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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2017

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

Commission file number 000-55096

THE ALKALINE WATER COMPANY INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

99-0367049

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

7730 E Greenway Road, Suite 203, Scottsdale, AZ

(Address of principal executive offices)

85260

(Zip Code)

(480) 656-2423

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, and emerging growth company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Emerging growth company

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

19,763,739 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of August 21, 2017.

**THE ALKALINE WATER COMPANY INC.
FORM 10-Q
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

THE ALKALINE WATER COMPANY INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 2017	Mar
	(unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 441,827	\$
Accounts receivable	2,283,626	
Inventory	837,311	
Prepaid expenses	285,085	
Total current assets	3,847,849	
Fixed assets - net	1,101,452	
Total assets	\$ 4,949,301	\$
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,355,146	\$
Accrued expenses	448,522	
Revolving financing	2,064,956	
Current portion of capital leases	156,829	
Derivative liability	3,407	
Total current liabilities	4,028,860	
Long-term Liabilities		
Capitalized leases	-	
Convertible notes payable, net of debt discount	224,667	
Total long-term liabilities	224,667	
Total liabilities	\$ 4,253,527	\$
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, Series A issued 20,000,000, Series C issued 3,000,000, Series D issued 3,000,000	26,000	
Common stock, Class A - \$0.001 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized 18,263,739 and 17,532,451 shares issued and outstanding at June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 respectively	18,262	
Additional paid in capital	25,811,800	
Accumulated deficit	(25,160,288)	
Total stockholders' equity	695,774	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 4,949,301	\$

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

THE ALKALINE WATER COMPANY INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended	
	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
Revenue	\$ 5,180,194	\$ 2,946,749
Cost of Goods Sold	2,951,944	1,790,713
Gross Profit	2,228,250	1,156,036
Operating expenses		
Sales and marketing expenses	1,670,017	1,085,999
General and administrative	2,090,392	840,774
Depreciation	96,279	89,439
Total operating expenses	3,856,688	2,016,212
Total operating loss	(1,628,438)	(860,176)
Other income (expense)		
Interest income	-	98
Interest expense	(123,649)	(112,601)
Amortization of debt discount and accretion	(19,667)	(45,258)
Change in derivative liability	-	4,306
Total other income (expense)	(143,316)	(153,455)
Net loss	\$ (1,771,754)	\$ (1,013,631)
EARNINGS PER SHARE (Basic)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.07)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING (Basic)	17,967,618	14,716,285

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

THE ALKALINE WATER COMPANY INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended	
	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net loss	\$ (1,771,754)	\$ (1,013,631)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating		
Depreciation expense	96,279	89,439
Stock compensation expense	1,339,502	142,625
Amortization of debt discount and accretion	19,667	79,049
Interest expense relating to amortization of capital lease discount	25,752	25,752
Change in derivative liabilities	-	(4,306)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(864,345)	(26,561)
Inventory	(17,323)	(74,492)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	22,162	206
Accounts payable	11,322	(247,813)
Accrued expenses	(7,394)	35,953
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(1,146,132)	(993,779)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of fixed assets	(77,583)	(49,310)
Equipment Deposits - related party	-	(67,619)
CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(77,583)	(116,929)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from notes payable	-	260,000
Proceeds from convertible note payable	500,000	-
Proceeds from revolving financing	628,873	70,532
Proceeds from sale of common stock, net	-	425,000
Repayment of notes payable	-	(341,863)
Repayment of capital lease	(67,136)	(57,360)
CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	1,061,737	356,309
NET CHANGE IN CASH	(161,978)	(754,399)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	603,805	1,192,119

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CASH AT END OF PERIOD	\$	441,827	\$	437,720
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INTEREST PAID	\$	83,960	\$	19,162
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

THE ALKALINE WATER COMPANY INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The consolidated financial statements included herein, presented in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles and stated in U.S. dollars, have been prepared by the Company, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The interim financial statements are condensed and should be read in conjunction with the Company's latest annual financial statements and that interim disclosures generally do not repeat those in the annual statements.

These statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, which in the opinion of management, are necessary for fair presentation of the information contained therein.

Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of The Alkaline Water Company Inc. (a Nevada Corporation), Alkaline Water Corp. (an Arizona Corporation) and Alkaline 88, LLC (an Arizona Limited Liability Company).

All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated. The Alkaline Water Company Inc. (a Nevada Corporation), Alkaline Water Corp. (an Arizona Corporation) and Alkaline 88, LLC (an Arizona Limited Liability Company) will be collectively referred herein to as the Company. Any reference herein to The Alkaline Water Company Inc., the Company, we, our or us is intended to mean The Alkaline Water Company Inc., including the subsidiaries indicated above, unless otherwise indicated.

Reverse split

Effective December 30, 2015, the Company effected a fifty for one reverse stock split of its authorized and issued and outstanding shares of common stock. As a result, the authorized common stock has decreased from 1,125,000,000 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.001 per share, to 22,500,000 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.001 per share. All shares and per share amounts have been retroactively restated to reflect such split.

On January 21, 2016, stockholders of our company approved, by written consents, an amendment to the articles of incorporation of our company to increase the number of authorized shares of our common stock from 22,500,000 to 200,000,000.

The Company received written consents representing 20,776,000 votes from the holders of shares of its common stock and our Series A Preferred Stock voting as a single class, representing approximately 61% of the voting power of its outstanding common stock and its outstanding Series A Preferred Stock voting as a single class as of the record date (January 12, 2016). On January 21, 2016, there were no written consents received by the Company representing a vote against, abstention or broker non-vote with respect to the proposal.

Our authorized preferred stock was not affected by the reverse stock split and continues to be 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, with a par value of \$0.001 per share. In addition, the number of issued and outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock continues to be 20,000,000. However, holders of Series A Preferred Stock had 0.2 vote per share of Series A Preferred Stock, instead of 10 votes per share of Series A Preferred Stock, as a result of the reverse stock split.

On January 22, 2016, the Company amended the certificate of designation for our Series A Preferred Stock by filing an amendment to certificate of designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. The Company amended the certificate of designation for our Series A Preferred Stock by deleting Section 2.2 of the certificate of designation, which proportionately increases or decreases the number of votes per share of Series A Preferred Stock in the event of any dividend or other distribution on our common stock payable in its common stock or a subdivision or consolidation of the outstanding shares of its common stock. Accordingly, holders of Series A Preferred Stock will have 10 votes per share of Series A Preferred Stock, instead of 0.2 votes per share of Series A Preferred Stock.

