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FORM 10-Q

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

For the Quarterly period ended September 30, 2010

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

Commission file number 001-31747

UNIVERSAL SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

52-0898545  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

11407 Cronhill Drive, Suite A  
Owings Mills, Maryland  
(Address of principal executive offices)

21117  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 363-3000

Inapplicable  
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year if changed from 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

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-Accelerated Filer  Smaller Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  
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At November 10, 2010, the number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock was 2,387,887.

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## PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

UNIVERSAL SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	(unaudited) September 30, 2010	(audited) March 31, 2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,342,070	\$ 2,253,631
Assets held for investment	6,154,124	4,001,890
Accounts receivable:		
Trade less allowance for doubtful accounts of approximately \$90,000 at September 30, 2010 and March 31, 2010	189,111	266,526
Other receivables	69,049	70,523
Receivable from Hong Kong Joint Venture	431,870	212,622
Amount due from factor	1,479,361	3,824,553
Inventories, net of allowance for obsolete inventory of \$100,000 at September 30, 2010 and March 31, 2010	3,064,018	3,439,906
Prepaid expenses	379,077	351,192
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>13,108,680</b>	<b>14,420,843</b>
DEFERRED TAX ASSET	1,886,111	1,877,156
INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG JOINT VENTURE	12,731,632	12,153,456
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT – NET	174,256	199,163
OTHER ASSETS	20,136	20,136
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 27,920,815</b>	<b>\$ 28,670,754</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 703,705	\$ 689,762
Hong Kong Joint Venture accounts payable	205,621	1,472,993
Accrued liabilities:		
Payroll and employee benefits	151,932	232,034
Commissions and other	36,598	47,001
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,097,856</b>	<b>2,441,790</b>
Long-term obligation	46,458	46,459
<b>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Common stock, \$.01 par value per share; authorized 20,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 2,387,887 shares at September 30, 2010 and March 31, 2010	23,879	23,879

Additional paid-in capital	13,135,198	13,135,198
Retained earnings	13,573,671	13,023,428
Other comprehensive income	43,753	-
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>26,776,501</b>	<b>26,182,505</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 27,920,815</b>	<b>\$ 28,670,754</b>

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

UNIVERSAL SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
Net sales	\$ 3,714,378	\$ 7,900,805
Cost of goods sold – acquired from Joint Venture	1,728,796	6,052,407
Cost of goods sold – other	921,438	200,726
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>1,064,144</b>	<b>1,647,672</b>
Research and development expense	154,430	221,547
Selling, general and administrative expense	1,078,881	1,335,307
Operating (loss) income	(169,167)	90,818
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	80,119	5,274
Interest expense	(2,050)	(36,104)
<b>(LOSS) INCOME BEFORE EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF JOINT VENTURE</b>	<b>(91,098)</b>	<b>59,988</b>
Equity in earnings of Joint Venture	416,623	889,584
Income from operations before income taxes	325,525	949,572
Provision for income tax expense	57,149	24,702
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 268,376</b>	<b>\$ 924,870</b>
Income per share:		
Basic	0.11	0.39
Diluted	0.11	0.39
Shares used in computing net income per share:		
Basic	2,387,887	2,387,887
Diluted	2,394,750	2,394,014

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UNIVERSAL SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS  
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
Net sales	\$ 7,395,799	\$ 13,815,710
Cost of goods sold - acquired from Joint Venture	4,094,083	10,396,896
Cost of goods – other	1,126,330	601,308
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>2,175,386</b>	<b>2,817,506</b>
Research and development expense	321,533	340,698
Selling, general and administrative expense	2,286,763	2,538,385
Operating loss	(432,910)	(61,577)
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	114,987	9,425
Interest expense	(9,114)	(41,746)
<b>LOSS BEFORE EQUITY IN EARNINGS OF JOINT VENTURE</b>	<b>(327,037)</b>	<b>(93,898)</b>
Equity in earnings of Joint Venture	852,004	1,610,691
Income from operations before income taxes	524,967	1,516,793
Provision for income tax (benefit) expense	(25,276)	(19,542)
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 550,243</b>	<b>\$ 1,536,335</b>
Income per share:		
Basic	0.23	0.64
Diluted	0.23	0.64
Shares used in computing net income per share:		
Basic	2,387,887	2,390,100
Diluted	2,395,043	2,395,724

