(980,731 )	(701,549 )	(2,259,303 )
Net loss	(2,661,925 )	(1,451,582 )	(4,785,690 )	(3,489,517 )
Dividends on preferred stock:				
Value of warrants and beneficial conversion	–	–	(1,260,000 )	–
Stated dividends	–	(302,570 )	–	(605,140 )
Net loss applicable to common stock	\$ (2,661,925 )	\$ (1,754,152 )	\$ (6,045,690 )	\$ (4,094,657 )
Net loss applicable to common stock per common share –				
Basic and diluted	\$ (0.02 )	\$ (0.01 )	\$ (0.04 )	\$ (0.02 )
Weighted average common shares outstanding –				
Basic and diluted	177,132,769	191,450,636	172,153,210	187,037,631

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

## THE VIALINK COMPANY

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2004  
(unaudited)

	Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated (Deficit)	Total
	Shares	Amounts	Shares	Amounts			
Balance, December 31, 2003	831	\$ 9,974,850	181,573,035	\$ 181,573	\$ 81,981,051	\$ (95,227,878)	\$ (3,090,404)
Stock issued under employee stock purchase and option plans			1,288,949	1,289	83,106		84,395
Exercise of stock purchase warrants			499,124	499	(499 )		-
Value assigned to warrants issued in connection with the issuance of Notes Payable and beneficial conversion feature of the Notes Payable					1,634,465		1,634,465
Interest paid in- kind with common stock			4,277,044	4,277	270,226		274,503
Placement agent fees paid in common stock			1,914,846	1,915	(1,915 )		-
Dividends on Preferred Stock:							
Stated dividends					(605,140 )		(605,140 )
Stated paid in- kind with common stock			9,697,775	9,698	595,442		605,140
Net loss						(3,489,517 )	(3,489,517)
Balance, June 30, 2004	831	\$ 9,974,850	199,250,773	\$ 199,251	\$ 83,956,736	\$ (98,717,395)	\$ (4,586,558)

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

## THE VIALINK COMPANY

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 and 2004  
(unaudited)

	2003	2004
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (4,785,690)	\$ (3,489,517)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	665,896	114,238
Non-cash stock compensation	112,500	81,250
Non-cash interest expense, notes payable	681,127	2,227,654
Increase (decrease) in cash for changes in:		
Accounts receivable, net	346,077	78,137
Prepaid expenses and other assets	27,983	9,539
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(286,503 )	(110,613 )
Deferred revenue	(15,666 )	(46,596 )
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(3,254,276)</u>	<u>(1,135,908)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Direct acquisition costs (Note 9)	-	(200,729 )
Capital expenditures	-	(33,215 )
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(233,944 )</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of notes payable	2,100,000	1,765,000
Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock	1,260,000	-
Payments, capital lease obligation	(53,623 )	(141,321 )
Proceeds from exercise of stock options, warrants and stock purchase plans	5,154	3,145
Payments of placement agent fees, notes payable	(147,000 )	-
Payments of offering and registration costs	(35,655 )	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>3,128,876</u>	<u>1,626,824</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(125,400 )	256,972
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	561,617	161,663
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 436,217</u>	<u>\$ 418,635</u>
Supplemental schedule of non-cash activities:		
Interest on notes payable paid in-kind with common stock	\$ 31,945	\$ 274,503
Dividend on preferred stock paid in common stock	\$ -	\$ 605,140
Placement agent fees paid, issuance of notes payable	\$ -	\$ 138,000

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



## THE VIALINK COMPANY

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Description of Business and Liquidity

We provide subscription-based, business-to-business electronic commerce services that enable companies in the consumer packaged goods, retail and automotive industries to efficiently manage their highly complex supply chain information. Our services allow manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, sales agencies (such as food brokers) and retailers to communicate and synchronize item, pricing and promotion information in a more cost-effective and accessible way than has been possible using traditional electronic and paper-based methods.

Our strategy is to continue our investment in development of our viaLink services and customer support services to facilitate our plan to penetrate each of these markets and build recurring revenues generated from subscriptions to our viaLink services. Consequently, we resemble a development stage company and will face many of the inherent risks and uncertainties that development stage companies face. There can be no assurance, however, that these efforts will be successful. Our failure to execute our strategy would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, including our viability as an enterprise. As a result of the high level of expenditures for investment in technology development, implementation, customer support services, and selling and marketing expenses, we expect to incur losses in the foreseeable future periods until such time, if ever, as the recurring revenues from our viaLink services are sufficient to cover the expenses.

Our clients and customers range from small, rapidly growing companies to large corporations in the consumer packaged goods, retail and automotive parts retail industries and are geographically dispersed throughout the United States.

We reported a substantial loss from operations for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003, and we expect to incur losses in 2004. The extent of the loss will depend primarily on the amount of revenues generated from implementations of and subscriptions to our viaLink services, which have not yet achieved sufficient market acceptance or market penetration, and the amount of expenses incurred in generating these revenues. In order to achieve market penetration and acceptance we expect to continue our expenditures for development of our viaLink services. These expenses have substantially exceeded our revenues.

Our independent registered public accounting firm has issued their Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 with an explanatory paragraph regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. We have generated net losses for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 and have generated an accumulated deficit of \$98.7 million as of June 30, 2004. We have incurred operating losses and negative cash flow in the past and expect to incur operating losses and negative cash flow for the remainder of 2004. We continue to pursue sales efforts with smaller suppliers however we continue to experience delays. The signing of these suppliers is dependent upon the success of our retailer customers' 'community development' activities. Additionally, we continue to focus our sales efforts on leading customers, particularly retailers, each of which could have a greater incremental effect on increasing subscription revenues. An increase in the number of leading customers is critical to generating positive cash flow from operations and creating sales opportunities through 'community development'.

The delay in generating revenues creates a need for us to obtain additional capital in 2004 in order for us to execute our current business plan successfully. The amount of additional capital needed will be dependent upon (a) our services achieving market penetration, (b) the timing of additional customer signings, (c) our ability to maintain current decreased levels of spending, and/or (d) the amount, if any, of unanticipated expenditures. There can be no assurance as to whether, when or the terms upon which any such capital may be obtained. Any failure to obtain an adequate and timely amount of additional capital on commercially reasonable terms could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, including our ability to continue as a going concern.

#### 2. Basis of Presentation

We have prepared the accompanying unaudited financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-QSB. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of our management, the accompanying unaudited financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring

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adjustments) considered necessary to present fairly our financial position and results of operations and cash flow. These interim unaudited financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and related notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-KSB, for the year ended December 31, 2003, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The factors discussed in Footnote 1. above raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

Operating results for the six month period ended June 30, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2004.

