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- QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2006
- 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 000-21571

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

13-3906555
(IRS EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)

622 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

(212) 351-7000
(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 checkmark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-Accelerated Filer

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

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Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's class of common stock as of May 1, 2006, the latest practicable date.

Class	Outstanding on May 1, 2006
Common Stock	123,607,036
Class B Common Stock	4,762,000

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
Revenue	\$ 291,747	\$ 228,524
Salaries and related	113,348	97,659
Office and general	54,804	45,399
Marketing and promotion	66,117	48,411
Total operating expenses	234,269	191,469
Operating income	57,478	37,055
Interest and other, net	3,342	(82)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes and equity interests	60,820	36,973
Income taxes	22,149	13,068
Losses in equity interests	(1,241)	(209)
Income from continuing operations	37,430	23,696
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax	4,832	(3,126)
Net income	\$ 42,262	\$ 20,570
Basic earnings per share:		
Earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.20
Income (loss) per share from discontinued operations, net of tax	0.04	(0.03)
Basic earnings per share*	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.17
Diluted earnings per share:		
Earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.19
Income (loss) per share from discontinued operations, net of tax	0.04	(0.03)
Diluted earnings per share*	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.17
Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic	126,753	120,655
Diluted	130,619	123,577

* - Basic earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and diluted earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 do not add due to rounding.

See accompanying notes.

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

ASSETS	March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2005
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 166,035	\$ 196,597
Available-for-sale securities	221,019	123,747
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$15,831 and \$14,067	384,985	382,606
Prepaid and other	62,187	59,711
Current assets of discontinued operations		10,398
Total current assets	834,226	773,059
Property and equipment, net	94,974	92,034
Goodwill	689,803	679,008
Intangibles, net	54,541	56,670
Investment in unconsolidated affiliate	65,480	46,758
Other assets	30,544	29,939
Non-current assets of discontinued operations		1,247
Total assets	\$ 1,769,568	\$ 1,678,715
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 117,532	\$ 106,154
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	178,818	176,362
Income taxes payable	37,248	40,045
Deferred revenue	345,040	328,902
Current portion of long-term debt	21,789	31,378
Current liabilities of discontinued operations		13,747
Total current liabilities	700,427	696,588
Long-term debt, less current portion	3,093	15,678
Deferred income taxes	46,065	45,396
Other long-term liabilities	1,399	1,241
Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations		137
Total liabilities	750,984	759,040
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.001 par value, authorized 800 shares; issued and outstanding: none		
Common stock \$.001 par value, authorized 1,500,000 shares; issued: 124,617 and 121,830 shares, respectively; outstanding: 123,310 and 120,703 shares, respectively	124	122
Class B common stock, \$.001 par value, authorized 39,000 shares; issued and outstanding: 4,762 shares	5	5
Additional paid-in capital	1,358,758	1,267,741
Accumulated other comprehensive income	42,979	35,518
Unamortized stock based compensation	(46,236)	(4,403)
Retained deficit	(337,046)	(379,308)
Total stockholders' equity	1,018,584	919,675
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,769,568	\$ 1,678,715

See accompanying notes.

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
Cash flows provided by operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 42,262	\$ 20,570
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
(Income) Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	(4,832)	3,126
Depreciation and amortization of intangibles	10,694	9,119
Provision for doubtful accounts	3,745	2,315
Tax benefit on stock based compensation	17,315	581
Excess tax benefit on stock option exercises	(17,051)	
Non-cash compensation	2,068	1,447
Common stock issued for matching contribution to 401(k) plan	996	741
Deferred income taxes	1,163	8,854
Minority interests and other	1,235	280
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of business combinations:		
Accounts Receivable	(6,123)	7,607
Prepaid and other	(375)	1,742
Deferred revenue	16,138	6,728
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other	11,281	(7,875)
Net cash used for operating activities of discontinued operations	(2,234)	(13,872)
Total adjustments	34,020	20,793
Net cash provided by operating activities	76,282	41,363
Cash flows used for investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(10,925)	(7,881)
Purchase of marketable securities	(334,990)	
Sales and maturities of marketable securities	238,001	
Payments for acquisitions and intangible assets, net of cash acquired	(23,655)	(42,477)
Investment in unconsolidated affiliate	(19,936)	(50,137)
Sale of long-term investment and other		1,446
Net cash used for investing activities of discontinued operations	(960)	(752)
Net cash used for investing activities	(152,465)	(99,801)
Cash flows provided by financing activities:		
Payments on capital lease obligations	(276)	(507)
Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options	59,594	3,653
Excess tax benefits on stock option exercises	17,051	
Repurchase of common stock	(8,537)	
Structured stock repurchase, net	(22,758)	
Net cash provided by financing activities	45,074	3,146
Effects of exchange rates on cash	547	(1,894)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(30,562)	(57,186)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	196,597	198,111
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 166,035	\$ 140,925
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 3,917	\$ 1,089
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 673	\$ 893
Non-cash financing and investing activities:		
Liabilities created in connection with business combinations	\$	\$ 10,236

See accompanying notes.

MONSTER WORLDWIDE, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)
(unaudited)

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Description of Business

Monster Worldwide, Inc. (the Company) has continuing operations that consist of four reportable segments: Monster Careers - North America; Monster Careers - International; Internet Advertising and Fees; and Advertising & Communications. These segments provide services to customers in a variety of industries throughout North America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

Monster Careers. The Company's Monster Careers segments (both North America and International) predominantly earn revenue from the placement of job postings on the websites within the Monster network, access to the Company's resume databases and other career-related services. The Company's Monster Careers segments operate globally.

Internet Advertising and Fees. The Company's Internet Advertising and Fees segment earns revenue from the display of advertisements on the Monster network of websites, click-throughs on text-based links, leads provided to advertisers and subscriptions to premium services. Among the larger components of this segment are the Company's Fastweb, MonsterTrak, Tickle and Military.com businesses. Prior to the first quarter of 2006, these operations were managed and reported by the Company's Monster segment. Revenue from this segment is primarily earned in the United States.

Advertising & Communications. The Company's Advertising & Communications segment mainly earns revenue from job advertisements placed in newspapers, Internet career-related websites such as Monster, and other media, plus associated fees for related services. Revenue is recorded net of media placement costs. This segment operates primarily in North America and in the United Kingdom.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated interim financial statements included herein are unaudited and have been prepared by the Company pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations, although the Company believes that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The consolidated interim financial statements include the accounts of the Company and all of its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

These statements reflect all normal recurring adjustments that, in the opinion of management, are necessary for fair presentation of the information contained herein. These consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. The Company adheres to the same accounting policies in preparation of interim financial statements. As permitted under generally accepted accounting principles, interim accounting for certain expenses, including income taxes are based on full year assumptions. Such amounts are expensed in full in the year incurred. For interim financial reporting purposes, income taxes are recorded based upon estimated annual income tax rates.

2. EARNINGS PER SHARE AND STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share does not include the effects of potentially dilutive stock options and restricted stock awards, and is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects, in periods in which they have a dilutive effect, commitments to issue common stock and common stock issuable upon exercise of stock options for periods in which the options' exercise price is lower than the Company's average share price for the period.

A reconciliation of shares used in calculating basic and diluted earnings per common and Class B common share follows. Certain stock options and stock issuable under employee compensation plans were excluded from the computation of earnings per share due to their anti-dilutive effect. The weighted average number of such common stock equivalents is approximately 713,000 and 5,539,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

(thousands of shares)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	126,753	120,655
Effect of common stock equivalents - stock options and stock issuable under employee compensation plans	3,866	2,922
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	130,619	123,577

Impact of the Adoption of SFAS 123R

The Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123(R) *Share Based Payment* (SFAS 123R) using the modified-prospective-transition method beginning January 1, 2006. Under that transition method, stock compensation costs recognized during the three-month period ended March 31, 2006 includes: (a) compensation cost for all share based payments granted to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with SFAS 123, and (b) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the grant date fair value in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123R. Results for prior periods have not been restated. SFAS 123R also requires excess tax benefits from the exercise of stock options to be presented in the consolidated statements of cash flows as a financing activity rather than an operating activity, as presented prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R. Excess tax benefits are realized benefits from tax deductions for exercised options in excess of the deferred tax asset attributable to stock based compensation costs for such options. The total income tax benefit recognized in the statement of operations for stock-based compensation costs was \$264 for the three months ending March 31, 2006. The Company did not have any stock-based compensation costs capitalized as part of an asset. The Company has granted stock options and awarded non-vested stock to employees and executive officers.

At March 31, 2006, the Company has the following stock-based employee compensation plans:

Employee Stock Options. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, the Company recognized approximately \$95 of pre-tax compensation expense in the consolidated statement of operations related to employee stock options. The fair value of these options was estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. As of January 1, 2006, substantially all of the Company's employee stock options were vested and the Company has not granted any stock options subsequent to January 1, 2006.

Executive Stock Bonus Arrangements. The Company, from time to time, enters into separate share-based payment arrangements with executive officers. The terms of such agreements are subject to various specified performance and vesting conditions. As of March 31, 2006, there were approximately 421,559 non-vested shares outstanding related to executive agreements with varying exercise prices. The Company

recorded the awards as a component of equity using the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date the award was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. These awards are amortized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. For the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, the Company recognized approximately \$1,290 and \$968, respectively, of pre-tax compensation expense, as a component of salaries and related in the consolidated statements of operations, related to stock bonus arrangements with executive officers.

2006 Restricted Stock Unit Plan. On March 27, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors approved the grant of 675,200 restricted stock units to approximately 350 employees of the Company (2006 RSU Plan). The amounts of restricted stock units awarded are subject to reduction or elimination based on whether or not certain specified performance-based conditions are satisfied. If the optimal performance-based condition becomes satisfied, the maximum number of restricted stock units will vest in 25% increments on each of March 5, 2007, March 5, 2008, March 5, 2009 and March 5, 2010, provided that the recipient is continuously employed by the Company or any of its affiliates on each applicable vesting date. The Company recorded the equity award using the fair market value of the Company's stock on March 27, 2006, which was \$48.58 and will amortize the award on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. For the three months ended March 31, 2006, the Company recorded approximately \$683 of pre-tax compensation expense, as a component of salaries and related in the consolidated statements of operations, related to the 2006 RSU Plan.

Share-based Payment Activity

The following table summarizes the activity of our employee stock options for the three months ended March 31, 2006:

(thousands of shares)	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2006	13,673	\$ 27.94		
Granted				
Exercised	(2,505)	23.74		
Forfeited/expired/cancelled	(104)	47.09		
Outstanding at March 31, 2006	11,064	28.74	6.2	\$ 233,700
Options exercisable at March 31, 2006	7,348	\$ 28.41	5.2	\$ 157,636

The aggregate intrinsic value is calculated as the difference between the market price of our common stock as of March 31, 2006 and the exercise price of the underlying options. During the three months ended March 31, 2006 and 2005, the aggregate intrinsic value of options exercised was \$59,897 and \$1,802, respectively. The Company did not grant any options in the 2006 period; however, the weighted average grant date fair value of options granted in the 2005 period was \$28.85. There is approximately \$53 of unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested stock options awarded under our incentive plan. This cost will be recorded in the second quarter of 2006.

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The following table summarizes the activity of our non-vested stock for the three months ended March 31, 2006:

	Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value at Grant Date
Non-vested at January 1, 2006	241,309	\$ 29.64
Granted - 2006 RSU Plan	675,200	48.58
Granted - Executive Bonus Agreements	237,500	46.11
Vested	(57,250)	
Non-vested at March 31, 2006	1,096,759	\$ 46.41

As of March 31, 2006 there was approximately \$32,118 and \$14,065 of unrecognized compensation cost related to the Company's 2006 RSU Plan and Executive stock bonus agreements, respectively. These awards relate to non-vested stock and are being amortized over the vesting periods on a straight-line basis.

Prior to the Adoption of SFAS 123R

Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company provided the disclosures required under SFAS 123, as amended by SFAS No. 148, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure*, which requires disclosure of the pro forma effects of stock option expense on net income and earnings per share. The Company's prior period financial statements accounted for the issuance of employee stock options using Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinion No. 25 (APB 25), *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* and related interpretations. Under APB 25, generally, no compensation expense was recognized in connection with the awarding of stock option grants to employees provided that, as of the grant date, all terms associated with the award are fixed and the quoted market price of the stock is equal to or less than the amount an employee must pay to acquire the stock as defined. The pro forma effects of stock-based compensation on net income and net income per share in the 2005 period have been estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model based on the following weighted average assumptions:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2005
Risk-free interest rate	4.2%
Volatility	42.2%
Expected life (years)	4.4

