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Form 10-Q

ý Quarterly Report Pursuant To Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2003

Or

Transition Report Pursuant To Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission file number 000-26601

Pelican Financial, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

58-2298215

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3767 Ranchero Drive Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

734-662-9733

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 \circ \acute{y} No | o |
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| Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer | s classes of common equity, as of the latest practicable date: |
| Common Stock Outstanding as of April 30, 2003 | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 Par value | 4,441,066 Shares |

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PELICAN FINANCIAL, INC.

Consolidated Balance Sheets

| | March 31, 2003 | | December 31, 2002 |
|---|-------------------|---------|----------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | | |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | | |
| | \$ 5,976 | | , , |
| Interest-bearing deposits | 63,542 | | 33,005,000 |
| Federal funds sold | 12,322 | · | 13,946,381 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 81,841 | | 57,361,935 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 8,851 | ,055 | 7,962,115 |
| Securities available for sale | 7,277 | ,463 | 2,560,305 |
| Federal Reserve & Federal Home Loan Bank Stock | 1,330 | 0,000 | 1,330,000 |
| Loans held for sale | 195,348 | 3,903 | 192,488,348 |
| Loans receivable, net | 98,809 | ,580 | 104,533,053 |
| Mortgage servicing rights, net | 15,562 | 2,756 | 13,799,691 |
| Other real estate owned | 1,275 | ,997 | 1,293,148 |
| Premises and equipment, net | 2,549 | ,221 | 2,410,902 |
| Other assets | 1,941 | ,554 | 1,958,466 |
| | \$ 414,787 | ,656 \$ | 385,697,963 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Deposits | | | |
| Noninterest-bearing | \$ 98,345 | ,918 \$ | 87,304,821 |
| Interest-bearing | 80,143 | ,945 | 66,428,958 |
| Total deposits | 178,489 | ,863 | 153,733,779 |
| Due to bank | 49,866 | 5,889 | 34,849,016 |
| Notes payable | 56,025 | ,623 | 43,866,403 |
| Repurchase agreements | 58,784 | ,472 | 82,987,994 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings | 18,000 | ,000 | 18,000,000 |
| Other liabilities | 19,449 | ,112 | 20,430,113 |
| Total liabilities | 380,615 | 5,959 | 353,867,305 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | | |
| Shareholders equity | | | |
| Preferred stock, 200,000 shares authorized; none outstanding | | | |
| Common stock, \$.01 par value 10,000,000 shares authorized; 4,440,241 outstanding at March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002 | ΔΔ | l,402 | 44,402 |
| Additional paid in capital | 15,345 | | 15,345,573 |
| Retained earnings | 18,913 | | 16,426,842 |

| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | | (132,123) | 13,841 |
|---|-----|----------------|-------------|
| Total shareholders equity | | 34,171,697 | 31,830,658 |
| | | | |
| | \$ | 414,787,656 \$ | 385,697,963 |
| | | | |
| See accompanying notes to financial statemen | nts | | |
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PELICAN FINANCIAL, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

| | Three Months End | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------|----|------------|--|--|
| | | 2003 | | 2002 | | |
| Interest income | | | | | | |
| Loans, including fees | \$ | 5,342,667 | \$ | 6,002,550 | | |
| Investment securities, taxable | | 78,482 | | 111,839 | | |
| Federal funds sold and overnight accounts | | 100,015 | | 40,812 | | |
| Total interest income | | 5,521,164 | | 6,155,201 | | |
| Interest expense | | | | | | |
| Deposits | | 584,715 | | 891,808 | | |
| Other borrowings | | 1,663,232 | | 1,662,041 | | |
| Total interest expense | | 2,247,947 | | 2,553,849 | | |
| Net interest income | | 3,273,217 | | 3,601,352 | | |
| Provision for loan losses | | 80,000 | | 150,000 | | |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | | 3,193,217 | | 3,451,352 | | |
| Noninterest income | | | | | | |
| Gain on sales of securities, net | | 71,652 | | | | |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | | 52,594 | | 40,820 | | |
| Servicing income | | 1,725,181 | | 1,269,647 | | |
| Gain on sales of mortgage servicing rights and loans, net | | 11,461,578 | | 8,836,976 | | |
| Other income | | 212,335 | | 70,281 | | |
| Total noninterest income | | 13,523,340 | | 10,217,724 | | |
| Noninterest expense | | | | | | |
| Compensation and employee benefits | | 6,047,952 | | 5,229,822 | | |
| Occupancy and equipment | | 618,332 | | 372,811 | | |
| Telephone | | 153,045 | | 147,254 | | |
| Postage | | 191,286 | | 144,892 | | |
| Amortization of mortgage servicing rights | | 1,187,668 | | 929,486 | | |
| Mortgage servicing rights valuation adjustment | | 1,805,004 | | 163,017 | | |
| Other noninterest expense | | 2,266,053 | | 1,690,540 | | |
| Total noninterest expense | | 12,269,340 | | 8,677,822 | | |
| Income before income taxes | | 4,447,217 | | 4,991,254 | | |
| Provision for income taxes | | 1,516,189 | | 1,700,930 | | |

| Net income | \$ 2,931,028 | \$ 3,290,324 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.75 |
| | | |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.74 |
| | | |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 2,785,064 | \$ 3,261,085 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements

PELICAN FINANCIAL, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31,

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|----------------------|--------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities | \$ (8,844,051) \$ | 106,777,994 |
| | | |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Loan originations, net | 5,643,473 | (11,848,361) |
| Proceeds from sales of mortgage servicing rights | 5,541,605 | 20,694 |
| Other real estate owned, net | 17,151 | (144,361) |
| Property and equipment expenditures, net | (297,932) | (74,713) |
| Purchase of securities available for sale | (34,837,500) | (5,000,000) |
| Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale | 29,965,402 | |
| Proceeds from maturities and principal repayments of securities available for sale | 5,414 | 219,117 |
| Purchase of Federal Reserve Stock | | (200,000) |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities | 6,037,613 | (17,027,624) |
| | | |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Increase in deposits | 24,756,084 | 23,473,883 |
| Increase (decrease) in due to bank | 15,017,873 | (11,536,007) |
| Cash dividends | (444,024) | |
| Increase (decrease) in notes payable due on demand | 12,159,129 | (32,697,986) |
| Decrease in repurchase agreements | (24,203,522) | (63,301,005) |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities | 27,285,630 | (84,061,115) |
| | | |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | 24,479,192 | 5,689,255 |
| | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 57,361,935 | 16,884,630 |
| | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 81,841,127 \$ | 22,573,885 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements

PELICAN FINANCIAL, INC.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation:

The unaudited consolidated financial statements as of and for the three month period ended March 31, 2003 and 2002, include the accounts of Pelican Financial Inc. (Pelican Financial) and its wholly owned subsidiaries Pelican National Bank (Pelican National) and Washtenaw Mortgage Company (Washtenaw) for all periods. All references herein to Pelican Financial include the consolidated results of its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Stock Compensation:

Compensation expense under stock options is reported using the intrinsic value method. No stock-based compensation cost is reflected in net income, as all options granted had an exercise price equal to or greater than the market price of the underlying common stock at date of grant. The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if expense was measured using the fair value recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|----|-----------|--|--|
| | 2003 | | 2002 | | |
| Net income as reported | \$ 2,931,028 | \$ | 3,290,324 | | |
| Deduct: Stock-based compensation expense determined under | | | | | |
| fair value based method | 9,054 | | 14,528 | | |
| Pro forma net income | \$ 2,921,974 | \$ | 3,275,796 | | |
| | | | | | |
| Basic earnings per share as reported | \$ 0.66 | \$ | 0.75 | | |
| Pro forma basic earnings per share | 0.66 | | 0.75 | | |
| | | | | | |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.66 | \$ | 0.74 | | |
| Pro forma diluted earnings per share | 0.66 | | 0.74 | | |

Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle:

The Derivative Implementation Group (DIG) of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued guidance on mortgage loan rate lock commitments to borrowers. The guidance categorizes as derivatives rate lock commitments on loans intended for sale, and was effective July 1,

2002. Upon adopting this guidance on July 1, 2002, the Company began recording the fair value of rate lock commitments as derivatives, and accordingly the fair value of rate lock commitments is included in the March 31, 2003 financial statements but is not included in the March 31, 2002 financial statements. The effect of following this guidance on the March 31, 2003 financial statements was a reduction of pre-tax income of \$195,508.

NOTE 2 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with instructions for Form 10-Q and, therefore, do not include information or footnotes necessary for a complete presentation of consolidated financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, which, in the opinion of management, are necessary for fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements have been included. The results of operations for the period ended March 31, 2003, are not necessarily indicative of the results which may be expected for the entire fiscal year or for any other period. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2002 included in Pelican Financial s Form 10-K.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

NOTE 3 LOANS RECEIVABLE

Loans receivable consist of the following:

| |] | March 31, 2003 | December 31, 2002 |
|--|----|-------------------|----------------------|
| Commercial, financial and agricultural | \$ | 803,358 \$ | 962,713 |
| Commercial real estate | | 54,936,339 | 59,542,563 |
| Residential real estate | | 42,553,728 | 43,377,309 |
| Installment loans | | 1,562,398 | 1,712,577 |
| | | 99,855,823 | 105,595,162 |
| Deduct allowance for loan losses | | (1,046,243) | (1,062,109) |
| | | | |
| Loans receivable, net | \$ | 98,809,580 \$ | 104,533,053 |

Activity in the allowance for loan losses for the quarters ended March 31, are as follows:

| | 2003 | 2002 | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------|--|--|
| | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ 1,062,109 \$ | 856,216 | | |
| Provision for loan losses | 80,000 | 150,000 | | |
| Loans charged-off | (106,007) | (30,850) | | |
| Recoveries | 10,141 | 1,598 | | |
| | | | | |
| Balance at end of period | \$ 1,046,243 \$ | 976,964 | | |

NOTE 4 - EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following summarizes the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share.

| | Three Months ended March 31, 2003 | Three Months ended March 31, 2002 |
|--|--|--|
| Basic earnings per share | | |
| Net income | \$ 2,931,028 | \$ 3,290,324 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 4,440,241 | 4,393,194 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.75 |
| | | |
| Diluted earnings per share | | |
| Net income | \$ 2,931,028 | \$ 3,290,324 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 4,440,241 | 4,393,194 |
| Dilutive effect of assumed exercise of stock options | 20,431 | 32,810 |
| Diluted average shares outstanding | 4,460,672 | 4,426,004 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.66 | \$ 0.74 |

NOTE 5 - SEGMENT INFORMATION

Pelican Financial s operations include two primary segments: mortgage banking and retail banking. The mortgage banking segment involves the origination and purchase of single-family residential mortgage loans in approximately 40 states; the sale of such loans in the secondary market, generally on a pooled and securitized basis; and the servicing of mortgage loans for investors. The retail-banking segment involves attracting deposits from the general public and using such funds to originate and purchase existing consumer, commercial, commercial real estate, residential construction, and single-family residential mortgage loans, from its offices in Naples, Fort Myers and San Carlos Florida.

Of the two segments, Pelican National comprises the retail-banking segment, with net interest income from loans, investments and deposits accounting for its primary revenues. Washtenaw comprises the mortgage-banking segment, with gains on sales of mortgage servicing rights (MSR) and loans, as well as loan servicing income accounting for its primary revenues.

The following segment financial information has been derived from the internal financial statements of Pelican National and Washtenaw, which are used by management to monitor and manage the financial performance of Pelican Financial. The accounting policies of the two segments are the same as those of Pelican Financial.

The evaluation process for segments does not include holding company income and expense. Holding company amounts are the primary difference between segment amounts and consolidated totals, and are reflected in the Other column below, along with minor amounts to eliminate transactions between segments.

| | Retail Banking | Mortgage Banking | | Other | , | Consolidated Totals |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|----|------------------------|
| | | Dollars in | thousar | ıds | | |
| Three Months Ended March 31, 2003 | | | | | | |
| Net interest income | \$ 1,752 | \$ 1,522 | \$ | (1) | \$ | 3,273 |
| Gain on sales of MSR and loans, net | 24 | 11,437 | | | | 11,461 |
| Servicing income | 5 | 1,720 | | | | 1,725 |
| Noncash items: | | | | | | |
| Provision for loan losses | 80 | | | | | 80 |
| MSR amortization & valuation | 4 | 2,989 | | | | 2,993 |
| Provision for income taxes | 181 | 1,376 | | (41) | | 1,516 |
| Segment profit | 350 | 2,659 | | (78) | | 2,931 |
| Segment assets | 211,531 | 209,084 | | (5,827) | | 414,788 |
| | | | | | | |
| Three Months Ended March 31, 2002 | | | | | | |
| Net interest income | \$ 1,519 | \$ 2,090 | \$ | (8) | \$ | 3,601 |
| Gain on sales of MSR and loans, net | 112 | 8,725 | | | | 8,837 |
| Servicing income | 2 | 1,268 | | | | 1,270 |
| Noncash items: | | | | | | |
| Provision for loan losses | 150 | | | | | 150 |
| MSR amortization & valuation | 2 | 1,090 | | | | 1,092 |
| Provision for income taxes | 207 | 1,566 | | (72) | | 1,701 |
| Segment profit | 402 | 3,028 | | (140) | | 3,290 |
| Segment assets | 136,933 | 156,577 | | (84) | | 293,426 |
| | | | | | | |

| Item 2: Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations |
|---|
| Forward Looking Statements |
| Certain information in this Form 10-Q may constitute forward-looking information that involves risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those estimated. Persons are cautioned that such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to various factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those estimated. These factors include, but are not limited to, changes in general economic and market conditions, legislative and regulatory changes, monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government, demand for loan and deposit products and the development of an interest rate environment that adversely affects the interest rate spread or other income from Pelican Financial s investments and operations. |
| EARNINGS PERFORMANCE |
| Pelican Financial reported net income of \$2.9 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 compared to net income of \$3.3 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2002. Diluted earnings per share was \$0.66 per share compared to \$0.74, per share for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2002 respectively. |
| For further explanation of the earnings performance, please see the discussion on the retail and mortgage banking segments to follow. |
| RESULTS OF OPERATIONS |
| Retail Banking |
| The following discussion provides information that relates specifically to Pelican Financial s retail banking line of business. |
| For the three months ended March 31, 2003, Pelican Financial s net income from retail banking activities primarily conducted by Pelican National totaled \$350,000. For the three months ended March 31, 2002 Pelican National s comparable net income was \$402,000. The decrease in net income for the period was primarily attributable to an increase in noninterest expense offset by an increase in net interest income. |

Net interest income was \$1.8 million and \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Net interest income increased as a result of the decrease in the cost of funds. This was due to the interest rate reductions by the Federal Reserve and the increase in

custodial accounts held by Pelican National related to Washtenaw s mortgage servicing portfolio.