### 3. Stock-Based Compensation

The Company uses the intrinsic-value method as provided by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" in accounting for its various fixed stock option plans and its employee stock purchase plan ("ESPP") and provides pro forma disclosures of the compensation expense determined under the fair value provisions of SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", as amended by SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation-Transition and Disclosure." Accordingly, the Company did not recognize compensation expense upon the issuance of certain of its stock options because the option terms were fixed and the exercise price equaled the market price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant.

Pro forma information regarding net loss and loss per share is required by and has been determined as if we had accounted for its employee stock options under the fair value method defined by SFAS No. 123 and amended by SFAS No. 148. The fair value for these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for options granted in each of the following fiscal years ended December 31,:

	2001		2002		2003	
Interest rates, (Zero-coupon U.S. Government Bonds issued with remaining life equal to expected term of options)	4.5	%	2.5	%	2.5	%
Dividend yields	0	%	0	%	0	%
Volatility factors of our common stock	150% to 177%		143	%	91% to 127%	
Weighted average expected life	2.5 years		2.5 years		2.5 years	
Resulting weighted average grant date fair value.	\$	0.50	\$	0.09	\$	0.06
Additional expense under fair value method	\$	20,422,000	\$	9,220,000	\$	2,085,000

The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options, which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. Because our stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and because changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate, in management's opinion, the existing models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of its stock options.

The following table displays the effect on net loss and loss per share had the fair value method been applied during each of the following periods ended June 30,:

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	Three months ended June 30,:		Six months ended June 30,:	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Basic:				
Net loss applicable to common stock, as reported	\$ (2,661,925)	\$ (1,754,152)	\$ (6,045,690)	\$ (4,094,657)
Stock-based compensation included in the determination of net loss under APB No. 25	112,500	–	112,500	81,250
Stock-based compensation to be included the determination of net loss under SFAS No. 148	(610,241 )	(117,078 )	(1,587,513)	(353,018 )
Pro-forma net loss	\$ (3,159,666)	\$ (1,871,230)	\$ (7,520,703)	\$ (4,366,425)
Net loss applicable to common stock, per common share:				
As reported	\$ (0.02 )	\$ (0.01 )	\$ (0.04 )	\$ (0.02 )
Pro-forma	\$ (0.02 )	\$ (0.01 )	\$ (0.04 )	\$ (0.02 )

#### 4. Reconciliation for Basic and Diluted Earnings per Share (“EPS”)

A reconciliation of the numerators and the denominators used in the calculation of earnings (loss) applicable to common stock per share is as follows for the three month periods ended June 30,:

	Three months ended June 30,:		Six months ended June 30,:	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Basic:				
Net loss applicable to common stock	\$ (2,661,925 )	\$ (1,754,152 )	\$ (6,045,690 )	\$ (4,094,657 )
Weighted average common shares outstanding	177,132,769	191,450,636	172,153,210	187,037,631
Net Loss per common share	\$ (0.02 )	\$ (0.01 )	\$ (0.04 )	\$ (0.02 )
Diluted:				
Net loss applicable to common stock	\$ (2,661,925 )	\$ (1,754,152 )	\$ (6,045,690 )	\$ (4,094,657 )
Weighted average common shares outstanding	177,132,769	191,450,636	172,153,210	187,037,631
Add: Net effect of dilutive potential shares	–	–	–	–
	177,132,769	191,450,636	172,153,210	187,037,631
Net Loss per share applicable to common stock	\$ (0.02 )	\$ (0.01 )	\$ (0.04 )	\$ (0.02 )

For the six months ended June 30, 2004, we had outstanding (a) options to purchase 13,706,895 shares at a weighted average exercise price of \$1.04, (b) 83.1 million shares of common stock to be issued upon the conversion of our Series D Preferred Stock at a conversion price of \$0.12 per share, (c) \$6.3 million of convertible notes payable which could be converted into common stock and (c) warrants to purchase common shares at exercise prices in the following table. These securities were outstanding but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect of these outstanding options, stock issuable upon conversion of Preferred Stock and warrants would be antidilutive.

Underlying Common Shares	Exercise Price
445,184	\$ 0.001
16,280,000	0.10
27,250,000	0.12
100,000	0.15
50,000	0.30
59,029	10.16

For the six months ended June 30, 2003, we had outstanding (a) options to purchase 15,398,350 shares at a weighted average exercise price of \$2.86, (b) 84.1 million shares of common stock to be issued upon the conversion of our Series D Preferred Stock at a conversion price of \$0.12 per share and (c) warrants to purchase common shares at exercise prices in the following table. These securities were outstanding but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect of these outstanding options, stock issuable upon conversion of Preferred Stock and warrants would be antidilutive.

<b>Underlying Common Shares</b>	<b>Exercise Price</b>
10,500,000	\$ 0.12
100,000	0.15
50,000	0.30
59,029	10.16

## 5. Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses at December 31, 2003 and June 30, 2004 consisted of the following:

	<u>December 31, 2003</u>	<u>June 30, 2004</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 309,852	\$ 346,936
Accrued employee compensation	317,014	263,002
Accrued rent and other occupancy expenses	100,000	-
Accrued professional fees and contract labor	80,990	83,674
Other accrued expenses	<u>41,234</u>	<u>44,865</u>
Total accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ <u>849,090</u>	\$ <u>738,477</u>

## 6. Income Taxes

We are required to record a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of the deferred tax asset depends on our ability to generate sufficient taxable income in the future. We have recognized a full valuation allowance for the amount of net deferred tax asset at December 31, 2003 and June 30, 2004 since the Company resembles a development stage company and has no history of profitability.

## 7. Series D Convertible Preferred Stock

On February 5, 2003, we completed the second of two closings for the sale of \$4.5 million of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock to SDS Merchant Fund, L.P. and other purchasers. The second closing resulted in proceeds of \$1,260,000 and the issuance of 105 shares of Series D Preferred Shares. Each share of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock has a face value of \$12,000 and is convertible into our Common stock at \$0.12 per share.

Additionally, in accordance with the Purchase Agreement, we issued warrants to purchase 50,000 shares of our common stock for each share of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock issued. On February 5, 2003, we issued warrants to purchase a total 5.3 million shares of common stock which were exercised immediately at a nominal exercise price of \$0.001.

The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.001 per share, is convertible into shares of our common stock in the manner, and upon the terms, provisions and conditions set forth in the Certificate of Designation of the Preferred Stock. The conversion price of the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock is subject to certain adjustments under the terms of the Certificate of Designation. The proceeds from issuance of the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock and Warrant issued and the fair value of the warrants issued to the holders of the Series B and Series C Preferred Stock has been allocated to each instrument based on their relative fair values. Additionally, the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock includes a beneficial conversion ratio at the issuance date. The fair value of the Warrants and the intrinsic value of the beneficial conversion ratio has been deemed a dividend to holders of the Preferred Stock and considered a non-cash dividend to the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock shareholders recorded during the first quarter of 2003 and has been included in the determination of net loss applicable to common stock for the six months ended June 30, 2003.

## 8. Notes Payable

Beginning on April 9, 2003, throughout 2003 and up to the date of this report we have received working capital funding from certain existing shareholders. During the six months ended June 30, 2004 we received proceeds totaling \$1.8 million. Subsequent to June 30, 2004, we have received an additional \$510,000.

The promissory notes issued from April 9, 2003 through March 31, 2004 had the same terms and were initially due on the earlier of the six-month anniversary of the issuance of each note or the consummation of a proposed financing as defined in the note agreement. The maturity of the notes has been amended and extended to February 25, 2005. The notes bear interest, payable quarterly in cash or common stock at the option of the Company, at 10% per annum. For each \$10,000 in principal the note holders were issued warrants to purchase 50,000 shares of our common stock at \$0.12 per share. The notes contain certain provisions allowing, at the option of the holder, the conversion of the principal amount of each of the notes into equity securities of the Company. If the holder elects to convert the notes into equity securities, the principal amount of the note shall convert into such amount of equity securities equal to 110% of the principal amount of the note. These provisions create a beneficial conversion ratio.

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The proceeds from issuance of the notes payable, the beneficial conversion ratio at the issuance date and warrants were allocated to each instrument based on their relative fair values. The sum of the relative fair value of the warrants and the intrinsic value of the beneficial conversion ratio of the notes payable was determined to be in excess of the total proceeds received by the Company; therefore, the entire proceeds is considered a non-cash debt discount. The debt discount is being amortized as interest over the life of each of the notes payable. The debt discount was recorded at the date of each issuance and the amortization of the debt discount is included in the determination of net loss as interest expense beginning in the second quarter of 2003 and into 2004.

In a series of transactions completed in May 2004, viaLink concluded its issuance of Convertible Promissory Notes. The proceeds from the issuance of these notes totaled \$5.4 million. In connection with the definitive merger agreement with Prescient Systems, Inc. (Note 9), the holders of the notes have agreed to convert the face value into a newly Designated Series E Convertible Preferred Stock upon shareholder approval of the merger transaction. The Series E has a conversion price of \$0.10 per share and beginning 18 months from the issuance date will pay a dividend of 4%. It is expected that the terms of the Series E will allow for its inclusion within the equity section of the Company's balance sheet.

Additionally, in May 2004 the Company received funding commitments for additional \$2.75 million. \$740,000 was funded through 10% secured promissory notes during the second quarter ended June 30, 2004 and an additional \$510,000 will be funding prior to the closing of the merger. The secured promissory notes will automatically convert into \$1.25 million of our Series F Preferred Stock upon the closing of the merger. The remaining \$1.5 million of the Series F will be funded at the closing of the merger. In connection with the issuance of these notes, viaLink has agreed to issue warrants to purchase 27.5 million shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$0.10 to the providers of this funding. The Series F Preferred Stock will have an initial conversion price \$0.10 per share. Under the terms of the Series F, the Series F will automatically convert into a qualified equity financing that results in at least \$3 million of gross proceeds to the merged company. It is expected that the terms of the Series F will allow for its inclusion within the equity section of the Company's balance sheet.

The proceeds from issuance of the secured promissory notes payable, the beneficial conversion ratio at the issuance date and warrants were allocated to each instrument based on their relative fair values. The fair value of the warrants is considered a non-cash debt discount. The debt discount is being amortized as interest over the life of each of the notes payable. The debt discount was recorded at the date of each issuance and the amortization of the debt discount is included in the determination of net loss as interest expense beginning in the second quarter 2004. As the secured promissory notes are convertible into Series F Preferred Stock, which is in turn convertible into common stock, and the ultimate terms of the conversion will not be known until the consummation of the merger, the fair value of the conversion feature was estimated and recorded as an embedded derivative. The fair value of the derivative will be marked to market until the date the merger is completed.

## **9. Definitive Merger Agreement**

On May 26, 2004, the Company entered into a definitive agreement and plan to merge with Prescient Systems, Inc. Pending stockholder and regulatory approval, viaLink will acquire all outstanding shares of Prescient in a stock-for-stock transaction. Under terms of the merger agreement, the security holders of Prescient would receive approximately 45% of the combined company's outstanding fully-converted shares at closing and the security holders of viaLink would continue to hold the remaining 55% of the combined company's outstanding fully-converted shares at closing. At closing, viaLink will change its name and corporate identity to Prescient Applied Intelligence. Closing of the transaction is conditioned upon the approval of Prescient's and viaLink's stockholders, as well as other customary closing conditions and is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2004. The Company's financial statements as of June 30, 2004 do not include the results of operations of Prescient.

## **ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

*Statements of our management's intentions, beliefs, anticipations, expectations and similar expressions concerning future events or outcomes contained in this Report constitute "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act"). Any forward-looking statements are made by us in good faith, pursuant to the safe-harbor provisions of the Reform Act. As with any future event or outcome, we cannot assure you that the events or outcomes described in forward-looking statements made in this Report will occur or that the results of future events or outcomes will not vary materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect our management's current views and projections regarding economic conditions, industry environments and our performance. Important factors that could cause our actual performance and operating results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, changes in the general level of economic activity in the markets served by us, introduction of new products or services by competitors, sales performance, expense levels, interest rates, changes in our financial condition, availability and terms of capital sufficient to support our current and anticipated level of activity, delays in implementing further enhancements to our services and our ability to implement our business strategies.*

*Our expectations with respect to future results of operations that may be embodied in oral and written forward-looking statements, including any forward-looking statements that may be included in this Report, are subject to risks and uncertainties that must be considered when evaluating the likelihood of our realization of such expectations. Our actual results could differ materially. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in "Additional Factors That May Affect Future Results."*

### **Overview**

We provide subscription-based, business-to-business electronic commerce services that enable companies in the consumer packaged goods, retail and automotive industries to efficiently manage their highly complex supply chain information. Our core service, syncLink®, allows manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, sales agencies (such as food brokers) and retailers to communicate and synchronize item, price and promotion information in a more cost-effective and accessible way than has been possible using traditional electronic and paper-based methods. We enable companies to build on the foundation of synchronized data with more advanced e-commerce practices. Our advanced services, which are all built on the syncLink foundation, include distribuLink(SM) for chain pricing data in multi-tier distribution channels, viaLink invoicing, chainLink(R) scan sales visibility, and sbtLink(SM), the company's scan based trading service.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") recently released Financial Reporting Release No. 60, which requires all companies to include a discussion of critical accounting policies or methods used in the preparation of financial statements. In addition, Financial Reporting Release No. 61 was recently released by the SEC to require all companies to include a discussion to address, among other matters, liquidity, off-balance sheet arrangements, contractual obligations and commercial commitments. The Company's significant accounting policies and methods used in the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements are discussed in Footnote 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. The following is a listing of the Company's critical accounting policies and a brief discussion of each:

Allowance for doubtful accounts;

Revenue recognition; and

Asset Impairment;

*Allowance for Doubtful Accounts.* The Company's allowance for doubtful accounts relates to trade accounts receivable. The allowance for doubtful accounts is an estimate prepared by management based on identification of the collectibility of specific accounts and the overall condition of the receivable portfolios. The Company specifically analyzes individual customer balances in trade receivables, historical bad debts, customer credits, customer concentrations, customer credit-worthiness, current economic trends and changes in customer payment terms when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required. Likewise, should the Company determine that it would be able to realize more of its receivables in the

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future than previously estimated, an adjustment to the allowance would increase income in the period such determination was made. The allowance for doubtful accounts is reviewed on a quarterly basis and adjustments are recorded as deemed necessary.