On March 30, 2016, the Company designated 3,000,000 shares of the authorized and unissued preferred stock of our company as Series C Preferred Stock by filing a Certificate of Designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. Each share of the Series C Preferred Stock will be convertible, without the payment of any additional consideration by the holder and at the option of the holder, into one fully paid and non-assessable share of our common stock at any time after (i) the Company achieves consolidated revenue equal to or greater than \$15,000,000 in any 12 month period, ending on the last day of any quarterly period of our fiscal year; or (ii) a Negotiated Trigger Event, defined as an event upon which the Series C Preferred Stock will be convertible as may be agreed by our company and the holder in writing from time to time.

On May 3, 2017, we designated 3,000,000 shares of the authorized and unissued preferred stock of our company as Series D Preferred Stock by filing a Certificate of Designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. Each share of the Series D Preferred Stock will be convertible, without the payment of any additional consideration by the holder and at the option of the holder, into one fully paid and non-assessable share of our common stock at any time after (i) we achieve the consolidated revenue of our company and all of its subsidiaries equal to or greater than \$40,000,000 in any 12 month period, ending on the last day of any quarterly period of our fiscal year; or (ii) a Negotiated Trigger Event, defined as an event upon which the Series D Preferred Stock will be convertible as may be agreed by our company and the holder in writing from time to time.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be considered cash equivalents. The carrying value of these investments approximates fair value. The Company had \$441,827 and \$603,805 in cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017, respectively.

Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Company generally does not require collateral, and the majority of its trade receivables are unsecured. The carrying amount for accounts receivable approximates fair value.

Accounts receivable consisted of the following as of June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017:

	<u>June 30,</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2017</u>
Trade receivables	\$ 2,283,626	\$ 1,419,281
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(-0-)	(-0-)
Net accounts receivable	\$ 2,283,626	\$ 1,419,281

Accounts receivable are periodically evaluated for collectability based on past credit history with clients. Provisions for losses on accounts receivable are determined on the basis of loss experience, known and inherent risk in the account balance and current economic conditions.

Inventory

Inventory represents raw and blended chemicals and other items valued at the lower of cost or market with cost determined using the weight average method which approximates first-in first-out method, and with market defined as the lower of replacement cost or realizable value.

As of June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017, inventory consisted of the following:

	<u>June 30,</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>March 31,</u> <u>2017</u>
Raw materials	\$ 578,889	\$ 587,689
Finished goods	258,422	232,300
Total inventory	\$ 837,311	\$ 819,989

Property and Equipment

The Company records all property and equipment at cost less accumulated depreciation. Improvements are capitalized while repairs and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the assets or the lease term, whichever is shorter. Depreciation periods are as follows for the relevant fixed assets:

Equipment	5 years
Equipment under capital lease	5 years

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation to employees in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 718. Stock-based compensation to employees is measured at the grant date, based on the fair value of the award, and is recognized as expense over the requisite employee service period. The Company accounts for stock-based compensation to other than employees in accordance with ASC 505-50. Equity instruments issued to other than employees are valued at the earlier of a commitment date or upon completion of the services, based on the fair value of the equity instruments and is recognized as expense over the service period. The Company estimates the fair value of stock-based payments using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model for common stock options and warrants and the closing price of the Company's common stock for common share issuances.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue when all of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement; (2) the product or service has been provided to the customer; (3) the amount to be paid by the customer is fixed or determinable; and (4) the collection of such amount is probable.

The Company records revenue when it is realizable and earned upon shipment of the finished products. The Company does not accept returns due to the nature of the product. However, the Company will provide credit to our customers for damaged goods.

Fair Value Measurements

The valuation of our embedded derivatives and warrant derivatives are determined primarily by the multinomial distribution (Lattice) model. An embedded derivative is a derivative instrument that is embedded within another contract, which under the convertible note (the host contract) includes the right to convert the note by the holder, certain default redemption right premiums and a change of control premium (payable in cash if a fundamental change occurs). In accordance with ASC 815 *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, as amended, these embedded derivatives are marked-to-market each reporting period, with a corresponding non-cash gain or loss charged to the current period. A warrant derivative liability is also determined in accordance with ASC 815. Based on ASC 815, warrants which are determined to be classified as derivative liabilities are marked-to-market each reporting period, with a corresponding non-cash gain or loss charged to the current period. The practical effect of this has been that when our stock price increases so does our derivative liability resulting in a non-cash loss charge that reduces our earnings and earnings per share. When our stock price declines, the Company records a non-cash gain, increasing our earnings and earnings per share. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. As a basis for considering such assumptions, there exists a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

- Level 1 unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are directly observable for the asset or liability or indirectly observable through corroboration with observable market data.
- Level 3 unobservable inputs for the asset or liability only used when there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

This hierarchy requires the Company to use observable market data, when available, and to minimize the use of unobservable inputs when determining fair value.

To determine the fair value of our embedded derivatives, management evaluates assumptions regarding the probability of certain future events. Other factors used to determine fair value include our period end stock price, historical stock volatility, risk free interest rate and derivative term. The fair value recorded for the derivative liability varies from period to period. This variability may result in the actual derivative liability for a period either above or below the estimates recorded on our consolidated financial statements, resulting in significant fluctuations in other income (expense) because of the corresponding non-cash gain or loss recorded.

Income Taxes

In accordance with ASC 740 *Accounting for Income Taxes*, the provision for income taxes is computed using the asset and liability method. Under the asset and liability method, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the currently enacted tax rates and laws. A valuation allowance is provided for the amount of deferred tax assets that, based on available evidence, are not expected to be realized.

Basic and Diluted Loss Per Share

Basic and diluted earnings or loss per share (EPS) amounts in the consolidated financial statements are computed in accordance ASC 260-10 *Earnings per Share*, which establishes the requirements for presenting EPS. Basic EPS is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and dilutive common stock equivalents. Basic EPS is computed by dividing net income or loss available to common stockholders (numerator) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding (denominator) during the period. Potentially dilutive securities were excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share, because their effect would be anti-dilutive.

Newly Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-11 (ASU 2015-11) "Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory". According to ASU 2015-11 an entity should measure inventory within the scope of this update at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal, and transportation. Subsequent measurement is unchanged for inventory measured using LIFO or the retail inventory method. The amendments in ASU 2015-11 more closely align the measurement of inventory in GAAP with the measurement of inventory in International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The Board has amended some of the other guidance in Topic 330 to more clearly articulate the requirements for the measurement and disclosure of inventory. However, the Board does not intend for those clarifications to result in any changes in practice. Other than the change in the subsequent measurement guidance from the lower of cost or market to the lower of cost and net realizable value for inventory within the scope of ASU 2015-11, there are no other substantive changes to the guidance on measurement of inventory. For public business entities, the amendments in ASU 2015-11 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years. For all other entities, the amendments in ASU 2015-11 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. The amendments in ASU 2015-11 should be applied prospectively with earlier application permitted as of the beginning of an interim or annual reporting period.