Net Interest Income

Average Balance Sheet

The following table summarizes the average yields earned on interest-earning assets and the average rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities for Pelican Financial. With the exception of loans held for sale and other borrowings, the interest earning-assets and interest-bearing liabilities are attributable to Pelican National.

| | Three months ended March 31, | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|----|---------|------------|----|-------------------|----|---------|------------|
| | | A | : | 2003 | | | 4 | | 2002 | |
| | | Average Volume | I | nterest | Yield/Cost | | Average Volume | 1 | nterest | Yield/Cost |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-earning assets: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Federal funds sold | \$ | 31,438 | \$ | 100 | 1.279 | \$ | 9,911 | \$ | 41 | 1.65% |
| Securities | | 6,153 | | 78 | 5.07 | | 9,526 | | 112 | 4.70 |
| Loans held for sale | | 226,565 | | 3,491 | 6.16 | | 218,226 | | 3,762 | 6.90 |
| Loans receivable, net | | 102,473 | | 1,852 | 7.23 | | 105,804 | | 2,240 | 8.47 |
| Total interest-earning assets | | 366,629 | | 5,521 | 6.02 | | 343,467 | | 6,155 | 7.17 |
| Non-earning assets | | 17,528 | | | | | 28,989 | | | |
| Total assets | \$ | 384,157 | | | | \$ | 372,456 | | | |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest-bearing liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| NOW accounts | \$ | 793 | | 3 | 1.51 | \$ | 871 | | 2 | 0.92 |
| Money market accounts | | 7,719 | | 34 | 1.76 | | 6,370 | | 40 | 2.51 |
| Savings deposits | | 12,868 | | 58 | 1.80 | | 10,937 | | 88 | 3.22 |
| Time deposits | | 48,546 | | 490 | 4.04 | | 59,757 | | 762 | 5.10 |
| Other borrowings | | 187,358 | | 1,663 | 3.55 | | 194,157 | | 1,662 | 3.42 |
| Total interest-bearing liabilities | | 257,284 | | 2,248 | 3.49 | | 272,092 | | 2,554 | 3.75 |
| Noninterest-bearing liabilities | | 94,819 | | | | | 69,535 | | | |
| Stockholders equity | | 32,054 | | | | | 30,829 | | | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders equity | \$ | 384,157 | | | | \$ | 372,456 | | | |
| Interest rate spread | | | | | 2.53% | , | | | | 3.42% |
| Net interest income and net interest margin | | | \$ | 3,273 | 3.57% | , | | \$ | 3,601 | 4.19% |

Net interest income represents the excess of income on interest-earning assets over interest expense on interest bearing liabilities. The principal interest-earning assets are federal funds sold, investment securities and loans receivable. Interest-bearing liabilities primarily consist of notes payable, repurchase agreements, time deposits, interest-bearing checking accounts (NOW accounts), savings, deposits and money market accounts. Funds attracted by these interest-bearing liabilities are invested in interest-earning assets. Accordingly, net interest income depends upon the volume of average interest-earning assets and average interest bearing liabilities and the interest rates earned or paid on them.

Noninterest Income

Noninterest income for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$186,000 compared to \$176,000 for the same period in 2002, an increase of \$10,000 or 6%. This increase was primarily due to the gain on sale of securities of approximately \$72,000 offset by the decrease in gain on sale of loans of \$87,000. The decrease was the result of approximately \$2.5 million in marine loans that were sold in 2002. There was no similar sale during 2003.

Noninterest Expense

Total noninterest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$1.3 million, compared to \$936,000 for the same period in 2002, an increase of \$364,000 or 39%. The increase is primarily related to the cost of employee compensation and benefits that increased \$314,000. This was due to the approximate 25% increase in number of employees during the quarter. These employees were to staff the new branch in San Carlos, Florida and to increase the loan sales and operations staff.

Mortgage Banking

The following discussion provides information that relates specifically to Pelican Financial s mortgage banking line of business.

For the three months ended March 31, 2003, Pelican Financial s net income from mortgage banking activities primarily conducted by Washtenaw totaled \$2.7 million. For the three months ended March 31, 2002 Washtenaw s net income was \$3.0 million.

The volume of loans produced for the three months ended March 31, 2003 totaled \$897 million as compared to \$715 million for the three months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$182 million or 25%. The low mortgage interest rate environment continued during the three months ended March 31, 2003. In addition, Washtenaw continues to increase market share in the western half of the country. During the three months ended March 31, 2003, loan production in the western part of the country increased 22% to \$138 million.

Noninterest Income

Total noninterest income for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$13.4 million, compared to \$10.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2002, an increase of \$3.3 million or 33%. This increase was primarily due to a 31% increase in the gain on sales of mortgage servicing rights and loans of \$2.7 million.

The increase in gain on sale of mortgage servicing rights and loans was primarily due to an increase in the overall new loan origination volume in the first three months of 2003. In addition, the gains on sale of mortgage servicing rights and loans was affected by strong profit margins on each new loan origination as a result of the current interest rate environment. The increase in new loan originations are the result of the decrease in mortgage interest rates and increased market share by Washtenaw primarily in the western part of the United States.

Loan Servicing

At March 31, 2003, Washtenaw serviced \$2.5 billion of loans compared to \$2.2 billion at March 31, 2002, a 14% increase. Included in the \$2.5 billion is approximately \$300 million of loan servicing rights that have been sold but not yet transferred. The servicing was scheduled to transfer in the second quarter. In addition to these loans, Washtenaw has an agreement to sell the servicing rights related to monthly mortgage loan production on a monthly basis. During the three months ended March 31, 2003, Washtenaw was selling approximately 50% of its mortgage servicing rights under this agreement. Management intends to increase the monthly sales of its mortgage servicing rights to approximately 80% of total mortgage loan originations.

Washtenaw does not currently use any hedges on its mortgage loan servicing portfolio, as management believes that current mortgage loan production and an aggressive retention program will serve to limit its exposure to declining interest rates. In general, servicing right values tend to decline in a falling interest rate environment and increase in a rising interest rate environment. Management cannot predict future market interest rate levels or the magnitude of future servicing valuation adjustments; however, the potential for further impairment charges exist depending on the mortgage interest rate environment.

At March 31, 2003 and 2002, with the exception of servicing related to loans held for sale in Washtenaw s loan portfolio and servicing sold but not yet delivered, all loan servicing was serviced for others. Service fee income, net of amortization was \$536,000 and \$341,000 for the three

months ended March 31, 2003 and 2002 respectively.

Noninterest Expense

Total noninterest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$10.8 million, compared to \$7.5 million for the same period in 2002, an increase of \$3.3 million or 44%. This increase was primarily due to the increase in employee compensation and benefits expenses of approximately \$500,000, an increase in the amortization of mortgage servicing rights of \$569,000 an increase in other noninterest expense of \$799,000 and an increase in the mortgage servicing rights valuation adjustment of approximately \$1.6 million. The mortgage servicing rights valuation adjustment was due to a decrease in mortgage interest rates resulting in increases in expected prepayment speeds, which project the expected runoff of the mortgage loan servicing portfolio based on comparing the interest rates of the loans in the portfolio against current market interest rates. The increase in employee compensation and benefits was primarily the result of an increase in operations staff to service the additional loan volume. The increase

in amortization of mortgage servicing rights is the result of the increase in mortgage loan servicing portfolio and the increased speed in which the asset is being amortized due to the higher prepayment speeds. The largest of component of other noninterest expense is the expense for foreclosure and loan repurchases. As mortgage loan origination volume has increased during the past year, Washtenaw has seen an increase in the amount of repurchase requests and foreclosures.

BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS

The following is a discussion of the consolidated balance sheet of Pelican Financial.

ASSETS

At March 31, 2003, total assets of Pelican Financial equaled \$414.8 million as compared to \$385.7 million at December 31, 2002, an increase of \$29.1 million or 8%. The increase is primarily due to the increase in cash and cash equivalents.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents were \$81.8 million at March 31, 2003 compared to \$57.4 million at December 31, 2002. The increase of \$24.4 million or 43% was primarily the result of an increase in interest-bearing deposits of \$30.5 million. Excess liquidity at Pelican Financial will be used to fund loan originations in the future. The excess liquidity was caused by increased payoffs of outstanding loans and the increase of outstanding deposit balances of Washtenaw s custodial accounts at Pelican National.

Investment Securities

Pelican National primarily utilizes investments in securities for liquidity management and as a method of deploying excess funding not utilized for investment in loans. Pelican National has invested primarily in U. S. government and agency securities, federal funds, and U. S. government sponsored agency issued mortgage-backed securities. As required by SFAS No. 115, Pelican National classifies securities as held-to-maturity, available-for-sale, or trading. At March 31, 2003 and at December 31, 2002, all of the investment securities held in Pelican National s investment portfolio were classified as available for sale.

The following table contains information on the carrying value of Pelican National s investment portfolio at the dates indicated. At March 31, 2003, the market value of Pelican National s investment portfolio totaled \$8.6 million. During the periods indicated and except as otherwise noted, Pelican National had no securities of a single issuer that exceeded 10% of stockholders equity.

| | M | At (arch 31, 2003 | At December 31, 2002 | |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | (Dollars in | thousand | s) |
| U. S. Government agency (1) | \$ | 7,239 | \$ | 2,517 |

| Mortgage-backed securities | 38 | 43 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Federal Reserve Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank Stock | 1,330 | 1,330 |
| Total investment securities | \$ 8,607 | \$ 3,890 |

Loans Held for Sale

Loans held for sale were \$195.3 million at March 31, 2003 compared to \$192.5 million at December 31, 2002. This small increase of \$2.8 million or 1% was the result of Pelican Financial selling most of the loans originated during the quarter to the secondary market.

Loans Receivable

Total loans receivable were \$98.8 million at March 31, 2003, a decrease of \$5.7 million or 5% from \$104.5 million at December 31, 2002. The decrease resulted primarily from the higher level of loans that paid in full due to the declining interest rate environment.

The following table contains selected data relating to the composition of Pelican Financial s loan portfolio by type of loan at the dates indicated. This table includes mortgage loans available for sale and mortgage loans held for investment. Pelican Financial had no concentration of loans exceeding 10% of total loans that are not otherwise disclosed below.

| | March 31, 2003 | 3 | December 31, 2 | 2002 |
|--|----------------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent |
| Real estate loans: | | | | |
| Residential, one to four units | \$ 223,693 | 75.81% \$ | 220,882 | 74.12% |
| Commercial and industrial real estate | 51,505 | 17.45 | 58,014 | 19.47 |
| Construction | 3,331 | 1.13 | 2,905 | 0.98 |
| Total real estate loans | 278,529 | 94.39 | 281,801 | 94.57 |
| Other loans: | | | | |
| Business, commercial | 803 | 0.27 | 963 | 0.32 |
| Automobile | 585 | 0.20 | 739 | 0.25 |
| Boat | 14,177 | 4.80 | 13,465 | 4.52 |
| Other consumer | 977 | 0.33 | 1,024 | 0.34 |
| Total other loans | 16,542 | 5.61 | 16,191 | 5.43 |
| | | | | |
| Total gross loans | 295,071 | 100.00% | 297,992 | 100.00% |
| | | | | |
| Unearned fees, premiums and discounts, net | 133 | | 92 | |
| | | | | |
| Allowance for loan losses | (1,046) | | (1,062) | |
| | | | | |
| Total Loans net (1) | \$ 294,158 | \$ | 297,022 | |

⁽¹⁾ Includes loans held for sale and loans receivable, net

Mortgage Servicing Rights

Total mortgage servicing rights were \$15.6 million at March 31, 2003, an increase of \$1.8 million or 13% from \$13.8 million at December 31, 2002. Washtenaw has retained the servicing rights on a portion of current mortgage loan production. These additions were offset by \$3.0 million of amortization and impairment valuation adjustments on the servicing rights for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The impairment valuation adjustments were due to a decrease in mortgage interest rates resulting in increases in expected prepayment speeds, which project the expected runoff of the mortgage loan servicing portfolio based on comparing the interest rates of the loans in the portfolio against current market interest rates

Asset Quality

Pelican Financial is exposed to certain credit risks related to the value of the collateral that secures loans held in its portfolio and the ability of borrowers to repay their loans during the term thereof. Pelican Financial senior officers closely monitor the loan and real estate owned portfolios for potential problems on a continuing basis and report to the Board of Directors of Pelican Financial at regularly scheduled meetings. These officers regularly review the classification of loans and the allowance for losses. Pelican Financial also has a quality control department, the function of which is to provide the Board of Directors with an independent ongoing review and evaluation of the quality of the process by which lending assets are generated.

The following table sets forth certain information on nonperforming loans and other real estate owned, the ratio of such loans and other real estate owned to total loans and total assets as of the dates indicated.

| | At March 31, | | | At December 31, | | |
|--|--------------|--------|--------|------------------|----|--------|
| | | 2003 | | 2002 | | 2002 |
| | | | (Dolla | rs in thousands) | | |
| Nonaccrual loans | \$ | 1,452 | \$ | 2,310 | \$ | 1,557 |
| Loans past due 90 days or more but not on nonaccrual | | 345 | | 1,999 | | 767 |
| Total nonperforming loans | | 1,797 | | 4,309 | | 2,324 |
| | | | | | | |
| Other real estate owned | | 1,276 | | 344 | | 1,293 |
| Total nonperforming assets | \$ | 3,073 | \$ | 4,653 | \$ | 3,617 |
| | | | | | | |
| Total nonperforming assets to total assets | | 0.74% | | 1.59% | | 0.94% |
| Allowance for loan losses to nonperforming loans | | 58.21% | | 22.67% | | 45.70% |
| Nonperforming loans to total assets | | 0.43% | | 1.47% | | 0.60% |

Provision and Allowance for Loan Losses

Pelican National establishes an allowance for loan losses based upon a quarterly or more frequent evaluation by management of various factors inherent in the loan portfolio. These factors include the estimated market value of the underlying collateral, the growth and composition of the portfolio, current delinquency trends and prevailing economic conditions, including property values, employment and occupancy rates, interest rates, and other conditions that may affect the borrowers ability to comply with repayment terms. If actual losses exceed the amount of the allowance for loan losses, earnings could be adversely affected. As Pelican National s provision for loan losses is based on management s assessment of the probable incurred losses inherent in the loan portfolio based on all relevant factors and conditions, the allowance for loan losses represents both general and specific reserves. The provision for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$80,000. The provision for loan losses for the three months ended March 31, 2002 was \$150,000. The decrease is due to the decrease in the size of the loan portfolio and the decrease in total nonperforming loans.

The allowance for loan losses represented 1.05% of the loans receivable outstanding as of March 31, 2003 compared with 1.01% of the loans receivable outstanding as of December 31, 2002. The amount of the provision for loan losses charged to expense in each of these periods represents management s best estimate during those periods of the addition necessary to establish appropriate allowances for estimated, incurred credit losses. Such estimates were based on management s assessment of the current general economic conditions in Pelican National s market areas, the risk levels associated with the particular composition of the loan portfolio during such periods, and Pelican National s past collection experience.

LIABILITIES

At March 31, 2003, the total liabilities of Pelican Financial were \$380.6 million as compared to \$353.9 million at December 31, 2002, an increase of \$26.7 million or 8%. This increase was primarily due to increases in notes payable, due to bank, deposits and was partially offset by a decrease in repurchase agreements.

Deposits

Total deposits were \$178.5 million at March 31, 2003 compared to \$153.7 million at December 31, 2002 an increase of \$24.8 million or 16%. The primary cause of the increase was due to increased balances in the custodial accounts at Pelican National for Washtenaw s various investors. These accounts are for the principal, interest, taxes and insurance collected from the loans currently being serviced by Washtenaw. The balance in these accounts typically increases as the servicing portfolio balance increases. Also, the balance in the custodial accounts increase as loans in the servicing portfolio prepay during the month. The prepayment is forwarded to the investor in the first several days of the subsequent month.