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

UNIVERSAL SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income	\$ 550,243	\$ 1,536,335
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	24,907	23,832
Earnings of the Joint Venture	(852,004)	(1,610,691)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable and amounts due from factor	2,204,833	(269,096)
Decrease in inventories and prepaid expenses	348,002	2,876,640
(Decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,343,934)	(507,894)
(Increase) in deferred taxes and other assets	(8,955)	(22,830)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>923,092</b>	<b>2,026,296</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchase of assets held for investment	(2,108,481)	-
Dividends received from Joint Venture	273,828	342,740
<b>NET CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(1,834,653)</b>	<b>342,740</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Purchase and retirement of common stock	-	(85,661)
Borrowing from factor	-	3,416,135
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,330,474</b>
<b>(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>(911,561)</b>	<b>5,699,510</b>
Cash at beginning of period	2,253,631	284,030
<b>CASH AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 1,342,070</b>	<b>\$ 5,983,540</b>
Supplemental information:		
Interest paid	\$ 9,114	\$ 41,746

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



UNIVERSAL SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(Unaudited)

### Statement of Management

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Universal Security Instruments, Inc. (USI or the Company) and its majority owned subsidiaries. Significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In the opinion of the Company's management, the interim consolidated financial statements include all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim periods. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted. The interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's March 31, 2010 audited financial statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K. The interim operating results are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full fiscal year.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

### Joint Venture

The Company and its co-venturer, a Hong Kong corporation, each owns a 50% interest in a Hong Kong joint venture, Eyston Company Limited (the "Joint Venture"), that has manufacturing facilities in the People's Republic of China, for the manufacturing of security products. The following represents summarized balance sheet and income statement information of the Joint Venture as of and for the six months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009:

	2010	2009
Net sales	\$ 12,468,764	\$ 14,059,608
Gross profit	3,583,948	4,363,249
Net income	1,648,828	2,416,124
Total current assets	12,893,889	15,923,351
Total assets	32,196,541	30,149,259
Total current liabilities	5,103,172	6,168,310

During the six months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, the Company purchased \$4,008,328 and \$7,577,193 of products from the Joint Venture. For the six month period ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, the Company has adjusted its earnings of the Joint Venture to reflect a decrease of \$27,590 and an addition of \$402,629, respectively, for changes to inter-Company profit in inventory

### Income Taxes

We calculate our interim tax provision in accordance with the guidance for accounting for income taxes in interim periods. At the end of each interim period, we estimate the annual effective tax rate and apply that tax rate to our ordinary quarterly pre-tax income. The tax expense or benefit related to significant, unusual or extraordinary discrete events during the interim period is recognized in the interim period in which those events occurred. In addition, the effect of changes in enacted tax laws or rates or tax status is recognized in the interim period in which the change

occurs.

The Company recognizes a liability or asset for the deferred tax consequences of temporary differences between the tax basis of assets or liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements. These temporary differences will result in taxable or deductible amounts in future years when the reported amounts of the assets or liabilities are recovered or settled. The deferred tax assets are reviewed periodically for recoverability and valuation allowances are provided, as necessary. The Company follows the financial pronouncement that gives guidance related to the recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and requires that we recognize in our financial statements the impact of a tax position, if that position is more likely than not to be sustained upon an examination, based on the technical merits of the position. Interest and penalties related to income tax matters are recorded as income tax expenses.

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### Assets Held for Investment

Assets held for investment consist of investments in ten different bond and/or exchange traded funds. These funds have no fixed maturity date and may be traded daily. All of the Company's investments are measured and recorded at fair value using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1).

Assets held for investment are accounted for as investments available for sale and recorded at their fair value, with unrealized gains and losses reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity in accumulated other comprehensive income. Gains and losses on our investments available for sale are recognized in results of operations as investment income when realized.

Assets held for investment consist of the following as of September 30, 2010:

	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Mutual funds - corporate bonds	\$ 4,267,793	\$ 43,753	\$ -	\$ 4,311,546
Exchange traded bond funds	1,842,578	-	-	1,842,578
Total	\$ 6,110,371	\$ 43,753	\$ -	\$ 6,154,124

### Net Income per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share are computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods presented. Diluted earnings per common share is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the effect of stock options and other potentially dilutive common stock equivalents. The dilutive effect of stock options and other potentially dilutive common stock equivalents is determined using the treasury stock method based on the Company's average stock price.