The Board decided that the only disclosures required at transition should be the nature of and reason for the change in accounting principle. An entity should disclose that information in the first annual period of adoption and in the interim periods within the first annual period if there is a measurement-period adjustment during the first annual period in which the changes are effective.

The Company has evaluated other recent accounting pronouncements through June 2017 and believes that none of them will have a material effect on our financial statements.

NOTE 2 GOING CONCERN

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern, which contemplates the recoverability and/or acquisition and sale of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. Since its inception, the Company has been engaged substantially in financing activities, developing its business plan and building its initial customer and distribution base for its products. As a result, the Company incurred accumulated net losses from Inception (June 19, 2012) through the period ended June 30, 2017 of (\$25,160,288). In addition, the Company's development activities since inception have been financially sustained through debt and equity financing.

The ability of the Company to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to raise additional capital from the sale of common stock and, ultimately, the achievement of significant operating revenues. These financial statements do not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts, or amounts and classification of liabilities that might result from this uncertainty.

NOTE 3 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Fixed assets consisted of the following at:

	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 1,200,293	\$ 1,012,000
Machinery under Capital Lease	735,781	735,781
Machinery - Construction in Progress	75,138	185,848
Office Equipment	79,681	79,681
Leasehold Improvements	3,979	3,979
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(993,420)	(897,141)
Fixed Assets, net	\$ 1,101,452	\$ 1,120,148

Depreciation expense for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$96,279 and \$89,439, respectively.

NOTE 4 REVOLVING FINANCING

On February 1, 2017, The Alkaline Water Company Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company) entered into a Credit and Security Agreement (the Credit Agreement) with SCM Specialty Finance Opportunities Fund, L.P. (the Lender).

The Credit Agreement provides the Company with a revolving credit facility (the Revolving Facility), the proceeds of which are to be used to repay existing indebtedness of the Company, transaction fees incurred in connection with the Credit Agreement and for working capital needs of the Company.

Under the terms of the Credit Agreement, the Lender has agreed to make cash advances to the Company in an aggregate principal at any one time outstanding not to exceed the lesser of (i) \$3 million (the Revolving Loan Commitment Amount) and (ii) the Borrowing Base (defined to mean, as of any date of determination, 85% of net eligible billed receivables plus 65% of eligible unbilled receivables, minus certain reserves).

The Credit Agreement has a term of three years, unless earlier terminated by the parties in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement.

The principal amount of the Revolving Facility outstanding bears interest at a rate per annum equal to (i) a fluctuating interest rate per annum equal at all times to the rate of interest announced, from time to time, within Wells Fargo Bank at its principal office in San Francisco as its prime rate, plus (ii) 3.25%, payable monthly in arrears.

To secure the payment and performance of the obligations under the Credit Agreement, the Company granted to the Lender a continuing security interest in all of the Company's assets and agreed to a lockbox account arrangement in respect of certain eligible receivables.

In connection with the Credit Agreement, the Company paid to the Lender a \$30,000 facility fee. The Company agreed to pay to Lender monthly an unused line fee in amount equal to 0.083% per month of the difference derived by subtracting (i) the average daily outstanding balance under the Revolving Facility during the preceding month, from (ii) the Revolving Loan Commitment Amount. The unused line fee will be payable monthly in arrears. The Company also agreed to pay the Lender as additional interest a monthly collateral management fee equal to 0.35% per month calculated on the basis of the average daily balance under the Revolving Facility outstanding during the preceding month. The collateral management fee will be payable monthly in arrears. Upon a termination of the Revolving Facility, the Company agreed to pay the Lender a termination fee in an amount equal to 2% of the Revolving Loan Commitment Amount if the termination occurs before February 1, 2020. The Company must also pay certain fees in the event that receivables are not properly deposited in the appropriate lockbox account.

The interest rate will be increased by 5% in the event of a default under the Credit Agreement. Events of default under the Credit Agreement, some of which are subject to certain cure periods, include a failure to pay obligations when due, the making of a material misrepresentation to the Lender, the rendering of certain judgments or decrees against the Company and the commencement of a proceeding for the appointment of a receiver, trustee, liquidator or conservator or filing of a petition seeking reorganization or liquidation or similar relief.

The Credit Agreement contains customary representations and warranties and various affirmative and negative covenants including the right of first refusal to provide financing for the Company and the financial and loan covenants, such as the loan turnover rate, minimum EBTDA, fixed charge coverage ratio and minimum liquidity requirements.

NOTE 5 DERIVATIVE LIABILITY

On May 1, 2014, the Company completed the offering and sale of an aggregate of shares of our common stock and warrants. Each share of common stock sold in the offering was accompanied by a warrant to purchase one-half of a share of common stock. The warrants include down-round provisions that reduce the exercise price of a warrant and convertible instrument. As required by ASC 815 Derivatives and Hedging, if the Company either issues equity shares for a price that is lower than the exercise price of those instruments or issues new warrants or convertible instruments that have a lower exercise price, the investors will be entitled to down-round protection. The Company evaluated whether its warrants and convertible debt instruments contain provisions that protect holders from declines in its stock price or otherwise could result in modification of either the exercise price or the shares to be issued under the respective warrant agreements. The Company determined that a portion of its outstanding warrants and conversion instruments contained such provisions thereby concluding were not indexed to the Company's own stock and therefore a derivative instrument.

On August 20, 2014, the Company entered into a warrant amendment agreement with certain holders of the Company's outstanding common stock purchase warrants whereby the Company agreed to reduce the exercise price of the Existing Warrants the Holders are to be issued new common stock purchase warrants of the Company in the form of the Existing Warrants to purchase up to a number of shares of our common stock equal to the number of Existing Warrants exercised by the Holders

The Company analyzed the warrants and conversion feature under ASC 815 Derivatives and Hedging to determine the derivative liability as of June 30, 2017 was \$3,407.

NOTE 6 STOCKHOLDERS EQUITYPreferred Shares

On October 7, 2013, the Company amended its articles of incorporation to create 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock by filing a Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of Nevada. The preferred stock may be divided into and issued in series, with such designations, rights, qualifications, preferences, limitations and terms as fixed and determined by our board of directors. The Series A Preferred Stock had 10 votes per share (reduced to 0.2 votes per share as a result of the fifty for one reverse stock split, which became effective as of December 30, 2015) and are not convertible into shares of our common stock.