*Revenue Recognition.* We expect to generate our future revenues primarily from monthly subscriptions to our services. For use of our syncLink service, our customers pay us either a flat monthly subscription rate or a rate based on the number trading partners and the size and complexity of the trading relationships. Our other services are available for additional monthly subscription fees.

We also charge an implementation fee ranging from \$1,200 for an on-line implementation to over \$100,000 for more complex supplier and retailer installations. Our implementation fees are separately priced based on time and materials. Implementation costs consist primarily of labor by technical support personnel to configure customer data and establish a connection to our services. Our subscription services are provided by and are resident on our database servers. Our customers gain access to and use our services through means ranging from Internet web browsers to fully automated batch interfaces imbedded in the customers IT systems. Basic implementation services, including training the customer on how to use our services and how to format and populate our database with the customer's data, are provided to all of our customers. Services beyond the basic implementation services include consulting services that help customers modify their own IT systems and procedures to enable more automated interfaces with our services.

We recognize revenues for our subscription and basic implementation services over the terms of the subscription arrangements. Revenues collected in advance are deferred and recognized as earned. Revenues for consulting services related to complex supplier and retailer implementations are recognized as services are provided.

Contracts for customer use of our services are generally for periods ranging from one to three years, but are generally cancelable with 30 days notice. Implementation fees for our services are based on time and materials, are due up front, are nonrefundable and are separately priced from the use of our services. Implementation costs consist primarily of labor by technical support personnel to configure customer data and establish a connection to the viaLink database. Implementation activities can range from a "basic" implementation that simply establishes a web browser interface to more involved activities where we are engaged to assist a customer in modifying their systems and automating the connection. We have no obligation to perform any future implementation services and no additional implementation services are necessary upon renewal of the service by the customer. We recognize implementation fees and associated costs for the more involved implementation activities as the services are provided. Implementation fees and associated direct costs to provide basic implementations are deferred and recognized over the period the subscription-based services are provided. Implementation fees and associated direct costs for basic implementations are deferred because we do not have an objective basis to determine the fair value of the basic implementation services and they are essential to subscription to our services. The fair value of more involved implementation activities is established using a residual method and generally equals the amount charged by us based on time and materials. We recognized revenue for subscription fees for customer use of our services as these services are provided. Revenues collected in advance and revenues dependent upon future performance criteria are deferred and recognized as earned and those performance criteria are met.

*Asset Impairment.* The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment in accordance with SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets." The Company adopted SFAS No. 144 in fiscal year 2002. SFAS No. 144 required the company to identify events or changes in circumstances which indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If impairment indicators are present and the estimated future undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying value of the long-lived assets, the carrying value is reduced to the estimated fair value as measured by the discounted cash flows. Our continuing losses from operations is one factor which could be an indicator that the carrying amounts of any of our assets may not be recoverable. The Company performed an analysis comparing estimated future cash flows to the carrying value of its assets at December 31, 2003. The analysis did not indicate that an impairment exists as of December 31, 2003. The estimated future cash flows were based upon certain assumptions and are dependent upon future performance. See *ADDITIONAL FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE PERFORMANCE* for factors that may cause our operations to vary from our estimates. If actual results differ from the estimated future cash flows, impairment may be evident in future periods.

*Debt Discount and Beneficial Conversion Feature.* The Company's notes payable contain certain provisions allowing, at the option of the holder, the conversion of the principal amount of each of the notes into equity securities of the Company. The Company has determined that these provisions create a beneficial conversion ratio.

The Company allocates the proceeds from issuance of the notes payable, the beneficial conversion ratio at the issuance date and warrants to each instrument based on their relative fair values. The sum of the relative fair value of the warrants and the intrinsic value of the beneficial conversion ratio of the notes payable was determined to be in excess of the total proceeds received by the Company;



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therefore, the entire proceeds is considered a non-cash debt discount. The Company estimates the fair values of the warrants and beneficial conversion feature using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The Black-Scholes option valuation model was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options, which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. In addition, option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. These equity linked securities have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options and changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the fair value estimate. The resulting debt discount is being amortized as interest over the life of each of the notes payable. The debt discount was recorded at the date of each issuance and the amortization of the debt discount is included in the determination of net loss as interest expense.

## Results of Operations

### *Comparison of the Three Months Ended June 30, 2003 (“2003”) to the Three Months Ended June 30, 2004 (“2004”)*

*Revenues.* Our revenues are comprised of revenues for subscriptions to our services and implementation revenues. The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the components of revenue included in our consolidated statements of operations:

	2003	2004
Revenues:		
Subscription	\$ 826,614	\$ 1,222,475
Implementation	126,416	97,633
Total revenues	\$ <u>953,030</u>	\$ <u>1,320,108</u>

Subscription revenues have increased 48% from 2003 to 2004. This increase is due to increases in the number of subscribers to our services and increases in our subscription rates. Continued subscription revenue growth is dependent upon the number of subscribers to our services and how many trading partners with which they are exchanging data (“connections”) and is also dependent upon increasing the number of connections between our existing customers and adding new customers. The rate at which the connections increase can vary significantly from customer to customer depending upon each customer’s deployment strategy. Historically, our retailer customers have been better able to assist us in increasing the number of connections. During the second quarter of 2003 we executed an agreement with AutoZone which became one of our 5 largest customers. The addition of AutoZone creates an additional market for our advanced commerce services and we expect increases in the number of automotive supplier customers purchasing implementation and subscription services.

Implementation revenues decreased 23% from 2003 to 2004. The decrease is due to continuing decreases in the number of larger implementations being performed. Our implementation projects continue to decrease in size and duration yielding fewer larger implementation fees however we believe that this accelerates our opportunity for growth in subscription revenues.