Due to Bank

Due to bank was \$49.9 million at March 31, 2003 compared to \$34.8 at December 31, 2002. The increase of \$15.1 million or 43% was due to the increase of mortgage loan production at Washtenaw at the end of the quarter. Loan

production increased approximately 70% in the last week of the quarter ended March 31, 2003 compared to the year ended December 31, 2002. Due to Bank represents the drafts provided to fund the loans purchased by Washtenaw that have not yet been presented and cleared by the bank.

Notes Payable

Notes payable was \$56.0 million at March 31, 2003 compared to \$43.9 million at December 31, 2002. This increase of \$12.1 million or 28% was primarily caused by the significant increase in loan originations at the end of the quarter as described above. The notes payable represent the warehouse line of credit that Washtenaw uses to fund its loan production until such time that the loans are sold to the secondary market. Since such a high percentage of loans closed at the end of the quarter, Washtenaw was not able to sell all these loans to the secondary market or transfer the loans to repurchase agreements prior to the end of the quarter. The sale to the secondary market or transfer to repurchase agreements occurred early in the subsequent quarter.

Repurchase Agreements

Repurchase agreements were \$58.8 million at March 31, 2003 compared to \$83.0 million at December 31, 2002. This decrease of \$24.2 million or 29% was primarily the result increase in loan originations at the end of the quarter as described above. Washtenaw is unable to use repurchase agreements to fund loans until the note collateralizing the loan is received from the closing agent. This process usually takes two to five days. Therefore, when a large percentage of loans close at the end of a quarter, Washtenaw uses its warehouse line as an interim source of funds until the note is received.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Liquidity Management

The objective of liquidity management is to ensure the availability of sufficient resources to meet all financial commitments and to capitalize on opportunities for business expansion. Liquidity management addresses the ability to meet deposit withdrawals either on demand or by contractual maturity, to repay other borrowings as they mature and to make new loans and investments as opportunities arise.

To date Pelican Financial has conducted no business other than managing its investments in Pelican National and Washtenaw. Pelican Financial s source of funds is dividends paid by Washtenaw and Pelican National. Washtenaw s sources of funds include cash from gains on sales of mortgage loans and servicing, net interest income, servicing fees and borrowings. Washtenaw sells its mortgage loans generally on a monthly basis to generate cash for operations. Washtenaw s uses of cash in the short-term include the funding of mortgage loan purchases and originations and purchases of mortgage servicing rights, payment of interest, repayment of amounts borrowed pursuant to warehouse lines of credit, operating and administrative expenses, income taxes and capital expenditures. Long-term uses of cash may also include the funding of securitization activities or portfolios of loan or servicing assets.

Washtenaw funds its business through the use of a warehouse line of credit and the use of agreements to repurchase. The agreements to repurchase typically have terms of less than 90 days and are treated as a source of financing. The warehouse line of credit has a limit of \$70 million, of which \$13.5 million represents a sublimit for servicing under contract for sale, and \$7.2 million represents a working capital sublimit. Borrowing pursuant to the warehouse line of credit totaled \$56.0 million at March 31, 2003 and \$43.9 million at December 31, 2002. The interest rate on the warehouse line of credit is the Federal Funds Rate plus 1.50% resulting in an effective rate of 2.75% at March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002. The effective interest rate on the agreements to repurchase was 2.15% at March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002.

Washtenaw purchases its loans either by wiring funds to the closing agent or sending a draft. The decision is based on the requirements of the state where the loan is being purchased. When a draft is used, Washtenaw begins earning interest on the day the draft is issued but does not incur any cost of funds until the draft is presented to bank. When the draft clears the bank, Washtenaw will either borrow money on its warehouse line of credit or through its agreements to repurchase depending on the type of loan. Outstanding drafts totaled \$49.9 million at March 31, 2003 and \$34.8 million at December 31, 2002. The increase is the result of the surge in mortgage lending activity at the end of the quarter.

Pelican National s sources of funds include net increases in deposits, principal and interest payments on loans, proceeds from sales of loans held for sale, proceeds from maturities and sales and calls of available for sale securities.

The liquidity reserve may consist of cash on hand, cash on demand deposits with other correspondent banks, and other investments and short-term marketable securities as determined by the rules of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), such as federal funds sold and United States securities and securities guaranteed by the United States. At March 31, 2003, Pelican National had a liquidity ratio of 44%. This is calculated by adding all of Pelican National s cash, unpledged securities and federal funds sold and dividing by its total liabilities. Pelican National has available to it several contingent sources of funding. These include the ability to raise funds through brokered deposits, lines of credit and the sale of loans or participations.

Pelican Financial s ability to continue to purchase loans and mortgage servicing rights and to originate new loans is dependent in large part upon its ability to sell the mortgage loans at par or for a premium or to sell the mortgage servicing rights in the secondary market in order to generate cash proceeds to repay borrowings pursuant to the warehouse facility, thereby creating borrowing capacity to fund new purchases and originations. The value of and market for Pelican Financial s loans and mortgage servicing rights are dependent upon a number of factors, including the borrower credit risk classification, loan-to-value ratios and interest rates, general economic conditions, warehouse facility interest rates and governmental regulations.