Grant of Series A Preferred Stock

On October 8, 2013, the Company issued a total of 20,000,000 shares of non-convertible Series A Preferred Stock to Steven Nickolas and Richard Wright (10,000,000 shares to each), our directors and executive officers, in consideration for the past services, at a deemed value of \$0.001 per share. The company valued these shares based on the cost considering the time and average billing rate of these individuals and recorded a \$20,000 stock compensation cost for the year ended March 31, 2014.

Our authorized preferred stock was not affected by the reverse stock split and continues to be 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, with a par value of \$0.001 per share. In addition, the number of issued and outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock continues to be 20,000,000. However, holders of Series A Preferred Stock had 0.2 vote per share of Series A Preferred Stock, instead of 10 votes per share of Series A Preferred Stock, as a result of the reverse-stock split.

On January 22, 2016, the Company amended the certificate of designation for our Series A Preferred Stock by filing an amendment to certificate of designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. The Company amended the certificate of designation for our Series A Preferred Stock by deleting Section 2.2 of the certificate of designation, which proportionately increases or decreases the number of votes per share of Series A Preferred Stock in the event of any dividend or other distribution on our common stock payable in its common stock or a subdivision or consolidation of the outstanding shares of its common stock. Accordingly, holders of Series A Preferred Stock will have 10 votes per share of Series A Preferred Stock, instead of 0.2 votes per share of Series A Preferred Stock.

Grant of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock

On March 30, 2016, the Company designated 3,000,000 shares of the authorized and unissued preferred stock of our company as Series C Preferred Stock by filing a Certificate of Designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. Each share of the Series C Preferred Stock will be convertible, without the payment of any additional consideration by the holder and at the option of the holder, into one fully paid and non-assessable share of our common stock at any time after (i) the Company achieves consolidated revenue equal to or greater than \$15,000,000 in any 12 month period, ending on the last day of any quarterly period of our fiscal year; or (ii) a Negotiated Trigger Event, defined as an event upon which the Series C Preferred Stock will be convertible as may be agreed by our company and the holder in writing from time to time.

Effective March 31, 2016, the Company issued a total of 3,000,000 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock to Steven Nickolas and Richard Wright (1,500,000 shares to each), pursuant to their employment agreements dated effective March 1, 2016.

Grant of Series D Convertible Preferred Stock

On May 3, 2017, the Company designated 3,000,000 shares of the authorized and unissued preferred stock of our company as Series D Preferred Stock by filing a Certificate of Designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. Each share of the Series D Preferred Stock will be convertible, without the payment of any additional consideration by the holder and at the option of the holder, into one fully paid and non-assessable share of our common stock at any time after (i) we achieve the consolidated revenue of our company and all of its subsidiaries equal to or greater than \$40,000,000 in any 12 month period, ending on the last day of any quarterly period of our fiscal year; or (ii) a Negotiated Trigger Event, defined as an event upon which the Series D Preferred Stock will be convertible as may be agreed by our company and the holder in writing from time to time. The company then issued a total of 3,000,000 shares of our Series D Preferred Stock to our directors, officers, consultants and employees. We issued these shares relying on the registration exemption provided for in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933.

Common Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 1,125,000,000 shares of \$0.001 par value common stock. On May 31, 2013, the Company effected a 15-for-1 forward stock split of our \$0.001 par value common stock. All shares and per share amounts have been retroactively restated to reflect such split. Prior to the acquisition of Alkaline Water Corp., the Company had 109,500,000 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. On May 31, 2013, the Company issued 43,000,000 shares in exchange for a 100% interest in Alkaline Water Corp. For accounting purposes, the acquisition of Alkaline Water Corp. by The Alkaline Water Company Inc. has been recorded as a reverse acquisition of a company and recapitalization of Alkaline Water Corp. based on the factors demonstrating that Alkaline Water Corp. represents the accounting acquirer. Consequently, after the closing of this agreement the Company adopted the business of Alkaline Water Corp. s wholly-owned subsidiary, Alkaline 88, LLC. As part of the acquisition, the former management of the Company agreed to cancel 75,000,000 shares of common stock.

On December 30, 2015, the Company effected a fifty for one reverse stock split of its authorized and issued and outstanding shares of common stock. As a result, the authorized common stock has decreased from 1,125,000,000 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.001 per share, to 22,500,000 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$0.001 per share. All shares and per share amounts have been retroactively restated to reflect such split.

On January 21, 2016, stockholders of our company approved, by written consents, an amendment to the articles of incorporation of our company to increase the number of authorized shares of our common stock from 22,500,000 to 200,000,000.

The Company received written consents representing 20,776,000 votes from the holders of shares of its common stock and our Series A Preferred Stock voting as a single class, representing approximately 61% of the voting power of its outstanding common stock and its outstanding Series A Preferred Stock voting as a single class as of the record date (January 12, 2016). On January 21, 2016, there were no written consents received by the Company representing a vote against, abstention or broker non-vote with respect to the proposal.

Common Stock Issued for Services

Effective April 28, 2017, we issued 610,000 shares of common stock to six persons, one of whom is a director and officer of our company. Of these shares, 560,000 are restricted from transfer for a period of two years.

NOTE 7 OPTIONS AND WARRANTS

Stock Option Awards

Effective April 28, 2017, we granted a total of 1,790,000 stock options to our directors, officers, consultants employees. The stock options are exercisable at the exercise price of \$1.29 per share for a period of six and one-half years from the date of grant. 360,000 of the stock options vest as follows: (i) 120,000 upon the date of grant; and (ii) 120,000 on each anniversary date of grant. 1,430,000 of the stock options vest as follows: (i) 357,500 upon the date of grant; and (ii) 357,500 on each anniversary date of grant. We granted the stock options to 12 U.S. Persons and 3 non U.S. Persons (as that term is defined in Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933) and in issuing securities we relied on the registration exemption provided for in Regulation S and/or Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933.

In June 2017, two option holders elected to exercise their stock options. A total of 181,000 stock options were surrendered in exchange for 121,288 common stock shares.

NOTE 8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

On November 18, 2016, our company provided notice to Steven Nickolas, our CEO and President, of our board of director's finding that there is just cause for termination of Mr. Nickolas's employment and of our company's intent to terminate the employment of Mr. Nickolas for just cause pursuant to the provision of the Employment Agreement with Mr. Nickolas dated March 1, 2016. Under the Employment Agreement, Mr. Nickolas had 30 days to cure the failures and breaches creating just cause for termination. Mr. Nickolas failed to cure such failure and breaches and, on April 7, 2017, our company terminated the employment of Mr. Nickolas for cause. In addition, our company removed Mr. Nickolas as the President and Chief Executive Officer of our company.

On April 7, 2017, our board of directors appointed Richard A. Wright as president of our company. On April 28, 2017, Mr. Wright resigned as the secretary and treasurer of our company and he was appointed as the chief executive officer of our company.

On April 28, 2017, our board of directors appointed David Guarino as chief financial officer, treasurer, secretary president of our company.

On May 3, 2017, the Company designated 3,000,000 shares of the authorized and unissued preferred stock of our company as Series D Preferred Stock by filing a Certificate of Designation with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. Mr. Wright and Mr. Guarino were each issued 1,000,000 shares each of the Series D Preferred Stock.

NOTE 9 CAPITAL LEASE

On October 22, 2014, the Company entered into a master lease agreement with Veterans Capital Fund, LLC (the Lessor) for the secured lease line of credit financing in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. The lease is expected to be secured by three new alkaline generating electrolysis system machines. Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Alkaline 88, LLC, and Water Engineering Solutions, LLC acted as co-lessees. Water Engineering Solutions, LLC is an entity that is controlled and owned by our former President, Chief Executive Officer, Steven P. Nickolas, and our current President and Chief Executive Officer, Richard A. Wright. Pursuant to the master lease agreement, the Lessor agreed to lease to us the equipment described in any equipment schedule signed by us and approved by the Lessor. It is expected that any lease under the master lease agreement will be structured for a three year lease term with fixed monthly lease rental payments based on a monthly lease rate factor of 3.4667% of the Lessor's capital cost. In connection with the entering into the master lease agreement, the Company also entered into a warrant agreement with the Lessor, pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue a warrant to purchase 72,000 shares of our common stock to the Lessor and/or its affiliates at an exercise price of \$6.25 per share for a period of five years, 18,000 shares vested.

On February 25, 2015, the Company amended the master lease agreement with Veterans Capital Fund, LLC for the increase in the secured lease line of credit financing to an amount not to exceed \$800,000. The lease was secured by new alkaline generating electrolysis system machines by our wholly-owned subsidiary, Alkaline 88, LLC, and Water Engineering Solutions, LLC. Water Engineering Solutions, LLC is an entity that is controlled and owned by our former President, Chief Executive Officer, Steven P. Nickolas, and our Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and director, Richard A. Wright. Pursuant to the master lease agreement, the Lessor agreed to lease to us the equipment described in any equipment schedule signed by us and approved by the Lessor. It is expected that any lease under the master lease agreement will be structured for a three year lease term with fixed monthly lease rental payments based on a monthly lease rate factor of 3.4667% of the Lessor's capital cost. In connection with the entering into the master lease agreement, the Company entered into a warrant agreement with the Lessor, pursuant to which the Company agreed to cancel the previous issued warrant for 72,000 and issue a warrant to purchase 102,000 shares of our common stock to the Lessor and/or its affiliates at an exercise price of \$5.00 per share for a period of five years. 18,000 shares

vested on October 22, 2014, 13,316 shares on October 28, 2014, 13,606 shares on December 22, 2014, 6,945 shares on February 3, 2015 and 15,799 shares on March 5, 2015. The remaining 18,105 shares will vest on a pro rata basis according to any amounts the Lessor funds pursuant to any lease schedules under the master lease agreement, provided that if the Company draws on 90% or more of the total lease line under the master lease agreement, then all such shares will be deemed to be vested. The Company recorded the bifurcated value of \$309,028 of the warrants issued as additional paid in capital, the value was determine using a Black-Scholes, a level 3 valuation measure.

During the year ended March 31, 2015 the Company agreed to lease the specialized equipment used to make our alkaline water with a value of \$735,781 under the above Master Lease agreement. The Company evaluated this lease under ASC 840-30 *Leases- Capital Leases* and concluded that these lease where a capital asset.

NOTE 10 NOTES PAYABLE

On September 20, 2016, we entered into a loan facility agreement (the *Loan Agreement*) with Turnstone Capital Inc. (the *Lender*), whereby the Lender agreed to make available to our company a loan in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,500,000 (the *Loan Amount*). Pursuant to the Loan Agreement, the Lender agreed to make one or more advances of the Loan Amount to our company as requested from time to time by our company in an amount to be agreed upon by our company and the Lender (each, an *Advance*).

During the year ended March 31, 2017, the lender made advances totaling \$1,000,000. This amount together with accrued interest of \$30,000 was converted to 1,030,000 common shares on March 31, 2017.

In June, 2017, Turnstone advanced the remaining \$500,000 available under the Loan Agreement. The Company evaluated this transaction under ASC 470-20-30 *Debt liability and equity component* and determined that a Debt Discount of \$295,000 was provided and will be amortized over the remaining term of the Loan Agreement.

NOTE 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On August 17, 2017, we issued 1,500,000 shares of our common stock to Steven P. Nickolas upon conversion of 1,500,000 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock held by Mr. Nickolas. The shares of our Series C Preferred Stock became convertible into shares of our common stock without the payment of any additional consideration by Mr. Nickolas and at the option of Mr. Nickolas because the termination of the employment agreement between our company and Mr. Nickolas was an event constituting a *Negotiated Trigger Event* as defined in the Certificate of Designation for our Series C Preferred Stock.

In consideration for services rendered and to be rendered to our company pursuant to a services agreement dated July 26, 2016, we intend to issue a consultant 262,596 shares of our common stock.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**Forward-Looking Statements**

This report contains forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements for purposes of federal and state securities laws, including, but not limited to, any projections of earnings, revenue or other financial items; any statements of the plans, strategies and objections of management for future operations; any statements concerning proposed new services or developments; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; any statements or belief; and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing.

Forward-looking statements may include the words may, could, estimate, intend, continue, believe, anticipate or other similar words. These forward-looking statements present our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the dates on which they are made. Except as required by applicable law, including the securities laws of the United States, we do not intend, and undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement.

Although we believe the expectations reflected in any of our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in any of our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and inherent risks and uncertainties. The factors impacting these risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- our current lack of working capital;
- inability to raise additional financing;
- the fact that our accounting policies and methods are fundamental to how we report our financial condition and results of operations, and they may require our management to make estimates about matters that are inherently uncertain;
- deterioration in general or regional economic conditions;
- adverse state or federal legislation or regulation that increases the costs of compliance, or adverse findings by a regulator with respect to existing operations;
- inability to efficiently manage our operations;
- inability to achieve future sales levels or other operating results; and
- the unavailability of funds for capital expenditures.

As used in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, the terms we, us, our, the Company and Alkaline refer to The Alkaline Water Company Inc., a Nevada corporation, and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Alkaline Water Corp., and Alkaline Water Corp.'s wholly-owned subsidiary, Alkaline 88, LLC, unless otherwise specified.