*Customer Operations.* Customer operations expense consists of personnel costs associated with implementation, consulting and other services and costs of operating, maintaining and accessing our technical operations and hosting facilities. Customer operations expense also includes the cost of providing support and maintenance to customers. Our customer operations expense decreased from \$1,085,000 in 2003 to \$817,000 in 2004. This decrease is due primarily to a decrease of \$68,000 in personnel costs, a decrease of \$31,000 in expenses related to our operations platform at Hewlett-Packard and a \$137,000 decrease in amortization of software costs previously capitalized. Our customer operations team consisted of 23 at June 30, 2004 compared to 21 people at June 30, 2003. We expect customer operations expenses to remain at this level into the third and fourth quarter of 2004.

*Development.* Development expense includes personnel and contract labor costs and professional fees incurred for product development, enhancements, upgrades, quality assurance and testing. Our development expenses decreased from \$446,000 in 2003 to \$395,000 in 2004. This decrease is due to decreases in personnel costs of \$48,000. Our development team consisted of 14 people at June 30, 2004 as compared to 21 people at June 30, 2003. We are continuously undertaking various projects to expand the functionality of our services and we expect the continuance of these expenses for the foreseeable future.

*Selling and Marketing.* Selling and marketing expense consists primarily of personnel costs, travel, seminars and technical conferences, and limited advertising and public relations programs. Selling and marketing expense decreased from \$478,000 in 2003 to \$193,000 in 2004. This decrease is due to decreases in personnel costs of \$228,000, a decrease of \$38,000 in advertising and promotion costs and a decrease of \$14,000 in travel expenses. Our sales and marketing team included 3 people at June 30, 2004 as

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compared to 13 people at June 30, 2003. We expect to increase our selling and marketing expenses in the third and fourth quarter as we fill open sales positions and increase our participation in industry activities and other growth opportunities.

*General and Administrative (G&A) and non-cash stock compensation.* G&A expense consists primarily of the personnel and other costs for the administration of the company's financial and human resources requirements and the fees and expenses associated with legal, accounting and other services. G&A expense decreased from \$641,000 in 2003 to \$373,000 in 2004. G&A expenses decreased due to a \$53,000 decrease in personnel costs, a decrease of \$43,000 in printing for the proxy and other annual meeting costs, a \$64,000 decrease in rent expense for our corporate office and a decrease of \$105,000 in insurance and other professional fees. Non-cash stock compensation of \$112,500 during 2003 was included in the statement of operations for restricted stock grants during the period.

*Depreciation and Amortization.* Depreciation and amortization expense decreased from \$151,000 in 2003 to \$14,000 in 2004. This decrease reflects the complete depreciation of certain long-lived assets and decreases in capital expenditures in 2003 and 2004 and is expected to remain at this level.

*Interest expense, net.* Interest expense represents the non-cash interest expense for the amortization of the initial debt discount recorded for each of our notes payable and interest expense on our capital lease with HP. The debt discount is being amortized over the life of each note and is expected to continue for the remainder of 2004.

*Dividends on Preferred Stock.* Dividends on Preferred Stock includes the allocation of the proceeds received to the warrants issued and beneficial conversion features of our Preferred Stock issued during the respective periods. During 2003, \$1.26 million was recorded with the issuance of our Series D Preferred Stock.

Additionally, the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock accrues dividends at 8% per annum and increased to 12% on January 1, 2004.

### *Comparison of the Six Months Ended June 30, 2003 ("2003") to the Six Months Ended June 30, 2004 ("2004")*

*Revenues.* Our revenues are comprised of revenues for subscriptions to our services and implementation revenues. The following table sets forth for the periods indicated the components of revenue included in our consolidated statements of operations:

	2003	2004
Revenues:		
Subscription	\$ 1,578,570	\$ 2,385,356
Implementation	214,991	136,516
Total revenues	\$ <u>1,793,561</u>	\$ <u>2,521,872</u>

Subscription revenues have increased 51% from 2003 to 2004. This increase is due to increases in the number of subscribers to our services and increases in our subscription rates. Continued subscription revenue growth is dependent upon the number of subscribers to our services and how many trading partners with which they are exchanging data ("connections") and is also dependent upon increasing the number of connections between our existing customers and adding new customers. The rate at which the connections increase can vary significantly from customer to customer depending upon each customer's deployment strategy. Historically, our retailer customers have been better able to assist us in increasing the number of connections. During the second quarter of 2003 we executed an agreement with AutoZone which became one of our 5 largest customers. The addition of AutoZone creates an additional market for our advanced commerce services and we expect increases in the number of automotive supplier customers purchasing implementation and subscription services.

Implementation revenues decreased 37% from 2003 to 2004. The decrease is due to continuing decreases in the number of larger implementations being performed. Our implementation projects continue to decrease in size and duration yielding fewer larger implementation fees however we believe that this accelerates our opportunity for growth in subscription revenues.

*Customer Operations.* Customer operations expense consists of personnel costs associated with implementation, consulting and other services and costs of operating, maintaining and accessing our technical operations and hosting facilities. Customer operations expense also includes the cost of providing support and maintenance to customers. Our customer operations expense decreased from

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\$2,069,000 in 2003 to \$1,676,000 in 2004. This decrease is due primarily to a decrease of \$35,000 in travel costs offset in part by an increase in telecommunications expense of \$12,000, a decrease of \$74,000 in expenses related to our operations platform at Hewlett-Packard and a \$276,000 decrease in amortization of software costs previously capitalized.

*Development.* Development expense includes personnel and contract labor costs and professional fees incurred for product development, enhancements, upgrades, quality assurance and testing. Our development expenses decreased from \$984,000 in 2003 to \$803,000 in 2004. This decrease is due to decreases in personnel costs of \$164,000 and decreases in telecommunications expenses of \$13,000. Our development team consisted of 14 people at June 30, 2004 as compared to 21 people at June 30, 2003.

*Selling and Marketing.* Selling and marketing expense consists primarily of personnel costs, travel, seminars and technical conferences, and limited advertising and public relations programs. Selling and marketing expense decreased from \$1,007,000 in 2003 to \$395,000 in 2004. This decrease is due to decreases in personnel costs of \$497,000, a decrease of \$65,000 in advertising and promotion costs and a decrease of \$40,000 in travel and telecommunications expenses. Our sales and marketing team included 3 people at June 30, 2004 as compared to 13 people at June 30, 2003.

*General and Administrative (G&A) and non-cash stock compensation.* G&A expense consists primarily of the personnel and other costs for the administration of the company's financial and human resources requirements and the fees and expenses associated with legal, accounting and other services. G&A expense decreased from \$1,333,000 in 2003 to \$683,000 in 2004. G&A expenses decreased due to a \$283,000 decrease in personnel costs, a decrease of \$44,000 in printing for the proxy and other annual meeting costs, a \$120,000 decrease in rent expense for our corporate office and a decrease of \$214,000 in insurance and other professional fees. Non-cash stock compensation of \$112,500 and \$81,250 during 2003 and 2004, respectively, was included in the statement of operations for restricted stock grants during the period.

*Depreciation and Amortization.* Depreciation and amortization expense decreased from \$373,000 in 2003 to \$114,000 in 2004. This decrease reflects the complete depreciation of certain long-lived assets and decreases in capital expenditures in 2003 and 2004 and is expected to remain at this level.

*Interest expense, net.* Interest expense represents the non-cash interest expense for the amortization of the initial debt discount recorded for each of our notes payable and interest expense on our capital lease with HP. The debt discount is being amortized over the life of each note and is expected to continue for the remainder of 2004.

*Dividends on Preferred Stock.* Dividends on Preferred Stock includes the allocation of the proceeds received to the warrants issued and beneficial conversion features of our Preferred Stock issued during the respective periods. During 2003, \$1.26 million was recorded with the issuance of our Series D Preferred Stock.

Additionally, the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock accrues dividends at 8% per annum and increased to 12% on January 1, 2004.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our principal potential sources of liquidity are cash on hand, cash generated from current revenues and cash provided from financing activities. As of June 30, 2004, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$419,000.

During the six months ended June 30, 2004, we used \$1.1 million in operating activities compared to using \$3.3 million during the six months ended June 30, 2003. Cash used in operating activities during 2004 reflects a net loss of \$3.5 million. Cash used in operating activities also reflects, \$0.1 million of depreciation and amortization, \$0.1 million of non-cash stock compensation and \$2.2 million of non-cash interest expense. Additionally, the company used cash for working capital changes of \$0.1 million, primarily accounts payable.

During the six months ended June 30, 2004, we used approximately \$234,000 in investing activities reflecting capital expenditures for our new office space and direct acquisition costs incurred through June 30, 2004 related to our merger with Prescient Systems, Inc. We made no capital expenditures in 2003.

During the six months ended June 30, 2004, financing activities provided net cash of \$1,627,000, primarily the result of the issuance of \$1,765,000 in notes payable to existing shareholders less the payments made on our capital lease obligations with Hewlett-Packard. During the six months ended June 30, 2003, financing activities provided net cash of \$3.13 million, primarily the result of the

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issuance of 105 shares of Series D Preferred Stock, less offering and registration costs and \$2.1 million in proceeds from the issuance of notes payable.

Since the middle of 2001, the company has implemented an aggressive cost cutting program including the closing of offices, pay reductions, reduction in workforce, and other expense reductions including travel, administrative and vendor service costs. Late in 2002 and into 2003, the company has taken and continues to take additional measures to reduce its cost structure. Including an additional reduction in the third quarter of 2003. The reductions have included headcount reductions at the executive level, negotiations with significant vendors and other expense reductions including travel, administrative and vendor service costs. As a result of these changes, the gross cash operating expenses decreased to approximately \$0.8 million per month (excluding non-cash items) during the first and second quarter of 2003. Additionally, the expenses were further reduced to less than \$0.7 million per month (excluding non-cash items) effective late in the third quarter and for the fourth quarter 2003.

We have incurred operating losses and negative cash flow in the past and expect to incur operating losses and negative cash flow for the remainder of 2004. Our spending may increase in the future for further technology and product development and other technology and database costs. We also could expect increases in customer operations expense to be incurred after corresponding increases in contracted revenues.

Our independent registered public accounting firm has issued their Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 with an explanatory paragraph regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. We have generated net losses for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 and have generated an accumulated deficit of \$98.7 million as of June 30, 2004. We have incurred operating losses and negative cash flow in the past and expect to incur operating losses and negative cash flow during the first half of 2004. We have experienced delays in signing small supplier customers which were an important component of our expected implementation revenues. The signing of these suppliers is dependent upon the success of our retailer customers' 'community development' activities. We continue to pursue sales efforts with the small suppliers and still believe that they will become subscribers to our services. We continue to focus our sales efforts on leading customers, particularly retailers, each of which could have a greater incremental effect on increasing subscription revenues. An increase in the number of leading customers is critical to generating positive cash flow from operations and creating sales opportunities through 'community development'.

The delay in generating revenues creates a need for us to obtain additional capital throughout the remainder of 2004 in order for us to execute our current business plan successfully. The amount of capital will be dependent upon (a) our services achieving market acceptance, (b) the timing of additional customer signings, (c) our ability to sustain current decreased levels of spending, and/or (d) the amount of, if any, unanticipated expenditures. There can be no assurance as to whether, when or the terms upon which any such capital may be obtained. Any failure to obtain an adequate and timely amount of additional capital on commercially reasonable terms could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, including our ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In January 2003, the FASB issued FIN No. 46, "*Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities.*" ("FIN 46") This Interpretation was subsequently revised in December 2003. The Interpretation clarifies the application of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51, "*Consolidated Financial Statements,*" to certain entities in which the equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support from other parties. The Interpretation, as revised, requires an entity to apply the interpretation to all interests in variable interest entities or potential variable interest entities commonly referred to as special-purpose entities for periods ended after December 15, 2003. Application for all other types of entities is required in financial statements for periods ending after March 15, 2004. The adoption of FIN 46 did not have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "*Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity*" ("SFAS No. 150"). SFAS No. 150 modifies the accounting for certain financial instruments that, under previous guidance, issuers could account for as equity. SFAS No. 150 requires that those instruments be classified as liabilities. SFAS No. 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period that began after June 15, 2003. It is to be implemented by reporting the cumulative effect of a change in an accounting principle for financial instruments created before the issuance date of SFAS No. 150 and still existing at the beginning of the interim period of adoption. Restatement is not permitted. The adoption did not have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations or financial position.

### **Additional Factors That May Affect Future Results**

*You should carefully consider these factors that may affect future results, together with all of the other information included in this Form 10-QSB, in evaluating our business. The risks and uncertainties described below are those that we currently believe may materially affect us. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of or that we currently deem immaterial also may become important factors that affect us.*

*Keep these risks in mind when you read “forward-looking” statements elsewhere in this Form 10-QSB. These are statements that relate to our expectations for future events and time periods. Generally, the words “anticipate,” “expect,” “intend,” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and future events and circumstances could differ significantly from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements. Please see “Special Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” below in this Item 2.*

### **We may be unable to obtain the additional capital required to sustain and grow our business.**

We intend to continue our investment in and development of our services and technology. We have incurred operating losses and negative cash flow in the past and expect to incur operating losses and negative cash flow in the future. Our ability to fund our planned working capital and capital expenditures will depend largely upon our ability to obtain sufficient capital. Our future capital requirements will depend on a number of factors, including our:

Services achieving market acceptance;

Services producing a sustainable revenue stream;

Working capital requirements; and

Level of our investment in and development of our services and technology.

### **We may not be able to obtain the additional capital resources necessary to satisfy our cash requirements.**

We require additional capital to finance our business. If we cannot obtain adequate additional capital resources, we will be forced to curtail our planned business expansion, sell or merge our business, or commence bankruptcy proceedings. We may also be unable to fund our ongoing operations, including investment in and development of our services and technology, and expansion of our sales and marketing activities.

### **We have received a “Going Concern” opinion from our independent accountants.**

Our independent registered public accounting firm has issued their Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on the Company’s consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, with an explanatory paragraph regarding our ability to continue as a going concern. Such an opinion by our independent auditors may impact our dealing with third parties, such as customers, suppliers and creditors, because of concerns about our financial condition. Any such impact could have a material adverse effect on our business, operating results and financial condition.

### **We have a history of operating losses and expect future operating losses.**

We have a history of operating losses, and we expect to incur net losses through 2004. We incurred net losses of approximately \$24.5 million in 2001, \$8.1 million in 2002 and \$10.0 million in 2003. As of June 30, 2004, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$98.7 million representing the sum of our historical net losses. We continue to expend significant resources to aggressively develop, market and deploy our services into an unproven market. There is a possibility that we may never generate sufficient revenues to achieve or sustain profitability or generate positive cash flow.

**If our viaLink services fail to gain market acceptance, our business will be materially adversely affected.**

For the foreseeable future, we will derive virtually all of our revenues from implementation fees and subscription revenues from our viaLink services. We are just beginning to generate a significant amount of revenues from these services. A number of factors will determine whether our services achieve market acceptance, including:

- Competitive offerings;
- Performance and functionality of our services;
- Ease of adoption;
- Satisfaction of our initial subscribers; and
- Success of our marketing efforts.

If market acceptance develops more slowly than expected, our business, operating results and financial condition will be seriously damaged.

**Our success is dependent upon a critical mass of leading retailers and suppliers subscribing to our services.**

Our success depends on a significant number of retailers subscribing to and using our services and linking with manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors over the Internet through our syncLink service and the viaLink Partner Package suite of services. We cannot predict if, or when, a significant number of manufacturers, suppliers and retailers will subscribe to our services. To encourage purchasers to subscribe to and use our services, we must offer a broad range of product, price and promotion information from a large number of suppliers through our syncLink service. However, to attract suppliers to subscribe to the syncLink service, we must increase the number of retailers who use our services. If we are unable to build a critical mass of retailers and suppliers, we will not be able to benefit from a network effect where the value of our services to each subscriber significantly increases with the addition of each new subscriber. Our inability to achieve this network effect would reduce the overall value of our services to retailers and suppliers and, consequently, could seriously harm our business.

**Our sales cycle causes unpredictable variations in our operating results.**

Our sales cycle has been and may continue to be unpredictable. Our sales cycle is also subject to delays because we have little or no control over customer-specific factors, including customers' budgetary constraints and internal acceptance procedures. Consequently, we may spend considerable time and expense providing information to prospective customers about the use and benefits of our services without generating corresponding revenue. The length of the sales pursuit makes it difficult to accurately forecast the quarter in which our implementation and subscription services will occur. This may cause our revenues from those services to be delayed from the expected quarter to a subsequent quarter or quarters or to vary from quarter to quarter. Furthermore, there is substantial uncertainty as to when particular sales efforts will begin to generate revenues. As a result, our revenues and results of operations in any quarter may not meet market expectations or be indicative of future performance and it may be difficult to evaluate our prospects or to estimate the value of the company.

**We depend on suppliers for the success and accuracy of our services.**

We depend on suppliers to subscribe to our services in sufficient and increasing numbers to make our services attractive to retailers and, consequently, other suppliers. In order to provide retailers accurate data, we rely on suppliers to update their item, price and promotion information stored in our database. We cannot guarantee that the item, price and promotion information available from our services will always be accurate, complete and current, or that it will comply with governmental regulations, such as those relating to pricing alcohol and liquor or nutritional guidelines. Incorrect information could expose us to liability if that incorrect information harms users of our services or may result in decreased adoption and use of our services.

**Our customer base is concentrated and our success depends in part on our ability to retain existing customers and subscribers.**

If one or more of our major customers were to substantially reduce or terminate their use of our services, our business, operating results and financial condition would be harmed. In 2003, we derived 38% of our total revenues from our five largest customers. Our largest customer in 2003 accounted for approximately 12% of our total revenues. The amount of our revenues attributable to specific

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customers is likely to vary from year to year. We do not have long-term contractual commitments with any of our current customers, and our customers may terminate their contracts with little or no advance notice and without significant penalty. As a result, we cannot be certain that any of our current customers will be customers in future periods. A customer termination would not only result in lost revenue, but also the loss of customer references that are necessary for securing future customers.

### **We are dependent upon the operation of Hewlett-Packard's data center for the timely and secure delivery of our services.**

We use Hewlett-Packard's data center as the host for our services. We are dependent on our continued relationship with Hewlett-Packard and on their data center for the timely and secure delivery of our services. If Hewlett-Packard's data center fails to meet our expectations in terms of reliability and security, or if Hewlett-Packard, as our largest vendor, withdraws its support, our ability to deliver our services will be seriously harmed, resulting in the potential loss of customers and subscription revenue. Furthermore, if our relationship with Hewlett-Packard were terminated, we would be forced to find another service provider to host our services. Our current service agreement, as extended, expires on January 31, 2005. If we were required to transition to another service provider, the transition could result in interruptions of our services and could increase the cost of obtaining these services.

### **We expect to face increased competition; if we are unable to compete successfully, our business will be harmed.**

We believe direct competition against the range of our services will develop and increase in the future. If we face increased competition, we may not be able to sell our viaLink services on terms favorable to us. Furthermore, increased competition could reduce our market share or require us to reduce the price of our services.

To achieve market acceptance and thereafter to increase our market share, we will need to continually develop additional services and introduce new features and enhancements. Our potential competitors may have significant advantages over us, including:

Significantly greater financial, technical and marketing resources;

Greater name recognition;

The ability to offer a broader range of products and services; and

Larger customer bases.

Consequently, they may be able to respond more quickly to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements.

### **We must adapt on a timely basis to technology trends and evolving industry standards to remain competitive.**

The Web-based electronic commerce market is characterized by rapid changes due to technological innovation, evolving industry standards and changes in customer needs. Our future success will depend on our ability to continue to develop and introduce on a timely basis a variety of new services and enhancements that are responsive to technological change, evolving industry standards and customer requirements. Technological developments and products and services our competitors introduce may cause our existing services, and new technologies in which we invest, to become obsolete.

### **Our current cost reduction efforts could continue to strain our resources.**

Our current cost reduction efforts place significant demands on our management and operational resources. We may not be able to maintain and grow our business at our current reduced staffing levels. Additionally, our failure to retain the highly trained technical personnel that are essential to our product development, marketing, service and support may limit the rate at which we can generate revenue and develop new products or product enhancements. In order to manage our growth effectively, we must implement and improve our operational systems, procedures and controls on a timely basis. If we fail to implement and improve these systems, our business, operating results and financial condition may be materially adversely affected.

### **As part of our cost reductions beginning in 2001, the compensation of nearly every employee was reduced, and we may not be able to retain employees at current compensation levels.**

We started 2001 with 135 full-time employees and 20 contract workers who were engaged on viaLink projects on a full-time basis. As of June 30, 2003, we had 60 full-time employees. As of June 30, 2004, we had 44 full-time employees. Most current full-time





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employees are being compensated at rates from 10% to 15% less than in 2001, and members of management have foregone bonus payments of up to 60% of base compensation and have reduced or deferred compensation from 10% to 40%. At these reduced rates it is unlikely we will be able to retain all current employees and officers.

### **The price of our common stock may decline due to shares eligible for future sale. Also, you will experience dilution in connection with the conversion of preferred stock and exercise of warrants.**

Sales of a substantial number of shares of common stock, or even the potential for such sales, could adversely affect the market price of the common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of equity securities. As of June 30, 2004, we had outstanding 199,250,773 shares of common stock. Substantially all of these shares are freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act unless purchased by our “affiliates.

Furthermore, an additional:

44.2 million shares of common stock are issuable upon the exercise of currently outstanding warrants;

83.1 million shares of common stock are issuable upon the conversion of currently outstanding preferred stock; and

\$6.3 million of notes payable which could be converted into common stock.

Substantially all shares issued following the exercise of these options or warrants or the conversion of the preferred stock will be freely tradable.

## **ITEM 4. Controls & Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, viaLink carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of viaLink’s management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of viaLink’s disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon that evaluation, viaLink’s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that viaLink’s disclosure controls and procedures are effective in enabling it to record, process, summarize and report information required to be included in the periodic SEC filings within the required time period. There have been no significant changes in viaLink’s internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date viaLink carried out its evaluation.

## **PART II – OTHER INFORMATION**

### **NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*This Form 10-QSB contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as “may,” “will,” “expect,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “continue” and other similar words. You should read statements that contain these words carefully because they discuss our future expectations, make projections of our future results of operations or of our financial condition or state other “forward-looking” information. We believe that it is important to communicate our future expectations to our investors. However, there may be events in the future that we are not able to accurately predict or control. The factors listed in the sections captioned “Additional Factors That May Affect Future Results” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” as well as any cautionary language in this Form 10-QSB, provide examples of risks, uncertainties and events that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements.*

## **ITEM 2. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds**

On February 5, 2003 we completed the second closing of 105 shares of Series D Preferred Stock. The Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.001 per share, is convertible into shares of our common stock in the manner, and upon the terms,



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provisions and conditions set forth in the Certificate of Designation of the Preferred Stock. The conversion price of the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock is \$0.12 per share, subject to certain adjustments under the terms of the Certificate of Designation.

### **ITEM 4. *Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders***

None.

### **ITEM 6. *Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K***

#### (a) Exhibits

The following instruments are included as exhibits to the report. Exhibits incorporated by reference are so indicated.

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99.4(3)	Form of Senior Secured Convertible Promissory Note
99.5(3)	Form of Security Agreement
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99.7(3)	Certificate of Designation of the Relative Rights and Preferences of the Series F Convertible Preferred Stock of the viaLink Company
99.8(3)	Form of Warrant to Purchase Shares of Common Stock of The viaLink Company.

(1) Incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant' s Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 10, 2003.

(2) Incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant' s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 26, 2004.

(3) Incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant' s Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 27, 2004.

#### (b) Reports on Form 8-K.

The Registrant filed a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated May 26, 2004, reporting pursuant to Item 5 of such Form that that it had entered into a definitive Agreement and Plan of Merger with Prescient Systems, Inc.

The Registrant filed a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated May 27, 2004, reporting pursuant to Item 5 of such Form that it had concluded its issuance of Convertible Promissory Note and in connection with the definitive merger agreement with Prescient Systems, the holders of the notes have agreed to convert the face value into a newly Designated Series E Convertible Preferred Stock upon shareholder approval of the merger transaction. Additionally, the Company reported that it had received funding commitments

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of an additional \$2.75 million in the form of Series F Convertible Preferred Stock and had agreed to issue warrants to purchase 27.5 million shares of common stock with an exercise price of \$0.10 to the providers of this funding.

The Registrant filed a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated July 22, 2004, reporting pursuant to Item 5 of such Form that it would announce its first quarter results on July 29, 2004. Additionally, the company announced it would host an investor conference call the same day at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, to review the company's results.

The Registrant filed a Current Report on Form 8-K, dated July 29, 2004, reporting pursuant to Item 5 of such Form that the Company reported results for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.

**SIGNATURES**

In accordance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 11, 2004

THE VIALINK COMPANY  
(Registrant)  
By: /s/ ROBERT I. NOE  
Robert I. Noe  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 11, 2004

By: /s/ BRIAN M. CARTER  
Brian M. Carter  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
*(principal financial and accounting officer)*

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**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

I certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-QSB of The viaLink Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;  
  
Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to
  2. make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the periods covered by this report;
  3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operation and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
  4. The Company' s other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the Company and have:
    - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the Company is made known to us by others, particularly during the periods in which this report is being prepared;
    - (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the Company' s disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
    - (c) presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
  5. The Company' s other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the Company' s auditors and the audit committee of our board of directors:
    - (a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect our ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data and have identified for the Company' s auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
    - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant' s internal controls; and
- The Company' s other certifying officer and I have indicated in this report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in
6. other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: August 11, 2004

By: /s/ ROBERT I. NOE  
Robert I. Noe  
Chief Executive Officer



**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

I certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-QSB of The viaLink Company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to

2. make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the periods covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operation and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The Company's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the Company and have:

- (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the Company is made known to us by others, particularly during the periods in which this report is being prepared;
- (b) evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report (the "Evaluation Date"); and
- (c) presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;

5. The Company's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the Company's auditors and the audit committee of our board of directors:

- (a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect our ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data and have identified for the Company's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and
- (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls; and

The Company's other certifying officer and I have indicated in this report whether there were significant changes in internal controls or in

6. other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: August 11, 2004

By: /s/ BRIAN M. CARTER

Brian M. Carter

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer



CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,  
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the accompanying Quarterly Report of The viaLink Company (the Company) on Form 10-QSB for the period ending June 30, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the Report), I, Robert I. Noe, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to my knowledge, that:

The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ Robert I. Noe  
Robert I. Noe  
Chief Executive Officer  
August 11, 2004

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AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
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The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

/s/ Brian M. Carter

Brian M. Carter

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

August 11, 2004