A reconciliation of the weighted average shares of common stock utilized in the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and six month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 is as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding for basic EPS	2,387,887	2,387,887	2,387,887	2,390,100
Shares issued upon the assumed exercise of outstanding stock options	6,863	6,127	7,156	5,624
Weighted average number of common and common equivalent shares outstanding for diluted EPS	2,394,750	2,394,014	2,395,043	2,395,724

Outstanding options to purchase 28,427 shares of common stock as of September 30, 2010 are not included in the above calculations as the effect would be anti-dilutive.

### Contingencies

From time to time, the Company is involved in various lawsuits and legal matters. It is the opinion of management, based on the advice of legal counsel, that the ultimate outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

#### Subsequent Events

The Company evaluated its September 30, 2010 financial statements for subsequent events through the date financial statements were issued. The Company is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

Changes to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) are established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in the form of accounting standards updated (ASU's) to the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification.

The Company considers the applicability and impact of all ASU's. Recently issued ASU's were evaluated and determined to be either not applicable or are not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

## ITEM 2.MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

As used throughout this Report, "we," "our," "the Company" "USI" and similar words refers to Universal Security Instruments, Inc.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements reflecting our current expectations with respect to our operations, performance, financial condition, and other developments. These forward-looking statements may generally be identified by the use of the words "may", "will", "believes", "should", "expects", "anticipate", "estimates", and similar expressions. These statements are necessarily estimates reflecting management's best judgment based upon current information and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made, and readers are advised that various factors could affect our financial performance and could cause our actual results for future periods to differ materially from those anticipated or projected. While it is impossible to identify all such factors, such factors include, but are not limited to, those risks identified in our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### overview

We are in the business of marketing and distributing safety and security products which are primarily manufactured through our 50%-owned Hong Kong Joint Venture. Our financial statements detail our sales and other operational results only, and report the financial results of the Hong Kong Joint Venture using the equity method. Accordingly, the following discussion and analysis of the three and six month periods ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 relate to the operational results of the Company. A discussion and analysis of the Hong Kong Joint Venture's operational results for these periods is presented below under the heading "Joint Venture."

The Company has developed new products based on new smoke and gas detection technologies, with what the Company believes are improved sensing technology and product features. The Company has applied for patents for these new products. Before these products can be sold, independent testing agencies evaluate the effectiveness of the products in performing their stated function and issue an approval and testing certificate for each product. The Company has experienced delays in the certification process, but now believes the testing agencies will begin issuing approvals during the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2010.

### Results of Operations

#### Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009

**Sales.** Net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2010 were \$3,714,378 compared to \$7,900,805 for the comparable three months in the prior fiscal year, a decrease of \$4,186,427 (53.0%). The primary reasons for the decrease in net sales volumes were lower sales of our core product lines, including smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, to a major national retailer, as previously announced; and, to a lesser extent, lower sales of these products to the electrical distribution trade due to a decrease in new home construction during the quarter.

**Gross Profit Margin.** Gross profit margin is calculated as net sales less cost of goods sold expressed as a percentage of net sales. Our gross profit margin was 28.6% and 20.9% of sales for the quarters ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The increase in gross profit margin was primarily due to reduced sales to a national retailer that had historically provided lower gross profit margins.



Expenses. Research and development, and selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$323,544 from the comparable three months in the prior year. As a percentage of net sales, these expenses increased to 33.2% for the three month period ended September 30, 2010, from 19.7% for the 2009 period. The increase in costs as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to fixed costs that do not decrease in the same rate as the reduction in sales.

Interest Expense and Income. Our interest income, net of interest expense, was \$78,069 for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, compared to net interest expense of \$30,830 for the quarter ended September 30, 2009. The increase in interest income, net of interest expense, is due to earnings on assets held for investment and reduced borrowings from our factor.

Income Taxes. During the quarter ended September 30, 2010, the Company incurred net income tax expense of \$57,149. For the corresponding 2009 period, the Company incurred net income tax expense of \$24,702. The provision for income tax expense for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, as compared to the same quarter in the period year, is impacted principally by the amount and timing of the unrealized earnings of and the payment of dividends by the Hong Kong Joint Venture.

Net Income. We reported net income of \$268,376 for the quarter ended September 30, 2010, compared to net income of \$924,870 for the corresponding quarter of the prior fiscal year, a \$656,494 (71.0%) decrease. The reason for the decrease in net income is reduced revenues, principally from the loss of a national retail customer and lower joint venture earnings.

