SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarter ended March 31, 2004

Commission File Number 0-13617

LIFELINE SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS (State or other jurisdiction of

04-2537528 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

111 Lawrence Street

Framingham, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices)

01702-8156 (Zip Code)

(508) 988-1000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: NONE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common stock \$0.02 par value

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (i) 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 (ii) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer Yes x No $\ddot{}$

Number of shares outstanding of the issuer s class of common stock as of April 30, 2004: 13,606,186

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollars in thousands)

	March 31, 2004		·		<i>'</i>
	(U	naudited)		_	
ASSETS	Ì	ĺ			
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	23,878	\$	21,356	
Accounts receivable, net		9,570		10,586	
Inventories		5,788		5,945	
Net investment in sales-type leases		2,091		2,234	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		2,742		3,238	
Prepaid income taxes		1,708		1,708	
Deferred income taxes		1,824		1,805	
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Total current assets		47,601		46,872	
Property and equipment, net		32,780		33,905	
Goodwill, net		8,086		7,996	
Other intangible assets, net		9,651		7,964	
Net investment in sales-type leases		4,439		4,488	
Other assets		134		242	
Total assets	\$	102,691	\$	101,467	
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		_			
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	874	\$	1,870	
Accrued expenses		4,977		4,269	
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes		3,257		5,511	
Accrued income taxes		1,379			
Deferred revenues		1,005		1,001	
Other current liabilities		699		725	
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Total current liabilities		12,191		13,376	
Deferred income taxes		7,599		7,635	
Other non-current liabilities		1,024		1,230	
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Total liabilities		20,814		22,241	
Commitments and contingencies					
Stockholders equity:					
Common stock, \$0.02 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, 13,477,670 shares issued and outstanding		270		240	
at March 31, 2004 and 13,408,094 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2003		270		268	
Additional paid-in capital		25,766		25,291	
Retained earnings		56,021		53,835	
Less: Unearned compensation		(585)		(622)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income/cumulative translation adjustment	_	405	_	454	
Total stockholders equity		81,877		79,226	
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	\$	102,691	\$	101,467	

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

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands except for per share data)

(Unaudited)

		Three months ended March 31,	
	2004	2003	
Revenues			
Services	\$ 24,676	\$ 21,427	
Net product sales	6,020	5,074	
Finance income	254	301	
Total revenues	30,950	26,802	
Costs and expenses			
Cost of services	12,840	11,882	
Cost of product sales	2,169	1,593	
Selling, general, and administrative	11,790	9,850	
Research and development	510	505	
Total costs and expenses	27,309	23,830	
Income from operations	3,641	2,972	
Other income (expense)	7.	4.4	
Interest income	76	44	
Interest expense	(7)	(12)	
Other income (expense)	(6)	25	
Total other income, net	63	57	
Income before income taxes	3,704	3,029	
Provision for income taxes	1,518	1,211	
Net income	2,186	1,818	
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	,	ĺ	
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(29)	124	
Comprehensive income	\$ 2,157	\$ 1,942	
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Net income per weighted average share:			
Basic	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.14	
Diluted	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.14	

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Weighted average shares:		
Basic	13,433	12,988
Diluted	14,008	13,406

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Dollars in thousands)

(Unaudited)

		Three months ended March 31,	
	2004	2003	
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 2,186	\$ 1,818	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	3,300	2,761	
Deferred income taxes	(55)	(178)	
Amortization of unearned compensation	37		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	1,008	405	
Inventories	157	(673)	
Net investment in sales-type leases	192	149	
Prepaid expenses, other current assets and other assets	597	217	
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	(2,245)	(2,500)	
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(501)	1,175	
Income taxes payable	1,379	723	
Accrued other non-recurring item		(136)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,055	3,761	
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Cash flows from investing activities:			
Additions to property and equipment	(1,515)	(3,179)	
Business purchases and other	(2,482)	(167)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,997)	(3,346)	
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Principal payments under long term obligations	(2)	(29)	
Proceeds from stock options exercised	477	377	
Not each manifed by financing activities	475	249	
Net cash provided by financing activities	4/3	348	
Effect of foreign exchange on cash	(11)	46	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,522	809	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	21,356	11,065	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 23,878	\$ 11,874	
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Non-cash activity:		Φ 10	
Issuance of restricted stock		\$ 19	

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. The information furnished has been prepared from the accounts without audit. In the opinion of the Company, the accompanying consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments necessary, consisting only of those of a normal recurring nature, to present fairly its consolidated financial position as of March 31, 2004 and the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003.

While the Company believes that the disclosures presented are adequate to make the information not misleading, these statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the related notes included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, commonly referred to as the SEC, on March 12, 2004, for the year ended December 31, 2003.

The results of operations for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full year.

Reclassification

All share and per share amounts for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 have been adjusted to reflect a two-for-one stock split, in the form of a stock dividend of one additional share for each share held, effected by the Company on December 17, 2003.

2. Details of certain balance sheet captions are as follows (in thousands):

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003	
Inventories:			
Purchased parts and assemblies	\$ 1,131	\$	1,948
Work-in-process	127		104
Finished goods	4,530		3,893
Total inventory	\$ 5,788	\$	5,945
Property and equipment:			
Equipment	\$ 33,002	\$	32,383
Furniture and fixtures	4,132		3,858
Equipment provided to customers	20,669		19,836
Equipment under capital leases	221		221
Leasehold improvements	8,410		