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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 001-37487

AETHLON MEDICAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEVADA
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

13-3632859
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9635 GRANITE RIDGE DRIVE, SUITE 100, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(858) 459-7800
(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 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 (ss.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 whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one)

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). YES NO

As of November 2, 2017, the registrant had outstanding 15,095,867 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AETHLON MEDICAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2017 <u>(Unaudited)</u>	March 31, 2017 <u></u>
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 920,072	\$ 1,559,701
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	91,737	37,551
Total current assets	<u>1,011,809</u>	<u>1,597,252</u>
Property and equipment, net	38,858	29,223
Patents and patents pending, net	80,414	84,996
Deposits	14,897	14,897
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,145,978</u>	<u>\$ 1,726,368</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 275,579	\$ 484,423
Due to related parties	48,616	57,866
Other current liabilities	21,743	69,467
Total current liabilities	<u>345,938</u>	<u>611,756</u>
Convertible notes payable, net	<u>780,579</u>	<u>519,200</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,126,517</u>	<u>1,130,956</u>
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 13)		
Stockholders' Equity		
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share; 30,000,000 shares authorized as of September 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017; 9,618,909 and 8,797,086 shares issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2017 and March 31, 2017, respectively	9,618	8,796
Additional paid-in capital	97,023,094	94,445,739
Accumulated deficit	(96,923,845)	(93,778,156)
Total Aethlon Medical, Inc. stockholders' equity before noncontrolling interests	<u>108,867</u>	<u>676,379</u>
Noncontrolling interests	<u>(89,406)</u>	<u>(80,967)</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>19,461</u>	<u>595,412</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,145,978</u>	<u>\$ 1,726,368</u>

See accompanying notes.

AETHLON MEDICAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
For the Three and Six Month Periods Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Six Months Ended September 30, 2017	Six Months Ended September 30, 2016
REVENUES				
Government contract revenue	\$ —	\$ 387,438	\$ —	\$ 392,073
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Professional fees	383,178	510,982	726,201	1,078,731
Payroll and related expenses	618,081	1,813,003	1,248,308	2,158,190
General and administrative	234,914	290,131	421,913	513,681
Total operating expenses	<u>1,236,173</u>	<u>2,614,116</u>	<u>2,396,422</u>	<u>3,750,602</u>
OPERATING LOSS	<u>(1,236,173)</u>	<u>(2,226,678)</u>	<u>(2,396,422)</u>	<u>(3,358,529)</u>
OTHER EXPENSE				
Interest and other debt expenses	61,979	36,576	250,583	78,743
Loss on share for warrant exchanges	10,425	—	130,214	—
Loss on debt extinguishment	—	—	376,909	616,889
Warrant repricing expense	—	—	—	345,841
Total other expense	<u>72,404</u>	<u>36,576</u>	<u>757,706</u>	<u>1,041,473</u>
NET LOSS BEFORE NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS	<u>(1,308,577)</u>	<u>(2,263,254)</u>	<u>(3,154,128)</u>	<u>(4,400,002)</u>
LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS	<u>(4,671)</u>	<u>(7,668)</u>	<u>(8,439)</u>	<u>(15,400)</u>
NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	<u>\$ (1,303,906)</u>	<u>\$ (2,255,586)</u>	<u>\$ (3,145,689)</u>	<u>\$ (4,384,602)</u>
BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER COMMON SHARE	<u>\$ (0.14)</u>	<u>\$ (0.29)</u>	<u>\$ (0.35)</u>	<u>\$ (0.57)</u>
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING – BASIC AND DILUTED	<u>9,032,157</u>	<u>7,756,883</u>	<u>8,939,624</u>	<u>7,690,369</u>

See accompanying notes.

AETHLON MEDICAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Six Months Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016
(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended September 30, 2017	Six Months Ended September 30, 2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (3,154,128)	\$ (4,400,002)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	18,651	20,612
Stock based compensation	564,445	1,573,991
Warrant repricing expense	–	345,841
Common stock issued for services	33,600	–
Loss on share for warrant exchanges	130,214	–
Loss on debt extinguishment	376,909	616,889
Amortization of debt discount and deferred financing costs	185,089	46,639
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	–	5,752
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(54,186)	(12,507)
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	(194,421)	125,842
Due to related parties	(9,250)	(86,750)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(2,103,077)</u>	<u>(1,763,693)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(23,705)</u>	<u>(2,961)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(23,705)</u>	<u>(2,961)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock, net	1,650,314	266,612
Cash paid for repurchase of restricted stock units	<u>(163,161)</u>	<u>(67,343)</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>1,487,153</u>	<u>199,269</u>
Net decrease in cash	(639,629)	(1,567,385)
Cash at beginning of period	<u>1,559,701</u>	<u>2,123,737</u>
Cash at end of period	<u>\$ 920,072</u>	<u>\$ 556,352</u>
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Issuance of shares under conversions of convertible notes payable and related accrued interest	<u>\$ 362,765</u>	<u>\$ 32,321</u>
Issuance of shares under vested restricted stock units	<u>\$ 45</u>	<u>\$ 30</u>
Recorded debt discount on convertible notes	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 75,994</u>
Issuance of shares under cashless warrant exchanges	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>
Reclassification of accrued interest to convertible notes payable	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 85,031</u>

See accompanying notes.

AETHLON MEDICAL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)
September 30, 2017

1. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

ORGANIZATION

Aethlon Medical, Inc. and subsidiary (collectively, “Aethlon”, the “Company”, “we” or “us”) are a medical technology company focused on addressing unmet needs in global health and biodefense. The Aethlon Hemopurifier® is an early clinical-stage therapeutic device designed for the single-use removal of life-threatening viruses from the circulatory system of infected individuals. We believe the Hemopurifier can be a part of the broad-spectrum treatment of life-threatening highly glycosylated viruses that are not addressed with an already approved treatment countermeasure objectives set forth by the U.S. Government to protect citizens from bioterror and pandemic threats. In small-scale or early feasibility human studies, the Hemopurifier has been administered to individuals infected with HIV, Hepatitis-C, and Ebola. Additionally, the Hemopurifier has been validated to capture Zika virus, Lassa virus, MERS-CoV, Cytomegalovirus, Epstein-Barr virus, Herpes Simplex virus, Chikungunya virus, Dengue virus, West Nile virus, Smallpox-related viruses, H1N1 Swine Flu virus, H5N1 Bird Flu virus, and the reconstructed Spanish flu virus of 1918. In several cases, these validations were conducted in collaboration with leading government or non-government research institutes. Domestically, we are focused on the clinical advancement of the Hemopurifier through investigational device exemptions (IDEs) approved by FDA. We recently concluded a feasibility study to demonstrate the safety of our device in health-compromised individuals infected with a viral pathogen.

We are also the majority owner of Exosome Sciences, Inc. (ESI), a company focused on the discovery of exosomal biomarkers to diagnose and monitor life-threatening diseases. Included among ESI’s endeavors is the advancement of a TauSome™ biomarker candidate to diagnose Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) in the living. ESI previously documented that TauSome levels in former NFL players to be nine times higher than same age-group control subjects.

Successful outcomes of human trials will also be required by the regulatory agencies of certain foreign countries where we intend to sell this device. Some of our patents may expire before FDA approval or approval in a foreign country, if any, is obtained. However, we believe that certain patent applications and/or other patents issued more recently will help protect the proprietary nature of the Hemopurifier treatment technology.

On March 31, 2016, we filed a Certificate of Amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to increase our authorized common stock from 10,000,000 to 30,000,000 shares. Our stockholders approved the amendment at our annual meeting of stockholders held on March 29, 2016.

Our executive offices are located at 9635 Granite Ridge Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92123. Our telephone number is (858) 459-7800. Our website address is www.aethlonmedical.com.

Our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “AEMD.”

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, there have been no changes to our significant accounting policies as described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 8 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended March 31, 2017, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on June 28, 2017. The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Aethlon Medical, Inc. and its majority-owned subsidiary. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contain all normal recurring accruals and adjustments that, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the condensed consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended September 30, 2017, and the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the six months ended September 30, 2017. Estimates were made relating to useful lives of fixed assets, valuation allowances, the fair value of warrants, impairment of assets, share-based compensation expense and accruals for clinical trial and research and development expenses. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. Certain amounts previously reported in the financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. Such reclassifications did not affect net loss, equity or cash flows. The accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2017 has been derived from the audited consolidated balance sheet at March 31, 2017, contained in the above referenced 10-K. The results of operations for the six months ended September 30, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year or any future interim periods.

LIQUIDITY AND GOING CONCERN

Management expects existing cash as of September 30, 2017 coupled with the \$5,289,735 in net proceeds from an equity financing that closed on October 4, 2017 (see Note 14) to be sufficient to fund the Company's operations for at least twelve months from the issuance date of these interim financial statements.

2. LOSS PER COMMON SHARE

Basic loss per share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period of computation. The weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the three and six months ended September 30, 2017 includes 46,125 vested restricted stock units. Diluted loss per share is computed similar to basic loss per share except that the denominator is increased to include the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if potential common shares had been issued, if such additional common shares were dilutive. Since we had net losses for all periods presented, basic and diluted loss per share are the same, and additional potential common shares have been excluded as their effect would be antidilutive.

As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, a total of 3,725,423 and 3,289,606 potential common shares, consisting of shares underlying outstanding stock options, warrants, unvested restricted stock units and convertible notes payable were excluded as their inclusion would be antidilutive.

3. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

Our research and development costs are expensed as incurred. We incurred research and development expenses during the three and six month periods ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, which are included in various operating expense line items in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. Our research and development expenses in those periods were as follows:

	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016
Three months ended	\$ 168,570	\$ 280,860
Six months ended	\$ 333,433	\$ 377,843

4. FUTURE ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Management is evaluating significant recent accounting pronouncements that are not yet effective for us, including the new accounting standard on improvements to employee share based payment accounting, ASU 2016-09 (Topic 718), the new accounting standard related to leases, ASU 2016-02 (Topic 842), the new accounting standard for recognition and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities, and the new accounting standard on revenue recognition, ASU 2014-09 (Topic 606), and have not yet concluded whether any such pronouncements will have a significant effect on our future consolidated financial statements.

5. CONVERTIBLE NOTES PAYABLE, NET

Convertible Notes Payable, Net consisted of the following at September 30, 2017:

	Principal	Unamortized Discount	Net Amount	Accrued Interest
Convertible Notes Payable, Net – Non-Current Portion:				
November 2014 10% Convertible Notes	\$ 612,811	\$ (130,896)	\$ 481,915	\$ 3,745
December 2016 10% Convertible Notes	379,780	(81,116)	298,664	2,326
Total Convertible Notes Payable, Net	<u>\$ 992,591</u>	<u>\$ (212,012)</u>	<u>\$ 780,579</u>	<u>\$ 6,071</u>

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we recorded interest expense of \$62,826 related to the contractual interest rates of our convertible notes and interest expense of \$185,089 related to the amortization of the note discount for a total interest expense of \$247,915 related to our convertible notes in the six months ended September 30, 2017. All of the unamortized discount at June 30, 2017 related to the note discount established upon the June 2017 amendment to both the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes and the December 2016 10% Convertible Notes (see below).

Convertible Notes Payable, Net consisted of the following at March 31, 2017 (our most recent fiscal year end):

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Unamortized Discount</u>	<u>Net Amount</u>	<u>Accrued Interest</u>
Convertible Notes Payable, Net – Non-Current Portion:				
November 2014 10% Convertible Notes	\$ 612,811	\$ (275,363)	\$ 337,448	\$ 2,555
December 2016 10% Convertible Notes	680,400	(498,648)	181,752	2,836
Total Convertible Notes Payable, Net	<u>\$ 1,293,211</u>	<u>\$ (774,011)</u>	<u>\$ 519,200</u>	<u>\$ 5,391</u>

During the six months ended September 30, 2016, we recorded interest expense of \$30,794 related to the contractual interest rates of our convertible notes, interest expense of \$27,641 related to the amortization of deferred financing costs and interest expense of \$18,998 related to the amortization of note discounts for a total interest expense of \$77,433 related to our convertible notes in the six months ended September 30, 2016.

NOVEMBER 2014 10% CONVERTIBLE NOTES

In November 2014, we entered into a subscription agreement with two accredited investors providing for the issuance and sale of (i) convertible promissory notes in the aggregate principal amount of \$527,780 (the “Notes”) and (ii) five year warrants to purchase up to 47,125 shares of common stock at a fixed exercise price of \$8.40 per share (the “Warrants”). These Notes bear interest at the annual rate of 10% and originally matured on April 1, 2016.

The aggregate gross cash proceeds to us were \$415,000 after subtracting legal fees of \$35,000, a \$27,780 due diligence fee and an original issuance discount of \$50,000. We recorded deferred financing costs of \$112,780 to reflect the legal fees, due diligence fee and original issuance discount and will amortize those costs over the life of the Notes using the effective interest method.

These Notes are convertible at the option of the holders into shares of our common stock at a fixed price of \$5.60 per share, for up to an aggregate of 94,246 shares of common stock. There are no registration requirements with respect to the shares of common stock underlying the Notes or the Warrants.

The estimated relative fair value of Warrants issued in connection with the Notes was recorded as a debt discount and is amortized as additional interest expense over the term of the underlying debt. We recorded debt discount of \$240,133 based on the relative fair value of these Warrants. In addition, as the effective conversion price of the Notes was less than market price of the underlying common stock on the date of issuance, we recorded an additional debt discount of \$287,647 related to the beneficial conversion feature.

Initial Amendment of the November 2014 10% Convertible Note Terms

On November 12, 2015, we entered into an amendment of terms (“Amendment of Terms”) with the two investors that participated in the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes. The Amendment of Terms modified the terms of the subscription agreement, Notes and Warrants held by those investors to, among other things, extended the maturity date of the Notes from April 1, 2016 to June 1, 2016, temporarily reduced the number of shares that we must reserve with respect to conversion of the Notes, and temporarily suspended the time period during which one of the investors may exercise its Warrants. In exchange for the investors’ agreements in the Amendment of Terms, we paid one of the investors a cash fee of \$90,000, which we recorded as deferred financing costs and amortized over the remaining term of the notes.

Second Amendment and Extension of the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes

On June 27, 2016, we and certain investors entered into further Amendments (the “Amendments”) to the Notes and the Warrants. The Amendments provide that the Maturity Date (as defined in the Notes) was extended from June 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017 and that the conversion price per share of the Notes was reduced from \$5.60 per share of common stock to \$5.00 per share of common stock. In addition, we reduced the purchase price (as defined in the Warrants) from \$8.40 per share to \$5.00 per share of common stock. In connection with these modifications, each of the investors signed a Consent and Waiver providing its consent under certain restrictive provisions, and waiving certain rights, including a right to participate in certain offerings made by us, under a Securities Purchase Agreement dated June 23, 2015, (the “2015 SPA”) to which we, the investors and certain other investors are parties, in order to facilitate an at-the-market equity program (see Note 6).

The Amendments also increase the principal amount of the Notes to \$692,811 (in the aggregate) to (i) include accrued and unpaid interest through June 15, 2016, and (ii) increase the principal amount by \$80,000 (in the aggregate) as an extension fee for the extended maturity date of the Notes. With respect to each Note, we entered into an Allonge to Convertible Promissory Note (each, an “Allonge”) reflecting the changes in the principal amount, Maturity Date and conversion price of the Note.

We also issued to the investors new warrants (the “New Warrants”) to purchase an aggregate of 30,000 shares of common stock with a Purchase Price (as defined in the New Warrants) of \$5.00 per share of common stock. We issued the New Warrants in substantially the same form as the prior Warrants, and the New Warrants will expire on November 6, 2019, the same date on which the prior Warrants will expire.

The modification of the Notes was evaluated under FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic No. 470-50-40, “Debt Modification and Extinguishments” (“ASC 470-50-40”). Therefore, according to the guidance, the instruments were determined to be substantially different, and the transaction qualified for extinguishment accounting. As a result, we recorded a loss on debt extinguishment of \$536,889 and recognized an extension fee expense of \$80,000, which are included in other (income) expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. The debt extinguishment is comprised from the fair value of prior warrants issued in connection with the Notes of \$287,676, as well as \$325,206 related to beneficial conversion feature and offset by debt discount of \$75,993. The beneficial conversion feature is a result of the effective conversion price of the new Notes being less than the market price of the underlying common stock on the date of modification.

Third Amendment and Extension of the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes

In connection with the issuance of the December 2016 10% Convertible Notes, the conversion price of the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes was reduced from \$5.00 to \$4.00 per share and the expiration date of the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes was extended from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018.

The modification of the Notes was evaluated under ASC 470-50-40 and the instruments were determined to be substantially different, and the transaction qualified for extinguishment accounting. As a result, we recorded a gain on debt extinguishment of \$58,691, which is included in other (income) expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. The recording of the modified Notes resulted in a beneficial conversion of \$233,748 which is the result of the effective conversion price of the new Notes being less than the market price of the underlying common stock on the date of modification.

June 2017 Amendment to the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes

In June 2017, we agreed with the holders of the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes to an extension of the expiration dates of the notes from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019 in exchange for the reduction of the conversion price of those notes from \$4.00 per share to \$3.00 per share. The modification of the Notes was evaluated under ASC 470-50-40 and the instruments were determined to be substantially different, and the transaction qualified for extinguishment accounting. Under the extinguishment accounting we recorded a loss on debt extinguishment of \$178,655 and recalculated a revised debt discount on the notes.

The following table shows the changes to the principal balance of the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes:

Activity in the November 2014 10% Convertible Notes	
Initial principal balance	\$ 527,780
Increase in principal balance under the second amendment (see above)	165,031
Conversions during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017	(80,000)
Balance as of September 30, 2017	<u>\$ 612,811</u>

DECEMBER 2016 10% CONVERTIBLE NOTES

In December 2016, we entered into a securities purchase agreement (the “Securities Purchase Agreement”) with two accredited investors (collectively, the “Holders”), pursuant to which the Holders purchased an aggregate of \$680,400 principal amount of Notes (inclusive of due diligence fee of \$30,000 deemed paid as a subscription amount in the form of a Note in the principal amount of \$32,400) for an aggregate cash subscription amount of \$600,000 and (b) warrants to purchase 127,575 shares of Common Stock (collectively, the “Warrants”).

The Notes bear interest at the rate of 10% per annum, and the principal amount and all accrued and unpaid interest thereon is convertible into shares of our common stock at a \$4.00 per share conversion price, which is subject to customary adjustment provisions for stock splits, dividends, recapitalizations and the like. The Notes mature on July 1, 2018 and are subject to customary and usual terms for events of default and the like. Each Holder has contractually agreed to restrict its ability to convert its Note such that the number of shares of the Common Stock held by the Holder and its affiliates after such exercise does not exceed 4.99% of our then issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

The Warrants issued to the Holders are exercisable for a period of five years from the date of issuance at an exercise price of \$4.50, subject to adjustment. A Holder may exercise a Warrant by paying the exercise price in cash or by exercising the Warrant on a cashless basis. In the event a Holder exercises a Warrant on a cashless basis, we will not receive any proceeds. The exercise price of the Warrants is subject to customary adjustments provision for stock splits, stock dividends, recapitalizations and the like. Each Holder has contractually agreed to restrict its ability to exercise its Warrant such that the number of shares of the Common Stock held by the Holder and its affiliates after such exercise does not exceed 4.99% of our then issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

The estimated relative fair value of Warrants issued in connection with the Notes was recorded as a debt discount and is being amortized as additional interest expense over the term of the underlying debt. We recorded debt discount of \$232,718 based on the relative fair value of these Warrants. In addition, as the effective conversion price of the Notes was less than market price of the underlying common stock on the date of issuance, we recorded an additional debt discount of \$262,718 related to the beneficial conversion feature. We also recorded deferred financing costs of \$102,940, which was composed of an 8% original issue discount of \$50,400, a \$30,000 due diligence fee (which was paid in the form of a note), \$22,500 in legal fees, and a \$40 bank charge. The combination of the above items led to a combined discount against the convertible notes of \$598,376.

June 2017 Amendment to the December 2016 10% Convertible Notes

In June 2017, we agreed with the holders of the December 2016 10% Convertible Notes to an extension of the expiration dates of the notes from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019 in exchange for the reduction of the conversion price of those notes from \$4.00 per share to \$3.00 per share. The modification of the notes was evaluated under ASC 470-50-40 and the instruments were determined to be substantially different, and the transaction qualified for extinguishment accounting. Under the extinguishment accounting we recorded a loss on debt extinguishment of \$198,254 and recalculated a revised debt discount on the notes.

The following table shows the changes to the principal balance of the December 2016 10% Convertible Notes:

<u>Activity in the December 2016 10% Convertible Notes</u>	
Initial principal balance	\$ 680,400
Conversions during the six months ended September 30, 2017	(300,620)
Balance as of September 30, 2017	<u>\$ 379,780</u>

6. EQUITY TRANSACTIONS IN THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Common Stock Sales Agreement with H.C. Wainwright

On June 28, 2016, we entered into a Common Stock Sales Agreement (the "Agreement") with H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC ("H.C. Wainwright") which establishes an at-the-market equity program pursuant to which we may offer and sell shares of our common stock from time to time as set forth in the Agreement. The Agreement provides for the sale of shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$12,500,000 (the "Shares").

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, H.C. Wainwright will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices to sell the Shares from time to time, based upon our instructions. We have provided H.C. Wainwright with customary indemnification rights, and H.C. Wainwright will be entitled to a commission at a fixed rate equal to three percent (3.0%) of the gross proceeds per Share sold. In addition, we have agreed to pay certain expenses incurred by H.C. Wainwright in connection with the Agreement, including up to \$50,000 of the fees and disbursements of their counsel. The Agreement will terminate upon the sale of all of the Shares under the Agreement unless terminated earlier by either party as permitted under the Agreement (see Note 14).

Sales of the Shares, if any, under the Agreement shall be made in transactions that are deemed to be "at the market offerings" as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act, including sales made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions, including on the Nasdaq Capital Market, at market prices or as otherwise agreed with H.C. Wainwright. We have no obligation to sell any of the Shares, and, at any time, we may suspend offers under the Agreement or terminate the Agreement.

In July 2016, we commenced sales of common stock under our Common Stock Sales Agreement with H.C. Wainwright. In the six months ended September 30, 2017, we raised aggregate net proceeds of \$1,650,314 (net of \$51,157 in commissions to H.C. Wainwright and \$3,750 in other offering expenses) under this agreement through the sale of 601,504 shares at an average price of \$2.74 per share of net proceeds.

In connection with an equity offering that closed on October 4, 2017, we agreed to restrict our ability to use the ATM facility for a 90 day period immediately post-closing (see Note 14).

Restricted Shares Issued for Services

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we issued 15,000 shares of restricted common stock at a price of \$2.24 per share, the market price at time of issuance, in payment for investor relations consulting services valued at \$33,600 based on the grant date closing market price of our common stock.

Share for Warrant Exchanges

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we agreed with two individual investors to exchange 11,497 restricted shares for the cancellation of 22,993 warrants and we entered into an Exchange Agreement with two institutional investors under which we issued 57,844 restricted shares in exchange for the cancellation of 77,125 warrants held by those investors. We also agreed with those institutional investors that they would extend the expiration dates of convertible notes held by those investors from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019 in exchange for the reduction of the conversion price of those notes from \$4.00 per share to \$3.00 per share (see Note 5).

Additionally, we entered into an agreement with a former placement agent to issue 5,500 restricted shares in exchange for the cancellation of 11,000 warrants held by that placement agent. We measured the fair value of the shares issued and the fair value of the warrants exchanged for those shares and recorded losses for each of those exchanges based on the changes in fair value between the instruments exchanged. Based upon the fair value of the shares issued and warrants exchanged, we recorded a loss of \$130,214 during the six months ended September 30, 2017 for all of the above share for warrant exchanges.

Stock Option Issuances

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we issued options to four of our employees to purchase 34,500 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.68 per share, the closing price on the date of the approval of the option grants by our compensation committee (see Note 9).

Termination of Restricted Share Grant

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we terminated a previously recorded but unissued share issuance of 68,000 shares under a fully vested restricted stock grant to our CEO and issued to him 32,674 shares as a net settlement of shares and the Company paid the withholding taxes associated with that share issuance in return for the cancellation of 35,326 shares. The compensation cost of that restricted stock grant had been fully recorded over prior fiscal years, therefore no expense was recorded regarding this net issuance.

Restricted Stock Unit Grants to Executive Officers

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, 92,250 vested RSUs held by our executives were exchanged into the same number of shares of our common stock. As our executives elected to net settle a portion of their RSU's in exchange for the Company paying the related withholding taxes on the share issuance, 47,368 of the RSUs were cancelled and we issued a net 44,882 shares to our executives (see Note 9).

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Due to Related Parties

During the three months ended September 30, 2017, we accrued unpaid Board fees of \$19,750 which are owed to our outside directors as of September 30, 2017.

8. OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other current liabilities were comprised of the following items:

	September 30, 2017	March 31, 2017
Accrued interest	\$ 6,071	\$ 5,391
Other accrued liabilities	15,672	64,076
Total other current liabilities	<u>\$ 21,743</u>	<u>\$ 69,467</u>

9. STOCK COMPENSATION

The following tables summarize share-based compensation expenses relating to Restricted Stock Units (“RSU”)s and options granted and the effect on basic and diluted loss per common share during the three and six month periods ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2017	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Six Months Ended September 30, 2017	Six Months Ended September 30, 2016
Vesting of stock options and restricted stock units	\$ 283,534	\$ 1,523,280	\$ 564,445	\$ 1,573,991
Total stock-based compensation expense	<u>\$ 283,534</u>	<u>\$ 1,523,280</u>	<u>\$ 564,445</u>	<u>\$ 1,573,991</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding – basic and diluted	<u>9,032,157</u>	<u>7,756,883</u>	<u>8,939,624</u>	<u>7,690,369</u>
Basic and diluted loss per common share attributable to stock-based compensation expense	<u>\$ (0.03)</u>	<u>\$ (0.20)</u>	<u>\$ (0.06)</u>	<u>\$ (0.20)</u>

All of the stock-based compensation expense recorded during the six months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, which totaled \$564,445 and \$1,573,991, respectively, is included in payroll and related expense in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. Stock-based compensation expense recorded during the six months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 represented an impact on basic and diluted loss per common share of \$(0.06) and \$(0.20), respectively.

We review share-based compensation on a quarterly basis for changes to the estimate of expected award forfeitures based on actual forfeiture experience. The cumulative effect of adjusting the forfeiture rate for all expense amortization is recognized in the period the forfeiture estimate is changed. The effect of forfeiture adjustments for the six months ended September 30, 2017 was insignificant.

Restricted Stock Unit Grants to Directors and Executive Officers

On August 9, 2016, our Board of Directors granted RSUs to certain of our officers and directors. The RSUs represent the right to be issued on a future date shares of our common stock for vested RSUs. Our Compensation Committee recommended the grants based on a compensation assessment provided by a third-party compensation consulting firm engaged by us that developed a peer group of companies for market assessment and analyzed compensation at such companies.

The RSUs were granted under our Amended 2010 Stock Incentive Plan and we recorded expense of \$521,397 in the six months ended September 30, 2017 related to the RSU grants.

RSUs outstanding that have vested and are expected to vest as of September 30, 2017 are as follows:

	<u>Number of RSUs</u>
Vested	46,125
Expected to vest	415,125
Total	<u>461,250</u>

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, 92,250 vested RSUs held by our executives were exchanged into the same number of shares of our common stock. As our executives elected to net settle a portion of their RSU's in exchange for the Company paying the related withholding taxes on the share issuance, 47,368 of the RSUs were cancelled and we issued a net 44,882 shares to our executives.

Stock Option Activity

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we issued options to four of our employees to purchase 34,500 shares of common stock at a price of \$1.68 per share, the closing price on the date of the approval of the option grants by our compensation committee. There were no stock option grants during the six months ended September 30, 2016.

Options outstanding that have vested and are expected to vest as of September 30, 2017 are as follows:

	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u>	<u>Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term in Years</u>
Vested	432,047	\$ 10.98	3.89
Expected to vest	34,500	\$ 1.68	9.71
Total	<u>466,547</u>		

The following outlines the significant weighted average assumptions used to estimate the fair value information presented, with respect to stock option grants utilizing the Binomial Lattice option pricing models at, and during the six months ended September 30, 2017:

Risk free interest rate	2.21%
Average expected life	10 years
Expected volatility	92.14%
Expected dividends	None

The expected volatility was based on the historic volatility. The expected life of options granted was based on the "simplified method" as described in the SEC's guidance due to changes in the vesting terms and contractual life of current option grants compared to our historical grants.

A summary of stock option activity during the six months ended September 30, 2017 is presented below:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Range of Exercise Price</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u>
Stock options outstanding at March 31, 2017	432,047	\$3.80-\$20.50	\$ 10.98
Exercised	-	-	-
Granted	34,500	\$1.68	\$ 1.68
Cancelled/Expired	-	-	-
Stock options outstanding at September 30, 2017	<u>466,547</u>	<u>\$1.68-\$20.50</u>	<u>\$ 10.30</u>
Stock options exercisable at September 30, 2017	<u>432,047</u>	<u>\$3.80-\$20.50</u>	<u>\$ 10.98</u>

On September 30, 2017, our stock options had no intrinsic value since the closing price on that date of \$1.54 per share was below the weighted average exercise price of our stock options.

At September 30, 2017, there was approximately \$2.4 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to share-based payments, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.10 years.

10. WARRANTS

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we did not issue any warrants.

A summary of warrant activity during the six months ended September 30, 2017 is presented below:

	Amount	Range of Exercise Price	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Warrants outstanding at March 31, 2017	2,604,096	\$2.10 - \$12.05	\$ 3.64
Exercised	-	n/a	n/a
Issued	-	n/a	n/a
Cancelled/Expired	(139,357)	\$5.00 - \$15.00	\$ 6.52
Warrants outstanding at September 30, 2017	<u>2,464,739</u>	\$2.10 - \$12.05	\$ 3.48
Warrants exercisable at September 30, 2017	<u>2,464,739</u>	\$2.10 - \$12.05	\$ 3.48

The following outlines the significant weighted average assumptions used to estimate the fair value information presented, with respect to warrants utilizing the Binomial Lattice option pricing models at, and during the six months ended September 30, 2016:

Risk free interest rate	0.79% - 1.38%
Average expected life	3 months - 2.33 years
Expected volatility	65.9% - 111.1%
Expected dividends	None

The expected volatility was based on the historic volatility. The expected life of options granted was based on the "simplified method" as described in the SEC's guidance due to changes in the vesting terms and contractual life of current option grants compared to our historical grants.

Based on the above assumptions, we valued the warrants that were exchanged for common stock (see Note 6) during the six months ended September 30, 2017 at \$130,214.

11. DARPA CONTRACT AND RELATED REVENUE RECOGNITION

We entered into a contract with Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency ("DARPA") on September 30, 2011. Under the DARPA award, we have been engaged to develop a therapeutic device to reduce the incidence of sepsis, a fatal bloodstream infection that often results in the death of combat-injured soldiers. The award from DARPA was a fixed-price contract with potential total payments to us of \$6,794,389 over the course of five years. Fixed price contracts require the achievement of multiple, incremental milestones to receive the full award during each year of the contract. Under the terms of the contract, we performed certain incremental work towards the achievement of specific milestones against which we invoiced the government for fixed payment amounts.

Originally, only the base year (year one of the contract) was effective for the parties; however, DARPA subsequently exercised its option on the remaining years of the contract. The milestones were comprised of planning, engineering and clinical targets, the achievement of which in some cases required the participation and contribution of third-party participants under the contract. We commenced work under the contract in October 2011 and completed the contract in September 2016.

In February 2014, DARPA reduced the scope of our contract in years three through five of the contract. The reduction in scope focused our research on exosomes, viruses and blood processing instrumentation. This scope reduction reduced the possible payments under the contract by \$858,469 over years three through five.

The DARPA contract concluded on September 30, 2016.

In the six months ended September 30, 2016, we invoiced the U.S. Government for the final two milestones under our DARPA contract in the aggregate amount of \$387,438.

The details of those milestones were as follows:

Milestone 2.6.1.3 - Quantify the degree to which the MERS virus can be extracted from circulation in vitro using miniature Hemopurifiers. The milestone payment was \$193,719. Management considers this milestone to be substantive as it was not dependent on the passage of time nor was it based solely on another party's efforts. We quantified the degree to which the MERS virus can be extracted from circulation in vitro using miniature Hemopurifiers. The report was accepted by the contracting officer's representative and the invoice was submitted thereafter.

Milestone 2.6.1.4 – Prepare and present Final Report for DARPA. The milestone payment was \$193,719. Management considers this milestone to be substantive as it was not dependent on the passage of time nor was it based solely on another party's efforts. We prepared and presented the Final Report for DARPA. The report was accepted by the contracting officer's representative and the invoice was submitted thereafter.

12. SEGMENTS

We operate our businesses principally through two reportable segments: Aethlon, which represents our therapeutic business activities, and ESI, which represents our diagnostic business activities. Our reportable segments have been determined based on the nature of the potential products being developed. We record discrete financial information for ESI and our chief operating decision maker reviews ESI's operating results in order to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the ESI segment and to assess its performance.

Aethlon's revenue is generated primarily from government contracts to date and ESI does not yet have any revenues. We have not included any allocation of corporate overhead to the ESI segment.

The following tables set forth certain information regarding our segments:

	Six Months Ended September 30,	
	2017	2016
Revenues:		
Aethlon	\$ —	\$ 392,073
ESI	—	—
Total Revenues	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 392,073</u>
Operating Losses:		
Aethlon	\$ (2,373,066)	\$ (3,281,530)
ESI	(23,356)	(76,999)
Total Operating Loss	<u>\$ (2,396,422)</u>	<u>\$ (3,358,529)</u>
Net Losses:		
Aethlon	\$ (3,130,772)	\$ (4,323,003)
ESI	(23,356)	(76,999)
Net Loss Before Non-Controlling Interests	<u>\$ (3,154,128)</u>	<u>\$ (4,400,002)</u>
Cash:		
Aethlon	\$ 919,612	\$ 553,884
ESI	460	2,468
Total Cash	<u>\$ 920,072</u>	<u>\$ 556,352</u>
Total Assets:		
Aethlon	\$ 1,118,433	\$ 914,179
ESI	27,545	36,656
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,145,978</u>	<u>\$ 950,835</u>
Capital Expenditures:		
Aethlon	\$ 23,705	\$ 2,961
ESI	—	—
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$ 23,705</u>	<u>\$ 2,961</u>
Depreciation and Amortization:		
Aethlon	\$ 18,651	\$ 10,822
ESI	—	9,790
Total Depreciation and Amortization	<u>\$ 18,651</u>	<u>\$ 20,612</u>
Interest Expense:		
Aethlon	\$ (250,583)	\$ (78,743)
ESI	—	—
Total Interest Expense	<u>\$ (250,583)</u>	<u>\$ (78,743)</u>

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Lease Commitments

We currently rent approximately 2,600 square feet of executive office space at 9635 Granite Ridge Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123 at the rate of \$6,054 per month on a four-year lease that expires in January 2019. We also rent approximately 1,700 square feet of laboratory space at 11585 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 109, San Diego, California 92121 at the rate of \$4,548 per month on a one-year lease that was extended to an expiration date of November 30, 2018.

Rent expense, which is included in general and administrative expenses, approximated \$77,000 and \$79,000 for the six month periods ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Legal Matters

From time to time, claims are made against us in the ordinary course of business, which could result in litigation. Claims and associated litigation are subject to inherent uncertainties and unfavorable outcomes could occur, such as monetary damages, fines, penalties or injunctions prohibiting us from selling one or more products or engaging in other activities.

The occurrence of an unfavorable outcome in any specific period could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations for that period or future periods. We are not presently a party to any pending or threatened legal proceedings.

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events subsequent to June 30, 2017 through the date that the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for transactions and other events which may require adjustment of and/or disclosure in such financial statements.

Public Offering -- On October 4, 2017, we consummated a public offering of 5,454,546 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 5,454,546 shares of common stock, for total gross proceeds of \$6.0 million. The offering was priced at \$1.10 per unit with each unit comprised of one share of common stock and one common stock purchase warrant. Neither the warrants nor the units are listed on an exchange and therefore do not trade. The warrants carry a five-year term with an exercise price of \$1.10 per share. The net proceeds of the offering were \$5,289,735. H.C. Wainwright & Co. acted as exclusive placement agent for the offering.

Nasdaq Continued Listing Requirement -- On August 1, 2017, we received written notification from the Listing Qualifications Staff of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") indicating that, based upon our continued non-compliance with the minimum \$35,000,000 market value of listed securities ("MVLS") requirement for continued listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market, as set forth in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b)(2) (the "Rule"), the Staff had determined to delist our securities from Nasdaq (the "Staff Determination") unless we timely request a hearing before the Nasdaq Hearings Panel (the "Panel"), which we timely requested on August 8, 2017.

We subsequently completed Nasdaq's appeal process and in October 2017, Nasdaq formally notified us that we have demonstrated compliance with applicable requirements for the continued listing of our common stock on The Nasdaq Capital Market, including the \$2.5 million stockholders' equity requirement, although we must appoint a new independent director no later than our next Annual Meeting scheduled to occur in March 2018.

Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") Issuances -- In October 2017, 46,125 RSUs held by our executives were exchanged into the same number of shares of our common stock. As our executives elected to net settle a portion of their RSU's in exchange for the Company paying the related withholding taxes on the share issuance, 23,713 of the RSUs were cancelled, and we issued a net 22,412 shares to our executives.

Billing under NIH Contract -- In October 2017, we completed the first milestone on our contract with the National Institutes of Health ("NIH") and invoiced NIH for the \$74,812.50 payment associated with that milestone. The overall potential revenue on the NIH Contract is \$299,250 and the contract has a nine month term.

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

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by, the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Item 1 in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. This item contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated in such forward-looking statements.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this Form 10-Q are, or may be deemed to be, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such forward-looking statements involve assumptions, known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of Aethlon Medical, Inc. ("we" or "us") to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-Q. Such potential risks and uncertainties include, without limitation, completion of our capital-raising activities, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, approval of our products, other regulations, patent protection of our proprietary technology, product liability exposure, uncertainty of market acceptance, competition, technological change, and other risk factors detailed herein and in other of our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). The forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this Form 10-Q, and we assume no obligation to update the forward-looking statements, or to update the reasons actual results could differ from those projected in such forward-looking statements.

Overview

Aethlon Medical, Inc. and subsidiary (collectively, "Aethlon", the "Company", "we" or "us") are a medical technology company focused on addressing unmet needs in global health and biodefense. The Aethlon Hemopurifier® is an early clinical-stage therapeutic device designed for the single-use removal of life-threatening viruses from the circulatory system of infected individuals. We believe the Hemopurifier can be a part of the broad-spectrum treatment of life-threatening highly glycosylated viruses that are not addressed with an already approved treatment countermeasure objectives set forth by the U.S. Government to protect citizens from bioterror and pandemic threats. In small-scale or early feasibility human studies, the Hemopurifier has been administered to individuals infected with HIV, Hepatitis-C, and Ebola. Additionally, the Hemopurifier has been validated to capture Zika virus, Lassa virus, MERS-CoV, Cytomegalovirus, Epstein-Barr virus, Herpes Simplex virus, Chikungunya virus, Dengue virus, West Nile virus, Smallpox-related viruses, H1N1 Swine Flu virus, H5N1 Bird Flu virus, and the reconstructed Spanish flu virus of 1918. In several cases, these validations were conducted in collaboration with leading government or non-government research institutes. Domestically, we are focused on the clinical advancement of the Hemopurifier through investigational device exemptions (IDEs) approved by FDA. We recently concluded a feasibility study to demonstrate the safety of our device in health-compromised individuals infected with a viral pathogen.

We are also the majority owner of Exosome Sciences, Inc. (ESI), a company focused on the discovery of exosomal biomarkers to diagnose and monitor life-threatening diseases. Included among ESI's endeavors is the advancement of a TauSome™ biomarker candidate to diagnose Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) in the living. ESI previously documented that TauSome levels in former NFL players to be nine times higher than same age-group control subjects.

Successful outcomes of human trials will also be required by the regulatory agencies of certain foreign countries where we intend to sell this device. Some of our patents may expire before FDA approval or approval in a foreign country, if any, is obtained. However, we believe that certain patent applications and/or other patents issued more recently will help protect the proprietary nature of the Hemopurifier treatment technology.

Our executive offices are located at 9635 Granite Ridge Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92123. Our telephone number is (858) 459-7800. Our website address is www.aethlonmedical.com.

Our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "AEMD."

On August 1, 2017, we received written notification from the Listing Qualifications Staff of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) indicating that, based upon our continued non-compliance with the minimum \$35,000,000 market value of listed securities (“MVLS”) requirement for continued listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market, as set forth in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b)(2) (the “Rule”), the Staff had determined to delist our securities from Nasdaq (the “Staff Determination”) unless we timely request a hearing before the Nasdaq Hearings Panel (the “Panel”), which we timely requested on August 8, 2017.

We subsequently completed Nasdaq’s appeal process and in October 2017, Nasdaq formally notified us that we have demonstrated compliance with then applicable requirements for the continued listing of our common stock on The Nasdaq Capital Market, including the \$2.5 million stockholders’ equity requirement. We are also required to appoint a new independent director to our Board no later than our next Annual Meeting, scheduled to occur in March 2018.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act and must file reports, proxy statements and other information with the Commission. The reports, information statements and other information we file with the Commission can be inspected and copied at the Commission Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the Commission at (800) SEC-0330. The Commission also maintains a Web site (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants, like us, which file electronically with the Commission. Our headquarters are located at 9635 Granite Ridge Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92123. Our phone number at that address is (858) 459-7800. Our Web site is <http://www.aethlonmedical.com>.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 COMPARED TO THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Revenues

We did not record any government contract revenue in the three months ended September 30, 2017 and we recorded government contract revenue in the three months ended September 30, 2016. That revenue arose from work performed under our government contract with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, as follows:

	Three Months Ended 9/30/17	Three Months Ended 9/30/16	Change in Dollars
DARPA Contract	–	387,438	(387,438)
Total Government Contract Revenue	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ 387,438</u>	<u>\$ (387,438)</u>

DARPA Contract

Previously, we generated contract revenue under a contract with DARPA that we entered into on September 30, 2011. Under the DARPA award, we were engaged to develop a therapeutic device to reduce the incidence of sepsis, a fatal bloodstream infection that often results in the death of combat-injured soldiers. That contract was completed on September 30, 2016 and the related subcontract with Battelle was completed in March 2017. In the three months ended September 30, 2016, we invoiced the U.S. Government for the final two milestones under our DARPA contract in the aggregate amount of \$387,438.

Operating Expenses

Consolidated operating expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2017 were \$1,236,173 in comparison with \$2,614,116 for the comparable period a year ago. This decrease of \$1,377,943, or 52.7%, was due to a decrease in payroll and related expenses of \$1,194,922, a \$127,804 decrease in professional fees and a \$55,217 decrease in general and administrative expenses.

The \$1,194,922 decrease in payroll and related expenses was primarily due to a \$1,239,746 decrease in stock-based compensation. The decrease in stock-based compensation was due to the upfront vesting percentage of the RSU grants to our officers and directors in August 2016. Our cash-based payroll and related expenses increased by \$44,824 due to headcount additions in our scientific staff.

The \$127,804 decrease in our professional fees was due to decreases in our non-DARPA-related professional fees of \$93,054, in our DARPA-related professional fees of \$27,328 and in our professional fees at ESI of \$7,422. The \$93,054 decrease in our non-DARPA-related professional fees was due to a \$63,000 decrease in our scientific consulting fees, a \$51,000 decrease in business development expenses, and a \$7,731 decrease in our accounting fees, which were partially offset by a \$25,698 increase in our public relations expenses.

The \$55,217 decrease in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to decreases of \$80,492 in our DARPA-related general and administrative expenses and \$7,447 in the general and administrative expenses at ESI.

Other Expense

Other expense during the three months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 consisted of losses on share for warrant exchanges and interest expense. Other expense for the three months ended September 30, 2017 was other expense of \$72,404 in comparison with other expense of \$36,576 for the three months ended September 30, 2016.

The following table breaks out the various components of our other expense for both periods:

	Three Months Ended 9/30/17	Three Months Ended 9/30/16	Change
Loss on Share for Warrant Exchanges	\$ 10,425	\$ —	\$ 10,425
Interest Expense	61,979	36,576	25,403
Total Other Expense	<u>\$ 72,404</u>	<u>\$ 36,576</u>	<u>\$ 35,828</u>

Loss on Share for Warrant Exchanges

During the three months ended September 30, 2017, we entered into an agreement with a former placement agent to issue 5,500 restricted shares in exchange for the cancellation of 11,000 warrants held by that placement agent. We measured the fair value of the shares issued and the fair value of the warrants exchanged for those shares and recorded a loss on that exchange based on the changes in fair value between the instruments exchanged.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$61,979 for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$36,576 in the corresponding prior period, an increase of \$25,403. The various components of our interest expense are shown in the following table:

	Three Months Ended 9/30/17	Three Months Ended 9/30/16	Change
Interest Expense	\$ 31,692	\$ 17,578	\$ 14,114
Amortization of Note Discounts	30,287	18,998	11,289
Total Interest Expense	<u>\$ 61,979</u>	<u>\$ 36,576</u>	<u>\$ 25,403</u>

As noted in the above table, the factors in the \$25,403 increase in interest expense were the \$14,114 increase in our contractual interest expense and the \$11,289 increase in the amortization of note discounts, which related to the amortization against the discount on our convertible notes.

Net Loss

As a result of the changes in revenues and expenses noted above, our net loss before noncontrolling interests decreased from approximately \$2,263,000 in the three month period ended September 30, 2016 to \$1,309,000 in the three month period ended September 30, 2017.

Basic and diluted loss attributable to common stockholders were (\$0.14) for the three month period ended September 30, 2017 compared to (\$0.29) for the period ended September 30, 2016.

SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 COMPARED TO THE SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

Revenues

We did not record any government contract revenue in the six months ended September 30, 2017 and we recorded government contract revenue in the six months ended June 30, 2016. This revenue arose from work performed under our government contract with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, and our government subcontract with Battelle Memorial Institute as follows:

	Six Months Ended 9/30/17	Six Months Ended 9/30/16	Change in Dollars
DARPA Contract	\$ —	\$ 387,438	\$ (387,438)
Battelle Subcontract	—	4,635	(4,635)
Total Government Contract Revenue	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 392,073</u>	<u>\$ (392,073)</u>

DARPA Contract

Previously, we generated contract revenue under a contract with DARPA that we entered into on September 30, 2011. Under the DARPA award, we were engaged to develop a therapeutic device to reduce the incidence of sepsis, a fatal bloodstream infection that often results in the death of combat-injured soldiers. That contract was completed on September 30, 2016 and the related subcontract with Battelle was completed in March 2017. In the six months ended September 30, 2016, we invoiced the U.S. Government for the final two milestones under our DARPA contract in the aggregate amount of \$387,438.

Operating Expenses

Consolidated operating expenses for the six months ended September 30, 2017 were \$2,396,422 in comparison with \$3,750,602 for the comparable period a year ago. This decrease of \$1,354,180, or 36.1%, was due to a decrease in payroll and related expenses of \$909,882, a decrease in professional fees of \$352,530 and a \$91,768 decrease in general and administrative expenses.

The \$909,882 decrease in payroll and related expenses was primarily due to a \$1,009,546 decrease in stock-based compensation. The decrease in stock-based compensation was due to the upfront vesting percentage of the RSU grants to our officers and directors in August 2016. Our cash-based payroll and related expenses increased by \$99,664 due to headcount additions in our scientific staff.

The \$352,530 decrease in our professional fees was due to decreases in our non-DARPA-related professional fees of \$301,290, in our DARPA-related professional fees of \$12,312 and in our professional fees at ESI of \$12,312. The \$301,290 decrease in our non-DARPA-related professional fees was due to a \$187,805 decrease in our legal fees, a \$85,000 decrease in business development expenses, a \$72,311 decrease in scientific consulting expenses, and a \$16,290 decrease in our investor relations fees, which were partially offset by a \$57,591 increase in public relations expenses.

The 91,768 decrease in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to decreases of \$101,757 in our DARPA-related general and administrative expenses and \$22,153 in the general and administrative expenses at ESI.

Other Expense

Other expense during the six months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 consisted of losses on debt extinguishment, warrant repricing expense, losses on share for warrant exchanges and interest expense. Other expense for the six months ended September 30, 2017 was other expense of \$757,706 in comparison with other expense of \$1,041,473 for the six months ended September 30, 2016.

The following table breaks out the various components of our other expense for both periods:

	Six Months Ended 9/30/17	Six Months Ended 9/30/16	Change
Loss on Debt Extinguishment	\$ 376,909	\$ 616,889	\$ (239,980)
Loss on Warrant Repricing	–	345,841	(345,841)
Loss on Share for Warrant Exchanges	130,214	–	130,214
Interest Expense	250,583	78,743	171,840
Total Other Expense	<u>\$ 757,706</u>	<u>\$ 1,041,473</u>	<u>\$ (283,767)</u>

Loss on Debt Extinguishment

Our loss on debt extinguishment for the six months ended September 30, 2017 arose from a \$376,909 loss associated with the June 2017 amendments to our convertible notes. This compared to a loss of debt extinguishment of \$616,889 for the six months ended September 30, 2016 - see below for additional information.

June 2017 Amendments – The \$376,909 loss on debt extinguishment in the six months ended September 30, 2017 arose from an Exchange Agreement with two institutional investors under which we issued 57,844 restricted shares in exchange for the cancellation of 77,125 warrants held by those investors (see Loss on Share for Warrant Exchanges below). Additionally, we agreed with those investors that they would extend the expiration dates of the convertible notes held by those investors from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019 in exchange for the reduction of the conversion price of those notes from \$4.00 per share to \$3.00 per share. The modification of the notes was evaluated under FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic No. 470-50-40, “Debt Modification and Extinguishments”. Therefore, according to the guidance, the instruments were determined to be substantially different, and the transaction qualified for extinguishment accounting.

June 2016 Amendments - This loss on debt extinguishment arose from the Amendments (the “Amendments”) to our November 2014 convertible notes. The Amendments provided that the maturity date of the notes was extended from June 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017 and that the conversion price was reduced from \$5.60 per share of common stock to \$5.00 per share of common stock. In addition, we reduced the purchase price of warrants issued in connection with the notes from \$8.40 per share to \$5.00 per share. In connection with these modifications, each of the Investors signed a consent and waiver providing its consent under certain restrictive provisions, and waiving certain rights, including a right to participate in certain offerings made by us, under a securities purchase agreement dated June 23, 2015, (the “2015 SPA”) to which we, the Investors and certain other investors are parties, in order to facilitate an at-the-market equity program described in the liquidity and capital resources section of this report below. This loss also included an \$80,000 fee to extend the November 2014 convertible notes from June 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017. The \$80,000 amount was not a cash payment but rather was added to the principal of the notes.

This modification of the notes was also evaluated under ASC Topic No. 470-50-40, “Debt Modification and Extinguishments”. Therefore, according to the guidance, the instruments were determined to be substantially different, and the transaction qualified for extinguishment accounting.

Loss on Warrant Repricing

On June 27, 2016, we and certain investors (the “Unit Investors”) entered into Consent and Waiver and Amendment agreements (the “CWAs”), relating to an aggregate of 264,000 Warrants to Purchase Common Stock (the “Unit Warrants”) we had issued to the Unit Investors on December 2, 2014 pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement dated November 26, 2014 (the “2014 SPA”). In the CWAs, each of the Unit Investors provided its consent under certain restrictive provisions, and waived certain rights, including a right to participate in certain offerings made by us, under the 2014 SPA in order to facilitate the at-the-market equity program described in the notes to the Financial Statements. Pursuant to the CWAs, we reduced the Exercise Price (as defined in the Unit Warrants) from \$15.00 per share of common stock to \$5.00 per share of common stock.

On June 27, 2016, each of the Unit Investors also entered into a Consent and Waiver providing its consent under certain provisions, and waiving certain rights, including a right to participate in certain offerings made by us, under the 2015 SPA in order to facilitate the at-the market equity program described in the notes to the Financial Statements.

We measured the change in fair value that arose from the reduction in exercise price from \$15.00 to \$5.00 and recorded a charge of \$345,841 to our other expense to reflect this change.

Loss on Share for Warrant Exchanges

During the six months ended September 30, 2017, we agreed with two individual investors to exchange 11,497 restricted shares for the cancellation of 22,993 warrants and we entered into an Exchange Agreement with two institutional investors under which we issued 57,844 restricted shares in exchange for the cancellation of 77,125 warrants held by those investors. Additionally, we entered into an agreement with a former placement agent to issue 5,500 restricted shares in exchange for the cancellation of 11,000 warrants held by that placement agent. We measured the fair value of the shares issued and the fair value of the warrants exchanged for those shares and recorded losses for each of those exchanges based on the changes in fair value between the instruments exchanged.

Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$250,583 for the six months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$78,743 in the corresponding prior period, an increase of \$171,840. The various components of our interest expense are shown in the following table:

	Six Months Ended 9/30/17	Six Months Ended 9/30/16	Change
Interest Expense	\$ 65,494	\$ 32,104	\$ 33,390
Amortization of Deferred Financing Costs	–	27,641	(27,641)
Amortization of Note Discounts	185,089	18,998	166,091
Total Interest Expense	<u>\$ 250,583</u>	<u>\$ 78,743</u>	<u>\$ 171,840</u>

As noted in the above table, the most significant factor in the \$171,840 increase in interest expense was the \$166,091 increase in the amortization of note discounts, which related to the amortization against the discount on our convertible notes. Other smaller factors in the change in our total interest were a \$27,641 decrease in the amortization of deferred financing costs and a \$33,390 increase in our contractual interest expense.

Net Loss

As a result of the changes in revenues and expenses noted above, our net loss before noncontrolling interests decreased from approximately \$4,400,000 in the six month period ended September 30, 2016 to \$3,154,000 in the six month period ended September 30, 2017.

Basic and diluted loss attributable to common stockholders were (\$0.35) for the six month period ended September 30, 2017 compared to (\$0.57) for the period ended September 30, 2016.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

At September 30, 2017, we had a cash balance of \$920,072 and working capital of \$665,871. This compares to a cash balance of \$1,559,701 and working capital of \$985,496 at March 31, 2017.

On October 4, 2017, we consummated a public offering of 5,454,546 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 5,454,546 shares of common stock, for total gross proceeds of \$6.0 million. The offering was priced at \$1.10 per unit with each unit comprised of one share of common stock and one common stock purchase warrant. The warrants carry a five-year term with an exercise price of \$1.10 per share. The net proceeds of the offering were \$5,289,735. H.C. Wainwright & Co. acted as exclusive placement agent for the offering. We expect the net proceeds from that offering coupled with cash on hand will finance our operations for the twelve month period from the date of this report.

We will require significant additional financing beyond the 12 month period subsequent to the filing date of this Form 10-Q to fund the expected additional future clinical trials of our product in the U.S., as well as fund all of our continued research and development activities for the Hemopurifier. In addition, as we expand our activities, our overhead costs to support personnel, laboratory materials and infrastructure will increase. Should the financing we require to sustain our working capital needs be unavailable to us on reasonable terms, if at all, when we require it, we may be unable to support our research and FDA clearance activities including our planned clinical trials. The failure to implement our research and clearance activities would have a material adverse effect on our ability to commercialize our products and to remain as a going concern.

Future capital requirements will depend upon many factors, including progress with pre-clinical testing and clinical trials, the number and breadth of our clinical programs, the time and costs involved in preparing, filing, prosecuting, maintaining and enforcing patent claims and other proprietary rights, the time and costs involved in obtaining regulatory approvals, any continued delays in completing our clinical trials, competing technological and market developments, as well as our ability to establish collaborative arrangements, effective commercialization, marketing activities and other arrangements. We expect to continue to incur increasing negative cash flows and net losses for the foreseeable future.

Management expects existing cash as of September 30, 2017 coupled with the \$5,289,735 in net proceeds from an equity financing that closed on October 4, 2017 to be sufficient to fund the Company's operations for at least twelve months from the issuance date of these interim financial statements.

Cash Flows

Cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities, as reflected in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, are summarized as follows:

	(In thousands)	
	For the six months ended	
	September 30, 2017	September 30, 2016
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ (2,103)	\$ (1,764)
Investing activities	(24)	(2)
Financing activities	1,487	199
Net decrease in cash	<u>\$ (640)</u>	<u>\$ (1,567)</u>

NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES. We used cash in our operating activities due to our losses from operations. Net cash used in operating activities was approximately \$2,103,000 in the six months ended September 30, 2017 compared to \$1,764,000 in the six months ended September 30, 2016, an increase of \$339,000.

NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES. We used approximately \$24,000 of cash to purchase laboratory and office equipment in the six months ended September 30, 2017 compared to approximately \$2,000 in the six months ended September 30, 2016.

NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES. In the six months ended September 30, 2017 we generated approximately \$1,487,000 from our financing activities primarily through the issuance of common stock, an increase of \$1,288,000 over the \$199,000 raised in the six months ended September 30, 2016.

At the date of this filing, we plan to invest significantly into purchases of our raw materials and into our contract manufacturing arrangement subject to successfully raising additional capital.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires us to make a number of 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. Such estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate estimates and assumptions based upon historical experience and various other factors and circumstances. We believe our estimates and assumptions are reasonable in the circumstances; however, actual results may differ from these estimates under different future conditions.

We believe that the estimates and assumptions that are most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations, in that they require the most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, form the basis for the accounting policies deemed to be most critical to us. These critical accounting policies relate to revenue recognition, measurement of stock purchase warrants issued with notes payable, beneficial conversion feature of convertible notes payable, impairment of intangible assets and long lived assets, stock compensation, and the classification of warrant obligations, and evaluation of contingencies. We believe estimates and assumptions related to these critical accounting policies are appropriate under the circumstances; however, should future events or occurrences result in unanticipated consequences, there could be a material impact on our future financial condition or results of operations.

There have been no changes to our critical accounting policies as disclosed in our Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2017.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We have no obligations required to be disclosed herein as off-balance sheet arrangements.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

As a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and in Item 10(f)(1) of Regulation S-K, we are electing scaled disclosure reporting obligations and therefore are not required to provide the information requested by this item.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report.

Based on such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of the end of such period, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act and are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the last 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, claims are made against us in the ordinary course of business, which could result in litigation. Claims and associated litigation are subject to inherent uncertainties and unfavorable outcomes could occur, such as monetary damages, fines, penalties or injunctions prohibiting us from selling one or more products or engaging in other activities.

The occurrence of an unfavorable outcome in any specific period could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations for that period or future periods. We are not presently a party to any pending or threatened legal proceedings.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

As a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and in Item 10(f)(1) of Regulation S-K, we are electing scaled disclosure reporting obligations and therefore are not required to provide the information requested by this item.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

During the three months ended September 30, 2017 and subsequent thereto through the date of filing this report, we agreed with a broker-dealer to exchange 5,500 restricted shares for the cancellation of 11,000 warrants.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

We have no disclosure applicable to this item.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES.

We have no disclosure applicable to this item.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.

We have no disclosure applicable to this item.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.

(a) Exhibits. The following documents are filed as part of this report:

- 10.1 [Fifth Amendment to Standard Industrial Net Lease](#)
- 31.1 [Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Securities Exchange Act rules 13a- 14\(a\) and 15d-14\(a\) as adopted pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 31.2 [Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Securities Exchange Act rules 13a- 14\(a\) and 15d-14\(a\) as adopted pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 32.1 [Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 32.2 [Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002](#)
- 101 Interactive Data Files
 - 101.INS XBRL Instance Document
 - 101.SCH XBRL Schema Document
 - 101.CAL XBRL Calculation Linkbase Document
 - 101.DEF XBRL Definition Linkbase Document
 - 101.LAB XBRL Label Linkbase Document
 - 101.PRE XBRL Presentation Linkbase Document

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.

AETHLON MEDICAL, INC.

Date: November 2, 2017

By: /s/ JAMES B. FRAKES
JAMES B. FRAKES
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
CHIEF ACCOUNTING OFFICER

FIFTH AMENDMENT TO STANDARD INDUSTRIAL NET LEASE
(Sorrento Business Complex)

THIS FIFTH AMENDMENT TO STANDARD INDUSTRIAL NET LEASE ("**Fifth Amendment**") is made and entered into as of the 16th day of October, 2017, by and between AGP SORRENTO BUSINESS COMPLEX, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("**Landlord**") and AETHLON MEDICAL, INC., a Nevada corporation ("**Tenant**").

RECITALS:

A. Sorrento Business Complex, a California limited partnership ("**Original Landlord**") and Tenant entered into that certain Standard Industrial Net Lease dated as of September 28, 2009 (the "**Original Lease**"), as modified by (i) that certain First Amendment to Standard Industrial Net Lease dated as of October 4, 2011 by and between Original Landlord and Tenant ("**First Amendment**"), (ii) that certain Second Amendment to Standard Industrial Net Lease dated as of October 10, 2014 by and between Landlord and Tenant (the "**Second Amendment**"), (iii) that certain Third Amendment to Standard Industrial Net Lease dated as of October 21, 2015 by and between Landlord and Tenant (the "**Third Amendment**"), and (iv) that certain Fourth Amendment to Standard Industrial Net Lease dated as of October 5, 2016 by and between Landlord and Tenant (the "**Fourth Amendment**"), whereby Landlord leases to Tenant and Tenant leases from Landlord certain space containing 1,703 rentable square feet commonly known as Suite 109 in that certain building located and addressed at 11585 Sorrento Valley Road, San Diego, California 92121 (the "**Building**"). Landlord is the successor-in-interest under the Lease to the Original Landlord. The Original Lease, as modified by the First Amendment, the Second Amendment, the Third Amendment and the Fourth Amendment, may be referred to herein as the "**Lease**."

B. By this Fifth Amendment, Landlord and Tenant desire to extend the Lease Term and otherwise modify the Lease as provided herein.

C. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms as used herein shall have the same meanings as given thereto in the Lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT:

1. Extension of Lease Term. The Lease Term is hereby extended such that the Lease shall terminate on November 30, 2018 (the "**Fifth Amendment Extended Expiration Date**"). The period of time from December 1, 2017 through and including the Fifth Amendment Extended Expiration Date shall be referred to herein as the "**Fifth Amendment Extended Term**." Tenant shall not have any right to extend the Lease Term beyond the Fifth Amendment Extended Expiration Date.

2 . Minimum Monthly Rent. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Lease, during the Fifth Amendment Extended Term, Tenant shall pay Minimum Monthly Rent for the Premises in the amount of Four Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Seven and 52/100 Dollars (\$4,547.52).

3 . Security Deposit. Tenant has previously deposited with Landlord Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and 65/100 Dollars (\$3,250.65) as a Security Deposit under the Lease. Landlord shall continue to hold such Security Deposit during the Fifth Amendment Extended Term in accordance with the terms and conditions of Article 5 of the Original Lease.

4 . Condition of Premises. Tenant hereby agrees to accept the Premises in its "as-is" condition and Tenant hereby acknowledges that Landlord shall not be obligated to provide or pay for any improvement work or services related to the improvement of the Premises. Tenant also acknowledges that Landlord has made no representation or warranty regarding the condition of the Premises.

5 . Authority. Each individual executing this Fifth Amendment on behalf of Tenant represents and warrants that Tenant is a duly formed and existing entity qualified to do business in California and that Tenant has full right and authority to deliver this Fifth Amendment and that each person signing on behalf of Tenant is authorized to do so.

6 . Brokers. Each party represents and warrants to the other that no broker, agent or finder other than Jones Lang LaSalle ("**Broker**") negotiated or was instrumental in negotiating or consummating this Fifth Amendment. Each party further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party from and against any claim for commission or finder's fee by any entity other than Broker who claims or alleges that they were retained or engaged by the first party or at the request of such party in connection with this Fifth Amendment. The terms of this Section 6 shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the term of the Lease, as hereby amended.

7 . Disclosures and Utility Usage Information. For purposes of Section 1938(a) of the California Civil Code, Landlord hereby discloses to Tenant, and Tenant hereby acknowledges, that the Premises have not undergone inspection by a Certified Access Specialist (CASp). As required by Section 1938(e) of the California Civil Code, Landlord hereby states as follows: "A Certified Access Specialist (CASp) can inspect the subject premises and determine whether the subject premises comply with all of the applicable construction-related accessibility standards under state law. Although state law does not require a CASp inspection of the subject premises, the commercial property owner or lessor may not prohibit the lessee or tenant from obtaining a CASp inspection of the subject premises for the occupancy or potential occupancy of the lessee or tenant, if requested by the lessee or tenant. The parties shall mutually agree on the arrangements for the time and manner of the CASp inspection, the payment of the fee for the CASp inspection, and the cost of making any repairs necessary to correct violations of construction-related accessibility standards within the premises." In furtherance of the foregoing, Landlord and Tenant hereby agree as follows: (a) any CASp inspection requested by Tenant shall be conducted, at Tenant's sole cost and expense, by a CASp designated by Landlord, subject to Landlord's reasonable rules and requirements; (b) Tenant, at its sole cost and expense, shall be responsible for making any improvements or repairs within the Premises to correct violations of construction-related accessibility standards; and (c) if anything done by or for Tenant in its use or occupancy of the Premises shall require any improvements or repairs to the Building or the Center (outside the Premises) to correct violations of construction-related accessibility standards, then Tenant shall reimburse Landlord upon demand, as Additional Rent, for the cost to Landlord of performing such improvements or repairs. If Tenant is billed directly by a public utility with respect to Tenant's electrical usage at the Premises, upon request, Tenant shall provide monthly electrical utility usage for the Premises to Landlord for the period of time requested by Landlord (in electronic or paper format) or, at Landlord's option, provide any written authorization or other documentation required for Landlord to request information regarding Tenant's electricity usage with respect to the Premises directly from the applicable utility company.

8. Defaults. Tenant hereby represents and warrants to Landlord that, as of the date of this Fifth Amendment, Tenant is in full compliance with all terms, covenants and conditions of the Lease and that there are no breaches or defaults under the Lease by Landlord or Tenant, and that Tenant knows of no events or circumstances which, given the passage of time, would constitute a default under the Lease by either Landlord or Tenant.

9. Counterparts and Fax/Email Signatures. This Fifth Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but such counterparts, when taken together, shall constitute one agreement. This Fifth Amendment may be executed by a party's signature transmitted by facsimile ("fax") or email and copies of this Fifth Amendment executed and delivered by means of faxed or emailed signatures shall have the same force and effect as copies hereof executed and delivered with original signatures. All parties hereto may rely upon faxed or emailed signatures as if such signatures were originals. Any party executing and delivering this Fifth Amendment by fax or email shall promptly thereafter deliver a counterpart signature page of this Fifth Amendment containing said party's original signature. All parties hereto agree that a faxed or emailed signature page may be introduced into evidence in any proceeding arising out of or related to this Fifth Amendment as if it were an original signature page.

10. No Further Modification. Except as set forth in this Fifth Amendment, all of the terms and provisions of the Lease shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect. This Fifth Amendment contains the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the matters contained herein. In the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions of the Lease and the terms and conditions of this Fifth Amendment, the terms and conditions of this Fifth Amendment shall prevail. No representations, warranties, covenants or agreements have been made concerning or affecting the subject matter of this Fifth Amendment, except as are contained herein and in the Lease. This Fifth Amendment may not be changed orally, but only by an agreement in writing signed by the party against whom enforcement of any waiver, change or modification or discharge is sought.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Fifth Amendment has been executed as of the day and year first above written.

LANDLORD:

AGP SORRENTO BUSINESS COMPLEX, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership

By: Parallel Capital Partners, Inc.,
a California corporation,
its authorized agent

By: /s/ Jim Ingebritsen
Name: Jim Ingebritsen
Title: President

TENANT:

AETHLON MEDICAL, INC.
a Nevada corporation

By: /s/ James Joyce
Name: James Joyce
Title: CEO

By: /s/ James Frakes
Name: James Frakes
Title: CFO

EXHIBIT 31.1

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), AS ADOPTED
PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, James Joyce, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Aethlon Medical, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this 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 report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this 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 report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, 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 report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 2, 2017

/s/ JAMES A. JOYCE
JAMES A. JOYCE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
(PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

EXHIBIT 31.2

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a), AS ADOPTED
PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, James Frakes, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Aethlon Medical, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this 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 report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this 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 report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, 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 report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 2, 2017

/s/ JAMES B. FRAKES
JAMES B. FRAKES
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
(PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER)

EXHIBIT 32.1

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Aethlon Medical, Inc. (the "Registrant") on Form 10-Q for the six-month period ended September 30, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, James A. Joyce, Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and
2. The information contained in such Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Aethlon Medical, Inc.

Dated: November 2, 2017

/s/ JAMES A. JOYCE

James A. Joyce
Chief Executive Officer
Aethlon Medical, Inc.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Aethlon Medical, Inc. and will be retained by Aethlon Medical, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

EXHIBIT 32.2

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Aethlon Medical, Inc. (the "Registrant") on Form 10-Q for the six-month period ended September 30, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, I, James B. Frakes, Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and
2. The information contained in such Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of Aethlon Medical, Inc.

Dated: November 2, 2017

/s/ JAMES B. FRAKES

James B. Frakes
Chief Financial Officer
Aethlon Medical, Inc.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Aethlon Medical, Inc. and will be retained by Aethlon Medical, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.