Results of Operations

Our results of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 are as follows:

	<u>For the three months ended June 30, 2017</u>	<u>For the three months ended June 30, 2016</u>
Revenue	\$ 5,180,194	\$ 2,946,749
Cost of goods sold	2,951,944	1,790,713
Gross profit	2,228,250	1,156,036
Net Loss (after operating expenses and other expenses)	\$ (1,771,754)	\$ (1,013,631)

Revenue and Cost of Goods Sold

We had revenue from sales of our product for the three months ended June 30, 2017 of \$5,180,194, as compared to \$2,946,749 for the three months ended June 30, 2016, an increase of 76% generated by sales of our alkaline water. The increase in sales is due to the expanded distribution of our products to additional retailers throughout the country. As of June 30, 2017, the product is now available in all 50 states at an estimated 31,000 retail locations. As of June 30, 2016, the product was available in all 50 states at an estimated 25,000 retail locations. This increase has occurred primarily through the addition of 45 of the top national grocery retailers as customer during the year ended March 31, 2017. We distribute our product through several channels. We sell through large national distributors (UNFI, KeHe, C&S, and Core-Mark), which together represent over 150,000 retail outlets. We also sell our product directly to retail clients, including convenience stores, natural food products stores, large ethnic markets and national retailers. Some examples of retail clients are, Albertson's, Safeway, Kroger, Schnucks, Smart & Final, Jewel-Osco, Sprouts, Bashas, Stater Bros. Markets, Unified Grocers, Bristol Farms, Vallarta, Superior Foods, Ingles, HEB Brookshire's, Publix, Shaw's, Raley's, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, and Festival Foods.

Cost of goods sold is comprised of production costs, shipping and handling costs. For the three months ended June 30, 2017, we had cost of goods sold of \$2,951,944, or 57% of revenue, as compared to cost of goods sold of \$1,790,713 or 60.8% of revenue, for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase in gross profit rate is a result of reduced raw material cost through greater volume purchases from our suppliers.

Expenses

Our operating expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 are as follows:

	<u>For the three months ended June 30, 2017</u>	<u>For the three months ended June 30, 2016</u>
Sales and marketing expenses	\$ 1,670,017	\$ 1,085,999
General and administrative expenses	2,090,392	840,774
Depreciation expenses	96,279	89,439
Total operating expenses	\$ 3,856,688	\$ 2,016,212

During the for the three months ended June 30, 2017, our total operating expenses were \$3,856,688, as compared to \$2,016,212 for the three months ended June 30, 2016.

For the three months ended June 30, 2017, the total included \$1,670,017 of sales and marketing expenses and \$2,090,392 of general and administrative expenses, consisting primarily of approximately \$1,339,502 of stock and stock option compensation expense, and \$299,347 of professional fees. Our stock and stock option compensation expense was incurred as a part of our issuance of certain stock options and stock grants to employees and key consultants to develop our business. Although a non-cash expense, the value of such issuances had a material impact on our general and administrative expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2017.

For the three months ended June 30, 2016 the total included \$1,085,999 of sales and marketing expenses and \$840,774 of general and administrative expenses, consisting primarily of approximately \$142,625 of stock option compensation expense, and \$279,763 of professional fees. Our stock and stock option compensation expense was incurred as a part of our issuance of certain stock options and stock grants to employees and key consultants to develop our business. Although a non-cash expense, the value of such issuances had a material impact on our general and administrative expenses for the three months ended June 30, 2016.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Working Capital

	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>March 31, 2017</u>
Current assets	\$ 3,847,849	\$ 3,150,321
Current liabilities	4,028,860	3,429,437
Working capital (deficiency)	\$ (181,011)	\$ (279,116)

Current Assets

Current assets as of June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 primarily relate to \$441,827 and \$603,805 in cash, \$2,283,626 and \$1,419,281 in accounts receivable and \$837,311 and \$819,989 in inventory, respectively.

Current Liabilities

Current liabilities as of June 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017 primarily relate to \$1,355,146 and \$1,343,824 in accounts payable, revolving financing of \$2,064,956 and \$1,436,083, current portion of capital leases of \$156,829 and \$190,207 and accrued expenses of \$448,522 and \$455,916, respectively.

Cash Flow

Our cash flows for the three months ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016 are as follows:

	<u>For the three</u> <u>months</u> <u>ended</u> <u>June 30,</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>For the three</u> <u>months</u> <u>ended</u> <u>June 30,</u> <u>2016</u>
Net Cash used in operating activities	\$ (1,146,132)	\$ (993,779)
Net Cash used in investing activities	(77,583)	(116,929)
Net Cash provided by financing activities	1,061,737	356,309
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (161,978)	\$ (754,399)

Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities was \$1,146,132 for the three months ended June 30, 2017, as compared to \$993,779 used in operating activities for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase in net cash used in operating activities was primarily due to increase in accounts receivable in the quarter ended June 30, 2017 compared to an increase of accounts payable in the quarter ended June 30, 2016.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$77,583 for the three months ended June 30, 2017, as compared to \$116,929 used in investing activities for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The decrease in net cash used by investing

activities was the result of a decrease of purchase of fixed assets and equipment deposits.

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended June 30, 2017 was \$1,061,737, as compared to \$356,309 for the three months ended June 30, 2016. The increase of net cash provided by financing activities is attributable to borrowings on the loan facility agreement with Turnstone Capital Inc. and the credit facility with SCM Specialty Finance Opportunities Fund, L.P.

Cash Requirements

We believe that cash flow from operations will not meet our present and near-term cash needs and thus we will require additional cash resources, including the sale of equity or debt securities, to meet our planned capital expenditures and working capital requirements for the next 12 months. We estimate that our capital needs over the next 12 months will be up to \$3,000,000. We will require additional cash resources to, among other things, expand broker network, increase manufacturing capacity, expand retail distribution and add support staff. If our own financial resources and future cash-flows from operations are insufficient to satisfy our capital requirements, we may seek to sell additional equity or debt securities or obtain additional credit facilities. The sale of additional equity securities will result in dilution to our stockholders. The incurrence of indebtedness will result in increased debt service obligations and could require us to agree to operating and financial covenants that could restrict our operations or modify our plans to grow the business. Financing may not be available in amounts or on terms acceptable to us, if at all. Any failure by us to raise additional funds on terms favorable to us, or at all, will limit our ability to expand our business operations and could harm our overall business prospects.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to our stockholders.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Not applicable.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, as that term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our company's reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

As required by paragraph (b) of Rules 13a-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, evaluated our company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. Based on this evaluation, our management concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

The Company is a defendant in a lawsuit filed on April 6, 2017 by Water Engineering Solutions, Inc. (WES), in the Maricopa County, Arizona, Superior Court, Water Engineering Solutions, Inc. v. The Alkaline Water Company, Inc., et al., cause number CV2017-005487. WES seeks damages arising out of the alleged breach of a written manufacturing agreement between the Company and WES. WES alleges that the Company has failed to purchase equipment from WES as required under the manufacturing agreement. The Company denies the allegations of the claims, and has moved to dismiss pursuant to the terms of the agreement which require that all disputes be resolved by arbitration. In response, WES filed an amended complaint apparently abandoning its breach of contract claim, and instead seeking damages for alleged misappropriation of claimed trade secrets relating to the equipment which the Company purchased under the manufacturing agreement. The Company intends to renew its motion to dismiss based on the arbitration provisions of that agreement. The Company intends to defend the claim vigorously, whether in court or in arbitration proceedings.

The Company is a defendant in a lawsuit filed on April 11, 2017 by Steven Nickolas, the former Chief Executive Officer of the Company, in the Maricopa County, Arizona, Superior Court, Nickolas v. The Alkaline Water Company, Inc., et al., cause number CV2017-053064. Mr. Nickolas seeks damages arising out of the alleged breach of a written employment agreement between the Company and Mr. Nickolas. Mr. Nickolas alleges that the Company wrongfully terminated the employment agreement and has failed to pay wages due under the employment agreement. The Company denies the allegations of the claims, and has counterclaimed against Mr. Nickolas for damages suffered by the Company as a result of numerous breaches of fiduciary duty owed to the Company by Mr. Nickolas in his capacity as officer and director of the company, including diversion of corporate assets to personal matters, and actively interfering with the Company's suppliers and customers. The Company intends to defend against Mr. Nickolas's claims vigorously and to pursue its counterclaims.

The Company is nominal defendant in a lawsuit filed on April 6, 2017 by Steven Nickolas, a shareholder of the Company, derivatively on behalf of the Company, against Richard Wright, David Guarino, and Aaron Keay (current directors of the Company), and Daniel Lorey (current employee of the Company) and the Company's former accounting firm, Seale & Beers, LLC. The lawsuit is pending in the Maricopa County, Arizona, Superior Court, Steven Nickolas, derivatively on behalf of the Alkaline Water Company, v. Richard Wright, et al. cause number CV2017-005488 (the Derivative Action). Mr. Nickolas alleges a range of conduct breaching fiduciary and general duties owed to the Company. Some of these allegations were first raised by Mr. Nickolas in August, 2016 and, at that time, the Company appointed an independent director, Mr. Keay, to conduct an investigation of the allegations. Mr. Keay conducted the investigation and concluded that the claims were without merit. Though the Company is a nominal defendant in this action, the Company believes the claims in the action are baseless and has denied the claims. The Company anticipates that the other defendants will defend the action vigorously, and is paying the cost of defending against the claims, subject to a reservation of rights in the event of a finding the principal defendants breached duties owed to the Company and are not eligible for indemnification.

Steven Nickolas also filed virtually an identical lawsuit to the Derivative Action in his individual capacity against Richard Wright, David Guarino, and Dan Lorey. The lawsuit was filed on April 6, 2017 and is pending in the Maricopa County, Arizona, Superior Court, Steven Nickolas vs. Richard Wright et al. cause number CV2017-005486

(the Individual Action). The allegations in the Individual Action are nearly identical to those in the Derivative Action. The Company anticipates that the defendants will defend the action vigorously, and is paying the cost of defending against the claims, subject to a reservation of rights in the event of a finding the principal defendants breached duties owed to the Company and are not eligible for indemnification.

The Company is a defendant in a lawsuit filed on June 1, 2017 by Black Mountain Equities, Inc. (BM) in the San Diego County, California, Superior Court, Black Mountain Equities, Inc. v. The Alkaline Water Company, Inc., et al., cause number 37-2017-00019820-CU-BT-CTL. BM is seeking damages of \$151,000 for intentional interference with contractual relations arising from the Company attempting to put a stop on the transfer of certain stock in the Company from a third party to the Plaintiff. The Company intends to defend the claim vigorously.

The Company is a defendant in a lawsuit filed on August 9, 2017 by Steven Nickolas, a shareholder of the Company. The lawsuit is pending in the Maricopa County, Arizona, Superior Court, Nickolas v. The Alkaline Water Company, Inc., et al., cause number CV2017-007786. Mr. Nickolas seeks declaratory relief, monetary damages, specific performance and injunctive relief arising from the alleged failure of the Company to allow him to convert his Series C Preferred Stock of the Company to common stock of the Company. The Company intends to defend these claims vigorously.

Except as detailed above, we know of no material pending legal proceedings to which our company or any of our subsidiaries is a party or of which any of our properties, or the properties of any of our subsidiaries, is the subject. In addition, we do not know of any such proceedings contemplated by any governmental authorities.

Except as detailed above, we know of no material proceedings in which any of our directors, officers or affiliates, or any registered or beneficial stockholder is a party adverse to our company or any of our subsidiaries or has a material interest adverse to our company or any of our subsidiaries.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Information regarding risk factors appears in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on July 14, 2017. There have been no material changes since July 14, 2017 from the risk factors disclosed in that Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

On August 17, 2017, we issued 1,500,000 shares of our common stock to Steven P. Nickolas upon conversion of 1,500,000 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock held by Mr. Nickolas. The shares of our Series C Preferred Stock became convertible into shares of our common stock without the payment of any additional consideration by Mr. Nickolas and at the option of Mr. Nickolas because the termination of the employment agreement between our company and Mr. Nickolas was an event constituting a Negotiated Trigger Event as defined in the Certificate of Designation for our Series C Preferred Stock. We issued these shares relying on the registration exemption provided for in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933.