#### Six Months Ended September 30, 2010 and 2009

Sales. Net sales for the six months ended September 30, 2010 were \$7,395,799 compared to \$13,815,710 for the comparable six months in the prior fiscal year, a decrease of \$6,419,911 (46.5%). The primary reasons for the decrease in net sales volumes were lower sales of our core product lines, including smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to a major national retailer, as previously announced; and, to a lesser extent, lower sales of these products to the electrical distribution trade due to a decrease in new home construction during the period.

Gross Profit Margin. The gross profit margin is calculated as net sales less cost of goods sold expressed as a percentage of net sales. The Company's gross profit margin increased from 20.4% for the period ended September 30, 2009 to 29.4% for the current period ended September 30, 2010. The increase in gross profit margin was primarily due to reduced sales to a national retailer that had historically provided lower gross profit margins.

Expenses. Research and development, and selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by \$270,787 from the comparable six months in the prior year. As a percentage of sales, these expenses were 35.3% for the six month period ended September 30, 2010 and 20.8% for the comparable 2009 period. The primary reason for the decrease in expenses as a percentage of sales is due to fixed expenses that do not decrease at the same rate as the reduction in sales.

Interest Expense and Income. Our interest income, net of interest expense, was \$105,873 for the six months ended September 30, 2010, compared to net interest expense of \$32,321 for the six months ended September 30, 2009. The increase in interest income, net of interest expense, is due to earnings on assets held for investment and reduced borrowing from our factor.

Income Taxes. During the six months ended September 30, 2010, the Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$25,276. For the corresponding 2009 period, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$19,542. The provision for income tax benefit for the six months ended September 30 2010, as compared to the same period in the prior year, is impacted principally by the amount and timing of the unrealized earnings of and the payment of dividends by the Hong Kong Joint Venture.

Net Income. We reported net income of \$550,243 for the six months ended September 30, 2010 compared to net income of \$1,536,335 for the corresponding period of the prior fiscal year. The primary reasons for the decrease are reduced revenues, principally from the loss of a national retail customer and lower joint venture earnings.



## Financial Condition and Liquidity

The Company has a Factoring Agreement with CIT Group, Inc. (CIT) which supplies both short-term borrowings and letters of credit to finance foreign inventory purchases. The maximum amount available under the Factoring Agreement is currently \$7,500,000. Based on specified percentages of our accounts receivable and inventory and letter of credit commitments, as of September 30, 2010 we had a borrowing availability of \$2,742,466 under the Factoring Agreement and had no borrowings. The interest rate under the Factoring Agreement on the uncollected factored accounts receivable and any additional borrowings is equal to the prime rate of interest charged by our lender. At September 30, 2010, the prime rate was 3.25%. Borrowings are collateralized by all of our accounts receivable and inventory.

Our factored accounts receivable as of the end of our last fiscal year was \$3,824,553, and was \$1,479,361 as of September 30, 2010. Our prepaid expenses as of the end of our last fiscal year were \$351,192, and were \$379,077 as of September 30, 2010.

Operating activities provided cash of \$923,092 for the six months ended September 30, 2010. This was primarily due to a decrease in accounts receivable and due from factor of \$2,204,853 and a decrease in inventories and prepaid expenses of \$348,002, offset by a decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$1,343,934 and earnings of the Joint Venture of \$852,004. For the same period last year, operating activities provided cash of \$2,026,296, primarily as a result of decreases in inventory and prepaid expenses offset by a decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses.

Investing activities used cash of \$1,834,653 during the six months ended September 30, 2010, and provided cash of \$342,740 at September 30, 2009, primarily as a result of the increase in assets held for investment. The Company increased its assets held for investment in an effort to obtain a more favorable return.

Financing activities provided no cash during the six months ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$3,330,474 at September 30, 2009 that resulted primarily from borrowing from our factor.

We believe that funds available under the Factoring Agreement, distributions from the Joint Venture, and our line of credit facilities provide us with sufficient resources to meet our requirements for liquidity and working capital.

## Joint Venture

**Net Sales.** Net sales of the Joint Venture for the three and six months ended September 30, 2010 were \$5,673,433 and \$12,468,764, respectively, compared to \$8,191,985 and \$14,059,608, respectively, for the comparable period in the prior fiscal year. The 30.7% and 11.3% respective decreases in net sales by the Joint Venture for the three and six month periods were due to lower volumes of sales of smoke alarm products to the Company for sale to a national retailer.