Washtenaw generally grants commitments to fund mortgage loans for up to 30 days at a specified term and interest rate. The commitments are commonly known as rate-lock commitments. At March 31, 2003, Washtenaw had outstanding rate-lock commitments to lend \$415.3 million for mortgage loans. Because these commitments may expire without being drawn upon, they do not necessarily represent future cash commitments. Also, as of March 31, 2003, Washtenaw had outstanding commitments to sell \$365.5 million of mortgage loans. These commitments usually are funded within 90 days.

Capital Resources

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System s (FRB) capital adequacy guidelines mandate that minimum ratios be maintained by bank holding companies such as Pelican Financial. Pelican National is governed by capital adequacy guidelines mandated by the OCC.

Based upon their respective regulatory capital ratios at March 31, 2003 Pelican Financial and Pelican National are both well capitalized, based upon the definitions in the regulations issued by the FRB and the OCC setting forth the general capital requirements mandated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991.

The table below indicates the regulatory capital ratios of Pelican Financial and Pelican National and the regulatory categories for a well capitalized and adequately capitalized bank under the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action (all three capital ratios) at March 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002, respectively:

Actual

| | March 31, 2003 | | December 2002 | , | Required to be | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Pelican National | Pelican Financial | Pelican National | Pelican Financial | Adequately Capitalized | Well Capitalized | |
| Total Equity Capital to risk-weighted | | | | | | | |
| assets | 13.33% | 14.61% | 13.11% | 13.67% | 8.00% | 10.00% | |
| Total Tier 1 Capital to risk-weighted | | | | | | | |
| assets | 12.46% | 14.16% | 12.23% | 13.21% | 4.00% | 6.00% | |
| Tier 1 Capital to adjusted total assets | 8.73% | 8.05% | 8.77% | 7.58% | 4.00% | 5.00% | |
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Item 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

For a discussion of Pelican Financial s asset/liability management policies as well as the potential impact of interest rate changes upon the market value of Pelican Financial s portfolio, see Pelican Financial s Annual Report to Shareholders and Form 10-K. Management believes that there has been no material change in Pelican Financial s asset/liability position or the market value of Pelican Financial s portfolio since December 31, 2002.

Item 4: Controls and Procedures

The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Company (its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, respectively) have concluded, based on their evaluation as of a date within 90 days prior to the date of the filing of this report, that the Company s disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the company in the reports filed or submitted by it under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC s rules and forms, and include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in such reports is accumulated and communicated to the Company s management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

The Company s management, including the CEO and CFO, does not expect that its disclosure controls or its internal controls and procedures for financial reporting will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the control. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

There were no significant changes in the Company s internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of such evaluation.

Part II. Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

There has been no material changes to the pending legal proceedings to which Pelican Financial is a party since the filing of the registrant s Form 10-K.

| Item 2. | Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds |
|--------------|---|
| (a) Not Appl | icable |
| (b) Not Appl | icable |
| (c) Not Appl | icable |
| (d) Not Appl | icable |
| | |
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| Item 3. | Defaults Upon Senior Securities |
|------------|--|
| Not Applic | cable. |
| Item 4. | Submission of Matters to a Vote of Shareholders |
| None | |
| Item 5. | Other Information |
| | 4, 2003 the Board of Directors appointed S. Lynn Stokes Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors believes Mr. ets all the criteria required to perform his role as Chairman of the Audit Committee. |
| Item 6. | Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K |
| (a) Ez | xhibits |
| 99.1 | Certification of Principal Executive Officer |
| 99.2 | Certification of Principal Financial Officer |
| (b) Re | eports on Form 8-K |
| There were | e no reports on Form 8-K filed during the three month period March 31, 2003. |

Pelican Financial, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Signatures

Under 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.

Date: May 13, 2003 /s/ Charles C. Huffman

Charles C. Huffman

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 13, 2003 /s/ Howard M. Nathan

Howard M. Nathan

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Certification of Principal Executive Officer

| T | Charles | \boldsymbol{C} | Huffman | certify that: |
|---|---------|------------------|---------|---------------|
| | | | | |

- I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Pelican Financial, Inc.;
- Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- The registrant s other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
- a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
- evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the Evaluation Date); and
- c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
- The registrant s other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant s auditors and the audit committee of registrant s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
- a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant s auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and

- any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant s internal controls; and
- 6) The registrant s other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: May 13, 2003

/s/ Charles C. Huffman President and Chief Executive Officer

Certification of Principal Financial Officer

| I. Hov | vard M. | Nathan, | certify | that: |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|

- I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Pelican Financial, Inc.;
- Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- The registrant s other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14) for the registrant and we have:
- a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
- evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant s disclosure controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this quarterly report (the Evaluation Date); and
- c) presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on our evaluation as of the Evaluation Date;
- The registrant s other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation, to the registrant s auditors and the audit committee of registrant s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
- a) all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the registrant s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data and have identified for the registrant s auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls; and

- any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant s internal controls; and
- 6) The registrant s other certifying officers and I have indicated in this quarterly report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of our most recent evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Date: May 13, 2003

/s/ Howard M. Nathan
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer