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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of November 2004

Commission File Number: 0-30628

ALVARION LTD.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

21A Habarzel Street, Tel Aviv 69710, Israel

(Address of principal executive office)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ALVARION LTD.

Date: November 3, 2004

By: /s/ Dafna Gruber

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Title: Chief Financial Officer

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ALVARION AGAIN ACHIEVES RECORD RESULTS
FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2004

Revenues Up 7%, Net Income Increased 47% Sequentially

TEL AVIV, Israel--Nov. 3, 2004--Alvarion Ltd. (NASDAQ: ALVR), the leading provider of wireless broadband solutions worldwide, today announced financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2004.

Revenues for the third quarter of 2004 rose to a record \$52.2 million, an increase of 7% compared to \$48.8 million in the second quarter of 2004, and up 52% from \$34.3 million in the third quarter of 2003. Gross margin increased for the 12th consecutive quarter, reaching 44.3% compared to 43.2% in the second quarter of 2004 and 41.1% in the third quarter of 2003.

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According to US GAAP, net income increased to \$3.7 million or \$0.06 per share on a fully diluted basis for the third quarter of 2004. GAAP net income for the second quarter of 2004 was \$2.5 million, or \$0.04 per share on a fully diluted basis, and GAAP net loss for the third quarter of 2003 was \$(2.1) million, or \$(0.04) per share.

Revenues for the first 3 quarters of 2004 totaled to \$145.6 million, an increase of 66% compared with revenues of \$87.7 million in the same period in 2003. During the first 3 quarters of 2004, net income totaled to \$7.6 million compared to a net loss of \$(11.9) million in the same period of 2003.

Results for all periods include expenses attributable to the amortization of intangible assets and amortization of deferred stock compensation, which totaled \$680,000 in the second and third

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quarters of 2004, and \$790,000 in the third quarter of 2003. Excluding all aforementioned amortizations, the Company's non-GAAP net income for the third quarter of 2004 was \$4.4 million, or \$0.07 per diluted share. For the second quarter of 2004 non-GAAP net income was \$3.2 million, or \$0.05 per diluted share, and for the third quarter of 2003 non-GAAP net loss was \$(1.3) million, or \$(0.02) per share.

The Company generated \$6.3 million in cash provided by operating activities in the third quarter and the balance sheet remained very strong with its cash position reaching a record \$170 million at September 30, 2004. DSO was a record low of 35 days.

Comments of Management

"Both technological and market leadership combined with strong execution led to another outstanding quarter for the company," said Zvi Slonimsky, CEO of Alvarion. "Once again we achieved improvement in all financial measurements.

"We are continuing to enhance our position as the leader in both broadband wireless access and the adoption of the WiMAX standard. Our broad-based growth in Q3 again reflected the increase in worldwide demand for wireless broadband solutions. We also continue to see a high degree of interest in the WiMAX standard. We were extremely gratified by the outstanding customer response to the BreezeMAX 3500, our new WiMAX-ready system. Exemplifying the strong response were two new BreezeMAX customers announced recently - Altitude Telecom, an independent operator in France planning a nationwide WiMAX network, and MobileCity, which is deploying the first WiMAX-ready network in Scandinavia. During Q3, we received the first sample chips from Intel for the standard CPE. We are pleased with the progress that Intel is making and we are on track for having an Intel-based CPE in the market by mid-year 2005.

"During the third quarter, we continued to see strong demand for all product groups from operators around the world. We were pleased by the follow-on orders from existing Tier 1 incumbent carriers in Latin America, Europe, South Africa, and China," continued Mr. Slonimsky. "We expect these regions to continue to be sources of strong growth going forward. On October 16, 2004, we amended the

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amalgamation agreement with interWAVE Communications International Ltd., a leading supplier of compact cellular network infrastructure based on GSM and CDMA2000 technology that is particularly well-suited for rural areas in developing regions. We are currently awaiting approval of the deal by interWAVE shareholders

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and, once completed, this acquisition will complement our existing wireless solutions with a cost effective fixed and mobile solution to serve the need for voice and data in regions of the world that need telecommunication infrastructure. We intend to apply our experience in integrating acquisitions to realize the benefits of the combined company," concluded Mr. Slonimsky.

Q4 2004 Guidance

The Company expects Q4 2004 revenues to range between \$54 million and \$56 million. At this revenue range, net earnings per share are expected to range between 7 and 8 cents while non-GAAP net earnings per share, which excludes amortization of intangible assets and deferred stock-based compensation, is expected to range between 8 and 9 cents. The fourth quarter guidance also excludes any impact on results of operations and any one time transaction-related charges associated with the acquisition of interWAVE Communications International Ltd., which the company hopes to close by the end of Q4.

Alvarion's management will host a conference call today, November 3, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss the quarter's results. To participate in the call, please dial one of the following numbers approximately five minutes prior to the scheduled start time: USA: (480) 629-9034; International: +1-480-629-9034.

The public is invited to listen to the live webcast of the conference call. For details please visit Alvarion's website at www.alvarion.com. An archive of the on-line broadcast will be available on the website. A replay of the call will be available from 2:15 p.m. EDT on November 3, 2004 through 11:59 p.m. EDT on November 10, 2004. To access the replay, please call USA: (320) 365-3844, International: +1-320-365-3844. To access the replay, users will need to enter the following code: 750667.

About Alvarion

With more than 2 million units deployed in 130 countries, Alvarion is the worldwide leader in wireless broadband providing systems to carriers, ISPs and private network operators. Leading the WiMAX revolution, Alvarion has the most extensive deployments and proven product portfolio in the industry covering the full range of frequency bands. Alvarion's products enable the delivery of business and residential broadband access, corporate VPNs, toll quality telephony, mobile base station feeding, Hotspot coverage extension, community interconnection,

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and public safety communications. Alvarion works with several top OEM providers

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and over 200 local partners to support its diverse global customer base in solving their last-mile challenges.

As a wireless broadband pioneer, Alvarion has been driving and delivering innovations for over 10 years from core technology developments to creating and promoting industry standards. Leveraging its key roles in the IEEE and HiperMAN standards committees and experience deploying OFDM-based systems, the company's prominent work in the WiMAX Forum™ is focused on increasing widespread adoption of standards-based products in the wireless broadband market.

For more information, visit Alvarion's World Wide Web site at www.alvarion.com

This press release contains forward -looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on the current expectations or beliefs of Alvarion's management and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward -looking statements. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements: inability to further identify, develop and achieve success for new products, services and technologies; increased competition and its effect on pricing, spending, third-party relationships and revenues; as well as the inability to establish and maintain relationships with commerce, advertising, marketing, and technology providers and other risks detailed from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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