In consideration for services rendered and to be rendered to our company pursuant to a services agreement dated July 26, 2016, we intend to issue a consultant 262,596 shares of our common stock. We intend to issue these shares relying on the registration exemption provided for in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
(2)	Plan of Acquisition, Reorganization, Arrangement, Liquidation or Succession
2.1	Share Exchange Agreement dated May 31, 2013 with Alkaline Water Corp. and its shareholders (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on June 5, 2013)
(3)	Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws
3.1	Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference from our Form S-1 Registration Statement, filed on October 28, 2011)
3.2	Certificate of Change (incorporated by reference from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 13, 2013)
3.3	Articles of Merger (incorporated by reference from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 13, 2013)
3.4	Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 11, 2013)
3.5	Certificate of Designation (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 11, 2013)
3.6	Certificate of Designation (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 12, 2013)
3.7	Certificate of Change (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 30, 2015)
3.8	Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 25, 2016)
3.9	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Designation (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 25, 2016)
3.10	Certificate of Designation (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 5, 2016)
3.11	Certificate of Withdrawal of Certificate of Designation (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 4, 2017)
3.12	Certificate of Designation (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 4, 2017)
3.13	Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on March 15, 2013)
(10)	Material Contracts
10.1	Contract Packer Agreement dated November 14, 2012 between Alkaline 84, LLC and AZ Bottled Water, LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on June 5, 2013)
10.2	Stock Option Agreement dated October 9, 2013 with Steven P. Nickolas (incorporated by reference from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on November 13, 2013)
10.3	Stock Option Agreement dated October 9, 2013 with Richard A. Wright (incorporated by reference from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on November 13, 2013)
10.4	Contract Packer Agreement dated October 7, 2013 with White Water, LLC (incorporated by reference from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on November 13, 2013)
10.5	Manufacturing Agreement dated August 15, 2013 with Water Engineering Solutions, LLC (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed on November 27, 2013)
10.6	Equipment Lease Agreement dated January 17, 2014 (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 27, 2014)
10.7	Revolving Accounts Receivable Funding Agreement dated February 20, 2014 (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 25, 2014)

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10.8	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of April 28, 2014, between The Alkaline Water Company Inc. and the purchasers named therein (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 6, 2014)
10.9	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 6, 2014)
10.10	Form of Placement Agent Common Stock Purchase Warrant (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 6, 2014)
10.11	Stock Option Agreement dated May 12, 2014 with Steven P. Nickolas (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 14, 2014)
10.12	Stock Option Agreement dated May 12, 2014 with Richard A. Wright (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 14, 2014)
10.13	Stock Option Agreement dated May 21, 2014 with Steven P. Nickolas (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 23, 2014)
10.14	Stock Option Agreement dated May 21, 2014 with Richard A. Wright (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 23, 2014)
10.15	Amendment #1 dated February 12, 2014 to Equipment Lease Agreement (incorporated by reference from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 13, 2014)
10.16	Equipment Sale/Lease Back Agreement dated April 2, 2014 (incorporated by reference from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on August 13, 2014)
10.17	Agreement dated August 12, 2014 with H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on August 21, 2014)
10.18	Form of Warrant Amendment Agreement (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on August 21, 2014)
10.19	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on August 21, 2014)
10.20	Form of Warrant Amendment Agreement (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 9, 2014)
10.21	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on October 9, 2014)
10.22	Master Lease Agreement dated October 28, 2014 with Veterans Capital Fund, LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 4, 2014)
10.23	Warrant Agreement dated October 28, 2014 with Veterans Capital Fund, LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 4, 2014)
10.24	Registration Rights Agreement dated October 28, 2014 with Veterans Capital Fund, LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 4, 2014)
10.25	2013 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 4, 2014)
10.26	Form of Amending Agreement to Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on November 4, 2014)
10.27	Stock Option Agreement dated February 18, 2016 with Steven P. Nickolas (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 14, 2016)
10.28	Stock Option Agreement dated February 18, 2016 with Richard A. Wright (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 14, 2016)
10.29	Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of May 11, 2015 with Assurance Funding Solutions LLC (incorporated by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on July 14, 2015)
10.30	Secured Term Note dated May 2015 issued to Assurance Funding Solutions LLC (incorporated by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on July 14, 2015)

10.31 General Security Agreement dated as of May 11, 2015 with Assurance Funding Solutions LLC
(incorporated by reference from our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on July 14, 2015)

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10.32	Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of August 20, 2015 with Assurance Funding Solutions LLC
10.33	Secured Term Note dated August 20, 2015 issued to Assurance Funding Solutions LLC
10.34	General Security Agreement dated as of August 20, 2015 with Assurance Funding Solutions LLC
10.35	Form of Warrant Exchange Agreement (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 1, 2015)
10.36	Loan Agreement dated November 30, 2015 with Neil Rogers (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 4, 2015)
10.37	Promissory Note dated November 30, 2015 issued to Neil Rogers (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 4, 2015)
10.38	Escrow Agreement dated November 30, 2015 with Neil Rogers and Escrow Agent (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on December 4, 2015)
10.39	2013 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 25, 2016)
10.40	Loan Agreement dated January 25, 2016 with Turnstone Capital Inc. (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 25, 2016)
10.41	Promissory Note dated January 25, 2016 issued to Turnstone Capital Inc. (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 25, 2016)
10.42	Escrow Agreement dated January 25, 2016 with Turnstone Capital Inc. and Escrow Agent (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 25, 2016)
10.43	Amendment Agreement dated January 25, 2016 with Neil Rogers (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 25, 2016)
10.44	Stock Option Agreement dated January 29, 2016 with Steven P. Nickolas (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 4, 2016)
10.45	Stock Option Agreement dated January 29, 2016 with Richard A. Wright (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 4, 2016)
10.46	Form of Subscription Agreement (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-1/A, filed on February 8, 2016)
10.47	Form of Warrant Certificate (incorporated by reference from our Registration Statement on Form S-1/A, filed on February 8, 2016)
10.48	Employment Agreement dated effective March 1, 2016 with Steven P. Nickolas (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 5, 2016)
10.49	Employment Agreement dated effective March 1, 2016 with Richard A. Wright (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 5, 2016)
10.50	Form of Promissory Note and Warrant Exchange Agreement (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on June 16, 2016)
10.51	Form of Warrant Exchange Agreement (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on June 16, 2016)
10.52	Loan Facility Agreement dated September 20, 2016 with Turnstone Capital Inc. (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on September 22, 2016)
10.53	Credit and Security Agreement dated February 1, 2017 with SCM Specialty Finance Opportunities Fund, L.P. (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 7, 2017)
10.54	Payoff Agreement dated February 1, 2017 with Gibraltar Business Capital, LLC (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on February 7, 2017)
10.55	Form of Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference from our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 4, 2017)

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(31)	Rule 13a-14 Certifications
<u>31.1*</u>	<u>Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>
<u>31.2*</u>	<u>Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>
(32)	Section 1350 Certifications
<u>32.1*</u>	<u>Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>
<u>32.2*</u>	<u>Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u>
(101)	Interactive Data File
<u>101.INS*</u>	<u>XBRL Instance Document</u>
<u>101.SCH*</u>	<u>XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema</u>
<u>101.CAL*</u>	<u>XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase</u>
<u>101.DEF*</u>	<u>XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase</u>
<u>101.LAB*</u>	<u>XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase</u>
<u>101.PRE*</u>	<u>XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase</u>

*Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

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

THE ALKALINE WATER COMPANY INC.

Date: August 21, 2017 By: /s/ Richard A. Wright
Richard A. Wright
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: August 21, 2017 By: /s/ David A. Guarino
David A. Guarino
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal
Accounting
Officer)