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For purposes of pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is assumed to be expensed over the options vesting periods. The pro forma effects of recognizing compensation expense under the fair value method on the Company's operating results and per share data are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2005
Net income as reported	\$ 20,570
Add: Stock based employee compensation expense included in reported net income, net of tax	629
Deduct: Compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of tax	(21,552)
Pro forma net loss	\$ (353)
Basic earnings per share:	
Net income - as reported	\$ 0.17
Net income - pro forma	\$
Diluted earnings per share:	
Net income - as reported	\$ 0.17
Net income - pro forma	\$

Stock Option Accelerations

During the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company accelerated the vesting date of substantially all of its unvested, outstanding stock option awards in order to avoid recognizing compensation expense in the consolidated statement of operations in the Company's financial statements subsequent to the effectiveness of SFAS 123R on January 1, 2006. As a result of the accelerations, the Company has eliminated approximately \$26,940 of compensation expense that would have been recognized in future periods.

On December 28, 2004, the Company granted approximately 2,800,000 options to executives and employees. Such options vested over the five-month period ending on May 31, 2005 and the vested options generally become exercisable in four annual installments commencing December 28, 2005.

Included in pro-forma compensation expense for the three months ended March 31, 2005 is approximately \$940, net of tax, resulting from accelerated vesting that occurred in the first quarter of 2005. In addition, the pro-forma compensation expense for the three months ended March 31, 2005 includes approximately \$13,910, net of tax, related to the vesting of the December 28, 2004 grant.

3. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

For the period January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006, we completed two business combinations. Although none of the following acquired businesses was considered to be a significant subsidiary, either individually or in the aggregate, they do affect the comparability of results from period to period. The acquisitions and the acquisition dates are as follows:

Acquired Business	Acquisition Date	Business Segment
Emailjob SAS	February 11, 2005	Monster Careers - International
JobKorea Co., Ltd.	October 14, 2005	Monster Careers - International

Accrued Integration and Restructuring Costs

The Company has formulated integration and restructuring plans to eliminate redundant facilities, personnel and duplicate assets in connection with its business combinations. These costs were recognized

as liabilities assumed in connection with the Company's business combinations. Accordingly, these costs are considered part of the purchase price of the business combinations and have been recorded as increases to goodwill. During the three months ended March 31, 2006, the Company charged \$1,340 to goodwill relating to the Company's acquisition of Emailjob.

Changes in the Company's approved restructuring plans or costs related to new restructuring initiatives may be recorded in goodwill for up to one year following the acquisition date and must be recorded in the Company's operating results thereafter. Reductions to integration and restructuring reserves established in connection with purchase business combinations are recorded as a reduction to goodwill. As of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the Company had accrued \$7,966 and \$7,703, respectively, for integration and restructuring obligations, mainly future operating lease payments.

4. INVESTMENT IN UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATE

In February 2005, the Company acquired a 40% interest in ChinaHR.com Holdings Ltd. (ChinaHR) for consideration of \$50,000 in cash. In February 2006, the Company increased its ownership interest in ChinaHR to 44.4% by acquiring an additional 4.4% interest from ChinaHR shareholders, for cash consideration of \$19,936. The Company accounts for its investment in ChinaHR using the equity method of accounting, thereby recording its owned percentage of ChinaHR's net results of operations as Losses in Equity Interests in the Company's statements of operations. Such losses reduce the carrying value of the Company's investment in ChinaHR.

In March 2006, the Company entered into a loan agreement with ChinaHR, whereby the Company has agreed to advance ChinaHR up to an aggregate of \$20,000, with no more than \$10,000 being advanced in the first year of the agreement. Interest on the loans will be assessed at the average one-month U.S. Dollar LIBOR rate plus 1% and shall be payable quarterly, in arrears. The credit facility provides that any advances shall be due and payable in full on the maturity date, which is the earliest of March 2011 or the consummation of an initial public offering of securities by ChinaHR. There were no amounts outstanding under this facility at March 31, 2006.

ChinaHR is a leading recruitment website in China and provides online recruiting, campus recruiting and other human resource solutions. As a result of its investment, the Company has the right to occupy three of seven seats on ChinaHR's Board of Directors. In addition, the Company also has certain rights and obligations, the amount and likelihood of which are not currently determinable, to acquire a 51% or more interest in ChinaHR in the event of an initial public offering or February 1, 2008, whichever comes first.

5. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

The Company's comprehensive income (loss) is as follows:

	Three Months ended March 31,	
	2006	2005
Net income	\$ 42,262	\$ 20,570
Foreign currency translation adjustment and other		