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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [FEE REQUIRED]

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 1996

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TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE
REQUIRED]

For the transition period from _____ to

Commission File Number 0-19424

EZCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 74-2540145 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

1901 Capital Parkway

Austin, Texas 78746 (Address of principal executive offices)(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (512) 314-3400

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

None

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Title of Each Class on Which Registered Class A Non-voting Common Stock The Nasdaq Stock Market \$.01 par value per share

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No__

Indicate by check mark if disclosures of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

The only class of voting securities of the registrant issued and outstanding is the Class B Voting Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, 100% of which is owned by two record holders which are affiliates of the registrant. There is no trading market for the Class B Voting Common Stock.

As of December 2, 1996, 9,959,536 shares of the registrant's Class A Non-Voting Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share and 2,036,296 shares of the registrant's Class B Voting Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share were outstanding.

EZCORP, INC. YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

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SIGNATURES

PART I

Item 1. Business

EZCORP, Inc. (the "Company") is a Delaware corporation; its principal executive offices are located at 1901 Capital Parkway, Austin, Texas 78746, and its telephone number is (512) 314-3400. As used herein, the Company includes the subsidiaries listed in Exhibit 22.1.

The discussion in this section of this report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in this section and those discussed elsewhere in this report.

General

The Company is engaged in establishing, acquiring, and operating pawnshops which function as convenient sources of consumer credit and as value-oriented specialty retailers of primarily previously owned merchandise. Through its lending function, the Company makes relatively small, non-recourse loans secured by pledges of tangible personal property. The Company contracts for a pawn service charge to compensate it for each pawn loan. Pawn service charges, which generally range from 12% to 300% per annum, are calculated based on the dollar amount and duration of the loan and accounted for approximately 40% of the Company's revenues for the year ended September 30, 1996 ("Fiscal 1996"). In Fiscal 1996,

approximately 78% of the loans made by the Company were redeemed in full along with the payment of the pawn service charge or were renewed or extended through the payment of the pawn service charge. In most states in which the Company operates, collateral is held one month with a sixty-day extension period after which such collateral is forfeited for resale.

As of December 2, 1996, the Company operated 248 locations: 149 in Texas, 24 in Colorado, 23 in Indiana, 14 in Alabama, 11 in Georgia, 9 in Oklahoma, 8 in Tennessee, 3 in Mississippi, 3 in Louisiana, 2 in North Carolina, 1 in Arkansas, and 1 in Florida. The Company intends to expand, at a modest rate, through the establishment or acquisition of stores primarily in existing markets to form efficient regional clusters. The Company intends to expand in states with regulatory, competitive, and demographic characteristics conducive to successful pawnshop operation.

The pawnshop industry in the United States is a large, highly fragmented, and growing industry. The industry consists of over 10,000 pawnshops owned primarily by independent operators who own one to three locations.

Lending Activities

The Company is engaged in the business of making pawn loans, which typically are relatively small, non-recourse loans secured by pledges of tangible personal property. As of September 30, 1996, the Company had approximately 520,000 loans outstanding, representing an aggregate principal balance of \$34.6 million. The Company contracts for a pawn service charge to compensate it for a pawn loan. A majority of the Company's outstanding pawn loans are in an amount that permits loan service charges of 20% per month or 240% per annum. For Fiscal 1996, pawn service charges accounted for approximately 40% of the Company's total revenues.

Collateral for the Company's pawn loans consists of tangible personal property, generally jewelry, consumer electronics, tools, firearms, and musical instruments. The Company does not investigate the creditworthiness of a borrower, but relies on the estimated resale value of the pledged property, the probability of its redemption, and the $\,$ estimated time required to sell the item as a basis for its credit decision. The amount that the Company is willing to lend generally ranges from 20% to 65% of the pledged property's estimated resale value depending on an evaluation factors. The sources for the Company's these determination of the resale value of collateral are numerous include catalogues, blue books, advertisements, and previous sales of similar merchandise.

The pledged property is held through the term of the which in Texas is one month with an automatic 60-day grace period, unless repaid or renewed earlier. The Company seeks to maintain a redemption rate of between 70% and 80%, and in each of the Company's last three fiscal periods, it achieved this targeted redemption rate. The redemption rate is maintained through loan policy and proper implementation of such policy at the store level. If a borrower does not extend or renew a loan, the collateral is forfeited to the Company and then becomes inventory available for sale in the Company's pawnshops. The Company does not record loan losses or charge-offs because the principal amount of an unpaid loan and any accrued pawn service charges become the carrying cost of the forfeited collateral, which is recorded as the Company's inventory. The Company evaluates the salability of inventory and provides an allowance for valuation of inventory, based on the type of merchandise, recent sales trends and margins, and the age of merchandise.

The table below shows the dollar amount of loans made, loans acquired, loans repaid, and loans forfeited for the Company for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1994, 1995, and 1996:

Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 1994 1995 1996

(dollars in millions)

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Loans made	\$187.1	\$192.2	\$151.4
Loans acquired	0.5	-	-
Loans repaid	(132.2)	(137.9)	(105.7)
Loans forfeited	(45.6)	(52.3)	(50.8)
Net increase (decrease)	in pawn		
loans outstanding at			
the end of the year	\$ 9.8	\$ 2.0	\$(5.1)
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The realization of gross profit on sales of inventory primarily depends on the Company's initial assessment of the property's estimated resale value. Improper assessment of the resale value of the collateral in the lending function can result in reduced marketability of the property and resale of the property for an amount less than the carrying cost of the property. Jewelry, which constitutes approximately 60% of the principal amount of items pledged, can be evaluated primarily based on weight, carat content, and value of gemstones, if any. The other items pawned typically consist of consumer electronics, tools, firearms, and musical instruments.

At the time a pawn transaction is entered into, a pawn loan agreement, commonly referred to as a pawn ticket, is delivered to the borrower. It sets forth, among other things, the name and address of the pawnshop and the borrower, the borrower's identification number from his driver's license, military identification or other official number, the date of the loan, an identification and description of the pledged goods, including applicable serial numbers, the amount financed, the pawn service charge, the maturity date of the loan, the total amount that must be paid to redeem the pledged goods on the maturity date, and the annual percentage rate.

Of the Company's 248 locations in operation as of December 2, 1996, 149 were stores located in Texas. Accordingly, Texas pawnshop laws have the greatest application to the Company's operations. In Texas, pawnshop operations are regulated by the State of Texas Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner in accordance with Chapter 51 of the Texas Credit Code, commonly known as the Texas Pawnshop Act (the "Pawnshop Act"). See "Regulation."

The maximum allowable pawn service charges for stratified loan amounts made in the State of Texas are set in accordance with Texas law under the Pawnshop Act. Historically, the maximum allowable pawn service charges under Texas law have not changed; however, the stratified loan amounts have been adjusted upward by nominal amounts each year. The maximum allowable pawn service charges under the Pawnshop Act for the various stratified loan amounts for the year beginning July 1, 1995, and ending June 30, 1996, and for the year beginning July 1, 1996, and ending June 30, 1997, are as follows:

Schedule of Applicable Loan Service Charges for Texas

Year Ending Jun Maximum	e 30, 1996 Allowable Annual	Year Ending Jun Maximum	e 30, 1997 Allowable Annual
Amount Financed Per Pawn Loan	Percentage Rate	Amount Financed Per Pawn Loan	Percentage Rate
\$1 to \$129	240%	\$1 to \$132	240%
\$130 to \$430	180%	\$132.01 to \$440	180%
\$431 to \$1,290	30% \$4	440.01 to \$1,320	30%
\$1,291 to \$10,750	12% \$1,32	20.01 to \$11,000	12%

Under Texas law, there is a ceiling on the maximum allowable pawn loan. For the period July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996, the loan ceiling was \$10,750. For the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997, the loan ceiling is \$11,000. The Company's average loan amount for Fiscal 1996 was approximately \$67.

Retail Activities

Jewelry sales represent 50% to 80% of the Company's merchandise sales with the remaining sales consisting primarily of consumer electronics, tools, firearms, and musical instruments. The Company believes its ability to

offer quality used merchandise at prices significantly lower original retail prices attracts value-conscious customers. The Company obtains its inventory primarily from collateral, and to a lesser extent, from the general public and from wholesale purchases sources. For Fiscal 1996, purchases from the general public and from wholesale sources constituted approximately 7% of the dollar value of inflows to inventory. During Fiscal 1996, \$78 million of merchandise was added to inventory through forfeited collateral. Of such amount, approximately \$51 million was from the principal amount of unredeemed pawn loans, and \$27 million was from accrued service charges. For Fiscal 1996, retail activities accounted for approximately 60% of the Company's total revenues, but only 17% of the Company's net revenue, after deducting cost of goods sold on merchandise sales.

The Company utilizes market pricing and customer purchasing decision studies to better define its retail customer and that customer's buying habits. These studies are facilitated by the Company's management information systems which record all of the Company's retail and inventory transactions. Regional merchandising managers transfer inventory based on, among other things, margin and inventory turnover within their region and between regions. During Fiscal 1996, the Company continued to upgrade merchandise presentation through 10 store remodels and relocations which improved category merchandise displays and utilized better retail signage.

The Company does not give prospective buyers any warranties on most merchandise sold through its retail operations, except for certain purchases of new, wholesale-purchased merchandise, which may have a limited manufacturer's warranty. Prospective buyers may purchase an item on layaway through the Company's "EZ Layaway" program. Through EZ Layaway, a prospective purchaser will typically put down a minimum of 20% of an item's purchase price as a customer layaway deposit. The Company will hold the item for a 90-day period during which the customer is required to pay for the item in full. As of September 30, 1996, the Company had \$2 million in customer layaway deposits and related payments.

The Company's overall inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market. The Company provides inventory reserves for shrinkage and cost in excess of market value. The Company has continued to refine the method of estimating these reserves through further study and analysis of sales trends, inventory aging, shrinkage, and losses on aged inventory. Valuation allowances, including shrinkage reserves, amounted to \$7.9 million as of September 30, 1996. At September 30, 1996, total inventory on hand was \$35.8 million, after deducting an allowance for shrinkage and valuation of inventory.

Seasonality

Historically, pawn service charge revenues are highest in the Company's fiscal fourth quarter (July, August and September) due to higher loan demand during the summer months and merchandise sales are highest in the Company's fiscal first quarter (October, November and December) due to the holiday season.

Operations

General

The typical Company location is a free-standing building or part of a retail strip center. Nearly all of the Company's pawnshop locations have contiguous parking facilities. Store interiors are designed to resemble small discount operations and attractively display merchandise by category. Distinctive exterior design and attractive instore signage provide an appealing atmosphere to customers. The typical store has approximately 2,000 square feet of retail space and approximately 4,000 square feet dedicated to lending activities (principally collateral storage). The Company maintains property and general liability insurance for each of its pawnshops. The Company's stores are open six or seven days a week, depending on location.

Store Management

A typical Company store employs five to six people consisting of a manager, an assistant manager, and three to four sales and lending representatives. Store managers are specifically responsible for ensuring that their store is run in accordance with the Company's established policies and procedures, and for operating their store according to performance parameters consistent with the Company's store operating guidelines. Each manager reports to one of approximately 27 area managers who are responsible for the stores within a specific operating region. Area managers are responsible for the performance of all stores within their area and report to one of four regional directors. The regional directors report to the President of the Company.

Management Information Systems and Controls

The Company has a management information system that automates the recording of all store-level transactions. Financial summary data from all stores is retrieved and processed at the corporate office each day and is available for management review by early morning for the preceding day's transactions. This information is available to field management via the Company's internal electronic mail network. The Company's communications network provides access to each store from the corporate offices. During Fiscal 1996, this network was upgraded to provide increased server capacity for daily processing of store-level information and to accommodate the Company's growth.

During Fiscal 1994, the Company completed the development and initiated the roll-out of a new point-of-sale (POS) system based on personal computing technology and a UNIX operating system (UNIX is a registered trademark of UNIX Systems Laboratories). All new stores are being equipped with this system and the upgrade of existing stores is 75% complete. This new system provides the Company with a migration path for its POS software from a proprietary environment to an industry standard hardware platform. This new platform provides greater computing power, larger disk capacity and the ability to run industry standard third-party software in addition to the Company's software. On an ongoing basis, the Company reviews and modifies its information systems to meet the needs of the business.

The Company has an internal audit staff of approximately 15 employees to ensure that the Company's policies and procedures are consistently followed. In addition, the audit department carefully monitors, among other things, the Company's perpetual inventory system, lending practices and regulatory compliance.

Personnel

As of September 30, 1996, the Company employed approximately 1,400 persons, including approximately 200 management and administrative personnel. The Company believes that its profitability is dependent upon its employees' ability to make loans that achieve optimum redemption rates, to sell retail merchandise effectively, and to provide prompt and courteous customer service. The Company seeks to hire people who will become long-term, career employees. To achieve the Company's long-range personnel goals, the Company strives to develop its employees through a combination of classroom training and supervised on-the-job loan and sales training for new employees.

Assistant managers receive additional training, primarily on-the-job, focusing on product knowledge and inventory management. Managers attend on-going management skills and operations performance training. Regional directors and area managers receive leadership training in utilizing their human resources to increase each store's profitability. The Company's management believes that its managers, at all levels, are the principal trainers in the organization.

The Company anticipates that the store managers for new stores will be promoted primarily from the ranks of existing store employees and has created a process for forecasting future needs and identifying potential internal candidates for position openings. The Company's career development plan not only develops and advances employees within the Company, but also provides training for the efficient integration of experienced retail managers and pawnbrokers from outside the Company.

In Texas, each pawnshop employee is required to be licensed in order to make loans or sell merchandise and is required to file for that license within 30 days of the date of hire. The licensing fee is \$65.00 and encompasses a review of the individual's personal background. Licenses are renewed annually at a fee of \$10.00; renewals also entail a review of each individual's personal background.

Trade Name

The Company historically operated its pawnshops under the "U-Pawn-It" and "EZ Pawn" names. In 1991, the Company began converting stores to the "EZ Pawn" name. The Company now operates virtually all of its pawnshops under the name "EZ Pawn." The Company has registered the mark "E-Z Pawn" with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Growth and Expansion

During Fiscal 1996, the Company established 11 stores. The Company plans to continue its expansion, at a modest rate, in existing markets and to enter new markets in other states which have regulatory, demographic, and competitive characteristics that are conducive to successful pawnshop operations. The Company seeks to establish clusters of stores in specific geographic regions depending upon individual market demographics. In this manner, the Company expects to achieve certain economies of scale relative to its advertising, name recognition, and managerial and administrative costs.

The 18 most recently established stores with twelve full months of operating data, opened by the Company through September 30, 1996, required an average gross investment (including inventory, pawn loans and property, plant and equipment) of approximately \$400,000 per pawnshop during the first twelve months of operation.

The Company's expansion program is dependent on several variables, such as the availability of acceptable sites or acquisition candidates and qualified personnel. The Company's ability to add newly established stores in Texas counties having a population of 250,000 or more has been adversely affected by Texas law which became effective September 1, 1991, which requires a finding of public need and probable profitability by the Texas Consumer Credit Commissioner as a condition to the issuance of any new pawnshop license in such counties. Since September 1, 1991, the Company has opened or acquired 42 locations in Texas counties having a population of less than 250,000. See "Regulation."