**Gross Margins.** Gross margins of the Joint Venture for the three month period ended September 30, 2010 decreased to 28.9% from 34.1% for the 2009 corresponding period. For the six month period ended September 30, 2010, gross margins decreased to 28.7% from the 31.0% gross margin of the prior year's corresponding period. The lower gross margins for the 2010 period was due to product mix of the Joint Venture's sales; since gross margins depend on sales volume of various products, with varying margins, increased sales of higher margin products and decreased sales of lower margin products affect the overall gross margins.

**Expenses.** Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$969,630 and \$2,036,921, respectively, for the three and six month periods ended September 30, 2010, compared to \$1,274,546 and \$2,152,747 in the prior year's respective periods. As a percentage of sales, expenses were 17.1% and 16.3% for the three and six month periods ended

September 30, 2010, compared to 15.6% and 15.3% for the three and six month periods ended September 30, 2009. The increase in selling, general and administrative expense as a percent of sales was primarily due to certain fixed costs that remained constant despite decreased net sales.

Interest Income and Expense. Interest income on assets held for investment was \$71,235 and \$121,516 respectively, for the three and six month periods ended September 30, 2010, compared to net interest expense of \$53,449 and \$93,857, respectively, for the prior year's periods.

Net Income. Net income for the three and six months ended September 30, 2010 was \$818,448 and \$1,648,828, respectively, compared to \$1,477,312 and \$2,416,124, respectively, in the comparable periods last year. The 44.6% and 31.8% respective decrease and increase in net income for the three and six month periods were due primarily to decreased sales volume as noted above.

Liquidity. Cash needs of the Joint Venture are currently met by funds generated from operations. During the six months ended September 30, 2010, working capital decreased by \$3,965,309 from \$11,756,026 on March 31, 2010 to \$7,790,717 on September 30, 2010.

#### Critical Accounting Policies

Management's discussion and analysis of our consolidated financial statements and results of operations are based on our Consolidated Financial Statements included as part of this document. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate these estimates, including those related to bad debts, inventories, income taxes, and contingencies and litigation. We base these estimates on historical experiences, future projections and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily available from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe the following critical accounting policies affect management's more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements. For a detailed discussion on the application on these and other accounting policies, see Note A to the consolidated financial statements included in Item 8 of the Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2010. Certain of our accounting policies require the application of significant judgment by management in selecting the appropriate assumptions for calculating financial estimates. By their nature, these judgments are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty and actual results could differ from these estimates. These judgments are based on our historical experience, terms of existing contracts, current economic trends in the industry, information provided by our customers, and information available from outside sources, as appropriate. Our critical accounting policies include:

**Revenue Recognition.** We recognize sales upon shipment of products net of applicable provisions for any discounts or allowances. The shipping date from our warehouse is the appropriate point of revenue recognition since upon shipment we have substantially completed our obligations which entitle us to receive the benefits represented by the revenues, and the shipping date provides a consistent point within our control to measure revenue. Customers may not return, exchange or refuse acceptance of goods without our approval. We have established allowances to cover anticipated doubtful accounts based upon historical experience.

**Inventories.** Inventories are valued at the lower of market or cost. Cost is determined on the first-in first-out method. We have recorded a reserve for obsolescence or unmarketable inventory equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value based upon assumptions about future demand and market conditions. Management reviews the reserve quarterly.

**Income Taxes.** The Company recognizes a liability or asset for the deferred tax consequences of temporary differences between the tax basis of assets or liabilities and their reported amounts in the financial statements. These temporary differences will result in taxable or deductible amounts in future years when the reported amounts of the assets or liabilities are recovered or settled. The deferred tax assets are reviewed periodically for recoverability and valuation allowances are provided, as necessary. The Company follows the financial pronouncement that gives guidance related to the financial statement of recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return and requires that we recognize in our financial statements the impact of a tax position, if that position is more likely than not to be sustained upon an examination, based on the technical merits of the position. Interest and penalties related to income tax matters are recorded as income tax expenses.

**Assets Held for Investment.** Assets held for investment consist of investments in 10 different bond and/or exchange traded funds. These funds have no fixed maturity date and may be traded daily. All of the Company's investments are

measured and recorded at fair value using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1). These funds invest in, under normal circumstances, a portfolio of fixed income securities, including, but not limited to, non-mortgage securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, instrumentalities or sponsored enterprises ("U.S. Government Securities"), corporate notes and commercial paper and fixed and floating rate asset-backed securities.

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All of the funds are subject to various risks including, but not limited to interest rate risk, credit risk, high yield risk, market risk, liquidity risk, foreign (non-U.S.) investment risk, currency risk, leveraging risk and management risk.

Assets held for investment are accounted for as investments available for sale and are recorded at their fair value, with unrealized gains and losses reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity in accumulated other comprehensive income. Gains and losses on our investments available for sale are recognized in results of operations as investment income when realized.

Investments available for sale are evaluated periodically to determine whether a decline in their value is "other than temporary." Management reviews criteria such as the magnitude and duration of the decline, as well as the reasons for the decline, to predict whether the loss in value is other than temporary. If a decline in value is determined to be other than temporary, the value of the security is reduced and a corresponding charge to earnings is recognized.

From time to time, we are subject to lawsuits and other claims, related to patents and other matters. Management is required to assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes to these matters, as well as potential ranges of probable losses. A determination of the amount of reserves required, if any, for these contingencies is based on a careful analysis of each individual issue with the assistance of outside legal counsel. It is the opinion of management, based on advice of legal counsel, that the ultimate outcome of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

We generally provide warranties from one to ten years to the non-commercial end user on all products sold. The manufacturers of our products provide us with a one-year warranty on all products we purchase for resale. Claims for warranty replacement of products beyond the one-year warranty period covered by the manufacturers are immaterial and we do not record estimated warranty expense or a contingent liability for warranty claims.

recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted

Changes to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) are established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in the form of accounting standards updated (ASU's) to the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification.

We consider the applicability and impact of all ASU's. Recently issued ASU's were evaluated and determined to be either not applicable or are not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

#### ITEM 4.

#### CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We maintain a system of disclosure controls and procedures that is designed to provide reasonable assurance that information, which is required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and is accumulated and communicated to management in a timely manner. Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated this system of disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, and have concluded that the system is effective. There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the most recent fiscal quarter 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

From time to time, the Company is involved in various lawsuits and legal matters. It is the opinion of management, based on the advice of legal counsel, that these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 31, 1988, File No. 1-31747)
- 3.2 Articles Supplementary, filed October 14, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 31, 2002, file No. 1-31747)
- 3.3 Bylaws, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2009, File No. 1-31747)
- 10.1 Hong Kong Joint Venture Agreement, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2003, File No. 1-31747)
- 10.2 Amended and Restated Factoring Agreement between the Registrant and The CIT Group/Commercial Services, Inc. ("CIT"), dated June 22, 2007 (substantially identical agreement entered into by the Registrant's wholly-owned subsidiary, USI Electric, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 26, 2007, file No. 1-31747)
- 10.3 Amended and Restated Inventory Security Agreement between the Registrant and CIT, dated June 22, 2007 (substantially identical agreement entered into by the Registrant's wholly-owned subsidiary, USI Electric, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 26, 2007, file No. 1-31747)
- 10.4 Amendment, dated December 22, 2009, to Amended and Restated Factoring Agreement between the Registrant and CIT dated June 22, 2007 (substantially identical agreement entered into by the Registrant's wholly-owned subsidiary, USI Electric, Inc.) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed February 16, 2010, file No. 1-31747)
- 10.5 Lease between Universal Security Instruments, Inc. and St. John Properties, Inc. dated November 4, 2008 for its office and warehouse located at 11407 Cronhill Drive, Suites A-D, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 31, 2008, File No. 1-31747)
- 10.6 Amendment to Lease between Universal Security Instruments, Inc. and St. John Properties, Inc. dated June 23, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to the Company's Annual Report on Form

10.7	10-K for the year ended March 31, 2009, File No. 1-31747) Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated July 18, 2007 between the Company and Harvey B. Grossblatt (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 31, 2007, File No. 1-31747), as amended by Addendum dated November 13, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 15, 2007, File No. 1-31747), by Addendum dated September 8, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed September 8, 2008, File No. 1-31747), and by Addendum dated March 11, 2010 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 12, 2010, File No. 1-31747)
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer*
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer*
32.1	Section 1350 Certifications*
99.1	Press Release dated November 11, 2010*

\*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.

UNIVERSAL SECURITY INSTRUMENTS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: November 11, 2010

By: /s/ Harvey B. Grossblatt  
Harvey B. Grossblatt  
President, Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ James B. Huff  
James B. Huff  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer