

Mill City Ventures III, Ltd  
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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013

OR

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 814-00991

**MILL CITY VENTURES III, LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

20-4709758  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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328 Barry Avenue South, Suite 210, Wayzata, MN

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(952) 479-1923

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

130 West Lake Street, Suite 300, Wayzata, MN

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed from last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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

As of November 12, 2013 there were 12,169,422 shares of the issuer's common stock, \$0.001 par value, outstanding.



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**PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements.**

Mill City  
Ventures  
III, Ltd.

(formerly  
Poker  
Magic,  
Inc.)

Balance  
Sheets

| ASSETS  | September<br>30, 2013<br>(unaudited) | December<br>31, 2012<br>(audited) |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Investments, at fair value  |                                      |                                   |
| Non-control / Non-affiliate investments (cost of \$1,280,600 and \$0, respectively) | \$1,480,675                          | \$-                               |
| Cash  | 8,983,279                            | 603,621                           |
| Leasehold improvements  | 35,606                               | -                                 |
| Property and equipment  | 18,554                               | -                                 |
| Prepaid expenses  | 88,913                               | -                                 |
| Total Assets  | \$10,607,027                         | \$603,621                         |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                                      |                                   |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>  |                                      |                                   |
| Accounts payable  | 48,435                               | 25,162                            |
| Accrued wages   | 40,369                               | -                                 |
| Accrued royalty   | 619                                  | 619                               |
| Notes payable – related-party short-term  | -                                    | 95                                |
| Interest payable  | -                                    | 14,670                            |
| Total Current Liabilities   | 89,423                               | 40,546                            |
| <b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>  |                                      |                                   |
| Subscription payable  | -                                    | 500,000                           |
| Total Long-Term Liabilities   | -                                    | 500,000                           |
| Total Liabilities   | 89,423                               | 540,546                           |

Commitments and contingencies

SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

|   |              |             |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (250,000,000 common shares authorized; 12,169,422 and 1,504,422 issued and outstanding, respectively) | 12,169       | 1,504       |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 11,875,571   | 1,221,236   |
| Accumulated deficit   | (1,159,665 ) | (1,159,665) |
| Accumulated undistributed investment loss   | (488,459 )   | -           |
| Accumulated undistributed net realized gains on investment transactions   | 77,913       | -           |
| Net unrealized appreciation in value of investments   | 200,075      | -           |
| Total Shareholders' Equity  | 10,517,604   | 63,075      |
| <br>  |              |             |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity  | \$10,607,027 | \$603,621   |
| <br>  |              |             |
| Net Asset Value Per Common Share  | \$0.86       | \$0.04      |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mill City  
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Inc.)

Statement  
of  
Operations

(unaudited)

|   | As a Business<br>Development Company              |  |
|---|---|--|
|   | Three<br>Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, 2013 | Nine<br>Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, 2013 |
| Investment Income   |   |  |
| Interest income   | \$1,787   | \$10,276   |
| Dividend income   |   |  |
| Non-affiliate investments   | 1,252   | 3,175  |
| Total Investment Income   | 3,039   | 13,451   |
| Operating Expenses  |   |  |
| Professional fees   | 59,201  | 196,708  |
| Payroll expense   | 40,418  | 161,683  |
| Registration statement expense                                      | -   | 26,805   |
| Insurance expense   | 33,793  | 70,148   |
| Occupancy   | 9,066   | 18,066   |
| Directors' fees expense   | 5,000   | 20,000   |
| Other general and administrative expenses                           | 2,362   | 8,500  |
| Total Operating Expenses  | 149,840   | 501,910  |
| Net Investment Loss   | (146,801 )  | (488,459 )                                       |
| Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments                         |   |  |
| Net realized gain on investments                                    | 737   | 77,913   |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments | (40,252 )   | 200,075  |
| Net realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments              | (39,515 )   | 277,988  |
| Net Decrease in Net Asset Value Resulting from Operations           | \$(186,316 )                                      | \$(210,471 )                                     |

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|   |            |           |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations per share: |            |           |
| Basic and diluted   | \$(0.02    | ) \$(0.02 |
| Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding            | 12,169,422 | 9,562,700 |

See  
accompanying  
notes to  
financial  
statements.

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Mill City  
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Inc.)

Statement  
of  
Operations

(unaudited)

|  | Prior to Becoming a<br>Business Development<br>Company |  |
|--|--|--|
|  | Three<br>Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, 2012      | Nine<br>Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, 2012 |
| Revenues   | \$-  | \$-  |
| Cost of revenues   | -  | -  |
| Gross loss   | -  | -  |
| Operating expenses:<br>Selling, general and administrative | 53,288   | 116,915  |
| Operating Loss   | (53,288 )  | (116,915 )                                       |
| Other Expense  |  |  |
| Interest expense   | (7,545 )   | (20,635 )  |
| Total Other Expense  | (7,545 )   | (20,635 )  |
| Net Loss   | \$(60,833 )  | \$(137,550 )                                     |
| Basic and diluted net loss per common share                | \$(0.06 )  | \$(0.13 )  |
| Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding       | 1,072,748  | 1,057,048  |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Mill City  
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Statements  
of Cash  
Flows

(unaudited)

|   | As a Business<br>Development<br>Company       | Prior to<br>Becoming a<br>Business<br>Development<br>Company |
|---|---|--|
|   | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, 2013 | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, 2012                |
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |   |  |
| Net (decrease) in net asset value resulting from operations / Net loss from operations  | \$(210,471 )                                  | \$ (137,550 )  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets / net loss resulting from operations<br>to net cash used in operating activities: |   |  |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments  | (200,075 )                                    | -  |
| Net realized gain on investments  | (77,913 )                                     | -  |
| Payments for purchases of investments   | (1,387,433 )                                  | -  |
| Sales of investments in securities  | 184,746                                       | -  |
| Officers compensation paid in stock   | -   | 36,000   |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:  |   |  |
| Prepaid expenses  | (88,913 )                                     | -  |
| Accounts payable  | 4,754   | 33,186   |
| Interest payable  | (14,670 )                                     | 20,635   |
| Accrued payroll   | 40,369  | -  |
| Net cash used in operating activities   | (1,749,606 )                                  | (47,729 )  |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |   |  |
| Purchases of property and equipment   | (12,976 )                                     | -  |
| Purchases of leasehold improvements   | (22,665 )                                     | -  |
| Net cash used by investing activities   | (35,641 )                                     | -  |

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|  |              |           |
|--|--------------|-----------|
| Cash flows from financing activities:              |              |           |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock             | 10,165,000   | -         |
| Payment on notes payable related party             | (95 )        | 25,000    |
| Net cash provided by financing activities          | 10,164,905   | 25,000    |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash                    | 8,379,658    | (22,729 ) |
| Cash, beginning of the period                      | 603,621      | 22,817    |
| Cash, end of the period                            | \$ 8,983,279 | \$ 88     |
| Non-cash investing activities:                     |              |           |
| Accrued purchase of leasehold improvements         | \$ 18,519    | \$ -      |
| Non-cash financing activities:                     |              |           |
| Accrued interest converted into note payable       | \$ -         | \$ 12,820 |
| Conversion of subscription payable to common stock | \$ 500,000   | \$ -      |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Mill City  
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Inc.)

Financial  
Highlights

As a Business  
Development  
Company  
Nine Months  
Ended  
September  
30, 2013

Per Share Data

|  |        |   |
|--|--------|---|
| Net asset value at beginning of the period                 | \$0.04 |   |
| Net investment loss  | (0.04  | ) |
| Net realized and unrealized gains                          | 0.02   |   |
| Net increase in net assets as a result of private offering | 0.84   |   |
| Net asset value at end of period                           | \$0.86 |   |

Ratio / Supplemental Data

|   |              |    |
|---|--------------|----|
| Per share market value at end of period                           | \$0.12       |    |
| Shares outstanding at end of period                               | 12,169,422   |    |
| Average weighted shares outstanding for period                    | 9,562,700    |    |
| Net assets at end of period                                       | \$10,517,604 |    |
| Average net assets <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | \$7,939,177  |    |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(2)</sup>                            | 2.33         | %  |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets <sup>(2)</sup>  | (9.77        | )% |
| Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets <sup>(2)</sup> | (9.52        | )% |
| Ratio of realized gains to average net assets <sup>(2)</sup>      | 1.54         | %  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on the monthly average of net assets as of the beginning and end of each period presented.

<sup>(2)</sup> Ratios are annualized.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



Mill City  
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Schedule of  
Investments

As of  
September  
30, 2013

| Name and Location<br>of Portfolio<br>Company   | Industry                  | Date of<br>Initial<br>Investment | Investments                                     | Shares  | Cost        | Fair Value  | % of<br>Total<br>Assets | FV<br>Level |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Non-affiliate<br>Investments<br>Southern Plains<br>Resources, Inc.<br>Des Moines, IA | Oil & Gas                 | 3/14/13                          | Common<br>Stock                                 | 600,000 | \$730,000   | \$930,000   | 8.8 %                   | 3           |
| CombiMatrix<br>Corporation<br>Irvine, CA   | Medical<br>Diagnostic     | 5/6/13                           | 6% Series C<br>Convertible                      | 300     | 300,000     | 300,000     |                         | 3           |
|  |                           |                                  | Preferred<br>Stock and<br>Warrants <sup>1</sup> | 35,201  | 100,600     | 100,675     |                         | 1           |
|  |                           |                                  | Common<br>Stock                                 |         | 400,600     | 400,675     | 3.8 %                   |             |
| MAX 4G, Inc.<br>Eden Prairie, MN   | Information<br>Technology | 6/14/13                          | Series B<br>Convertible<br>Preferred<br>Stock   | 300,000 | 150,000     | 150,000     | 1.4 %                   | 3           |
| TOTAL<br>INVESTMENTS   |                           |                                  |   |         | \$1,280,600 | \$1,480,675 |                         |             |

<sup>1</sup> Comprised of 81,967 warrants with an exercise price of \$3.77 per share and 81,967 warrants with an exercise price of \$3.55 per share. The fair market value of the common stock warrants has not been separated from the fair market

value of the preferred stock.

All investments reflected on this Schedule of Investments are deemed by the Company to be "qualifying assets" under Section 55(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Because the Company is a "business development company" under that Act, qualifying assets must represent at least 70% of the Company's total assets at the time it acquires any non-qualifying assets.

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Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2013

## **NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### ***Description of operations and basis of presentation***

Mill City Ventures III, Ltd. (the “Company”) is a business development company that was incorporated in the State of Minnesota on January 10, 2006 under the name Poker Magic, Inc. Our business from January 10, 2006 (inception) through December 12, 2012 consisted primarily of marketing and licensing a new form of poker-based table game to casinos and on-line gaming facilities in the United States.

On December 13, 2012, we filed a Form N-8A with the SEC, notifying the SEC that we are an internally managed, non-diversified, closed-end investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”). On February 7, 2013, we filed Form N-54A, notifying the SEC of our election to become a business development company (“BDC”). Subsequently, on May 13, 2013, we filed Form N-8F to deregister as a registered investment company based upon our prior filing to become a BDC. On September 25, 2013, the SEC issued an order under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 declaring that the Company has ceased to be an investment company. We are regulated as a BDC and plan to be taxed as a regulated investment company, although we currently have not elected this tax status. As a BDC, we primarily focus on investing in or lending to privately-held and publicly-traded companies and making managerial assistance available to such companies. A BDC may provide shareholders with the ability to retain the liquidity of a publicly traded stock, while sharing in the possible benefits of investing in emerging-growth or expansion-stage companies.

Our future revenues will relate to the earnings we receive from our portfolio investments. The Company’s objective is to obtain superior returns from investments in securities and other investment opportunities available to BDCs under the 1940 Act. We intend to invest capital in portfolio companies for purposes of financing acquisitions, recapitalizations, buyouts, organic growth and working capital. Buyouts generally include transactions that involve the acquisition of a controlling interest in an entity, either by management or other investors. Organic growth refers to growth through the internal operations of the company, through investments in marketing initiatives, capital expenditures or other internal growth initiatives, rather than growth by means of an acquisition. We plan to identify potential investments through multiple sources, including private equity sponsors, investment bankers, brokers, our Board of Directors, and owners and operators of businesses. We will base our investment decisions on our analyses of

potential growth prospects for business operations and asset valuations. Subject to applicable BDC regulations set forth in the 1940 Act, we plan to invest in private companies, small capitalization companies, notes and other forms of debt, investment contracts, and other investments commonly referred to as securities.

On January 17, 2013, the Company amended and restated its Articles of Incorporation. The amendment and restatement included a change in the Company's name from "Poker Magic, Inc." to "Mill City Ventures III, Ltd."

### ***Interim financial information***

The balance sheet as of December 31, 2012, which has been derived from audited financial statements, and the unaudited interim condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for interim financial information. Accordingly, 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. Operating results for the three and nine-months ended September 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2013 or any other period. The accompanying financial statements and related notes should be read in conjunction with the audited Financial Statements of the Company, and notes thereto, contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. The financial information furnished in this report is unaudited and reflects all adjustments which are normal recurring adjustments and, which in the opinion of management, are necessary to fairly present the results of the interim periods presented in order to make the financial statements not misleading.

### ***Reclassifications***

Certain reclassifications have been made in the presentation of our prior financial statements and accompanying notes to conform to the presentation as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013.

### ***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management and our independent board members to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### ***Cash Deposits***

The Company maintains its cash balances in financial institutions and with regulated financial investment brokers. Cash on deposit in excess of FDIC limits is subject to the usual banking risk of funds in excess of those limits.

### ***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The carrying amounts of certain of the Company's financial instruments, including cash, receivable from sale of investment, interest and dividend receivable, prepaid expenses, accounts payable and notes payable approximate fair value due to their relatively short maturities.

In the normal course of business, the Company may utilize derivative financial instruments (principally options) in connection with its proprietary trading activities. The Company records its derivative activities at fair value. Gains and losses from derivative financial instruments are included in net gain (loss) on investments in the statement of operations.

### ***Investment Valuation***

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized gains or losses previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Unrealized gains or losses primarily reflect the change in investment values, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized gains or losses when gains or losses are realized.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are typically valued at such market quotations. In order to validate market quotations, we look at a number of factors to determine if the quotations are representative of fair value, including the source and nature of the quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors, based on, among other things, the input of our executive management, audit committee and independent third-party valuation expert that may be engaged by management to assist in the valuation of our portfolio investments.

Due to the inherent uncertainty of determining the fair value of investments that do not have a readily available market value, the fair value of our investments may fluctuate from period to period. Additionally, the fair value of our investments may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for such investments and may differ materially from the values that we may ultimately realize. Further, such investments are generally less liquid than publicly traded securities. If we were required to liquidate a portfolio investment in a forced or liquidation sale, we could realize significantly less than the value at which we have recorded it.

In addition, changes in the market environment and other events that may occur over the life of the investments may cause the gains or losses ultimately realized on these investments to be different than the unrealized gains or losses reflected in the valuations currently assigned.

#### *Allocation of Net Gains and Losses*

All income, gains, losses, deductions and credits for any investment are allocated in a manner proportionate to the shares owned.

### ***Income Taxes***

The Company accounts for income taxes under the liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized.

### ***Combination (Reverse Split) of Common Stock***

On July 18, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved a 1-to-11 reverse stock split subject to approval by the Company's stockholders. The reverse stock split, approved by the Company's stockholders on September 7, 2012, became effective on September 10, 2012. The reverse stock split did not result in a reduction in the number of authorized shares of common stock. The accompanying financial statements and footnotes have been adjusted retroactively to reflect the reverse stock split.

### ***Revenue recognition – Prior to becoming a Business Development Company***

Revenue from sales under a license agreement is recognized when the following four criteria are met: 1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists (fully executed license agreement); 2) delivery of the Winner's Pot Poker game, felt and instructions have been rendered and for which the licensee is responsible to replace either through damage or normal wear and tear; 3) the price is fixed or determinable; and 4) collectability under the license agreement is reasonably assured. We did not generate any revenues for the year ended December 31, 2012.

### ***Realized Gains and Losses, Interest and Dividend Income Recognition – As an Business Development Company***

Realized gains or losses on the sale of investments are calculated using the specific investment method.

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis and includes the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Discounts from and premiums to par value on securities purchased are accreted/amortized into interest income over the life of the respective security using the effective yield method. The amortized cost of investments represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected in full. Accrued and unpaid interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment regarding collectability. Non-accrual loans are restored to accrual status when past due principal and interest is paid and, in management's judgment, are likely to remain current. The Company may make exceptions to this if the loan has sufficient collateral value and is in the process of collection.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are payable by the portfolio company and are expected to be collected. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private portfolio companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded portfolio companies.

Our investment portfolio investments at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 were \$1,480,675 and \$0, respectively.

### ***Management and Service Fees***

The Company does not incur expenses related to management and service fees. Our executive management team manages the Company's investments as part of their employment responsibilities.

### ***Conversion to a Business Development Company***

The results of operations for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2012 reflects the Company's results prior to operating as a business development company under the 1940 Act, while the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 reflects the Company's results as a business development company under the 1940 Act. Accounting principles used in the preparation of the financial statements as a business development company under the 1940 Act are different than those of prior periods and, therefore, the financial position and results of operations of these periods are not directly comparable. The primary differences in accounting principles relate to the carrying value of investments.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2013, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2013-08, *Amendments to the Scope, Measurement, and Disclosure Requirements* (“ASU 2013-08”). ASU 2013-08 amends Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946 “Financial Services – Investment Companies” by: (1) changing the approach to the investment company assessment in Topic 946 to clarify the characteristics of an investment company and provide comprehensive guidance for assessing whether an entity is an investment company; (2) requiring an investment company to measure noncontrolling ownership interests in other investment companies at fair value rather than using the equity method of accounting; and (3) requiring the following additional disclosures: (a) the fact that the entity is an investment company and is applying the guidance in Topic 946, (b) information about changes, if any, in an entity’s status as an investment company, and (c) information about financial support provided or contractually required to be provided by an investment company to any of its investees. The amendments in this update will be effective for fiscal periods beginning December 15, 2013. Early adoption of these amendments is not permitted. We are assessing the impact of ASU 2013-08 on our financial statements.

No other new accounting pronouncement issued or effective during the fiscal quarter has had or is expected to have a material impact on the condensed financial statements.

**NOTE 2—NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS PER COMMON SHARE**

Basic net increase resulting from operations and net loss per common share is computed by dividing (i) net decrease in shareholders’ equity resulting from operations or net loss by (ii) the weighted-average number of vested common shares outstanding during the period. A reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used in the calculation of basic and diluted net loss per common share follows:

|  | For the Three Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2013 |             | For the Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2013 |              |
|--|--|-------------|---|--------------|
|  | 2012   |             | 2012  |              |
| Numerator: Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations / Net loss           | \$(186,316 )   | \$(60,833 ) | \$(210,471 )  | \$(137,550 ) |
| Denominator: Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding, basic and diluted | 12,169,422   | 1,072,748   | 9,562,700   | 1,057,048    |
| Basic and diluted net decrease resulting from operations / net loss per common share | \$(0.02 )  | \$(0.06 )   | \$(0.02 )   | \$(0.13 )    |

At September 30, 2013 and 2012, the Company did not have any options or warrants outstanding or any other dilutive common equivalent shares.

### **NOTE 3—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### ***Asset Purchase Agreement***

The asset purchase agreement with Select Video dated March 10, 2006, provides that when the Company receives any revenue generated by Winner's Pot Poker and other similar games, Select Video will be entitled to receive an amount equal to five percent (5%) of all gross proceeds generated by these games.

At September 30, 2013 and September 30, 2012, \$619 was owed to Select Video under this agreement.

#### ***Temporary Office Space***

On April 1, 2013, the Company entered into an informal arrangement with the CEO and CFO to utilize their respective office space temporarily until a long-term leased space was located, build-out completed and available for occupancy. Each of the CEO and CFO were reimbursed \$1,500 per month until the leased space was available for occupancy.

At September 30, 2013 and 2012, \$0 was owed under the temporary office space agreements.



***Lease***

On June 6, 2013, the Company entered into an agreement to lease approximately 1,917 square feet of commercial space and two parking spots, for a period of 62 months. The leased space became available for occupancy on September 23, 2013. The 62-month lease term began October 1, 2013 and runs through November 30, 2018. The total rent expense for the three and nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$9,066 and \$18,066, respectively.

The following is a schedule of the required annual minimum lease payments.

| Year  | Amount    |
|-------|-----------|
| 2013  | \$3,594   |
| 2014  | 43,212    |
| 2015  | 44,171    |
| 2016  | 46,180    |
| 2017  | 50,311    |
| 2018  | 46,988    |
| TOTAL | \$234,456 |

**NOTE 4—SHAREHOLDERS’ DEFICIT**

***Common stock***

On March 6, 2013, the Company converted a \$500,000 subscription payable to 500,000 shares of common stock at \$1.00 per share.

On March 6, 2013, the Company raised cash of \$8,850,000 from a private placement of common stock at a per-share price of \$1.00 and issued 8,850,000 shares of common stock.

On March 20, 2013 the Company raised cash of \$1,315,000 from a private placement of common stock at a per-share price of \$1.00 and issued 1,315,000 shares of common stock.

At September 30, 2013, a total of 12,169,422 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding.

## **NOTE 5—FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS**

### ***Investment Risks***

The Company's investments are subject to a variety of risks. Those risks include the following:

#### ***Market Risk***

Market risk represents the potential loss that can be caused by a change in the fair value of the instrument.

#### ***Credit Risk***

Credit risk represents the risk that the Company would incur if the counterparties failed to perform pursuant to the terms of their agreements with the Company.

#### ***Fair Value Hierarchy***

The fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels is explained below:

*Level 1*

Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Valuation adjustments are not applied to Level 1 securities. Because valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these securities does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

*Level 2*

Pricing inputs are other than used in Level 1, which include the closing bid price for unlisted marketable securities, which are available in active or inactive markets for identical investments or liabilities, other direct or indirect observable inputs that can be corroborated by market data or the use of models or other valuation methodologies as of the reporting date.

*Level 3*

Pricing inputs are unobservable for the investment and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

The table below presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis by level within the hierarchy.

|                                 | As of September 30, 2013 |            |             |             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                 | Level 1                  | Level<br>2 | Level 3     | Total       |
| Southern Plains Resources, Inc. | \$-                      | \$ -       | \$930,000   | \$930,000   |
| CombiMatrix                     | 100,675                  | -          | 300,000     | 400,675     |
| MAX 4G                          | -                        | -          | 150,000     | 150,000     |
| Total                           | \$100,675                | \$ -       | \$1,380,000 | \$1,480,675 |

The changes in Level 3 assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized as follows:

|   | Fair Value  |
|---|-------------|
| Fair value, December 31, 2012   | \$-         |
| Total realized gain, net  | 77,176      |
| Change in unrealized appreciation   | 200,000     |
| Net realized and unrealized gain  | 277,176     |
| Purchases of portfolio investments  | 1,385,000   |
| Sales of investments  | (182,176 )  |
| Transfers to Level 1  | (100,000 )  |
| Fair value, September 30, 2013  | \$1,380,000 |
| Net unrealized gains included in the net increase in net assets resulting from operations relating to assets held at September 30, 2013 | \$200,000   |

### *Portfolio Investments*

At September 30, 2013, we had invested in three long-term portfolio investments, which had an amortized cost of \$1,280,600 and a fair value of \$1,480,675. At September 30, 2012, we were not a business development company.

On March 1, 2013, we entered into a subscription agreement with Great Plains Sand, LLC through a private placement to purchase 1 Class A Membership Unit for \$105,000. On June 12, 2013, Fairmount Minerals, Ltd. purchased Great Plains Sand, LLC for an aggregate sales price of \$65 million, subject to certain adjustments, pursuant to a Purchase Agreement. We received \$182,176 in cash at the closing of the sale. Five million of the aggregate purchase price is being held in escrow until the one-year anniversary of the closing date to satisfy certain indemnification and payment obligations of Great Plains Sand, LLC. Assuming the release in full of the escrow amount, we expect to receive an additional \$18,750 in consideration of the sale of our ownership interest. The Purchase Agreement further provides for additional consideration of up to \$10 million to be paid in equal installments upon the six-month and one-year anniversaries of the closing, or such later times as Fairmount Mineral's sand testing meets certain requirements set forth in the Purchase Agreement, upon satisfaction of such requirements. Assuming satisfaction of such requirements, we may receive additional earn-out payments of up to \$18,750. The Purchase Agreement also contains other representations, warranties, terms and conditions customary for similar transactions.

On March 6, 2013, we entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Mill City Ventures II, LP, wherein we purchased 400,000 shares of Southern Plains Resources, Inc. common stock from Mill City Ventures II, LP for \$420,000. On July 11, 2013, the Company entered into a subscription agreement with Southern Plains Resources, Inc. through a private placement of common stock to purchase an additional 200,000 shares of common stock at \$1.55 per share for \$310,000. Our cost of the Southern Plains investment at September 30, 2013 was \$730,000 and the fair value was \$930,000.

On May 3, 2013, we entered into a securities purchase agreement with CombiMatrix Corporation (“CombiMatrix”) to purchase Series C Convertible Preferred Stock and warrants in two separate closings. In the May 6, 2013 closing, we purchased 200 shares of Series C preferred stock convertible into common stock at \$2.86 per share and 81,967 warrants with an exercise price of \$3.77 per share. In the June 28, 2013 closing, we purchased 200 shares of Series C preferred stock convertible into common stock at \$2.86 per share and 81,967 warrants with an exercise price of \$3.55 per share. On August 9, 2013, we converted 100 shares of the CombiMatrix 6% Series C shares to 34,994 shares of CombiMatrix common stock at \$2.86 per share. An additional 207 shares of common stock were issued in lieu of accrued dividend on the converted principal amount. Our cost for the CombiMatrix investment was \$400,600 and the fair value at September 30, 2013 was \$400,675.

On May 29, 2013, we entered into a subscription and investment letter with MAX4G, Inc. to purchase 300,000 shares of MAX4G's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, \$.001 par value per share, at \$0.50 per share, for a total of \$150,000. At September 30, 2013, the cost and fair value of the MAX4G investment was \$150,000.

#### **NOTE 6—MINIMUM ASSET COVERAGE**

We have elected to be treated as a BDC. As such, we are required to meet various regulatory tests. Among other things, these tests will require us to invest at least 70% of our total assets in private or small-cap public U.S.-based companies, and to maintain a coverage ratio of total net assets to total senior securities and borrowings (including accrued interest payable) of at least 200%. As of September 30, 2013, the Company had total net assets of \$10,607,027 and total senior securities and borrowings (including accrued interest payable) of \$0, which asset coverage is in excess of the minimum coverage ratio for a BDC.

#### **NOTE 7—INCOME TAXES**

We plan to be regulated as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) and intend to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, applicable to regulated investment companies. Currently, we have not elected to be treated as a RIC. We are required to distribute at least 90% of our investment company taxable income and intend to distribute (or retain through a deemed distribution) all of our investment company taxable income and net capital gain to

shareholders; therefore, we have made no provision for income taxes. The character of income and gains that we will distribute is determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from GAAP. Book and tax basis differences relating to shareholder dividends and distributions and other permanent book and tax differences are reclassified to paid-in-capital. The Company did not have any taxable income for the three and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013.

#### **NOTE 8—NOTES PAYABLE RELATED PARTY**

On October 19, 2010, Douglas Polinsky and Joseph A. Geraci, II, both officers of the Company, each loaned the Company \$5,000 under terms and conditions set forth in a related unsecured term promissory note. Each promissory note provided for simple interest to accrue on the unpaid principal balance of the promissory notes at the rate of 12% per annum, and required that accrued interest be paid on a monthly basis until October 18, 2011, at which time the entire unpaid principal balance of \$5,000 together with the unpaid accrued interest of \$569 (accrued at 12% per annum) became due and payable. Messrs. Polinsky and Geraci both agreed to renew the promissory notes and interest payable totaling \$11,139 on September 30, 2011 for a term of six months. Subsequently, Messrs. Polinsky and Geraci both again agreed to renew the promissory notes and interest payable totaling \$11,807 on March 31, 2012 for a term of three years. The promissory notes have the same terms as those contained in the original promissory notes and have a maturity date of March 31, 2015.

From July 30, 2009 to July 15, 2011, Lantern Advisers, LLC (“Lantern”), a Minnesota limited liability company owned equally by Messrs. Polinsky and Geraci, (each of whom is an officer and director of the Company), loaned the Company a total of \$150,000 under terms and conditions set forth in unsecured term promissory notes. The promissory notes provided for simple interest to accrue on the unpaid principal balance of the promissory note at the rate of 12% per annum, and required that accrued interest be paid on a monthly basis until maturity, at which time the entire unpaid principal balance of the promissory note became due. On September 30, 2011, Lantern and the Company consolidated these promissory notes and the accrued but unpaid interest into a new promissory note in the amount of \$172,364. The new promissory note had the same terms as those contained in the original promissory notes and had a maturity date of March 31, 2012. On December 30, 2011, Lantern loaned the Company an additional \$25,000 under terms and conditions set forth in an unsecured term promissory note. The Company consolidated this promissory note with the promissory note referenced above with a principal amount of \$172,364 and unpaid interest of \$5,172 for a new promissory note in the amount of \$202,536. The new unsecured promissory note had the same terms as those contained in the original promissory notes and had a maturity date of June 30, 2012. Subsequently, Lantern agreed to renew the unsecured term promissory note and interest payable totaling \$214,688 on June 30, 2012 for a term of three years. The promissory note had the same terms as those contained in the original promissory note and had a maturity date of June 30, 2015.

On June 1, 2012 and October 31, 2012, Lantern loaned the Company \$25,000 and \$50,000, respectively, under terms and conditions set forth in an unsecured term promissory notes for a term of three years. The promissory notes provided for simple interest to accrue on the unpaid principal balance of the promissory note at the rate of 12% per annum, and required that accrued interest be paid on a monthly basis until maturity.

On December 10, 2012, the parties agreed to convert \$301,400 of principal balance to 301,400 shares of common stock \$1.00 per share. The remaining principal balance of \$95 and significantly all of the accrued and unpaid interest owing were paid on March 6, 2013.

The Company incurred interest expense associated with the related party notes of \$0 and \$7,545 for the three month period ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The Company incurred interest expense associated with the related party notes of \$0 and \$20,635 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Total short-term related-party notes at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 were \$0 and \$95, respectively.

## **NOTE 9—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

### ***Portfolio Investment***

On October 14, 2013, the Company entered into a subscription agreement with Tzfat Spirits of Israel, LLC for the purchase of 55,000 units of Class A Membership units for \$101,018.50.

### ***Non-Portfolio Securities***

From October 28, 2013 to November 6, 2013, the company purchased securities for an aggregate cost of approximately \$600,000 in open market transactions. The securities are considered non-eligible portfolio company securities.

**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

*Our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations set forth below should be read in conjunction with our audited financial statements, and notes thereto, contained in our Form N-2 filed with the SEC on April 1, 2013 and our Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 29, 2013 related to our year ended December 31, 2012.*

**Forward-Looking Statements**

Some of the statements made in this section of our report are forward-looking statements based on the current expectations of the management of our company, Mill City Ventures III, Ltd. These expectations involve substantial risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from the results expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements relate to future events or our future financial performance. We generally identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "could," "intends," "targets," "projects," "contemplates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential" the negative of these terms or other similar words. Important assumptions include our ability to originate new investments, achieve certain margins and levels of profitability, the availability of additional capital, and the ability to maintain certain debt-to-asset ratios. In light of these and other uncertainties, the inclusion of a projection or forward-looking statement in this prospectus should not be regarded as a representation by us that our plans or objectives will be achieved.

Some of the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus include statements as to:

- our future operating results;
- our business prospects and the prospects of our prospective portfolio companies;
- the impact of investments that we expect to make;
- our informal relationships with third parties;
- the dependence of our future success on the general economy and its impact on the industries in which we invest;



- the ability of our portfolio companies to achieve their objectives;
- our expected financings and investments;
- our regulatory structure and tax treatment;
- our ability to operate as a business development company and to be taxed as a regulated investment company;
- the adequacy of our cash resources and working capital; and
- the timing of cash flows, if any, from the operations of our portfolio companies.

The foregoing list is not exhaustive. In light of the foregoing, prospective investors are cautioned that the forward-looking statements included in this filing may ultimately prove to be inaccurate—even materially inaccurate. Because of the significant uncertainties inherent in such forward-looking statements, the inclusion of such information should not be regarded as a representation or warranty by Mill City Ventures III, Ltd. or any other person that our objectives, plans, expectations or projections that are contained in this filing will be achieved in any specified time frame, if ever. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this report. The forward-looking statements made in this prospectus relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made and are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

## **General Overview**

Mill City Ventures III, Ltd., formerly known as Poker Magic, Inc. (the “Company” or “we”) is a Minnesota corporation that was incorporated in January 2006. Until December 13, 2012, we were a development-stage company that previously focused on promoting and placing our Winner’s Pot Poker game online and into casinos and entertainment facilities nationwide, including those located in Native American tribal lands. On December 13, 2012, we filed a Form N-8A with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), notifying the SEC of our intent to register as an internally managed, non-diversified, closed-end investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”). On February 7, 2013, we filed Form N-54A, Notification of Election to be Subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the 1940 Act, to be regulated as a business development company (“BDC”). Subsequently, on May 13, 2013, we filed Form N-8F to deregister as a registered investment company based upon our prior filing to become a BDC. On September 25, 2013, the SEC issued an order under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 declaring that the Company has ceased to be an investment company. We are regulated as a BDC and plan to be taxed as a regulated investment company (“RIC”) although we currently are not.

## **Business Model and Strategy**

As a BDC, we primarily focus on investing in, lending to and making managerial assistance available to privately-held and publicly-traded companies. A BDC provides shareholders with the ability to retain the liquidity of a publicly traded stock, while sharing in the possible benefits of investing in emerging-growth or expansion-stage companies.

Our future revenues will relate to the earnings we receive from our portfolio investments. The Company's objective is to obtain superior returns from investments in securities and other investment opportunities available to business development companies under the 1940 Act. We intend to invest capital in portfolio companies for purposes of financing acquisitions, recapitalizations, buyouts, organic growth and working capital. Buyouts generally include transactions that involve the acquisition of a controlling interest in an entity, either by management or other investors. Organic growth refers to growth through the internal operations of the company, through investments in marketing initiatives, capital expenditures or other internal growth initiatives, rather than growth by means of an acquisition.

We plan to identify potential investments through multiple sources, including private equity sponsors, investment bankers, brokers, our Board of Directors, and owners and operators of businesses. We will base our investment decisions on analyses of potential growth prospects of business operations and asset valuations. Subject to applicable BDC regulations set forth in the 1940 Act, we plan to invest in private companies, small-cap public stocks, notes and other forms of debt, investment contracts, and other investments commonly referred to as securities.

## **Highlights for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013**

### *Investment Transactions*

On March 1, 2013, we entered into a subscription agreement with Great Plains Sand, LLC through a private placement to purchase 1 Class A Membership Unit for \$105,000. On June 12, 2013, Fairmount Minerals, Ltd. purchased Great Plains Sand, LLC for an aggregate sales price of \$65 million, subject to certain adjustments, pursuant to a Purchase Agreement. We received \$182,176 in cash at the closing of the sale. Five million of the aggregate purchase price is being held in escrow until the one year anniversary of the closing date to satisfy certain indemnification and payment obligations of Great Plains Sand, LLC. Assuming the release in full of the escrow amount, we expect to receive an additional \$18,750 in consideration of the sale of our ownership interest. The Purchase Agreement further provides for additional consideration of up to \$10 million to be paid in equal installments upon the six-month and one-year anniversaries of the closing, or such later times as Fairmount Mineral's sand testing meets certain requirements set forth in the Purchase Agreement, upon satisfaction of such requirements. Assuming satisfaction of such requirements, we may receive additional earn-out payments of up to \$18,750. The Purchase Agreement also contains other representations, warranties, terms and conditions customary for similar transactions.

On March 6, 2013, we purchased 400,000 shares of Southern Plains' common stock, representing 1.45% of its outstanding capital stock, for a purchase price of \$420,000. On July 11, 2013, the Company entered into a subscription agreement with Southern Plains Resources, Inc. through a private placement of common stock to purchase an additional 200,000 shares of common stock at \$1.55 per share for \$310,000. Southern Plains is located at 510 East Locust Street, Second Floor, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

On May 3, 2013, we entered into a securities purchase agreement with CombiMatrix Corporation ("CombiMatrix") to purchase Series C Convertible Preferred Stock and warrants in two separate closings. In the May 6, 2013 closing, we purchased 200 shares of Series C preferred stock convertible into common stock at \$2.86 per share and 81,967 warrants with an exercise price of \$3.77 per share. In the June 28, 2013 closing, we purchased 200 shares of Series C preferred stock convertible into common stock at \$2.86 per share and 81,967 warrants with an exercise price of \$3.55 per share. On August 9, 2013, we converted 100 shares of the CombiMatrix 6% Series C shares to 34,994 shares of CombiMatrix common stock at \$2.86 per share. An additional 207 shares of common stock were issued in lieu of accrued dividend on the converted principal amount. Our cost for the CombiMatrix investment was \$400,600 and the fair value at September 30, 2013 was \$400,675. CombiMatrix is located at 300 Goddard, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618.

On May 29, 2013, we entered into a subscription and investment letter with MAX4G, Inc. to purchase 300,000 shares of MAX4G's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, \$.001 par value per share, at \$0.50 per share, for a total of \$150,000. MAX4G, Inc. is located at 6400 Flying Cloud Drive, Suite #250, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

*Material Changes in Assets and Liabilities*

Our leasehold improvements for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 were \$35,606 compared to \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase relates to improvements for leased office space.

Our property and equipment for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 were \$18,554 compared to \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase relates to office furniture and technology equipment we purchased for use in our new office space.

Our prepaid expenses for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 were \$88,913 compared to \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase relates to our annual insurance and fidelity bond premiums which will be amortized ratably over the covered period.

Our accounts payable for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 were \$48,435 compared to \$25,162 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase is primarily due to one-time professional fees related to our change from an operating company to a BDC and SEC examination, fees related to our private offering, our annual insurance and fidelity bond premiums, occupancy expense and director compensation.

Our officer payroll for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$40,369 compared to \$0 for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase relates to compensation for our executive management team. Prior to December 13, 2012, our executive management were compensated through stock issuances.

**Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 Compared to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012**

*Operating Expenses*

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The results of operations for the three-month period ended September 30, 2013 reflects the Company's results as a BDC under the 1940 Act. The results for the three-month period ended September 30, 2012 reflect the Company's results prior to operating as a BDC. Accounting principles used in the preparation of the financial statements for the three-month period ended September 30, 2013 are different than those for the three-month period ended September 30, 2012 and, therefore, the financial position and results of operations of these periods are not directly comparable.

| Item                                       | As a BDC  |                             | Prior to<br>Becoming a<br>BDC  |                             |
|--|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|  | For the<br>Three<br>Month<br>Period<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, 2013 | % of<br>2013<br>Net<br>Loss | For the<br>Three<br>Month<br>Period<br>Ended<br>September<br>30,<br>2012 | % of<br>2012<br>Net<br>Loss |
| Investment Income                          | \$3,039   | (2.0 )%                     | \$N/A  | N/A %                       |
| Operating Expenses:                        |   |                             |  |                             |
| Professional fees                          | 59,201  | 40.3 %                      | 35,364   | 58.1 %                      |
| Payroll expense                            | 40,418  | 27.5 %                      | -  | - %                         |
| Occupancy                                  | 9,066   | 6.2 %                       | -  | - %                         |
| Insurance expense                          | 33,793  | 23.0 %                      | -  | - %                         |
| Directors' fees expense                    | 5,000   | 3.4 %                       | -  | - %                         |
| Executive management compensation in stock | -   | - %                         | 12,000   | 19.7 %                      |
| Interest expense                           | -   | - %                         | (7,545 )   | 12.4 %                      |
| Other general and administrative           | 2,362   | 1.6 %                       | 5,924  | 9.8 %                       |
| Net Investment Loss / Net Loss             | \$146,801   | 100.0 %                     | \$60,833   | 100.0 %                     |

As the table above demonstrates, we incurred operating expenses of \$149,840 and \$53,288 for the three month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. A discussion and analysis of the material components of our operating expenses appears below.

*Professional fees.* Our professional fees were \$59,201 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$35,364 for the three month period ended September 30, 2012. The increase in professional fees includes non-recurring professional fees related to responding to and participating an examination by the Securities and Exchange Commission of our conversion to a BDC and our development of additional policies and procedures required under or related to the 1940 Act.

*Payroll expense and executive management compensation.* During the three-month period ended September 30, 2013, we incurred \$40,418 in payroll expense for our executive management. During the three-month period ended September 30, 2012, our executive management compensation of \$12,000 was in common stock issuances.

*Insurance expense.* During the three-month period ended September 30, 2013, we incurred \$33,793 in insurance expense compared to \$0 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2012. Insurance expense relates to our annual director and officer insurance, fidelity bond premiums and business insurance amortized ratably over the covered period.

*Directors' fees expense.* Our directors' fees expense for the three-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$5,000 compared to \$0 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2012. We appointed independent members to our Board of Directors and began compensating those directors as part of our transition to and operation as a BDC.

*Occupancy expense.* Occupancy expense related to a temporary arrangement to reimburse the CEO and CFO for utilization of their respective office space temporarily beginning April 1, 2013 until the long-term leased space was completed and available for occupancy. Our occupancy expenses for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were \$9,066 and \$0.

Interest expense for the three-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$0 and \$7,545 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2012. On December 10, 2012, the majority of the outstanding promissory note balances owed to Lantern, Douglas Polinsky and Joseph A. Geraci, II were converted to shares of common stock.

#### ***Net Investment Loss / Net Loss***

Net investment loss represents the difference between investment income and operating expenses. Our net investment loss for the three-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$146,801.

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2012, we were not a business development company. Net loss represents the difference between revenues and operating expenses. Our net loss for the three month period ended September 30, 2012 was \$60,833.

***Net Realized Gains, Increase in Net Assets from Net Changes in Unrealized Appreciation***

Net realized gains on investments for the three-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$737. The net realized gain of \$737 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2013 was due to the conversion of 600 shares of CombiMatrix preferred stock to 600 shares of common stock.

The net decrease in net assets from changes in unrealized depreciation was \$40,251. The primary driver of the \$40,251 decrease in net assets from the net change in unrealized appreciation was the write-down of our investments in CombiMatrix. The decrease in value for the CombiMatrix convertible stock was a result of the decrease in the market price of the common share.

For the three-month period ended September 30, 2012, we were not a BDC.

**Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 Compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012**

***Operating Expenses***

The results of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 reflects the Company's results as a BDC under the 1940 Act. The results for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 reflect the Company's results prior to operating as a BDC. Accounting principles used in the preparation of the financial statements for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 are different than those for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 and, therefore, the financial position and results of operations of these periods are not directly comparable.

| <u>Item</u>                                | As a BDC   |                             | Prior to<br>Becoming a BDC   |                             |
|--|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|  | For the<br>Nine<br>Month<br>Period<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, 2013 | % of<br>2013<br>Net<br>Loss | For the<br>Nine<br>Month<br>Period<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, 2012 | % of<br>2012<br>Net<br>Loss |
| Investment Income                          | \$13,451   | (2.8 )%                     | \$-  | - %                         |
| Operating Expenses:                        |  |                             |  |                             |
| Professional fees                          | 196,708  | 40.3 %                      | 73,997   | 53.8 %                      |
| Payroll expense                            | 161,683  | 33.1 %                      | -  | - %                         |
| Registration statement expense             | 26,805   | 5.5 %                       | -  | - %                         |
| Insurance expense                          | 70,148   | 14.4 %                      | -  | - %                         |
| Directors' fees expense                    | 20,000   | 4.1 %                       | -  | - %                         |
| Occupancy expense                          | 18,066   | 3.7 %                       | -  | - %                         |
| Executive management compensation in stock | -  | - %                         | 36,000   | 26.2 %                      |
| Interest expense                           | -  | - %                         | (20,635 )  | 15.0 %                      |
| Other general and administrative           | 8,500  | 1.7 %                       | 6,918  | 5.0 %                       |
| Net Investment Loss / Net Loss             | \$488,459  | 100.0%                      | \$137,550  | 100.0%                      |

As the table above demonstrates, we incurred operating expenses of \$501,910 and \$116,915 for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. A discussion and analysis of the material components of our operating expenses appears below.

*Professional fees.* Our professional fees were \$196,708 for the-nine month period ended September 30, 2013 compared to \$73,997 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2012. The increase in professional fees includes non-recurring professional fees related our conversion to a BDC, our private placement offering and expenses related to the appointment of additional directors to our board, responding to and participating in an examination by the Securities and Exchange Commission of our conversion to a BDC and our development of additional policies and procedures required under or related to the 1940 Act.

*Payroll expense and executive management compensation.* During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, we incurred \$161,683 in payroll expense for our executive management. During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012, our executive management compensation of \$36,000 was in common stock issuances.



*Insurance expense.* During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013, we incurred \$70,148 in insurance expense compared to \$0 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012. Insurance expense relates to our annual director and officer insurance, business insurance and fidelity bond premiums amortized ratably over the covered period.

*Directors' fees expense.* Our directors' fees expense for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$20,000 compared to \$0 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012. We appointed independent members to our Board of Directors and began compensating those directors as part of our transition to and operation as a BDC.

*Occupancy expense.* Occupancy expense related to a temporary arrangement to reimburse the CEO and CFO for utilization of their respective office space temporarily beginning April 1, 2013 until the long-term leased space was completed and available for occupancy. Our occupancy expenses for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were \$18,066 and \$0.

*Registration statement expense.* Our registration statement expenses for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were \$26,805 and \$0. Our expenses incurred during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 relate to expenses charged by our legal counsel and independent registered accounting firm for their review and finalization of our Form N-2 Registration Statement filed with the SEC on April 1, 2013.

Interest expense for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$0 and \$20,635 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012. On December 10, 2012, the majority of the outstanding promissory note balances owed to Lantern, Douglas Polinsky and Joseph A. Geraci, II were converted to shares of common stock.

We anticipate our compensation expense for our executive management, professional fees and insurance expenses to increase in 2013 given our operation as a BDC.

***Net Investment Loss / Net Loss***

Net investment loss represents the difference between investment income and operating expenses. Our net investment loss for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$488,459.

For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012, we were not an investment company. Net loss represents the difference between revenues and operating expenses. Our net loss for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 was \$76,717.

***Net Realized Gains, Increase in Net Assets from Net Changes in Unrealized Appreciation***

Net realized gains on investments for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was \$77,913. The net realized gain of \$77,913 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was due to the sale of our one Class A Membership Unit in Great Plains Sands, LLC and CombiMatrix.

The net increase in net assets from changes in unrealized appreciation was \$200,075. The primary driver of the \$200,075 increase in net assets from the net change in unrealized appreciation was the significant write-up of our investment Southern Plains and changes in market price of our CombiMatrix investment.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Summary cash flow data is as follows:

|                                 | Nine<br>Months Ended September<br>30, |             |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                 | 2013                                  | 2012        |
| Cash flows provided (used) by : |                                       |             |
| Operating activities            | \$(1,749,606 )                        | \$(47,729 ) |
| Investing activities            | (35,641 )                             | -           |
| Financing activities            | 10,164,905                            | 25,000      |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash | 8,379,658                             | (22,729 )   |

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|                           |              |        |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Cash, beginning of period | 603,621      | 22,817 |
| Cash, end of period       | \$ 8,983,279 | \$ 88  |

The cash used in operating activities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2013 was primarily from our investment transactions offset in part by an increase in accrued liabilities. The cash used in operating activities for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2012 was primarily from an increase in interest expense and accrued liabilities.

On November 9, 2012, the Company received \$500,000 from an accredited investor. The terms within the subscription agreement were finalized on March 6, 2013, which resulted in the issuance of 500,000 shares of common stock at a per-share price of \$1.00.

On March 6, 2013, the Company closed on a total of \$8,850,000 from a private placement of common stock at a per-share price of \$1.00 and issued 8,850,000 shares of common stock. On March 20, 2013, the Company closed on the sale of an additional \$1,315,000 of common stock at a per-share price of \$1.00, and issued 1,315,000 shares of common stock.

### **Regulation as a BDC**

As a BDC, we are regulated by the 1940 Act. A BDC must be organized in the United States for the purpose of investing in or lending to primarily private companies, or certain small-cap public companies, and, with limited exceptions, making managerial assistance available to them. A BDC may use capital provided by public shareholders and from other sources to make long-term, private investments in businesses. A BDC may provide shareholders the ability to retain the liquidity of a publicly traded stock while sharing in the possible benefits, if any, of investing in primarily privately owned or small-cap public companies.

We may not change the nature of our business so as to cease to be, or withdraw our election as, a BDC unless authorized by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities, as required by the 1940 Act. A majority of the outstanding voting securities of a company is defined under the 1940 Act as the lesser of: (a) 67% or more of such company's voting securities present at a meeting if more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of such company are present or represented by proxy; or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of such company. We do not anticipate any substantial change in the nature of our business.

As with other companies regulated by the 1940 Act, a BDC must adhere to certain substantive regulatory requirements. A majority of our directors must be persons who are not “interested persons,” as that term is defined in the 1940 Act. Additionally, we are required to provide and maintain a bond issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company to protect the BDC. Furthermore, as a business development company, we are prohibited from protecting any director or officer against any liability to us or our shareholders arising from willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such person’s office.

We are generally not able to sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share. We may, however, sell our common stock at a price below net asset value per share (i) in connection with a rights offering to our existing shareholders, (ii) with the consent of shareholders holding a majority of our common stock, or (iii) under such other circumstances as the SEC may permit. For example, we may sell our common stock at a price below the then-current net asset value of our common stock if our Board of Directors determines that such sale is in our best interests and the best interests of our shareholders, and our shareholders approve our policy and practice of making such sales. In addition, we may generally issue new shares of our common stock at a price below net asset value in rights offerings to our existing shareholders, in payment of dividends and in certain other limited circumstances. No such offerings have occurred as of the date of this filing.

#### *Senior Securities and Coverage Ratio; Prohibited Transactions*

As a BDC, we are generally required to meet an asset-coverage ratio, defined under the 1940 Act as the ratio of our gross assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to our outstanding senior securities, of at least 200% after each issuance of senior securities. We may also be prohibited under the 1940 Act from knowingly participating in certain transactions with our affiliates without the prior approval of our directors who are not interested persons and, in some cases, prior approval by the SEC.

As a BDC, we are generally not permitted to invest in any portfolio company in which our investment adviser or any of its affiliates currently have an investment or to make any co-investments with our investment adviser or its affiliates without an exemptive order from the SEC, subject to certain exceptions.

#### *Qualifying Assets and Significant Managerial Assistance*

Under the 1940 Act, a BDC may not acquire any asset other than assets of the type listed in Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act, which are referred to as “qualifying assets,” unless, at the time the acquisition is made, qualifying assets represent at least 70% of the business development company’s gross assets. The principal categories of qualifying assets relevant to our proposed business are the following:

(1) Securities purchased in transactions not involving any public offering from the issuer of such securities, which issuer (subject to certain limited exceptions) is an “eligible portfolio company,” (as defined in the 1940 Act) or from any person who is, or has been during the preceding 13 months, an affiliated person of an eligible portfolio company, or from any other person, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the SEC. The 1940 Act defines an “eligible portfolio company” as any issuer which: (a) is organized under the laws of, and has its principal place of business in, the United States; (b) is not an investment company (other than a wholly owned small business investment company) or a company that would be an investment company but for certain exclusions under the 1940 Act; and (c) satisfies any one of the following three criteria:

either (i) does not have any class of securities that is traded on a national securities exchange or (ii) has a class of securities listed on a national securities exchange, but has an aggregate market value of outstanding voting and non-voting common equity of less than \$250 million;

is controlled by us or a group of companies including us (with “control” being presumed to exist where we or our group holds at least 25% of the voting securities of the issuer) and we have an affiliated person who is a director of the eligible portfolio company; or

is a small and solvent company having gross assets of not more than \$4.0 million and capital and surplus of not less than \$2.0 million.

(2) Securities of any eligible portfolio company which we control.

(3) Securities purchased in a private transaction from a U.S. issuer that is not an investment company or from an affiliated person of the issuer, from any other person or in transactions incident thereto, if the issuer is in bankruptcy and subject to reorganization or if the issuer, immediately prior to the purchase of its securities, was unable to meet its obligations as they came due without material assistance other than conventional lending or financing arrangements.

(4) Securities of an eligible portfolio company purchased from any person in a private transaction if there is no ready market for such securities and we already own 60% of the outstanding equity of the eligible portfolio company.

(5) Securities received in exchange for or distributed on or with respect to securities described in (1) through (4) above, or pursuant to the exercise of warrants or rights relating to such securities.

(6) Cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high-quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

In addition, a BDC must either control the issuer of the securities or must offer to make available to the issuer of the securities (other than small and solvent companies described above) significant managerial assistance; except that, where the business development company purchases such securities in conjunction with one or more other persons acting together, one of the other persons in the group may make available such managerial assistance. Making available managerial assistance means, among other things, any arrangement whereby the business development company, through its directors, officers or employees, offers to provide, and, if accepted, does so provide, significant guidance and counsel concerning the management, operations or business objectives and policies of a portfolio company. We intend to offer significant managerial assistance to those of our portfolio companies in which we have made investments that we intend to treat as “qualifying assets” under Section 55(a) of the 1940 Act.

In addition to the foregoing description of “qualifying assets,” (i) certain types of follow-on investments in issuers that no longer satisfy the definition of “eligible portfolio company” may nonetheless be “qualifying assets” as well as (ii) office furniture, equipment, real estate interests and leasehold improvements (as described in Sections 55(a)(1)(B) and 55(a)(7), respectively, of the 1940 Act).

#### *Temporary Investments*

Temporary investments may consist of cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities or high quality debt securities maturing in one year or less from the time of investment.

## **Capital Expenditures**

The Company did not have and does not plan to have any material commitments for capital expenditures in 2012 or 2013. Given the Company's business model as a BDC, material investments in capital resources is not required.

## **Critical Accounting Policies**

### Investment Valuation

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Realized gains or losses are measured by the difference between the net proceeds from the repayment or sale and the amortized cost basis of the investment without regard to unrealized gains or losses previously recognized, and include investments charged off during the period, net of recoveries. Unrealized gains or losses primarily reflect the change in investment values, including the reversal of previously recorded unrealized gains or losses when gains or losses are realized.

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are typically valued at such market quotations. In order to validate market quotations, we look at a number of factors to determine if the quotations are representative of fair value, including the source and nature of the quotations. Debt and equity securities that are not publicly traded or whose market prices are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by our board of directors, based on, among other things, the input of our executive management, audit committee and independent third-party valuation expert that may be engaged by management to assist in the valuation of our portfolio investments.

### Realized Gains and Losses, Interest and Dividend Income Recognition

Realized gains or losses on the sale of investments are calculated using the specific investment method.

Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis and includes the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums. Discounts from and premiums to par value on securities purchased are accreted/amortized into interest income over the life of the respective security using the effective yield method. The amortized cost of investments represents the original cost adjusted for the accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, if any.

Loans are generally placed on non-accrual status when principal or interest payments are past due 30 days or more or when there is reasonable doubt that principal or interest will be collected in full. Accrued and unpaid interest is generally reversed when a loan is placed on non-accrual status. Interest payments received on non-accrual loans may be recognized as income or applied to principal depending upon management's judgment regarding collectability. Non-accrual loans are restored to accrual status when past due principal and interest is paid and, in management's judgment, are likely to remain current. The Company may make exceptions to this if the loan has sufficient collateral value and is in the process of collection.

Dividend income on preferred equity securities is recorded as dividend income on an accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are payable by the portfolio company and are expected to be collected. Dividend income on common equity securities is recorded on the record date for private portfolio companies or on the ex-dividend date for publicly traded portfolio companies.

Further information on our critical accounting policies and use of estimates can be found in our financial statements and notes thereto included in this report and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC in March 2013. There have been no material changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, we did not engage in any off-balance sheet arrangements set forth in Item 303(a)(4) of Regulation S-K.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

We are subject to financial market risks, including changes in interest rates. Interest rate risk is the sensitivity of our current and future earnings to interest rate volatility, variability of spread relationships, the difference in re-pricing intervals between our assets and liabilities and the effect that interest rates may have on our cash flows. Changes in the general level of interest rates can affect our net investment income, which is the difference between the interest



income earned on interest earning assets and our interest expense incurred in connection with our interest bearing debt and liabilities. Changes in interest rates can also affect, among other things, our ability to acquire and originate loans and securities and the value of our investment portfolio. At this time none of our investments are tied to any variable interest rates, but in the future we may plan to borrow money at fixed or variable interest rates to make investments. In such circumstances, our net investment income will be dependent upon the difference between the rate at which we borrow funds and the rate at which we invest the funds borrowed. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that a significant change in market interest rates will not have a material adverse effect on our net investment income. In periods of rising interest rates, our cost of funds would increase, which could reduce our net investment income if there is not a corresponding increase in interest income generated by variable rate assets in our investment portfolio.

We do not currently engage in any hedging activities. However, we may, in the future, hedge against interest rate fluctuations by using standard hedging instruments such as futures, options, and forward contracts. While hedging activities may insulate us against changes in interest rates, they may also limit our ability to participate in the benefits of lower interest rates with respect to our borrowed funds and higher interest rates with respect to our portfolio of investments. During the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2013, we did not engage in interest rate hedging activities.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

##### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information 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. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance the objectives of the control system are met.

As of September 30, 2013, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded our disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of September 30, 2013.

### **Changes in Internal Controls**

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this report that materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect such controls, except as described below.

During the fiscal quarter covered by this report, our Board of Directors adopted policies necessary or appropriate for a business development company under federal securities laws, including a written conflict of interest and related party transaction policy, written valuation policies and procedures, and a written affiliate transaction policy.

**PART II – OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 6. Exhibits.**

| <u>Exhibit<br/>No.</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
|------------------------|--|
| 31.1                   | Certification of Chief Executive Officer (filed herewith).   |
| 31.2                   | Certification of Chief Financial Officer (filed herewith).   |
| 32.1                   | Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith). |

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## 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.

MILL CITY VENTURES III, LTD.

/s/ Douglas Polinsky  
Douglas Polinsky  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Dated: November 13, 2013

/s/ Joseph A. Geraci, II  
Joseph A. Geraci, II  
*Chief Financial Officer*

Dated: November 13, 2013