

AeroGrow International, Inc.
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For Period Ended: December 31, 2009

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PART I — REGISTRANT INFORMATION

AeroGrow International, Inc.
Full Name of Registrant

N/A
Former Name if Applicable

6075 Longbow Dr. Suite 200
Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

Boulder, Colorado, 80301
City, State and Zip Code

PART II — RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

(a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;

(b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and

(c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III — NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

AeroGrow International, Inc. (the "Company") was not able to timely file its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the "Form 10-Q") for the three months ended December 31, 2009, by February 16, 2010, the prescribed due date, because of recent developments related to the matter discussed below that the Company is in the process of addressing and which have diverted necessary resources from the completion of the Form 10-Q.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company was not in compliance with financial covenants prescribed by its revolving credit facility from FCC, LLC d/b/a First Capital ("FCC"). The Company has been in discussions with FCC regarding an amendment to the terms and conditions of the revolving credit facility, and expects to finalize an amendment with FCC shortly. The discussions with FCC, subsequent negotiations, and documentation of the amendment have diverted necessary resources from the completion of the Company's Form 10-Q.

The Company expects that its Form 10-Q will be filed within five calendar days following the prescribed due date.

PART IV — OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

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| H. MacGregor Clarke (Name) | 303 (Area Code) | 444-7755 (Telephone Number) |
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(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof? Yes No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

For the three months ended December 31, 2009, sales totaled \$7,939,248, a 27.9% decrease from the same period in the prior year. The decline in sales principally reflected a 35.1% reduction in sales to retailers, caused in part by more conservative product, procurement, and inventory management strategies being executed by major retail chains during the current year period, as well as the continuing effects of the recession, which adversely affected the levels of consumer spending on discretionary products. In addition, we experienced a decline in the number of retail storefronts carrying our products, from more than 9,000 at December 31, 2008 to approximately 4,600 at December 31, 2009, reflecting a shift in stocking strategy by many retail chains to focus inventory investment on more traditional consumer product categories. Our direct-to-consumer sales also declined, by 14.5% from the prior year, reflecting a 41.7% reduction in the amount we spent on revenue-generating media during the period. Overall, the effectiveness of our media improved, however, as we generated \$3.41 of revenue for every dollar of revenue-generating media spent in the 2009 period, as compared to \$2.32 of revenue per media dollar in 2008. The decline in revenue was primarily reflected in sales of AeroGardens which declined by 34.8% from the prior year. Recurring revenue from seed kit and accessories declined more modestly, by 2.1%, and increased as a percent of total revenue to 28.7% for the three months ended December 31, 2009, up from 21.1% in the prior year period.

Gross margin for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was 39.2%, as compared to 31.4% for the year earlier period. The increase reflected a shift in revenue mix toward the higher margin direct-to-consumer channel, and toward higher margin seed kit and accessory sales. In addition, the increase reflected a comparison to the prior year period in which we recognized approximately \$1.8 million in reserves for potential markdowns and returns by our retailer customers. These reserves reduced our net sales without impacting our cost of revenue, thereby causing a decrease in our gross margin in the prior year period. Operating expenses other than cost of revenue were reduced \$3,893,965, or 52.3%, from the prior year reflecting cost saving initiatives, reduction in media spending, and staffing reductions.

Our loss from operations totaled \$443,016 for the three months ended December 31, 2009, as compared to a loss of \$3,993,279 in the prior year period. The decreased loss principally reflected the impact of the higher gross margin, combined with the significant decrease in operating expenses other than cost of revenue.

Other expense for the three months ended December 31, 2009 totaled \$267,651 as compared to other expense of \$408,943 in the prior year, principally reflecting a decrease in interest expense resulting from a lower average level of debt outstanding in the current year period.

The net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2009 was \$710,667 as compared to a net loss of \$4,402,222 in the same period a year earlier.

Certain statements contained in this Form 12b-25 are forward looking. Such statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about the Company's business. Words such as expects, anticipates, intends, plans, believes, sees, estimates and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Actual results could vary materially from the description contained herein due to many factors including continued market acceptance of the Company's products or the need to raise additional capital. In addition, actual results could vary materially based on changes or slower growth in the indoor garden market; the potential inability to realize expected benefits and synergies; domestic and international business and economic conditions; changes in customer demand or ordering patterns; changes in the competitive environment including pricing pressures or technological changes; technological advances; shortages of manufacturing capacity; future production variables impacting excess inventory and other risk factors listed from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings under "risk factors" and elsewhere. The forward-looking statements contained in this Form 12b-25 speak only as of the date on which they are made, and the Company does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Form 12b-25.

AeroGrow International, Inc.
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 17, 2010

By: /s/ H. MacGregor Clarke
H. MacGregor Clarke
Chief Financial Officer

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).