Competition

The Company encounters significant competition in connection with the operation of its business. competitive conditions may adversely affect the Company's revenues, profitability, and its ability to expand. In connection with the lending of money, the Company competes primarily with other pawnshops. The majority of Company's competitors are independently owned pawnshops. The Company is the second largest publicly held chain of pawnshops in the United States. The Company believes that $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right$ the primary elements of competition in the pawnshop business are store location and design, the ability to loan competitive amounts on items pawned, management of storelevel employees, and the quality of customer service. addition, as the pawnshop industry consolidates, the Company believes that the ability to compete effectively will be based increasingly on strong general management, regional market focus, automated management information systems, and access to capital. Some of the Company's competitors may have greater financial resources than the Company.

To a certain extent, the Company also competes with other types of financial institutions such as consumer finance companies, which generally lend on an unsecured as

well as secured basis. Other lenders may and do lend money on an unsecured basis, at interest rates which are lower than the service charges of the Company, and on other terms more favorable than those offered by the Company.

The Company's competitors, in connection with the sale of merchandise, include numerous retail and wholesale stores, including jewelry stores, gun stores, discount retail stores, consumer electronics stores, other pawnshops, and other retailers of previously owned merchandise. Competitive factors in the Company's retail operations include the ability to provide the customer a variety of merchandise at an exceptional value. On a retail level, the Company competes with numerous other retailers who have significantly greater financial resources than the Company.

Regulation

Pawnshop Operations

The Company's pawnshop operations are subject to extensive regulation, supervision, and licensing under various federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, and regulations. Of the Company's 248 locations as of December 2, 1996, 149 were in Texas. Accordingly, Texas pawnshop laws have the greatest application to the Company's operations. The laws of Colorado, Indiana, Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, Arkansas, and Florida also have application to the Company's pawnshop operations in those states. At December 2, 1996, the Company's pawnshops were located as follows: 149 in Texas, 24 in Colorado, 23 in Indiana, 14 in Alabama, 11 in Georgia, 9 in Oklahoma, 8 in Tennessee, 3 in Mississippi, 3 in Louisiana, 2 in North Carolina, 1 in Arkansas, and 1 in Florida. In the states in which the Company operates other than Texas, Oklahoma, and Alabama, pawnshops are subject to local regulation at the municipal and county level, which regulation may affect the ability of the Company to expand its operations in those states.

Texas Pawnshop Regulations

In Texas, pawnshops are governed by the Texas Pawnshop Act and the Rules of Operation promulgated thereunder, and are subject to licensing by and supervision of the State of Texas Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner. In addition, pawnshops and pawnshop employees in Texas are required to be licensed by the Texas Consumer Credit Commissioner. Furthermore, the Company is required to supply the Texas Consumer Credit Commissioner with copies of information filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The maximum allowable pawn service charges for stratified loan amounts made in the State of Texas are set in accordance with the Texas Pawnshop Act. Historically, the maximum allowable pawn service charges under Texas law have not changed; however, the stratified loan amounts have been adjusted upward by nominal amounts each year. Under Texas law, there is a ceiling on the maximum allowable pawn loan. From July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996, the loan ceiling was \$10,750. For the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997, the loan ceiling is \$11,000. A table of the maximum allowable pawn service charges under the Texas Pawnshop Act for the various stratified loan amounts for July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1997 is presented in "Lending Activities."

To be eligible for a license to operate a pawnshop in Texas, an applicant must: (i) be of good moral character, which in the case of a business entity applies to each officer, director, and holder of five percent or more of the entity's outstanding shares; (ii) have net unencumbered assets (as defined in the Texas Pawnshop Act) of at least \$150,000 readily available for use in conducting the business of each licensed pawnshop; (iii) show that the applicant has the financial responsibility, experience, character, and general fitness to command the confidence of the public in its operation; and (iv) show that the pawnshop will be operated lawfully and fairly in accordance with the Texas Pawnshop Act. Current applications to the Texas Consumer Credit Commissioner inquire, among other things, into the applicant's credit history and criminal record.

In addition, the Texas Pawnshop Act requires the Texas

Consumer Credit Commissioner to make a determination of public need and probable profitability, in counties with a population of 250,000 or more, for a new pawnshop license, for a relocation of a pawnshop more than one mile away from the existing address. The determination of public need and probable profitability may be made administratively by the Commissioner; however, if a public hearing is requested by the Commissioner or by any pawnshop licensee that would be affected by the granting of the proposed application, the determination of public need and probable profitability must be made in a public hearing with notice and opportunity for all affected parties to participate. For a new license application in any Texas county, the Commissioner provides notice of the application, and the opportunity for a public hearing, to the other licensed pawnshops in the county in which the applicant proposes to operate. The timeframe for license application approval process has remained unchanged for applications in counties of less than 250,000 population, with the Commissioner generally required by law to process an application within 60 days of its receipt. In counties having a population of 250,000 or more, a similar timeframe for the license application approval process exists where no public hearing has been held, however, the hearing process can increase the timeframe substantially or result in no application approval at all. The Company's ability to add newly established stores in Texas counties having a population of 250,000 or more has been adversely affected by the referenced provisions of the Texas Pawnshop Act.

The Texas Consumer Credit Commission may, after notice and hearing, suspend or revoke any license for a Texas pawnshop upon finding, among other things, that: (i) any fees or charges have not been paid; (ii) the licensee has violated (whether knowingly or unknowingly without due care) any provisions of the Texas Pawnshop Act or any regulation or order thereunder; or (iii) any fact or condition exists which, if it had existed at the time the original application was filed for a license, would have justified the Commissioner in refusing such license.

The Texas Consumer Credit Commissioner has also promulgated Rules of Operation which regulate the day-to-day management of the Company's pawnshops. Under the Pawnshop Act and the Rules of Operation, a pawnbroker may not: accept a pledge from a person under the age of 18 years; make any agreement requiring the personal liability of the borrower; accept any waiver of any right or protection accorded to a pledgor under the Texas Pawnshop Act; fail to exercise reasonable care to protect pledged goods from loss or damage; fail to return pledged goods to a pledgor upon payment of the full amount due; make any charge for insurance in connection with a pawn transaction; enter into any pawn transaction that has a maturity date of more than one month; display for sale in storefront windows or sidewalk display cases: pistols, swords, canes, blackjacks and similar weapons; or purchase used or second hand personal property unless a record is established containing the name, address, and identification of the seller, a complete description of the property, including serial number, and a signed statement that the seller has the right to sell the property.

The Rules of Operation were amended effective October 1994 to further provide that a pawnbroker must maintain additional records relating to extensions of loans, records of payments, written receipts, titled goods, lost or damaged goods, and records of requests by crime victims assistance in determining whether stolen property might have been pledged to the pawnbroker. In addition, the amended rules require the filing with the Commissioner of description of systems and programs utilized in pawnbroker's electronic data processing system; utilization of approved safes for jewelry pledges; the the maintenance of general liability insurance of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence; and the maintenance of insurance or other credible evidence of financial resources of not less than two times the amount financed plus the finance charge on open jewelry loans and not less than and one-half times the amount financed plus the finance charge on all other loans. The Company does not believe that compliance with the amended rules has materially impacted the Company's operations. There can be no assurance, however, that these amended rules will not have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Colorado Pawnshop Regulations

Colorado law provides for the licensing and bonding of pawnbrokers in that state. It also requires that pawn transactions be reported to local authorities and that certain bookkeeping records be maintained. Under Colorado law, the maximum allowable pawn service charge is 240% annually for pawn loans up to \$50, and 120% annually for pawn loans in excess of \$50.

Indiana Pawnshop Regulation

The Company's Indiana operations are regulated by the Department of Financial Institutions. The Department requires all persons or entities to obtain a license to act as a pawnbroker. The Indiana Pawnbroker's Act provides for the Department of Financial Institutions to investigate the general fitness of the applicant, to determine whether the convenience and needs of the public will be served by granting an applicant a license, and generally to regulate pawnshops in the state.

The Department of Financial Institutions has broad investigatory and enforcement authority under the statute. The Department may grant, revoke, and suspend licenses. For compliance purposes, pawnshops are required to keep such books, accounts, and records as will enable the Department to determine if the pawnshop is complying with the statute. Each pawnshop is required to give authorized agents of the Department of Financial Institutions free access to its books and accounts for these purposes. The Indiana statute provides for the following annual rates of interest plus pawn service charges: 276% annually on transactions of \$300 or less; 261% annually on transactions greater than \$300, but not exceeding \$1,000; and 255% annually on transactions greater than \$1,000.

Alabama Pawnshop Regulations

The Alabama Pawnshop Act regulates the licensing and operation of pawnshops in that state. The general fitness of pawnshop applicants is investigated by the Supervisor of the Bureau of Loans of the State Department of Banking. The Supervisor also issues pawnshop licenses. The Alabama Pawnshop Act requires that certain bookkeeping records be maintained and made available to the Supervisor and to local law enforcement authorities. The Alabama Pawnshop Act establishes a maximum allowable pawn service charge of 300% annually.

Georgia Pawnshop Regulations

Georgia state law requires pawnbrokers to maintain detailed permanent records concerning pawn transactions and to keep them available for inspection by duly authorized law enforcement authorities. The Georgia statute prohibits pawnbrokers from failing to make entries of material matters in their permanent records, and allows duly authorized officers to inspect such records. Under applicable Georgia statutes, municipal authorities may license pawnbrokers, define their powers and privileges by ordinance, impose taxes upon them, revoke their licenses, and exercise such general supervision as will ensure fair dealing between the pawnbroker and the pawnshop customers.

Georgia law establishes a maximum allowable rate of interest and service charge of 25% of the principal amount of a pawn transaction for each thirty days. This annual rate is in effect for the first 90 days of any pawn transaction or extension or continuation thereof. The maximum allowable charge for interest and service charges is reduced to 12.5% for each thirty-day period thereafter. Georgia law requires a grace period after default on a pawn transaction. During the grace period, the pawnbroker may not sell the pledged item. The grace period is 30 days for motor vehicles and 10 days for all other pawn collateral.

Oklahoma Pawnshop Regulations

The Company's Oklahoma operations are subject to the Oklahoma Pawnshop Act. Following substantially the same

statutory scheme as the Texas Pawnshop Act, the Oklahoma Pawnshop Act provides for, among other matters, the licensing and bonding of pawnbrokers in Oklahoma and provides for the Oklahoma Administrator of Consumer Credit to investigate the general fitness of the applicant and generally regulate pawnshops in that state. The Administrator has broad rule-making authority with respect to Oklahoma pawnshops.

In general, the Oklahoma Pawnshop Act prescribes stratified loan amounts and maximum rates of service charges which pawnbrokers in Oklahoma may charge for lending money in Oklahoma within each stratified range of loan amounts. The regulations provide for a graduated rate structure, similar to the graduated rate structure utilized in federal income tax computations. Under this method of calculation, a \$500 loan, for example, earns interest as follows: (1) first \$150 at 240% annually, (2) next \$100 at 180% annually, and (3) the remaining \$250 at 120% annually. The maximum allowable pawn service charges for the various stratified loan amounts under the Oklahoma statute are as follows:

	Maximum Allowable
Amount Financed	Annual Percentage
Per Pawn Loan	Rate
\$1 to \$150	240%
\$151 to \$250	180%
\$251 to \$500	120%
\$501 to \$1,000	60%
\$1,001 to \$25,000	36%

The amount financed in Oklahoma may not exceed \$25,000 per pawn transaction. In addition, the Oklahoma Pawnshop Act requires each applicant to (1) be of good moral character; (2) have net assets of at least \$25,000; and (3) show that the pawnshop will be operated lawfully and fairly within the purpose of the Oklahoma Pawnshop Act.

Tennessee Pawnshop Regulations

In 1995, Tennessee passed an Act that amended Tennessee Code, Title 45, relating to pawnbrokers. This Amendment provides that pawnbrokers may charge interest of 2% a month, plus service charge of 20% or one-fifth of the amount of the loan for investigating the title, storing and insuring the pledged goods, closing the loan, and for other expenses and losses associated with the loan.

Tennessee law also provides for the licensing of pawnbrokers in that state. It further requires (1) that pawn transactions be reported to local law enforcement agencies, (2) requires pawnbrokers to maintain insurance coverage on the property held on pledge for the benefit of the pledgor, (3) establishes certain hours during which pawnshops may be opened for business, and (4) requires certain bookkeeping records be maintained. Tennessee law prohibits pawnbrokers from selling, redeeming, or disposing of any goods pledged or pawned to or with them within 15 days after making their report to local law enforcement agencies.

Mississippi Pawnshop Regulations

The Company's Mississippi operations are subject to the Mississippi Pawnshop Act. The Mississippi Pawnshop Act provides for regulation to be administered by the Commissioner of Banking. Municipalities in the state may enact ordinances which are in compliance with, but not more restrictive than those in the Mississippi Pawnshop Act.

The Mississippi Pawnshop Act provides for, among other matters, the licensing of pawnbrokers. The Act also provides for the Commissioner of Banking to investigate the general fitness of the applicant and generally to regulate pawnshops in the state. The Commissioner has broad rule-making authority with respect to Mississippi pawnshops. The Mississippi Pawnshop Act establishes a maximum allowable pawn service charge of 300% annually.

Louisiana Pawnshop Regulations

The Company's Louisiana operations are governed by the Louisiana Pawnshop Act. The statute gives regulatory and enforcement powers to the Commissioner of the Office of

Financial Institutions within the Department of Economic Development. This statute provides for, among other things, the licensing and bonding of all pawnbrokers in Louisiana.

Under Louisiana law, the maximum allowable interest charge is 120% annually. In addition, pawnshops may collect a 10% service charge for the first month of a pawn transaction. Louisiana law requires that a pawnbroker hold jewelry that is pledged as collateral until the lapse of six months prior to resale from the time the loan was entered or extended. The law requires a three-month lapse on other items.

North Carolina Pawnshop Regulations

In North Carolina, a pawnbroker must obtain a license by showing sufficient net assets and moral character to demonstrate that it will not operate to the detriment of the public. The applicable interest and service charges are 2% per month interest, and a monthly fee not to exceed 20% for the following: (1) title investigation, (2) handling, appraisal and storage, (3) insuring a security, (4) application fee, (5) making daily reports to law enforcement or other services. The total monthly fees may not exceed \$100 in the first month, \$75 in the second month, \$75 in the third month, \$50 in the fourth month and for any subsequent months. Pawn loans in North Carolina are to have a 30 day loan term, with a 60 day grace period, after which time the collateral is subject to resale by the pawnbroker.

Arkansas Pawnshop Regulations

Arkansas law does not provide for the licensing of pawnbrokers or pawnshops in that state. By statute, pawnbrokers must maintain certain records of each pawn transaction and make those records available to local law enforcement agencies. Arkansas law establishes a maximum allowable interest rate of 17% annually; however, a pawnshop operator may charge reasonable fees for investigating title, storage, and other services.

Florida Pawnshop Regulations

The applicable Florida statute provides for registrations of pawnbrokers with the Florida Department of Revenue. That agency has broad power to adopt rules and regulations to effect the purposes of the statute, and to impose fines for violation of the statute's registration requirements. The law requires that the pawnbroker maintain detailed records of all secondhand goods transactions, and to deliver such records to the appropriate local law enforcement agencies. The relevant statute does not establish a maximum allowable rate of interest or service charges.

The Company's Florida transactions take the form of buysell agreements. The property placed with a pawnbroker is subject to sale or disposal when the seller has not repurchased the property from the pawnbroker and there has been no payment on account made for a period of sixty days after the sale. The applicable Florida statute provides for registrations of pawnbrokers with the Florida Department of Revenue. That agency has broad power to adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of the statute, and to impose fines for violation of the statute's registration requirements. The law requires that the pawnbroker maintain detailed records of all secondhand goods transactions, deliver such records to the appropriate local enforcement agencies. The relevant statute does establish a maximum allowable rate of interest or service charges.

As of October 1, 1996, pawn transactions are subject to a new set of Florida regulations codified in Chapter 539 of the Florida Statutes. Under the new regulations, licensing of pawnshops and regulatory enforcement of such shops is performed by the Division of Consumer Services of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Such regulations require, among other things, that the pawnshop fill out a Pawnbroker Transaction Form showing the customer name, type of item pawned, and disclosing the amount of the pawn loan and the applicable finance charges. A copy of each form must be delivered to local law enforcement officials at the end of each business day.

Starting October 1, 1996, pawn loans in Florida will have a 30 day maturity date. If the customer does not redeem the loan within 30 days following the maturity date (or the next business day, whichever is later), all right, title, and interest to the property vests in the pawnbroker. The pawnbroker is entitled to charge two percent of the amount financed for each thirty days as interest, and an additional amount as pawn service charges, provided the total amount of such charge, inclusive of interest, does not exceed 25% of the amount financed for each 30 day period in a pawn transaction. The pawnbroker may charge a minimum pawn service charge of \$5.00 for each 30 day period. Pawns may be extended by agreement, with the charge applicable being one-thirtieth of the original total pawn service charge for each day by which the loan is extended. For loans redeemed greater than 60 days after the date made, pawn service charges continue to accrue at the daily rate of one-thirtieth of the original total pawn service charge.

Local Regulations

At the local level, each pawnshop, voluntarily or pursuant to municipal ordinance, provides copies of transactions involving pawn loans and over-the-counter purchases to the local police department. These daily transaction reports are designed to provide the local police with a detailed description of the goods involved, including serial numbers, if any, and the names and addresses of the owners obtained from valid identification cards.

A copy of each transaction ticket is provided to local law enforcement agencies for processing by the National Crime Investigative Computer to determine rightful ownership. Goods held to secure pawn loans or goods purchased which are determined to belong to an owner other than the borrower or seller are subject to recovery by the rightful owner. While a risk exists that pledged or purchased merchandise may be subject to claims of rightful owners, historically, the Company has experienced such claims with respect to less than 0.5% of pawn loans made.

There can be no assurance that additional local, state, or federal legislation will not be enacted or that existing laws and regulations will not be amended which would materially, adversely impact the Company's operations and financial condition.

Firearms Regulations

With respect to gun and ammunition sales, each pawnshop must comply with the regulations promulgated by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) which require each pawnshop dealing in guns to maintain a permanent written record of all transactions involving the receipt or disposition of guns.

The BATF promulgated rules under the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act on February 28, 1994. The rules basically require that all licensees, in either selling inventoried or redeeming pawned firearms to those other than the original pledgor, have the buyer complete appropriate forms and wait the requisite five-day period prior to completing the sale and delivering the firearm.

The Company complies with the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (the "Brady Act"), and rules the United States Department of Treasury promulgated relating thereto. The Company does not believe that compliance with the Brady Act and the new rules promulgated thereunder have materially affected the Company's operations. There can be no assurance, however, that compliance with the Brady Act will not adversely affect the Company's operations.

On September 13, 1994, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 became effective upon signature of the President. Among other provisions, the Act exempts pawnbrokers from the provision of the Brady Act with respect to the return of firearms to the person who originally pawned them.

As of December 2, 1996, the Company owned the real estate and buildings for 23 of its pawnshops and leased 225 of its operating pawnshop locations. Leased facilities are generally leased for a term of five to ten years with one or more options to renew. The Company's existing leases expire on dates ranging between February 28, 1997 and February 28, 2008. All leases provide for specified periodic rental payments. Most leases require the Company to maintain the property and pay the cost of insurance and taxes. The Company believes that termination of any particular lease would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's operations. Of the Company's leased pawnshop locations, five are leased from affiliated entities in the ordinary course of business. All of such leases provide for market rental rates. The Company's strategy is generally to lease, rather than acquire, space for its pawnshop locations unless the Company finds what it believes is a superior location at an attractive price. The Company believes that the facilities $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$ owned and leased by it as pawnshop locations are suitable for such purpose.

The following table presents the metropolitan areas or regions (as defined by the Company) generally served by the Company and the number of retail locations serving each such market as of December 2, 1996:

Area/Region	Number of Locations in Each Area
Texas:	
Houston San Antonio South Texas North and Wes Dallas Central Texas Austin Area Laredo Area Corpus Christ	12 s 11 10 7
Total Texa	as 149
Colorado: Denver Area Colorado Spri	16 ings Area 6 2
Total Colo	orado 24
Indiana: Indianapolis Other Areas	11
Total Indi	iana 23
Alabama: Birmingham An Montgomery Mobile Other Areas Total Alab	4 2 1
Georgia: Atlanta Area Total Geor	11 rgia 11
	gia ii
Oklahoma: Oklahoma City Tulsa Area Other Areas	3 2
Total Okla	ahoma 9
Tennessee: Memphis	8
Total Tenr	nessee 8

Mississippi: Jackson Other Areas	2
Total Mississippi	. 3
Louisiana: New Orleans Area Other Areas	2
Total Louisiana	3
North Carolina: Raleigh-Durham Area	2
Total North Carol	ina 2
Arkansas: West Helena	1
Total Arkansas	1
Florida: Pensacola	1
Total Florida	1
Total Company	248

In addition to its store locations, the Company owns its corporate offices and leases certain warehouse facilities. In Fiscal 1992, the Company purchased a 27,400 square foot building in Austin, Texas for use as a corporate office. The Company also leases approximately 8,100 square feet in Austin, Texas for its Central Jewelry Processing Center under a five-year lease agreement with one five-year option to renew.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company is involved in litigation relating to claims arising from its normal business operations. Currently, the Company is a defendant in several lawsuits. Some of these lawsuits involve claims for substantial amounts. While the ultimate outcome of these lawsuits cannot be ascertained, after consultation with counsel, the Company believes the resolution of these suits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition. There can be no assurance, however, that this will be the case.

On July 28, 1995, the Company terminated the Employment Agreement of Courtland L. Logue, Jr. ("Mr. Logue"), the Company's former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, an owner of approximately 19% of the Company's outstanding voting securities (Class B Voting Common Stock). Since Mr. Logue's termination, the Company has had ongoing discussions with him concerning certain equipment leases between Mr. Logue and the Company, as well as the application of provisions to Mr. Logue's Employment Agreement and Stock Purchase Agreement with the Company. The Company believes these agreements require, among other things, a \$2.7 million payment by Mr. Logue to the Company. On March 8, 1996, the Company filed a lawsuit styled EZCORP, Inc. v. Courtland $\,$ L. Jr. in the 201st District Court of Travis County, Texas in an effort to bring resolution to this dispute. Mr. Logue has filed counter-claims relating to the Employment Agreement and certain equipment leases and notes entered into between Mr. Logue and the Company.

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

None.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

Since August 27, 1991, the Company's Class A Non-voting

Common Stock ("Class A Common Stock") has traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol EZPW. As of December 2, 1996, there were 337 stockholders of record of the Company's Class A Non-voting Common Stock. There is no trading market for the Company's Class B Voting Common Stock ("Class B Common Stock"), and as of December 2, 1996, such stock was held by two stockholders of record.

The high and low per share last sale price for the Company's Class A Common Stock for the past two fiscal years, as reported by Nasdaq, were as follows:

	нıgn	LOW
Fiscal 1995:		
First quarter ended December 31, 1994	\$13.75	\$10.00
Second quarter ended March 31, 1995	11.75	7.50
Third quarter ended June 30, 1995	7.50	4.50
Fourth quarter ended September 30, 1995	6.88	4.50
Fiscal 1996:		
First quarter ended December 31, 1995	\$5.75	\$4.25
Second quarter ended March 31, 1996	7.50	4.75
Third quarter ended June 30, 1996	7.00	5.75
Fourth quarter ended September 30, 1996	6.88	5.44

As of December 2, 1996, the Company's Class A Common Stock closed at \$7.50 per share.

The Company's restated certificate of incorporation provides that cash dividends on common stock, when declared, must be declared and paid share and share alike on the Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock. There have been no dividends declared on the Company's Common Stock during the four most recent fiscal years.

The current policy of the Company's Board of Directors is to retain any future earnings to provide funds for the operation and expansion of the Company's business; however, the Board of Directors will review the dividend policy periodically to determine whether the declaration of dividends is appropriate. In addition, the Company's bank line of credit agreement prohibits the payment of dividends without prior consent from the Company's lenders.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following selected financial information should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the financial statements of the Company and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-K:

Selected Financial and Operating Data

The Company					
Fiscal Years Ended September					
1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	

(Amounts in thousands, except per share and store figures)

Operating Data:				,	
Sales (1)	\$27,604	\$63,791	\$104,773	\$115,220	\$103,511
Pawn service charges	23,600	44,834	63,169	74,254	70,115
Total revenues (1)	51,204	108,625	167,942	189,474	173,626
Cost of goods sold (1)	19,636	48,179	88,256	113,227	88,953
Net revenues	31,568	60,446	79,686	76,247	84,673
Store operating expenses	21,340	40,485	58,181	74,417	58,969
Corporate administrative					
expenses	5,060	8,433	12,668	15,406	10,712
Depreciation and					
amortization	1,225	2,703	4,471	7,352	7,573
<pre>Interest expense (income)</pre>	(629)	(378)	1,512	3,059	1,884
Income (loss) before					
income taxes	4,572	9,203	2,854	(23,987)	5,535
Income tax expense					
(benefit)	1,667	3,095	1,065	(8,138)	1,992

Net income (loss)	\$ 2,905 =====	\$ 6,108 =====	\$ 1,789	\$(15,849)\$ =====	3,543
Earnings (loss) per c Primary and fully dilu Cash dividends per co	ted \$0.33		\$0.15	\$(1.32)	\$0.30
share .	-		-	-	-
Weighted average comm share equivalents:	on shares	and			
Primary and fully diluted	8,879	10,981	11,975	11 077	11 000
diluted	0,019	10,901	11,975	11,977	11,988
Stores operated at end					
of period	127	186	234	261	246
		9	September	30,	
	1992				1996
Balance Sheet Data:					
Pawn loans	\$18,656	\$27,961	\$37,777	\$39,782	\$34,636
Inventory	20,174	39,127	63,070	41,575	35,834
Working capital	44,561	83,850	106,691	94,916	76,158
Total assets	76,945	137,314	173,989	164,588	140,366
Long-term debt, net	2,080	•	•	42,916	•
Stockholders' equity	69,238	123,935	125,086	109,375	112,991

⁽¹⁾Sales from scrap and wholesale activities were reclassified from cost of goods sold to sales in the 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995 operating data.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The discussion in this section of this report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in this section and those discussed elsewhere in this report.

This discussion and analysis compares the results of operations for the twelve month periods ending September 30, 1996, 1995, and 1994 (designated as "Fiscal 1996", "Fiscal 1995", and "Fiscal 1994"). The discussion should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety to, the accompanying financial statements and related notes.

Summary Financial Data

	Fiscal \		September 30, 1996
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Net Revenues:			
Sales (1)	\$104,773	\$115,220	\$103,511
Pawn service charges	63,169	74,254	70,115
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Total revenues	167,942	189,474	173,626
Cost of sales (1)	88,256	,	,
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Net revenues	79,686	76,247	84,673
Other Data:			
Gross margin (1)	15.8%	1.7%	14.1%
Average annual			
inventory turnover	1.6x	1.9x	2.3x
Average inventory per			
location at year end	\$270	\$159	\$146
Average loan balance per	40	4200	4 0
location at year end	\$161	\$152	\$141
Average pawn loan at	ΨΞΟΞ	Ψ10Z	Ψ±+±
year end (whole dollars) \$73	\$70	\$67
Average yield on loan	, ψ13	Ψίο	ΨΟ1
portfolio	197%	204%	209%
Redemption rate	74%		78%
renembrion rate	14%	10%	10%

Expenses and income as a percentage
 of total revenue (%) (1):

Store operating	34.6	39.3	33.9
Administrative	7.5	8.1	6.2
Depreciation and amortizati	on 2.7	3.9	4.4
Interest	0.9	1.7	1.1
Income (loss) before			
income taxes	1.7	(12.7)	3.2
Net income (loss)	1.1	(8.4)	2.0
Stores in operation:			
Beginning of year	186	234	261
Acquired	6	-	-
New openings	42	33	11
Sold, combined, or closed	-	(6)	(26)
End of year	234	261	246
Average number of			
locations during the year	210	248	254

⁽¹⁾Sales from scrap and wholesale activities were reclassified from cost of goods sold to sales in the 1994 and 1995 operating data.

Fiscal 1995 and 1994 Special Charges

To facilitate year to year comparisons, the following table details the impact of the jewelry liquidation commenced in the fourth Fiscal 1995 quarter, the pretax special charges of \$25.5 million for Fiscal 1995, and the pretax special charge of \$9.3 million for Fiscal 1994. These special charges are more fully discussed below and in Note N of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

	Fiscal 1994		
	(\$ millions)	(\$ millions)	(\$ millions)
Revenues			
Merchandise sales	\$ 2.3	\$ 8.9	\$ 3.8
Pawn service charges	(1.9)	-	-
Total revenue	0.4	8.9	3.8
Cost of goods sold	6.7	24.3	3.8
Net revenue	(6.3)	(15.4)	-
Operating expenses			
Operations	1.4	7.7	-
Administrative	1.6	2.5	-
Depreciation and amor	rtization -	-	-
•			
Total operating expe	enses 3.0	10.1	-
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Operating income (loss)	\$ (9.3)	\$(25.5)	\$ -
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During Fiscal 1996, the Company sold on a wholesale basis or scrapped \$3.8 million of jewelry which had been identified as excess and written down to its net realizable value during its fourth Fiscal 1995 quarter. These sales and their related cost are included in "Merchandise Sales" and "Cost of Goods Sold." Due to the earlier write-down, these sales had no effect on income for Fiscal 1996.

In the fourth Fiscal 1995 quarter, the Company identified and commenced the liquidation of approximately \$27 million in jewelry inventory which had accumulated primarily as a result of a \$20 million new jewelry program undertaken in prior periods and as a result of past lending During this practices, which have since been modified. quarter the Company sold approximately \$15.6 million of this jewelry (included in "Cost of Goods Sold") for \$8.9 million (included in "Merchandise Sales"). Largely as a result of this scrapping activity, the Company increased its valuation reserve by \$8.7 million (included in "Cost of Goods Sold"). In addition, the Company provided \$7.7 million for the closing and consolidating of thirty-two (32) stores including the write-down of various tangible and intangible assets (included in "Operations" expense) and provided \$2.5 for several legal matters (included "Administrative" expense).

In Fiscal 1994, a \$4.9 million charge was made for inventory valuation, consisting of \$2.2 million in markdowns

on merchandise sold through a company-wide clearance sale and a \$2.7 million increase in the inventory valuation reserve (\$2.3 million included in "Merchandise Sales"; \$6.7 million included in "Cost of Goods Sold"; and \$0.6 million included in "Operations" expense).

During Fiscal 1994, the Company implemented a newly-developed computer software program to calculate accrued pawn service charges on a loan-by-loan basis. Previously this accrual was based on a store-by-store calculation using pawn service charge collections, loan principal payments and other information available to management. The difference in these two methods amounted to a \$1.9 million reduction in accrued pawn service charges (included in "Pawn Service Charges"). While it is impractical to assign this amount to specific prior periods, management believes that most of the difference is attributable to the Fiscal 1994 period.

The Fiscal 1994 special charge included \$2.4 million primarily for a pending wage and hour investigation and organizational changes (\$0.8 million in "Operations" expense and \$1.6 million in "Administrative" expense).

Results of Operations

The Company's primary activity is the making of small, non-recourse loans secured by tangible personal property. The income earned on this activity is pawn service charge For Fiscal 1996, pawn service charge revenue decreased \$4.2 million from Fiscal 1995 to \$70.1 million. A decline in same store pawn service charge revenue (\$2.9 million) and the loss of pawn service charge revenue of the 32 closed stores (\$3.6 million) were partially offset by new stores not open the full 12 month period (\$2.3 million). The \$2.9 million same store pawn service charge decline is the net result of lower average loan balances in stores open the full twelve month period (\$4.6 million pawn service impact) offset by annualized revenue improvement on the pawn loan portfolio of five percentage points to 209% (\$1.7 million). At September 30, 1996, same store pawn loan balances were 10% below September 30, 1995.

For Fiscal 1995, pawn service charge revenue increased \$11.1 million from Fiscal 1994 to \$74.3 million. An increase in same store pawn service charge revenue (\$9.4 million) and pawn service charge revenue from newly established stores (\$1.7 million) resulted in the year over year increase. Annualized yield on the pawn loan portfolio increased to 204% in Fiscal 1995 from 197% in Fiscal 1994 as a result of a managed shift in the loan portfolio to higher yielding loans.

A secondary, but related, activity of the Company is the sale of merchandise, primarily collateral forfeited from its lending activity. For Fiscal 1996, merchandise sales decreased approximately \$11.7 million from Fiscal 1995 to approximately \$103.5 million. A decline in same store merchandise sales (\$3.5 million), merchandise sales of the 32 closed stores (\$8.1 million), and the decrease in amount of sales associated with the special inventory liquidation discussed above (\$5.1 million) were offset by new store sales (\$5.0 million). Same store sales for Fiscal 1996 declined two percent from Fiscal 1995 primarily as a result of lower inventory levels per store (\$146,000 in Fiscal 1996 compared to \$159,000 in Fiscal 1995).

For Fiscal 1995, merchandise sales increased \$10.4 million from Fiscal 1994 to \$115.2 million. New store sales (\$12.4 million) and the effect of the special charges discussed above (\$6.5 million) were offset by the decline in same store merchandise sales (\$8.5 million). Same store sales for Fiscal 1995 declined nine percent from Fiscal 1994. In Fiscal 1994, the Company sold a substantial amount of new jewelry, and Federal legislation (the "Brady Bill") increased demand for hand guns. These two activities and higher inventory levels per store (\$270,000 in Fiscal 1994 compared to \$159,000 in Fiscal 1995) created a higher level of sales in Fiscal 1994 compared to Fiscal 1995.

For Fiscal 1996, gross profits as a percentage of merchandise sales increased 12 percentage points from Fiscal 1995 to 14%. Excluding the impact of the special charges

discussed above, gross profits as a percentage of merchandise sales decreased two percentage points from Fiscal 1995 to 15%. This decrease results from a decline in margins on merchandise sales (six percentage points) offset by the combined favorable effect of a reduction in inventory shrinkage measured as a percentage of merchandise sales (down three percentage points to approximately two percent) and improved gross profit on the sale of scrap jewelry (one percentage point). The lower merchandise sales margins result primarily from management's strategy of pricing merchandise based on, among other factors, merchandise age since acquired and forfeited.

For Fiscal 1995, gross profits as a percentage of merchandise sales decreased 14 percentage points from Fiscal 1994 to two percent. Excluding the impact of the special charges discussed above, gross profits as a percentage of merchandise sales decreased four percentage points from Fiscal 1994 to 17%. This decrease results from a decline in margins on merchandise sales (seven percentage points) offset by the favorable effect of improved gross profit on the sale of scrap jewelry (three percentage points). In Fiscal 1994, the Company had a higher level of new merchandise or merchandise purchased over the counter which typically sold for a higher margin. Management believes that sales of this purchased merchandise came at the expense of the sales of forfeited collateral.

The Company's gross margin level (gross profit as a percentage of merchandise sales) results from, among other factors, the composition, quality and age of its inventory. At September 30, 1996 and 1995 the Company's inventories consisted of approximately 66% and 60% jewelry (e.g., ladies' and men's rings, chains, bracelets, etc.) and 34% and 40% general merchandise (e.g., televisions, VCRs, tools, sporting goods, musical instruments, firearms, etc.). At September 30, 1996 and 1995, approximately 75% and 78% of the jewelry inventory was less than twelve months old based on the Company's date of acquisition (date of forfeiture for collateral or date of purchase) as was approximately 87% and 86% of the general merchandise inventory.

In Fiscal 1996, operating and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenues decreased five and two percentage points, respectively (two and one percentage points, excluding the effect of the special charges discussed above) from Fiscal 1995 to 34% and 6%. In Fiscal 1994, operating and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenues were 35% and 8%, respectively (34% and 7% excluding the special charges). Both operating and administrative expenses have declined relative to total revenues as a result of the closure of under performing stores and the Company's programs to reduce costs.

Depreciation and amortization expense increased year over year from Fiscal 1994 to Fiscal 1996 largely as a result of the higher level of depreciation on new stores opened since September 30, 1993. In 1995, the Company revised the estimated useful lives of leasehold improvements resulting in increased depreciation expense of \$1.2 million. In Fiscal 1996, depreciation and amortization expense increases were partially offset by the effect of stores that were closed. Interest expense in Fiscal 1996 decreased to \$1.9 million from \$3.1 million for Fiscal 1995 largely as a result of decreased borrowings under the Company's bank line of credit.

Income tax expense for Fiscal 1996 was \$2.0 million (36% of pretax income) compared to a tax benefit of \$8.1 million for Fiscal 1995 resulting from the Fiscal 1995 net operating loss.

Net income for Fiscal 1996 was \$3.5 million compared to a net loss \$15.8 million for Fiscal 1995. The improvement in net income results from the net year over year favorable effect of the special charges discussed above, the favorable operating impact of the store closings, and the favorable impact of lower inventory shrinkage, operating and administrative expenses, and interest expense. These favorable factors were offset partially by the effect of lower revenues and margins in Fiscal 1996.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Net cash provided by operating activities for Fiscal 1996 was \$22.1 million compared to \$8.2 million provided in Fiscal 1995 and \$15.9 million used in Fiscal 1994. Improved operating results and inventory reductions were the main factors in the improved cash generation from operating activities. A portion of the Fiscal 1996 operating cash flow is the result of income tax refunds from the carryback of the Company's Fiscal 1995 net operating loss and the lower level of taxes payable resulting from the carryforward of this net operating loss. In Fiscal 1996, the \$22.1 million from operating activities, \$1.3 million provided from investing activities (\$5.1 million decrease in investments in pawn loans, \$2.0 million from sale of assets, and \$5.8 million invested in property, plant and equipment), and \$3.2 million of the Company's beginning cash balances were used to reduce total bank borrowings by \$26.7 million.

In Fiscal 1996, the Company invested \$5.8 million to open 11 newly established stores, to remodel or relocate 10 existing stores, and to upgrade or replace existing equipment and computer systems. The Company funded these expenditures largely from cash flow provided by operating activities. The Company plans to open approximately 10 to 15 new stores and remodel 5 to 10 stores in the next twelve months. The Company anticipates that cash flow from operations and funds available under its existing bank line of credit should be adequate to fund these capital expenditures and expected pawn loan growth during the coming year. There can be no assurance, however, that the Company's cash flow and line of credit will provide adequate funds for these expenditures.

The Company's current revolving line of credit agreement, which matures January 31, 1998, requires, among other things, that the Company meet certain financial covenants and provide the bank group a first lien security interest in certain assets of the Company. Borrowings under the line bear interest at the bank's Eurodollar rate plus one and one-half percent. The amount which the Company can borrow is based on a percentage of its inventory levels and outstanding pawn loan balance, up to \$50 million. At September 30, 1996, the Company had \$15 million outstanding on the credit facility and additional borrowing capacity of approximately \$25 million.

Seasonality

Historically, pawn service charge revenues are highest in the Company's fiscal fourth quarter (July, August and September) due to higher loan demand during the summer months and merchandise sales are highest in the Company's fiscal first quarter (October, November and December) due to the holiday season.

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Report of Independent Auditors

Board of Directors EZCORP, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of EZCORP, Inc. and its subsidiaries as of September 30, 1996 and 1995, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 1996. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 14(a)(2). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of EZCORP, Inc. and its subsidiaries at September 30, 1996 and 1995, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 1996, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Sentember 30

Austin, Texas November 14, 1996

Consolidated Balance Sheets

Septem	bei 30,
1995	1996
(Dollars in	thousands)
\$ 4,593	\$ 1,419
39,782	34,636
11,452	10,262
41,575	35, 834
2,422	2,140
4,236	<i>'</i> -
3,153	2,998
107,213	87,289
•	•
36,596	34,266
•	•
13,574	13,099
,	368
	1,200
,	3,031
3,020	3,031
	1995 (Dollars in \$ 4,593 39,782 11,452 41,575 2,422 4,236 3,153

Other assets	1,550	1,113
Total assets	\$164,588	\$140,366
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equit Current liabilities: Current maturities of	====== :y:	======
long-term debt Accounts payable and other	\$ 171	\$ 172
accrued expenses Customer layaway deposits Federal income taxes payable	10,026 2,100 -	8,183 1,976 800
Total current liabilities	12,297	11,131
Long-term debt, less current maturities	42,916	16,244
Stockholders' equity: Preferred Stock, par value \$.01 a	ı share	
 Authorized 5,000,000 shares; no issued and outstanding 		-
Class A Non-voting Common Stock, par value \$.01 a share Authorized 40,000,000 shares; 6,967,867 issued and 6,958,834	70	97
outstanding in 1995 9,728,904 issued and 9,719,871 outstanding in 1996;		
Class B Voting Common Stock, convertible, par value \$.01 a share	50	23
Authorized 5,137,163 shares in 5,019,176 issued and outstandir Authorized 2,274,969 shares in 2,270,863 issued and outstandir	ng in 1995 1996	
Additional paid-in capital	114,236	114,301
Retained earnings (deficit)	(4,209)	(666)
Treasury stock (9,033 shares in	110,147	113,755
1995 and 1996) Receivables from stockholders	(35) (737)	(35) (729)
Total stockholders' equity	109,375	112,991
Commitments and contingencies		
Total liabilities and stockholder equity	\$164,588	\$140,366
See notes to consolidated financial	====== statements.	======

Consolidated Statements of Operations

Revenues: Sales Pawn service charge	\$104,773 es 63,169	\$115,220 74,254	\$103,511 70,115
Total revenues	167,942	189,474	173,626
Costs of goods sold	88,256	113,227	88,953
Net revenues	79,686	76,247	84,673
Operating expenses:			
Operations	58,181	74,417	58,969
Administrative	12,668	15,406	10,712
Depreciation and			
amortization	4,471	7,352	7,573
Total operating	expenses 75,320	97,175	77,254

Operating income (loss)	4,366	(20,928)	7,419
Interest expense	1,512	3,059	1,884
Income (loss) before income taxes	2,854	(23,987)	5,535
Income tax expense (benefit) 1,065	(8,138)	1,992
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,789 ======	\$(15,849) ======	\$ 3,543
Earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.15 ======	\$ (1.32) ======	\$ 0.30 =====
Weighted average shares	11,975	11,977	11,988

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	Years 1994	Ended Septem 1995	ber 30, 1996
		lars in thous	
Operating Activities: Net income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: Depreciation and	\$1,789	\$(15,849)	\$3,543
amortization Deferred income taxes Restructuring expenses	4,471 (3,804)	7,425 (139) 7,664	7,573 - -
Net gain/loss on sale of assets Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	-	-	(167)
Service charge receivable Inventory Notes and accounts receivable from	(1,037) (22,523)	(2,071) 21,495	1,190 5,741
related parties Prepaid expenses and	64	(153)	(3)
other assets	(1,537)	(473)	(55)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Customer layaway deposits Federal income taxes payable befored tax asset Income taxes recoverable Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		2,243 88 (3,307) (4,532) (4,236)	(1,778) (124) 800 1,192 4,236
Investing Activities: Pawn loans forfeited and transferred to inventory Pawn loans made Pawn loans repaid	45,562 (187,090) 132,177	52,297 (192,239) 137,937	50,805 (151,437) 105,778
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(9,351) (15,107)		5,146 (5,836)
Issuance of notes receivable to related parties Acquisition of businesses Proceeds from sale of assets Net cash provided by (used in) investing	(1,455) -	(3,000) - -	- - 2,031
activities	(25,913)	(15,818)	1,341
Financing Activities: Proceeds from bank borrowing: Payments on bank borrowings Collections of stockholder notes receivable	s 41,674 (8,263)	15,500 (9,518)	5,000 (31,671) 8
Increase in stockholder			

notes receivable Sale of treasury stock	(729) 8		-		-
Net cash provided by						
(used in) financing activities Increase (decrease) in cash	,	727	5,	989	(26,	663)
and equivalents Cash and equivalents at	(9,	105)	(1,	674)	(3,	174)
beginning of period	15,	372	6,	267	4,	593
Cash and equivalents						
at end of period	\$6,	267	\$4,	593	\$1,	419
	===	===	===	===	===	===
Cash paid during the periods fo	r:					
Interest	\$1,	226	\$2,	974	\$2,	481
Income taxes	\$	850	\$4,	076	\$	-
Noncash investing and financing activities: Issuance of common stock to	I					
401 (k) plan	\$	46	\$	71	\$	65

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

Common Stock	Paid in Capital	Earnings/ (Deficit)	Treasury Stock		rs Total
(Shares and dollars in tho					
Balances at September 30, 11,977 120	1993 \$ 114,119	\$9,851	\$(43)	\$(112)	\$123,935
Issuance of common stock t 401 (k) plan					40
Increase in stockholder's	46 notes			(700)	46
Sale of treasury stock			8		(729) 8
Reductions on stockholder Net income	notes	1,789		37	37 1,789
Balances at September 30, 11,981 120	1994				
Issuance of common stock t 401(k) plan 6 Reductions on stockholder	71				71
Net loss		(15,849)		67	67 (15,849)
Balances at September 30, 11,987 120	1995 114,236				
Issuance of common stock t 401(K) plan 12 Reductions on stockholder	65				65
Net income		3,543		8	8 3,543
Balances at September 30, 11,999 120	 1996 \$114,301	\$(666)	\$(35)	\$(729)	\$112,991
See notes to consolidated				========	=======

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note A - Summary of Accounting Policies

Organization: The Company is primarily engaged in establishing, acquiring, and operating pawnshops in the southern United States. As of September 30, 1996, the Company operated 246 locations in 12 states. The pawnshops function as sources of customer credit and as specialty

retailers primarily of previously owned merchandise.

Consolidation: The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Pawn Loans and Income Recognition: Pawn loans ("loans") are generally made on the pledge of tangible personal property for one month with an automatic sixty-day grace period (the "loan term"). Pawn service charges on loans are recorded based on the interest method. If the loan is not repaid, the forfeited collateral (inventory) is valued at the lower of cost (principal plus accrued interest) or the fair value of the property.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: For purposes of this statement, the Company considers investments with maturities of ninety days or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Inventory: Inventory is stated at the lower of cost (specific identification) or market (net realizable value). Inventory consists of merchandise acquired from forfeited loans, merchandise purchased from customers, merchandise acquired from the acquisition of other pawnshops, and new merchandise purchased from vendors. The Company provides an allowance for shrinkage and valuation based on management's evaluation of the age, condition, and salability of the merchandise. The valuation allowance deducted from the carrying value of inventory amounted to \$14,043,981 and \$7,948,661 at September 30, 1995 and 1996, respectively. See Note N for explanation of year to year change.

Customer Layaway Deposits: Customer layaway deposits are recorded as deferred revenue until the entire related sales price has been collected.

Property and Equipment: Property and equipment are stated at cost. Through September 30, 1994, provisions for depreciation have been computed on a straight-line basis using estimated useful lives of 30 years for buildings and 5 to 15 years for equipment and leasehold improvements. Effective October 1, 1994, the Company revised its estimate of the useful life of its leasehold improvements from 15 years to 10 years. As a result, 1995 amortization expense increased by approximately \$1,200,000, or \$.07 per share on an after tax basis. For federal income tax purposes, cost is recovered using accelerated methods.

Intangible Assets: Intangible assets consist primarily of excess purchase price over net assets acquired acquisitions. Excess cost over fair value of net assets acquired (or goodwill) is amortized on a straight-line basis over 20 to 40 years (the expected period of benefit). carrying value of goodwill is reviewed at the store level to determine if the facts and circumstances suggest that it may be impaired. If this review indicates that goodwill will not be recoverable, as determined based on the undiscounted cash flows of the entity over the remaining amortization period, the Company's carrying value of the goodwill is by the estimated shortfall of cash flows. Accumulated amortization of intangibles was \$4,115,933 and \$6,301,921 at September 30, 1995 and 1996, respectively.

Earnings Per Common Share: Earnings per share calculations assume exercise of all outstanding stock options and warrants with appropriate adjustment to weighted average shares outstanding using the treasury stock method of calculation.

Advertising: Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense was \$5,172,913, \$6,284,033 and \$2,700,663 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1994, 1995 and 1996, respectively.

Income Taxes: The Company files a consolidated return with its wholly owned subsidiaries. Deferred taxes are recorded based on the liability method and result primarily from differences in the timing of the recognition of certain revenue and expense items for federal income tax purposes and financial reporting purposes.

Stock-Based Compensation: In October 1995, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued FASB Statement No. 123, "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation" which prescribes accounting and reporting standards for all stock-based compensation plans. The Company is required to adopt the Statement for its fiscal year that begins October 1, 1996 and is presently evaluating the Statement. The Company has yet to decide upon the alternatives provided in the Statement.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications: Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation, including presenting gross scrap and wholesale sales proceeds in revenues rather than presenting the net amount in cost of sales. These amounts were \$6,800,000 and \$13,800,000 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 1994 and 1995, respectively. These classifications had no effect on results of operations or retained earnings as previously reported.

Note B - Acquisitions

The Company purchased the assets of 6 pawnshops during the year ended September 30, 1994. The acquisitions have been accounted for as purchases, and the assets and operations of the acquired stores have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements subsequent to the dates of acquisition. The acquisition costs of these purchases was approximately \$1,445,000 and the excess of the total acquisition costs over the fair values of net assets acquired was approximately \$202,000. Pro forma results have not been presented for 1994 since they would approximate actual results.

Note C - Property and Equipment

Major classifications of property and equipment were as follows:

	\$36,596	\$34,266
Less - accumulated depreciation	(10,658)	(16,246)
Total	47,254	50,512
Furniture and equipment	18,933	20,673
Buildings and improvements	26,868	28,488
Land	\$ 1,453	\$ 1,351
	(Dollars in	thousands)
	1995	1996
	Septemb	,

Note D - Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisted of the following:

	\$10,026	\$ 8,183
Other accrued expenses	5,952	4,974
Accrued interest payable	313	10
Accrued payroll and related expenses	. ,	2,113
Trade accounts payable	\$ 2,267	\$ 1,086
	(Dollars i	n thousands)
	1995	mber 30, 1996
rottowing.	Conto	mbor 20

Note E - Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of:

1995 1996(Dollars in thousands)

Notes payable to individuals, with interest at 10% to 13%, payable in monthly installments of \$16,270 including interest, maturing through June 2005 - certain inventory, land, and buildings pledged as collateral

\$ 753 \$ 632

Note payable to bank with interest at 9.25%, payable in monthly installments of \$9,204 including interest, from May 1, 1996 until June 1, 1997; thereafter, the terms change annually until maturity in April 2000; collateralized by certain land and buildings

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Note payable to bank under \$50 million line of credit agreement amended as of June 1996; interest on used portion payable monthly at prime rate or the bank's Eurodollar rate plus 1.50% (6.98% at September 30, 1996); principal due January 1998 41,500

15,000

Junior subordinated note payable to stockholder of acquired company, with interest at 10% payable in monthly installments of \$4,206 including interest.

Note was paid in full December 1995.

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43,087 16,416

Less current maturities

171 172

\$42,916 \$16,24

The Company has a \$50,000,000 secured revolving line of credit with a bank of which \$15,000,000 was outstanding as of September 30, 1996. Credit availability is based upon a percentage of inventory levels and outstanding pawn loans. As of September 30, 1996, the additional borrowing capacity was \$25 million. Fees under the line of credit include an annual \$25,000 agent fee and a commitment fee equal to .35% of the unused amount of the commitment. A facility fee of \$75,000 was paid relating to the June 24, 1996 amendment to the agreement. Terms of the loan require, among other things, that the Company meet certain financial covenants. In addition, payment of dividends and incurrence of additional debt is restricted.

Terms of the Company's other notes may also require, among other things, that the Company meet certain financial covenants.

Interest expense in the consolidated statements of operations is shown net of interest income on investments in the amount of \$25,500, \$211,821 and \$293,628 for the years ended September 30, 1994, 1995, and 1996, respectively.

Aggregate annual principal payment requirements on long-term debt obligations for each of the following five years ending September 30 are as follows: 1997 \$171,794; 1998 \$15,165,364; 1999 \$163,882; 2000 \$99,770; 2001 \$83,512.

Note F - Common Stock and Warrants

The capital stock of the Company consists of two classes of common stock designated as Class A and Class B. The rights, preferences, and privileges of the Class A and Class B Common Stock are similar except that each share of Class B Common Stock has one vote and each share of Class A Common Stock has no voting privileges. All Class A Common Stock is publicly held. Holders of Class B Voting Common Stock may, individually or as a class, convert some or all of their shares into Class A Non-voting Common Stock. Class A Common

Stock becomes voting common stock upon the conversion of all Class B Common Stock to Class A Common Stock. The Company is required to reserve such number of authorized but unissued shares of Class A Non-voting Common Stock as would be issuable upon conversion of all outstanding shares of Class B Voting Common Stock.

At September 30, 1996, warrants to purchase 23,559 shares of Class A Non-voting Common Stock and 4,106 shares of Class B Voting Common Stock at \$6.17 per share were outstanding. The warrants are exercisable through July 25, 2009.

The Company has an Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan") under which options to purchase Class A Non-voting Common Stock may be granted to employees. Options granted under the Plan are generally granted at exercise prices equal to or greater than the fair market value on the date of grant. In October 1994, the Board of Directors increased the number of shares available under the Plan to 1,800,000 and amended the Plan to provide accelerated vesting upon a change in control of the Company.

As of September 30, 1996, the Company had 643,647 options outstanding (options granted less options canceled due to employee termination) at exercise prices ranging from \$8.75 to \$21.75. Of these options, 211,797 are vested and none have been exercised. A summary of Plan activity for each of the three fiscal years ended September 30, 1994, 1995, and 1996 follows:

Stock Option Plans

	I	Number of Shares Pr Under Option	ice Range of Shares Under Option
Outstanding a	at September	30, 1993 172,050	\$21.75-\$27.00
Granted		441,800	\$13.00-\$14.50
Canceled		(66,900)	\$13.00-\$14.30
Exercised		(00,900)	Ψ13.00-Ψ20.73
EXCICISED		9	-
Outstanding a	at Contombor	30 1004	
outstanuing a	at September	•	\$13.00-\$27.00
Granted		546,950	\$ 8.75-\$12.50
Canceled		402,969	
		(230,081)	\$10.38-\$27.00
Exercised		9	-
0	- Comtombos	20 1005	
Outstanding a	at September	•	40 75 404 75
		719,838	\$8.75-\$21.75
Granted		62,624	\$ 8.75
Canceled		(138,815)	\$ 8.75-\$21.75
Exercised		0	-
Outstanding a	at September	30, 1996	
		643,647	\$8.75-\$21.75
		=======	
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Shares of reserved common stock at September 30, 1996, were as follows:

Class A	Class B
1,800,000	-
23,559	4,106
25,054	-
2,274,969	-
4,123,582	4,106
=======	=====
	1,800,000 23,559 25,054 2,274,969

Note G - Income Taxes

The federal income tax provision consisted of:

	Years	Ended Septem	ber 30,
	1994	1995	1996
	(Doll	ars in thousa	nds)
Current	\$5,100	\$(3,660)	\$ 800
Deferred	(4,035)	(4,478)	1,192
	\$1,065	\$(8,138)	\$1,992
	=======	========	======

A reconciliation of income taxes calculated at the statutory rate and the provision for income taxes were as follows:

Years Ended September 30,

1994	1995	1996	
(Dol)	lars in thousar	nds)	
\$ 971	\$(8,295)	\$1,882	
27	27 120	27 83	
\$1,065	\$(8,138)	\$1,992	
	(Dol) al \$ 971 ble 27 67	(Dollars in thousar al \$ 971 \$(8,295) ble 27 27 67 130	

Income before income taxes on the statements of operations differs from taxable income due to the following, which are accounted for differently for financial statement purposes than for federal income tax purposes and result in deferred tax expense (benefit):

		19		rs End	led Se 1995	ptember	,	1996
			(1	ollar	s in	thousan	ds)	
Inventory basi Provision for		•	4,286) \$	(964)	\$	105
and related		J	-	(3,615)	(1,	, 365)
0ther			251		101			68
		\$(==	4,035) \$(=====	4,478) ======	\$(1, ====	,192) ====
Significant	components	of	the	Compa	nv's	deferr	ed	tax

Significant components of the Company's deferred tax liabilities and assets as of September 30, 1995 and 1996 are as follows:

	Years Ended 1995	September 30, 1996
	(Dollars i	n thousands)
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Book over tax inventory basis	\$ 1,245	\$ 695
Prepaid expenses	227	311
Total deferred tax liabilit	ies 1,472	1,006
Deferred tax assets:		
Book over tax depreciation	676	665
Inventory reserve	2,698	2,307
Amortization of non-competes	1,417	535
Accrued liabilities	922	762
Other, net	291	77
Total deferred tax assets Net deferred tax asset	6,004	4,346
(liability)	\$ 4,532	\$ 3,340

Note H - Related Party Transactions

Pursuant to the terms of a financial advisory services agreement, an affiliate of the general partner of the majority stockholder provides management consulting and investment banking services to the Company for a specified monthly retainer, which was \$25,000 as of September 30, 1994. Effective October 1, 1994, this retainer was increased to \$33,333 per month. These services include ongoing consultation with respect to offerings by the Company of its securities, including, but not limited to, the form, timing, and structure of such offerings. In addition to the retainer, the affiliate earns fees from the Company for other business and financial consulting services. Management fees and expense reimbursements of \$421,594, \$557,210 and \$649,856 were paid to the affiliate in the years ended September 30, 1994, 1995, and 1996, respectively.

The Company purchased an airplane from the former Chairman of the Board for \$113,000 in May 1994. At September 30, 1996, the Company's former Chairman of the Board owes the Company at least \$24,433 plus accrued interest of at least \$6,080. This amount may be increased subject to the resolution of a dispute between the Company and the former

Chairman of the Board as to the crediting of a past payment on the debt. Interest accrues at an annual rate of ten percent. From July 1994 to August 1994, the Company loaned the President and Chief Executive Officer \$729,113 to purchase 50,000 shares of Class A Non-voting Common Stock, which is shown as a reduction of stockholders' equity in these financial statements. Interest accrues annually at a rate equal to the prime rate plus one half of one percent. Interest is payable annually on December 31 of each year until June 30, 1999. As of September 30, 1996, the amount owed is \$729,113 plus accrued interest of \$48,048. The Company records interest income on the loan and offsetting compensation expense for the same amount as a bonus to the President and Chief Executive Officer.

In October 1994, the Board of Directors approved agreements which provide incentive compensation to the Chairman and the Executive Officer based on growth in the share price the Company's publicly traded common stock. executives were advanced \$1.5 million evidenced by recourse promissory note, due in 2004 and bearing interest at the minimum rate allowable for federal income purposes (ranging from 4.99% to 6.06% for 1996). Specified percentages of loan principal will be forgiven each time the closing price of the Company's Class A Common Stock exceeds specified Stock Price Targets for at least ten consecutive trading days. The Stock Price Targets range from \$22.50 to \$62.50 per share and provide for complete forgiveness of principal if the share price exceeds \$32.50 per share within five years or \$62.50 per share within ten years. The Program that Stock Price Targets will be adjusted proportionately for certain capital transactions and that the death or disability of the executive, or certain changes in control, will result in forgiveness of the then remaining principal and interest. Accrued interest is forgiven based upon continued employment of the executive and the Company is required to reimburse each executive for the income tax consequences of this Program. Through September 30, 1996, no Price Targets have been attained; charges operations consist of interest forgiveness and related income tax costs and totaled \$307,815. Also see Note I -Leases.

Note I - Leases

The Company leases various facilities and certain equipment under operating leases. Certain buildings are leased from the former Chairman of the Board of the Company, in the ordinary course of business. Future minimum rentals due under noncancelable leases including stores to be closed are as follows for each of the years ending September 30:

	==	=======	====	======	===	=====
	\$	648	\$	34,799	\$	35,447
Thereafter		-		3,764		3,764
2001		-		3,348		3,348
2000		-		4,530		4,530
1999		140		6,280		6,420
1998		224		7,918		8,142
1997	\$	284	\$	8,959	\$	9,243
		(Dollars	in	thousan	ds)	
	Related Parties			Other		Total
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Rent expense for the years was as follows:

	Re	lated P	arties	Total
		(Dollar	s in thou	usands)
1994	\$	269		\$7,352
1995		276		9,603
1996		245		9,722

In connection with the closing of 32 stores in the fourth quarter of 1995, the Company recorded a provision for lease terminations of \$1.2 million.

The Company entered into a 20-year employment agreement with the former Chairman of the Board, Courtland L. Logue, Jr., ("Mr. Logue") for a minimum base salary of \$300,000 which was to expire in 2009. On July 28, 1995, the Company terminated Mr. Logue's contract under terms of such agreement. The Company has made demand that Mr. Logue pay monies in connection with a performance right contained in Section 5(o) of a stock purchase agreement between Mr. Logue and a predecessor Company. The Company and Mr. Logue have not yet resolved this issue. See Note L - "Contingencies."

Note K - 401(k) Plan

Effective October 1, 1991, the Company's Board of Directors established a 401(k) Plan whereby eligible employees of the Company may contribute a maximum of 15% of their compensation within allowable limits. The Company will match 25% of each employee's contribution, up to 6% of their compensation, in the form of the Company's Class A Nonvoting Common Stock. Contribution expense related to the plan for 1994, 1995 and 1996 was approximately \$71,000, \$66,000 and \$65,000, respectively.

Note L - Contingencies

From time to time, the Company is involved in litigation relating to claims arising from its normal business operations. Currently, the Company is a defendant in several lawsuits. Some of these lawsuits involve claims for substantial amounts. While the ultimate outcome of these lawsuits cannot be ascertained, after consultation with counsel, the Company believes the resolution of these suits will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations. However, there can be no assurance as to the ultimate outcome of these matters.

On July 28, 1995, the Company terminated the Employment Agreement of Courtland L. Logue, Jr. ("Mr. Logue"), the Company's former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, an owner of approximately 19% of the Company's outstanding voting securities (Class B Voting Common Stock). Since Mr. Logue's termination, the Company has had ongoing discussions with him concerning certain equipment leases between Mr. Logue and the Company, as well as the application of provisions to Mr. Logue's Employment Agreement and Stock Purchase Agreement with the Company. The Company believes these agreements require, among other things, a \$2.7 million payment by Mr. Logue to the Company. On March 8, 1996, the Company filed a lawsuit styled EZCORP, Inc. v. Courtland L. Logue, Jr. in the 201st District Court of Travis County, Texas in an effort to bring resolution to this dispute. Mr. Logue has filed counter-claims relating to the Employment Agreement and certain equipment leases and notes entered into between Mr. Logue and the Company.

Note M - Quarterly Information (Unaudited)

Total revenues \$51,433 \$45,518 \$38,129 \$38,546 Net income 218 1,027 1,473 Net income per share Primary and fully diluted \$0.07 \$0.02 \$0.09 \$0.12

Year Ended September 30, 1995
First Quarter Second Quarter Third Quarter Fourth Quarter
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

Total revenues \$49,757 \$43,239 \$43,060 \$53,418

Net income (loss) 841 (19) (777) (15,894)

Net income (loss) per share

Primary and fully

diluted \$0.07 \$(0.00) \$(0.06) \$(1.33)

The Company recorded the following pre-tax charges in the quarter ended September 30, 1995, which decreased income before taxes for the year ended September 30, 1995 by \$25.5 million:

Amount (Dollars in thousands)

Inventory valuation \$8,740 Scrap jewelry liquidation 6,633 Provision for store closings 7,664 Other charges 2,469

During the fourth quarter ended September 30, 1995, the Company identified and commenced the liquidation of approximately \$27 million in jewelry inventory which had accumulated primarily as a result of a \$20 million new jewelry program undertaken in prior periods and as a result of past lending practices. The Company sold or scrapped \$15.6 million of this jewelry (included in "Cost of Goods Sold") and realized \$8.9 million of cash (included in "Merchandise Sales") in the fourth quarter of 1995. Largely as a result of the scrapping activity, the Company increased its valuation reserve by \$8.7 million (included in "Cost of Goods Sold"). The remaining jewelry was liquidated during 1996.

Also during the fourth quarter of 1995, management made the decision to close or consolidate 32 of the Company's underperforming stores. This action resulted in a \$7.7 million provision. The provision included \$2.3 million for the write-down of various fixed assets to realizable value, \$3.9 million for the write-down of various intangible assets, \$1.2 million for future rent obligations, and \$0.3 million for various other expenses. The provision was included as part of "Operations" expense for classification purposes. As of September 30, 1995, the 32 stores identified for closing and consolidation had aggregate pawn loans outstanding of \$1.9 million. During Fiscal 1995, these stores incurred an operating loss of \$0.4 million on total revenues of \$13.4 million.

During 1996, the Company paid and charged against the provision \$1.1 million and made no adjustments to the original amount of the provision. As of September 30, 1996, the accrual for store closings was \$0.4 million, principally for estimated rent obligations.

Also in 1995, the Company provided \$2.5 million principally for several legal matters. This provision is included in "Administrative" expense.

The Company recorded the following pre-tax charges in the quarter ended September 30, 1994, which decreased income before taxes for the year ended September 30, 1994 by \$9.3 million:

Amount -----(Dollars in thousands)

Inventory valuation \$ 4,900
Pawn service charge difference 1,900
Organization changes 1,300
Pending litigation and wage and hour investigation 800
Other charges \$ 9,300

In Fiscal 1994, a \$4.9 million charge was made for inventory valuation, consisting of \$2.2 million in markdowns on merchandise sold through a company-wide clearance sale and a \$2.7 million increase in the inventory valuation reserve (\$2.4 million included in "Merchandise Sales"; \$6.7 million included in "Cost of Goods Sold"; and \$0.6 million included in "Operations" expense).

During Fiscal 1994, the Company implemented a newly-developed computer software program to calculate accrued pawn service charges on a loan-by-loan basis. Previously this accrual was based on a store-by-store calculation using pawn service charge collections, loan principal payments and other information available to management. The difference in these two methods amounted to a \$1.9 million reduction in accrued pawn service charges (included in "Pawn Service Charges"). While it is impractical to assign this amount to specific prior periods, management believes that most of the difference is attributable to the Fiscal 1994 period.

The Fiscal 1994 special charge included \$2.4 million primarily for a pending wage and hour investigation and organizational changes (\$0.8 million in "Operations" expense and \$1.6 million in "Administrative" expense).

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

The Company had no disagreements on accounting or financial disclosure matters with its independent certified public accountants to report under this Item 9.

PART III

Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

The executive officers and directors of the Company as of December 2, 1996 are as follows:

Name	Age	Title
Sterling B. Brinkley(1)	44	Chairman of the Board of Directors
<pre>Vincent A. Lambiase(1) (3)</pre>	56	President, Chief
		Executive Officer, and Director
Daniel N. Tonissen(1) (3)	46	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Secretary, and Director
Steven R. Griessen	37	Vice President Development
J. Jefferson Dean (4)	30	Secretary and Director
Mark C. Pickup(2) (4)	46	Director
Richard D. Sage (2)(4)	56	Director

- (1) Member of Executive Committee
- (2) Member of Incentive Compensation Committee
- (3) Member of Section 401(k) Plan Committee
- (4) Member of Audit Committee

The Class B Stockholders intend to re-elect the abovelisted directors at the Annual Stockholders' Meeting on March 5, 1997.

Mr. Brinkley has served as either Chairman of the Board or Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company since 1989. He has served as a Managing Director of Morgan Schiff & Co., Inc., an affiliate of Mr. Phillip Cohen, from 1986 to 1990 and currently serves as a consultant to Morgan Schiff & Co., Inc. See " Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management." Mr. Brinkley has also served as Chairman of the Board or Chairman of the Executive Committee of Crescent Jewelers, Inc., a 111-store jewelry chain since 1988. In addition, since 1990, he has served as Chairman of the Board or Chairman of the Executive Committee of Friedman's, Inc., a 321-store jewelry chain, and MS Pietrafesa, L.P., an apparel manufacturing business. In addition, Mr. Brinkley President and Chairman of the Board of MS Pawn Corporation, the general partner of MS Pawn Limited Partnership. Morgan Schiff & Co., Inc., Crescent Jewelers, Inc., and Pietrafesa, L.P. are affiliates of the Company.

Mr. Lambiase has served as a director, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since July 1994. From 1991 to 1994, he was a Vice President for Blockbuster Entertainment, Inc. From 1986 to 1991, he was an associate of E.S. Jacobs & Company, a venture capital firm. From 1978

to 1985, he was CEO of Winchell's Donut House.

Mr. Tonissen has served as a director, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Assistant Secretary of the Company since August 1994. From 1992 to 1994, he was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of La Salsa Holding Company, an operator and franchiser of restaurants. From 1989 to 1991, he was Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Valley Grain Products, Inc.

Mr. Griessen has served as Vice President of Development for the Company since November 1995. He previously served as Director of Construction and Real Estate from September 1994 to October 1995. From 1988 to 1994, he worked for Blockbuster Entertainment, Inc. as Manager of Construction for the Central and Eastern United States.

Mr. Dean has served as a director of the Company since 1992 and Secretary since 1995. From 1994 to present, Mr. Dean has served as Director of Strategic Planning for the Company. From 1990 to present, Mr. Dean has served as Vice President Strategic Planning and as a director of MS Pietrafesa, L.P., an apparel manufacturing business. In addition, from 1991 to 1994, Mr. Dean served the Company as Director of Financial Planning. From 1989 to 1990, Mr. Dean served as an Associate of Morgan Schiff & Co., an affiliate of Mr. Phillip Cohen (see "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management").

Mr. Pickup has served as a director of the Company since 1993. He served as President and Co-Chief Executive Officer of Crescent Jewelers, Inc. from 1993 to 1995 and Chief Financial Officer of Crescent Jewelers, Inc. from 1992 until 1995. Since 1993, Mr. Pickup has also served as a director of Friedman's, Inc. (and MS Jewelers Corporation, its predecessor). From 1982 until 1992, Mr. Pickup was a partner in the accounting firm of Ernst & Young, most recently in the San Francisco office.

Mr. Sage has served as a director of the Company since July 1995. He was a co-founder of AmeriHealth, Inc., which owned and managed hospitals. He served as Treasurer of AmeriHealth, Inc. from April 1983 to October 1995 and was a member of the board of directors of AmeriHealth, Inc. from April 1993 to December 1994. Mr. Sage served from June 1988 to June 1993 as a Regional Vice President of HHL Financial Services Company, which specializes in the collection of health care accounts receivable. He is presently a member of the Board of Directors of Champion Healthcare Corporation. Since June 1993, he has been associated with Sage Law Offices in Miami, Florida.

Committees of the Board

The Board of Directors held nine meetings and acted by unanimous consent on three other occasions during the year ended September 30, 1996. The Board of Directors has appointed four committees, an Executive Committee, an Audit Committee, an Incentive Compensation Committee and a Section Plan Committee. The members of the Executive Committee for Fiscal 1996 were Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Lambiase and Mr. Tonissen. The Executive Committee held four meetings, which all members attended. The members of the Audit Committee for Fiscal 1996 were Mr. Pickup, Mr. Sage, Mr. Brinkley (until March 6, 1996) and Mr. Dean (nonvoting). The Audit Committee held five meetings which all members attended. The Incentive Compensation Committee, comprised of Mr. Pickup, Mr. Sage, and Mr. Dean (until March 6, 1996) held three meetings during Fiscal 1996 which all members attended. The committee that administers the Section 401(k) Plan consists of Mr. Lambiase and Mr. Tonissen and held one meeting during Fiscal 1996 which all of its members attended. All directors attended more than 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board and of the committees on which they serve.

Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act

All officers and directors were timely throughout the fiscal year in filing all reports required by Section 16(a)

of the Exchange Act with the exception of Mr. Sage whose Form 4 was filed 135 days late and whose Form 5 was filed 39 days late and Ms. Berger (a former officer) whose Form 5 was filed one day late.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Cash Compensation

The following table sets forth compensation paid by the Company and its subsidiaries for services during Fiscal 1994, Fiscal 1995, and Fiscal 1996 to the Company's Chief Executive Officer, and to each of the Company's four most highly compensated executive officers whose total annual compensation exceeded \$100,000 (such four collectively herein referred to as the "Named Executive Officers").

All other

Name and Principal Position					Compensation (\$)(1)(2)
Sterling B. Brinkley Chairman of the	1994	200,000	-	-	-
Board(3)	1995 1996	298,397 300,000	62,400 84,565	58,883 79,799	- -
Vincent A. Lambiase President & Chief Executive Officer(87,500	-	42,625	-
`:	1995 1996	343,269 350,000		381,048 211,878	
Daniel N. Tonissen Senior Vice Presid		15,948			
	1995	152,024		116,250	1,674
Secretary(5)	1996	155,000		40,474	1,674
Mark A. Stuart Former Vice Presid	ent				
and Chief Marketing	1995	125,198		73,168	1,436
	1996	119,904			783
John D. Woodward Former Vice President Human Resources(7)	1995 1996	,		77,854	1,116 837
Steven R. Griessen					
Vice President Development(8)	1996	115,000			1,080
J. Jefferson Dean Secretary (9)	1996 -	100,000			1,080
(4) The Orange and I	1				

- (1) The Company's long-term compensation program for most senior officers does not include long-term incentive payouts, stock options, SARs, or other forms compensation
- This category includes the value of any insurance
- premiums paid on behalf of the named executive.

 Mr. Brinkley's Other Annual Compensation includes
 \$79,799 for payment of taxes for Fiscal 1996. (3)
- Mr. Lambiase's Other Annual Compensation includes (4) \$104,182 for payment of taxes for Fiscal 1996.
- Tonissen's Other Annual Compensation includes (5) Mr. \$20,000 for relocation expenses for Fiscal 1996.
- Mr. Stuart resigned effective March 1996.
- Mr. Woodward resigned effective March 1996. (7)
- (8) Mr. Griessen became Vice President Development on November 29, 1995.
- (9) Mr. Dean became Secretary on November 29, 1995.

Employment Agreements

Vincent A. Lambiase, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, is employed pursuant to an employment agreement with the Company. The agreement engages Mr. Lambiase as Chief Executive Officer from July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1999. Commencing on July 1, 1999 and each July 1 thereafter, this term is to be extended for an

additional year unless the Company or Mr. Lambiase gives notice at least 30 days prior to any such July 1 date that it or he does not wish to extend the agreement.

In addition to a minimum base salary of \$350,000 (which may be increased by the Board of Directors), the agreement entitles Mr. Lambiase to receive a bonus of 75% or more of his base compensation based upon objectives determined each year by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. The agreement also provides for a loan by the Company to Mr. Lambiase of sufficient cash to purchase 50,000 shares of Company stock. Mr. Lambiase purchased such stock at various times between July 25, 1994 and August 11, 1994 at an average price per share of \$14.49. The Company loaned Mr. Lambiase a total of \$729,113 to purchase this stock. Interest, charged at the prime rate plus one-half of one percent, is payable annually on December 31 of each year until the earlier of June 30, 1999, or one year after the death or permanent disability of Mr. Lambiase or a default in payment on the loan. The agreement also grants to Mr. Lambiase the option to purchase, pursuant to the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan, 250,000 shares of the Class A Nonvoting stock of the Company.

On October 7, 1994, pursuant to an authorization by the Board of Directors on October 1, 1994, the Company funded loans of \$1,500,000 to each of Mr. Lambiase and Mr. Sterling B. Brinkley, Chairman of the Board of the Company. These loans shall be partially or wholly forgiven during the tenyear period between October 7, 1994 and October 7, 2004, to the extent that the Company's stock price reaches the levels set forth in the following tables. Table I applies during the first five years of the ten-year term, and Table II applies during the last five years.

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STOCK PRICE TARGET	PERCENTAGE OF ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF LOAN FORGIVEN
\$22.50	10%
\$25.00	25%
\$27.50	50%
\$30.00	75%
\$32.50	100%

TABLE II

STOCK PRICE TARGET	PERCENTAGE OF REMAINING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF LOAN FORGIVEN
\$32.50	50%
\$40.00	60%
\$47.50	70%
\$55.00	80%
\$62.50	100%

The stock prices set forth above must average the above amounts for ten consecutive trading days and are adjustable for any stock split, recapitalization or other similar event. In the event of any forgiveness, the Company shall remit to applicable taxing authorities amounts sufficient to satisfy the tax obligations of such person arising from the forgiveness. The loans are also subject to forgiveness each person in the event that such person dies or becomes disabled or in the event of a change in control of Company. The loans bear interest at the lowest allowable under the Internal Revenue Code, which preclude consideration of the loan as a "below market loan" for purposes of Section 7872 of the Internal Revenue Code. Each person receives a bonus in an amount sufficient to pay interest on the loans and taxes arising from the bonus.

The Company entered into an Employment Agreement with Courtland L. Logue, Jr. (Mr. Logue), the Company's former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer on July 25, 1989, which was amended in September 1990 and in July 1994. On July 28, 1995, the Company terminated Mr. Logue's contract. The Company has made demand that Mr. Logue pay monies in connection with a performance right contained in Section 5(o) of a stock purchase agreement between Mr. Logue and a

predecessor Company, explained below. The Company $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +$

The Employment Agreement referred to above also contains provisions prohibiting Mr. Logue from disclosing any information at any time which is proprietary to the Company, or from using such information in any manner which would cause loss or damage to the Company. The Agreement also provides that if it is breached by Mr. Logue, he is required by the provisions of the Second Amendment to the Stock Purchase Agreement, to pay the Company cash in the amount of approximately \$2.7 million as liquidated damages. The Company has made a demand for such payment. In addition to the provisions of the Employment Agreement, the Stock Purchase Agreement executed by Mr. Logue in connection with the acquisition by the Company of the stock of the Predecessor, prohibits Mr. Logue from engaging in any activity which is substantially in competition with or detrimental to the business of the Company for a period of (20) years following the consummation of the transaction. While it is unclear whether a court would enforce all aspects of the non-competition agreement set forth in the Stock Purchase Agreement in strict accordance with its terms, the Company believes that the provisions of the Employment Agreement and the requirement that Mr. Logue pay liquidated damages for breach of such are enforceable. The Company and Mr. Logue have not reached agreement on what his current obligations are with respect to agreements. See "Legal Proceedings."

Outside directors receive between \$12,000 and \$25,000 per annum for their services on the Board and its committees as well as the reimbursement of their out-of-pocket expenses to attend Board and Committee meetings.

Aggregate Options/SAR Exercises in Last Fiscal Year and FY-End Option/SAR Values

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the exercise of stock options (or tandem SARs) and freestanding SARs in Fiscal 1996 and the value of unexercised options and SARs held by each of the Named Executive Officers at the end of the Company's last fiscal year.

Number of Securities Values of Unexercised

Underlying Unexercised In-the-Money Options/SARs at FY-End (#) FY-End(\$)(1)
Shares acquired Value Exercisable/ Exercisable/ Exercisable/ Unexercisable Options/SARs at Unexercisable Sterling B. Brinkley Chairman of the Board 50,000/75,000 0/0 Vincent A. Lambiase President & Chief Executive Officer 100,000/150,000 0/0 Daniel N. Tonissen Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Assistant Secretary 4,863/19,450 0/0 John D. Woodward (2) Former Vice President Human Resources 7,086/28,343 0/0 Mark A. Stuart (2) Former Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer 0/0 5,588/22,350 Steven R. Griessen Vice President Development 4,000/16,000 0/0 J. Jefferson Dean

(1) Values stated are based upon the closing price of \$6.50

Secretary

per share of the Company's Class A Non-voting Common Stock on The Nasdaq Stock Market on September 30, 1996, the last trading day of the fiscal year.

(2) Options granted to Mr. Stuart and Mr. Woodward were canceled following their resignations in March 1996.

Compensation Pursuant to Plans

Stock Incentive Plan

The Company's Board of Directors and stockholders adopted the EZCORP, Inc. 1991 Long-Term Incentive Plan on June 6, 1991 (the "Plan"). The Plan provides for (i) the granting of stock options qualified under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") section 422 (so-called "incentive stock options") to purchase Class A Common Stock, (ii) the granting of stock options not qualified under Code section 422 ("nonqualified stock options") to purchase Class A Common Stock, (iii) the granting of stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), which give the holder the right to receive cash or Class A Common Stock in an amount equal to the difference between the fair market value of a share of Class A Common Stock on the date of exercise and the date of grant, (iv) the granting of limited stock appreciation rights ("LSARs"), which give the holder the right under limited circumstances to receive cash in an amount equal to the difference between (a) the per-share price paid in an applicable tender offer or exchange offer for the Company or fair market value of the Class A Common Stock in the event of specified "change of control" events and (b) the fair market value of the Class A Common Stock on the date of grant. The Plan permits the exercise price of the options to be paid either in cash, by withholding from the shares to be delivered pursuant to the exercise of the option that number of shares equal in value to the exercise or by the delivery of already-owned Class A Common Stock.

There are 1,800,000 shares of Class A Common Stock (subject to certain adjustments) reserved under the Plan for issuance upon the exercise of options and the settlement of SARs and LSARs. Shares subject to an option, SAR, or LSAR that is terminated or that expires will again be available for grant under the Plan. Persons eligible to receive options, SARs, and LSARs are all employees of the Company selected by the Incentive Compensation Committee ("Committee") appointed by the Board of Directors to administer the Plan. Non-employee directors are not eligible to receive awards under the Plan.

In general, the Committee has the discretion to establish the terms, conditions, and restrictions to which options, SARs, and LSARs are subject. The options, SARs, and LSARs are not transferable except by will and by the laws of descent and distribution, and under other limited circumstances. The Plan is intended to be qualified under Rule 16b-3 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which Rule generally exempts certain option grants and certain stock or cash awards from the provisions of Section 16(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Options granted under the Plan are generally granted at exercise prices equal to the fair market value on the date of the grant. In October 1994, the Board of Directors increased the number of shares available under the Plan to 1,800,000 and amended the Plan to provide accelerated vesting upon a change in control of the Company.

As of September 30, 1996, the Company had 643,647 active options outstanding (options granted less options canceled due to employee termination) at prices ranging from \$8.75 to \$21.75. Of these options, 216,231 are vested and none have been exercised. See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - Note F "Common Stock and Warrants."

401(k) Plan

On June 6, 1991, the Company adopted the EZCORP, Inc. 401(k) Plan, a savings and profit sharing plan intended to qualify under Section 401(k) of the Code. Under the plan, employees of the Company and those subsidiaries that adopt it may contribute up to 15% of their compensation (not to exceed \$9,500 in 1996) to the plan trust. The Company will

match 25% of an employee's contributions up to 6% of his compensation. Employer contributions may be made in the form of or invested in Class A Common Stock. Contribution expense related to the plan for 1996 was approximately \$65,000. The Company's contributions vest based on the employee's length of service with the Company and its subsidiaries, with 20% of the total contributions vesting each year once the employee has three years of service. On termination of employment, an employee will receive all of his contributions and any vested portion of the Company's contributions, as adjusted by any earnings and losses.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation
For Fiscal 1996, the Company's Compensation Committee
was comprised of Messrs. Pickup, Sage and Dean (until March
6, 1996). Mr. Brinkley, during Fiscal 1996, served as a
director and an executive officer of the Company and MS
Pietrafesa, L.P. Mr. Dean, during Fiscal 1996, was an
executive officer and a director of MS Pietrafesa, L.P., and
was an executive officer and director of the Company. The
Company and MS Pietrafesa, L.P. are both controlled by
investment partnerships or a corporate general partner
controlled by Mr. Phillip E. Cohen. See "Security Ownership
of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management." Information
concerning certain transactions between certain of the abovenamed persons and the Company is described elsewhere under
the caption "Certain Transactions," which disclosure is
incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

Security Ownership of Management and Principal Stockholders
The Company is controlled, indirectly, by Phillip Ean
Cohen, through his ownership of all of the issued and
outstanding stock of MS Pawn Corporation, the sole general
partner of MS Pawn Limited Partnership ("MS Pawn") which
owns approximately 81% of the Class B Voting Common Stock of
the Company.

The table below sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company's Common Stock as of December 2, 1996 for (i) each of the Company's current directors, (ii) beneficial owners known to the registrant to own more than five percent of any class of the Company's voting securities, and (iii) all current officers and directors as a group.

Class A

Class B

Name and Address	Non-voting Common Stock		ting Stock	Voting
of the Beneficial Owners (1)	S Number Percent	Number I	Percent	Percent
MS Pawn Limited Partner 1, MS Pawn Corporation Phillip Ean Cohen 280 Park Avenue, 26th Fi New York, New York 1000	845,570 15.899 Loor, East Bldg	6 1,647,785	80.76%	80.76%
Sterling B. Brinkley(3) 280 Park Avenue, 26th Fi New York, New York 100	76,191 0.76% Loor, East Bld	,	8.57%	
Vincent A. Lambiase(5) 1901 Capital Parkway Austin, Texas 78746	163,150 1.62%			
Daniel N. Tonissen(6) 1901 Capital Parkway Austin, Texas 78746	14,725 0.15%			
Steven R. Griessen(7) 1901 Capital Parkway Austin, Texas 78746	12,000 0.12%			
J. Jefferson Dean(3) 1901 Capital Parkway	10,634 0.11%	26,968	1.32%	

Austin, Texas 78746

Mark C. Pickup 1,600 0.02% 6734 Corte Segunda Martinez, California 94553

Richard D. Sage 7,570 0.08% -- -- -- - 6100 S.W. 128th Street
Miami, Florida 33156

Courtland L. Logue, Jr.(10)

972,742 9.40% 392,617 19.28% 19.28%

3016 Hatley Drive Austin, Texas 78746

All officers and directors as a group (seven persons)(2)(3)(8)

285,686 2.82% 201,392 9.89% --

- (1) Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Class B Common Stock shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable.
- (2) MS Pawn Corporation is the general partner of MS Pawn and has the sole right to vote its shares of Class B Common Stock and to direct their disposition. Mr. Cohen is the sole stockholder of MS Pawn Corporation. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions." Mr. Cohen also owns 189,341 shares of Class A common stock directly.
- (3) Class B Common Stock shares owned by Messrs. Brinkley and Dean are owned indirectly through ownership of units of limited partnership interests in MS Pawn. The number of Class A Common Stock shares shown includes the pro rata portion of the 7,152 warrants that are owned indirectly by each director through ownership of units of limited partnership interests in MS Pawn. The directors named have no right to vote or to direct the disposition of these shares, and, consequently, these shares are not included in the Voting Percentage column.
- (4) Includes options to acquire 50,000 shares of Class A Common Stock at \$14.00 per share.
- (5) Includes options to acquire 100,000 shares of Class A Common Stock at \$13.00 per share.
- (6) Includes options to acquire 9,725 shares of Class A Common Stock at \$12.75 per share.
- (7) Includes options to acquire 8,000 shares of Class A Common Stock at \$12.50 per share.
- (8) Includes options to acquire 167,725 shares of Class A Common Stock at prices ranging from \$12.50 to \$14.00 per share and warrants to acquire 1,406 Class A Common Stock shares at \$6.17 per share.
- (9) Includes warrants for 7,152 shares of Class A Common Stock and 4,106 shares of Class B Common Stock held by MS Pawn and warrants for 1,292 shares of Class A Common Stock held by Mr. Cohen..
- (10) The number of shares and percentage reflect Class B Common Stock which is convertible to Class A Common Stock.

In July 1996, MS Pawn Limited Partnership ("MS Pawn") provided its limited partners the opportunity to withdraw from MS Pawn. Pursuant to this arrangement, and in accordance with Section 2(g) of Article Fourth of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, MS Pawn forced the conversion of 2,748,313 shares of Class B Voting Common Stock held by MS Pawn and Courtland L. Logue, Jr. to Class A Non-Voting Common Stock and distributed shares of Class A Non-Voting Common Stock to the limited partners who withdrew.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

In 1989, Courtland L. Logue, Jr., the Company's former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, borrowed \$62,812 from a subsidiary of the Company. Of this amount, the Company believes that Mr. Logue owes at least \$24,433 plus accrued interest of at least \$6,080 at September 30, 1996 subject to the resolution of a dispute about whether a previous payment

should be credited toward the note. This debt accrues interest at the rate of 10% per annum. If this dispute is resolved in Mr. Logue's favor, the maximum amount Mr. Logue owed on this Note in Fiscal 1996 would be \$24,433 plus accrued interest to May 22, 1995. The Company and Mr. Logue have not reached an agreement as to what Mr. Logue's current obligations are on this Note. Also, see "Executive Compensation - Employment Agreements" for a discussion of other payment demands the Company has made from Mr. Logue.

In connection with the Acquisition, the Company entered three separate lease agreements with Logue, Inc. ("LI"), which at the time was owned two-thirds by Mr. Logue and one-third by Mr. Logue Sr. (the father of Mr. Logue), and is currently owned entirely by Mr. Logue. The lease agreements provide for the lease to the Company of land and buildings used in the operation of three of the pawnshops owned by the Company. Each lease provides for a ten-year term, with an option to renew for a period of five years, and requires the Company to pay, in addition to monthly rental, all expenses of operating and maintaining the buildings, as well as taxes and insurance on the buildings. A fourth lease agreement between C Minus Corporation (a Texas corporation wholly owned by Mr. Logue) and the Predecessor was entered into on January 1, 1988 and provides for a five-year term with an option to renew for a period of five years; that renewal option was exercised effective January 1, 1993. On an annualized basis, the aggregate anticipated rentals (excluding taxes, insurance, maintenance costs, etc.) accruing as a result of these leases: (1) to LI will be approximately \$156,000 for each of the first five years of the leases; thereafter, rental rates, increase in tandem with the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Commerce (the "CPI"); and (2) to C Minus Corporation were approximately \$42,000 for the first year of the lease; thereafter, rental rates increase in tandem with the CPI.

For information concerning the \$729,113 loan from the Company to Mr. Lambiase, and \$1,500,000 loans from the Company to each of Mr. Brinkley and Mr. Lambiase, see "Executive Compensation - Employment Agreements."

The Company is the lessee under a lease agreement through May 1998 for a pawnshop location in Houston, Texas in which Mr. Logue has a 50% interest. On an annualized basis, the Company pays \$53,280 as lessee of this property, of which Mr. Logue is entitled to receive \$26,640. The Company also paid \$8,647 in lease payments in Fiscal 1996 for an automobile originally leased by Mr. Logue. The Company has since returned the automobile at the expiration of the lease term.

In 1986, a Predecessor of the Company borrowed \$238,320 from Mr. Logue Sr., which loan bears interest at 10% per annum. In Fiscal 1996, the Company paid \$12,411 in principal and \$173 in interest to Mr. Logue Sr. with respect to this obligation, which paid the note in full.

The Company and Morgan Schiff & Co., Inc. ("Morgan Schiff"), whose sole stockholder is Mr. Cohen, are parties to a Financial Advisory Agreement renewed January 1, 1996, pursuant to which Morgan Schiff receives certain fees for its provision of financial advisory services to the Company. These services include, among other matters, ongoing consultation with respect to the business and financial strategies of the Company. In Fiscal 1996, Morgan Schiff received \$33,333 per month for its services as a financial advisor and received expense reimbursements of \$249,856. The Company anticipates renewing this agreement in fiscal 1997.

PART IV

Item 14. Financial Statement Schedules, Exhibits, and Reports on Form $8\text{-}\mathrm{K}$

(a)(1)The following consolidated financial statements of EZCORP, Inc. and subsidiaries are included in Item 8:

Consolidated Financial Statements

Report of Independent Auditors

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 1996 and 1995 $\,$

Consolidated Statements of Operations for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 1996

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 1996

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 1996

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

(2) The following Financial Statement Schedule is included herein:

Schedule VIII - Allowance for Valuation of Inventory

All other schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable, and therefore, have been omitted.

- (3)Listing of Exhibits (included herein)
- (b) Through the fourth quarter ended September 30, 1996, the Company has not filed any reports on Form 8-K.

EZCORP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Schedule VIII - Allowance for Valuation of Inventory (Dollars in millions)

Balance at Additions

Description	3 3		to Charged to Other Accts.I	Deductions	End of Period	
Allowance for valua	ation of in	ventory:				
Year ended Septembe	er 30, 1994 \$ 1.3		-	\$ 0.8	\$ 5.0	
Voor anded Contembe						

 Year ended September
 30, 1995

 \$ 5.0
 \$ 12.3
 \$ 3.3
 \$ 14.0

 Year ended September
 30, 1996
 \$ 14.0
 \$ 5.4
 \$ 11.5
 \$ 7.9

The Company does not determine its inventory valuation allowance by specific inventory items; therefore, the amount charged to expense and the deductions are based on estimates of the beginning inventory sold during the period and the portion of the beginning inventory valuation allowance attributable to the items sold.

Listing of Exhibits

Numbe	r Description	Page Number Filed herei		ncorporated by Reference to
3.1	Amended and Restated Co of Incorporation of the	e Company.	tion Sta effectiv	3.1 to the Registra- atement on Form S-1 ve August 23, 1991 o. 33-41317)

3.1A Certificate of Amendment to

Exhibit 3.1A to the Registra-

Balance at

	Certificate of Incorporation of the Company	tion Statement on Form S-1 effective July 15, 1996 (File No. 33-41317)
3.2	Bylaws of the Company.	Exhibit 3.2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effect- ive August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
3.3	Amendment to the By-laws.	Exhibit 3.3 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10- Q for the quarter ended June 30 1994 (File No.0-19424)
3.4	Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company.	Exhibit 3.4 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10- K for the year ended Septem- ber 30, 1994 (File No. 0-19424)
4.1	Specimen of Class A Non-voting Common Stock certificate of the Company.	Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.1	Loan Agreement between the Company and First Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A., as Agent, re: \$20 million Revolving Credit Loan convertible to \$20 million Term Loan.	Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1992 (File No. 0-19424)
10.2	\$15 million Revolving Credit Note -First Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A.	Exhibit 10.2 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1992 (File No. 0-19424)
10.3	\$5 million Revolving Credit Note - Franklin Federal Bancorp.	Exhibit 10.3 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1992 (File No. 0-19424)
10.4	Security Agreement executed by the Company, re: \$20 million Revolving Credit Loan.	Exhibit 10.4 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1992 (File No. 0-19424)
10.5	Security Agreement executed by EZPAWN Texas, Inc. (substantially the same agreement also was executed by EZPAWN Oklahoma, Inc.; EZPAWN Mississippi, Inc.; EZPAWN Arkansas, Inc.; EZPAWN Colorado, Inc.; EZPAWN Alabama, Inc.; EZPAWN Tennessee, Inc.; and Houston Financial Corporation).	Exhibit 10.5 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1992 (File No. 0-19424)
10.6	Guaranty Agreement executed by EZPAWN Texas, Inc. (substantially the same agreement also was executed by EZPAWN Oklahoma, Inc.; EZPAWN Mississippi, Inc.; EZPAWN Arkansas, Inc.; EZPAWN Colorado, Inc.; EZPAWN Alabama, Inc.; EZPAWN Tennessee, Inc.; and Houston Financial Corporation).	Exhibit 10.6 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1992 (File No. 0-19424)
10.7	Loan Agreement between the Company, as Borrower, and Franklin Federal Bancorp, FSB, as lender, dated April 30, 1993.	Exhibit 10.7 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1993 (File No. 0-19424)
10.8	omitted	N/A
10.9	Loan Agreement between the Company, as Guarantor, EZPAWN Texas, Inc. as Borrower, and Franklin Federal Bancorp, A Federal Savings Bank, as Lender,	Exhibit 10.9 to the Registration Statement on Form S-2 effective March 16, 1992 (File No. 33-45807)

dated December 17, 1991.

10.10	Letter agreement executed December	Exhibit 10.10 to the Registra-
	20, 1990 between Morgan	tion Statement on Form S-1
	Schiff & Co., Inc. ("Morgan Schiff"	effective August 23, 1991
	and the Company.	(File No. 33-41317)

10.11 Stock Purchase Agreement between the Company, Courtland L. Logue, Jr., Courtland L. Logue, Sr., James D. McGee, M. Frances Spears, Porter A. Stratton and Steve A. Stratton dated as of May 18, 1989.

Exhibit 10.11 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)

10.12 Capitalization and Subscription Agreement between MS Pawn Limited Partnership ("MS Pawn") and the Company, dated as of July 25, 1989.

Exhibit 10.12 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)

10.13 omitted

N/A

10.14 Consulting Agreement between the Company and Courtland L. Logue, Sr., dated February 15, 1993 for the year ended September

Exhibit 10.14 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K 30, 1993 (File No.0-19424)

10.15 omitted

N/A

10.16 Junior Subordinated Note due 1996 issued July 25, 1989 to Court- tion Statement on Form S-1 land L. Logue, Sr. in the original principal amount of \$238,319.95.

Exhibit 10.16 to Registraeffective August 23,1991 (File No. 33-41317)

10.17 omitted

10.18 Warrant Certificate issued by the Company to MS Pawn on July 25, 1989.

Exhibit 10.18 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)

10.19 Amendment to the Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of June 19, 1989 between the Company and the stockholders of the Predecessor Company.

Exhibit 10.19 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)

10.20 Second Amendment to Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of April 20, 1990 between the Company and the stockholders of the Predecessor Company.

Exhibit 10.20 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)

10.21 Employment Agreement of Courtland L. Logue, Jr. dated July 25, 1989.

Exhibit 10.21 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)

10.22 Amendment to Employment Agreement of Courtland L. Logue, Jr. dated September 1990.

Exhibit 10.22 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)

10.23 Employment Agreement of Gary S. Kofnovec dated April 1, 1993. Exhibit 10.23 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1993 (File No.0-19424)

10.24 omitted

N/A

10.25 omitted

N/A

10.27 omitted

N/A

10.28 omitted

N/A

10.29 omitted

N/A

10.30 omitted

N/A

10.31	omitted	N/A
10.32	omitted	N/A
10.33	omitted	N/A
10.34	omitted	N/A
10.35	Stockholders' Agreement dated as of July 25, 1989 between the Com- pany, MS Pawn and Courtland L. Logue, Jr.	Exhibit 10.35 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.36	Joinder Agreement to the Stock- holders' Agreement dated as of May 1, 1991 between the Com- pany, MS Pawn, Mr. Kofnovec, Mr. Gary, Mr. Ross and Ms. Berger.	Exhibit 10.36 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.37	Incentive Stock Option Plan.	Exhibit 10.37 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.38	401(k) Plan.	Exhibit 10.38 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.39	Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.	Exhibit 10.39 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.40	Lease of 1970 Cessna 210K Air- craft between Courtland L. Logue, Jr. and Transamerica Pawn Cor- poration, dated July 25, 1989.	Exhibit 10.40 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.41	omitted	N/A
10.42	omitted	N/A
10.43	omitted	N/A
10.44	Lease of Cessna P210 Aircraft between Courtland L. Logue, Jr. and Transamerica Pawn Corpo- ration, dated December 29, 1989.	Exhibit 10.44 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.45	Lease between Logue, Inc. and E-Z Corporation for real estate located at 1166 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas, dated July 25, 1989.	Exhibit 10.45 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.46	Lease between Logue, Inc. and E-Z Corporation for real estate located at 5415 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas, dated July 25, 1989	Exhibit 10.46 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.47	Agreement of Lease between LDL Partnership and Logue-Drouin Industries, Inc. for real property at 8540 Broadway Blvd., Houston, Texas, dated May 3, 1988 and related Assignment of Lease.	Exhibit 10.47 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.48	Lease Agreement between C Minus Corporation and Logue-Drouin Industries, Inc. DBA E-Z Pawn #5 for real property located at 5209 Cameron Road, Austin, Texas, dated December 28, 1987.	Exhibit 10.48 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)
10.49	Lease Agreement between Logue, Inc. and E-Z Corporation for real property located at 901 E. 1st St., Austin, Texas, dated July 25, 1989.	Exhibit 10.49 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 effective August 23, 1991 (File No. 33-41317)

N/A

10.31 omitted

10.50 Agreements between the Company Exhibit 10.50 to the Registraand MS Pawn dated February 18, tion Statement on Form S-1 effective March 16, 1992 1992 for the payment of \$1.377 million of Series A Increasing Rate (File No. 33-45807) Senior Subordinated Notes held by MS Pawn. 10.51 Agreement Regarding Reservation Exhibit 10.51 to Registrant's of Shares. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1993 (File No.0-19424) 10.52 First Amendment to Loan Agreement Exhibit 10.52 to Registrant's between the Company and First Quarterly Report on Form 10-Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A. as Q for the quarter ended June Agent, re: \$20 million Revolving 30, 1993 (File No. 0-19424) Credit Loan Convertible to \$20 million Term Loan. 10.53 Second Amendment to Loan Agreement Exhibit 10.53 to Registrant's between the Company and First Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A. as for the quarter ended June 30, 1993 (File No. 0-19424) Agent, re: \$20 million Revolving Credit Loan Convertible to \$20 million Term Loan. 10.54 Third Amendment to Loan Agreement Exhibit 10.54 to Registrant's between the Company and First Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A. as for the quarter ended June Agent, re: Increasing \$40 million 30, 1993 (File No. 0-19424) the Revolving Credit Loan Convertible to \$40 million Term Loan. 10.55 Fifth Amendment to Loan Agreement Exhibit 10.55 to Registrant's between the Company and First Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A. as for the quarter ended March Agent, re: \$50 million Revolving 31, 1994 (file No. 0-19424) Credit Loan. 10.56 Consent Waiver and Amendment to Exhibit 10.56 to Registrant's loan agreement between the Company Annual Report on Form 10-K and First Interstate Bank of Texas, for the year ended September N.A. as Agent, re: \$50 million 30,1995 (File No.0-19424) Revolving Credit Loan. 10.57 Seventh Amendment to Loan Agreement Exhibit 10.57 to Registrant's between the Company and First Annual Report on Form 10-K Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A. as for the year ended September Agent, re: \$50 million Revolving 30,1995 (File No. 0-19424) Credit Loan. 10.58 Amended and restated Loan Agreement Exhibit 10.58 to Registrant's between the Company and First Annual Report on Form 10-K Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A. for the yera ended September as Agent, re: \$75 million Revolving 30, 1995 (File No. 0-19424) Credit Loan. 10.59 July 12, 1994 Amendment to Exhibit 10.59 to Registrant's Employment Agreement between the Annual Report on Form 10-K Company and Courtland L. Logue, Jr. for the year ended September 30, 1995 (File No.0-19424) 10.60 Loan Agreement between Sterling B. Exhibit 10.60 to Registrant's Brinkley and the Company dated Annual Report on Form 10-K October 7, 1994 (an identical for the year ended September document exists with respect to 30, 1995 (File No. 0-19424) Vincent A. Lambiase). 10.61 Promissory Note between Sterling Exhibit 10.61 to Registrant's B. Brinkley and the Company in Annual Report on Form 10-K the original principal amount of for the year ended September \$1,500,000 attached thereto (an 30, 1995 (File No. 0-19424)

10.62 July 1, 1994 Employment Agreement between the Company and Vincent A. Lambiase and Promissory Note in the amount of \$729,112.50 in connection therewith.

identical document exists with respect to Vincent A. Lambiase).

Exhibit 10.62 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1995 (File No. 0-19424)

10.71	Amended and restated Loan Agreement between the Company, as Borrower, and Franklin Federal Bancorp, FSB, as Lender, dated March 17, 1994.	Exhibit 10.71 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10- Q for the quarter ended March 31, 1994 (File No.0-19424)			
10.72	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Loan Agreement between the Company and First Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A. as Agent, re: Revolving Credit Loan.	Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 1994 (File No. 0-19424)			
10.73	Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Loan Agreement between the Company and First Interstate Bank of Texas, N.A. as Agent, re: Revolving Credit Loan.	Form 10Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1995 (File No. 0-19424)			
10.74	Third Amendment to Amended and Restated Loan Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank (Texas), N.A. as Agent, re: Revolving Credit Loan.	Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1996 (File No. 0-19424)			
11.1	Statement regarding computation of per share earnings (loss).*	N/A			
22.1	Subsidiaries of Registrant.*	N/A			
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.*	N/A			
 * Fil	* Filed herewith.				
	Exhibit 11.1				
S	TATEMENT REGARDING CALCULATION OF PE	R SHARE EARNINGS			
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Years Ended September 30, 1994 1995 1996

Primary and Fully Diluted:

Weighted average number of common

shares outstanding during the year

11,975,323 11,977,480 11,988,222

11,975,323 11,977,480 11,988,222 Total shares

Net income (loss) available to common

stockholders \$1,788,920 \$(15,849,307) \$3,542,728

Net income (loss) per common share

EZCORP, Inc.

Exhibit 22.1

Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1996

Subsidiaries of EZCORP, Inc.

- EZPAWN Colorado, Inc. 1.
- 2. EZPAWN Arkansas, Inc.
- EZPAWN Mississippi, Inc. (1) 3.
- 4. EZPAWN Oklahoma, Inc.
- 5. EZPAWN Tennessee, Inc. (2)
- 6. EZPAWN Alabama, Inc. 7. EZPAWN Kansas, Inc.
- 8. EZPAWN Missouri, Inc.
- EZPAWN Florida, Inc. 9.
- 10. EZPAWN Georgia, Inc.

- EZPAWN Indiana, Inc.
 EZPAWN North Carolina, Inc.
- 13. EZPAWN South Carolina, Inc.
- 14. EZPAWN Construction, Inc.
- 15. EZPAWN Kentucky, Inc.

- 16. EZPAWN Nevada, Inc. 17. EZPAWN Louisiana, Inc. 18. EZPAWN Holdings, Inc. (1)(3)
- 19. Texas EZPAWN Management, Inc. (3)

- Mississippi, (1) EZPAWN merged with EZPAWN Holdings, Inc. on January 1, 1995, leaving EZPAWN Holdings, Inc. as the surviving entity.
- (2) EZ Car Sales, Inc. is subsidiary of **EZPAWN** Tennessee, Inc.
- EZPAWN Texas, Inc. transferred its assets to Texas EZPAWN, L.P., a Texas limited partnership, of which EZPAWN Holdings, Inc., formerly EZPAWN Texas, Inc. is the limited partner, and Texas EZPAWN Management, Inc. is the sole general partner and holds a certificate of authority to conduct business in Texas. Exhibit 23.1

CONSENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 33-63078) pertaining to the 1991 EZCORP, Inc. Stock Incentive Plan and the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 33-63082) pertaining to the EZCORP, Inc. 401(k) Plan of our report dated November 14, 1996 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of EZCORP, Inc. and subsidiaries included in the Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1996.

ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Austin, Texas December 20, 1996

SIGNATURES

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

EZCORP, Inc.

December 20, 1996

(Vincent A. Lambiase) (President & Chief Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following

By:

persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated. $\,$

Title

Date

Signature

	J					
/s/	Sterling	B. Brinkley	Chairman of the Board of Directors	December	20,	1996
/s/	Vincent	A. Lambiase	President, Chief Executive Officer & Director (Principal Executive Office		20,	1996
/s/	Daniel	N. Tonissen	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Director (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	December	20,	1996
/s/	Mark C.	Pickup	Director	December	20,	1996
/s/	J. Jeffer	son Dean	Secretary & Director	December	20,	1996
/s/	Richard	D. Sage	Director	December	20,	1996

