

MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP

Form 10-Q/A

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**  
**FORM 10-Q/A**  
**(Amendment No. 1)**  
**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2005**  
***Commission file number 000-50448***  
**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania  
(State of incorporation)

38-3686388  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

300 Fellowship Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip code)  
(888) 479-9111  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

Yes  No

At April 15, 2005, 11,619,665 shares of Registrant's common stock, \$.01 par value, were outstanding.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-Q/A (the "Form 10-Q/A") is being filed by Marlin Business Services Corp. (the "Company") to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2005, initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on May 9, 2005 (the "Original Filing"). This Form 10-Q/A is being filed solely for the following purposes.

The Company revised the wording in Part I Item 4 Controls and Procedures to clarify management's evaluation of internal controls and procedures over financial reporting.

The Company reclassified certain restricted cash among debt and secured borrowings, other assets and other liabilities. We previously reduced debt and secured borrowings by restricted cash deposited with a trustee for purposes of making routine debt service payments. The primary effect of this reclassification was to increase restricted cash and debt and secured borrowings by similar amounts and, to a lesser extent adjust accrued interest receivable and payable balances.

The Company changed the classification of changes in restricted cash in the consolidated statement of cash flows to present such changes as an investing activity instead of a financing activity. There was no actual change in the dollar amounts of cash

flow, only a change in the activity classification for cash flow statement purposes.

For the convenience of the reader, this Form 10-Q/A sets forth the Original Filing in its entirety. However, this Form 10-Q/A only amends Items 1, 2 and 4 of Part I and Item 6 of Part II of the Original Filing, in each case, solely as a result of, and to reflect, the issues noted above, and no other information in the Original Filing is amended hereby.

The foregoing items have not been updated to reflect other events occurring after the Original Filing or to modify or update those disclosures affected by subsequent events. In addition, pursuant to the rules of the SEC, the certifications of the Original Filing have been amended to be currently dated by the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The certifications of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer are attached to this Form 10-Q/A as Exhibits 31.1, 31.2 and 32.1.

Except for the foregoing amended information, this Form 10-Q/A continues to speak as of the date of the Original Filing, and the Company has not updated the disclosures contained herein to reflect events that occurred at a later date. Other events occurring after the filing of the Original Filing or other disclosures necessary to reflect subsequent events have been or will be addressed in the Company's amended Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2005 which is being filed concurrently with the filing of this Form 10-Q/A, and any reports filed with the SEC subsequent to the date of this filing. For this reason, the consolidated statements and related financial information for the affected periods contained in such previously filed reports should no longer be relied upon. The Company has not amended and does not intend to amend its previously filed Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005 which already reflect the treatments described above.

**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A  
for the quarter ended March 31, 2005

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**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.  
AND SUBSIDIARIES  
Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(in thousands)**

	<b>March 31, 2005 (unaudited)</b>	<b>December 31, 2004</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,997	\$ 16,092
Restricted cash	46,307	37,331
Net investment in direct financing leases	510,700	489,678
Property tax receivables	2,699	625
Fair value of cash flow hedges	4,236	618
Property and equipment, net	3,736	3,555
Other assets	6,879	6,794
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 580,554</b>	<b>\$ 554,693</b>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders Equity</b>		
Debt and secured borrowings	\$ 446,074	\$ 434,670
Other liabilities:		
Lease obligation payable	286	329
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	15,439	11,234
Deferred income tax liability	21,804	18,110
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>483,603</b>	<b>464,343</b>
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders equity:		
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value; 75,000 shares authorized; 11,618 and 11,528 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	116	115
Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value; 5,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding.		
Additional paid-in capital	77,160	75,732
Stock subscription receivable	(44)	(54)
Deferred compensation	(2,345)	(1,380)
Cumulative other comprehensive income	2,552	374
Retained earnings	19,512	15,563
<b>Total stockholders equity</b>	<b>96,951</b>	<b>90,350</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders equity</b>	<b>\$ 580,554</b>	<b>\$ 554,693</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.  
AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(in thousands, except per share amounts)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Three-months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
		<b>(restated) <sup>(1)</sup></b>
Income:		
Interest income	\$ 15,714	\$ 13,404
Fee income	4,448	2,810
Interest and fee income	20,162	16,214
Interest expense	4,492	3,931
Net interest and fee income	15,670	12,283
Provision for credit losses	2,680	2,323
Net interest and fee income after provision for credit losses	12,990	9,960
Insurance and other income	1,171	1,085
Operating income	14,161	11,045
Salaries and benefits	4,433	3,233
General and administrative	2,826	2,298
Financing related costs	373	482
Income before income taxes	6,529	5,032
Income taxes	2,580	1,987
Net income	\$ 3,949	\$ 3,045
Basic earnings per share:	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.27
Diluted earnings per share:	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.26
Shares used in computing basic earnings per share:	11,451,551	11,221,990
Shares used in computing diluted earnings per share:	11,842,236	11,660,498

(1) See Note 2

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.





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**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.  
AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity**  
(in thousands, except share amounts)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Common Shares</b>	<b>Additional Stock Paid-In Capital</b>	<b>Stock Subscription Receivable</b>	<b>Deferred Compensation</b>	<b>Other Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Total Shareholders Equity</b>
Balance, December 31, 2003 (restated) <sup>(1)</sup>	11,213,610	\$ 112	\$ 71,918	\$ (213)	\$ (50)	\$ 2,104	\$ 73,871
Issuance of common stock	39,116	1	522				523
Exercise of stock options	147,599	1	437				438
Tax benefit on stock options exercised			834				834
Payment of receivables				159			159
Restricted stock grant	127,372	1	2,021		(2,022)		
Amortization of deferred compensation					692		692
Unrealized gains on cash flow hedges, net of tax						374	374
Net income						13,459	13,459
Balance, December 31, 2004	11,527,697	115	75,732	(54)	(1,380)	374	15,563
Exercise of stock options	25,734		127				127
Tax benefit on stock options exercised			141				141
Payment of receivables				10			10
Restricted stock grant	64,734	1	1,160		(1,211)		(50)
Amortization of deferred compensation					246		246
						2,178	2,178

Unrealized gains on cash flow hedges, net of tax									
Net income							3,949		3,949
Balance, March 31, 2005	11,618,165	\$ 116	\$ 77,160	\$ (44)	\$ (2,345)	\$ 2,552	\$ 19,512		\$ 96,951

(1) See Note 2

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.  
AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	<b>Three-months Ended March</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>31, 2004 (restated) (1)</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 3,949	\$ 3,045
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	458	378
Provision for credit losses	2,680	2,323
Deferred taxes	2,580	1,987
Amortization deferred initial direct costs and fees	2,978	2,831
Deferred initial direct costs and fees	(3,258)	(3,405)
Effect of changes in other operating items:		
Other assets	(2,159)	(4,914)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,022	3,439
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,250	5,684
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Gross equipment purchased for direct financing lease contracts	(77,321)	(66,233)
Principal collections on lease finance receivables	53,581	45,228
Security deposits collected, net of returns	318	727
Acquisitions of property and equipment	(488)	(321)
Change in restricted cash	(8,976)	(4,498)
Net cash used in investing activities	(32,886)	(25,097)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Issuances of common stock, net of terminations	10	88
Exercise of stock options	127	52
Term securitization repayments	(53,004)	(40,410)
Secured bank facility advances	4,356	7,401
Secured bank facility repayments	(4,356)	(1,255)
Warehouse advances	66,454	37,287
Warehouse repayments	(2,046)	(5,657)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	11,541	(2,494)

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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(10,095)	(21,907)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	16,092	29,435
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 5,997	\$ 7,528
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 3,825	\$ 3,456
Cash paid for income taxes	185	

(1) See Note 2

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1 Organization**

*Description*

Marlin Leasing Corporation provides equipment leasing solutions primarily to small businesses nationwide in a segment of the equipment leasing market commonly referred to as the small-ticket segment. The Company finances over 60 categories of commercial equipment important to its end user customers including copiers, telephone systems, computers and certain commercial and industrial equipment. Marlin Leasing Corporation is managed as a single business segment.

In November 2003, Marlin Leasing Corporation merged into a wholly owned subsidiary of Marlin Business Services Corp., a Pennsylvania business corporation, as part of a corporate reorganization described below. Marlin Leasing Corporation is the principal operating subsidiary of Marlin Business Services Corp.

References to the Company, we, us, and our herein refer to Marlin Business Services Corp. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries after giving effect to the reorganization described below, unless the context otherwise requires.

*Reorganization*

Marlin Leasing Corporation was incorporated in the state of Delaware on June 16, 1997. On August 5, 2003, we incorporated Marlin Business Services Corp. in Pennsylvania. On November 11, 2003, we reorganized our operations into a holding company structure by merging Marlin Leasing Corporation with a wholly owned subsidiary of Marlin Business Services Corp. As a result, all former shareholders of Marlin Leasing Corporation became shareholders of Marlin Business Services Corp. After the reorganization, Marlin Leasing Corporation remains in existence as our primary operating subsidiary.

*Initial Public Offering*

In November 2003, 5,060,000 shares of our common stock were issued in connection with our IPO. Of these shares, a total of 3,581,255 shares were sold by the Company and 1,478,745 shares were sold by selling shareholders. The initial public offering price was \$14.00 per share resulting in net proceeds to us, after payment of underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering costs, of approximately \$44.7 million. We did not receive any proceeds from the shares sold by the selling shareholders.

**NOTE 2 Basis of Financial Statement Presentation and Critical Accounting Policies**

In the opinion of the management, the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring items) necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position at March 31, 2005 and the results of operations for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, and cash flows for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2005 and 2004. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and note disclosures included in the Company's Form 10-K/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 13, 2005. The consolidated results of operations for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results for the respective full years. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

As originally described in our 2004 Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2005 (as amended by the Form 10-K/A filed on December 13, 2005), the Company restated its consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002 and for the four quarters of fiscal 2004 and 2003 to reflect a correction in the accounting for interim rental income that had been previously recognized when invoiced. Interim rentals are now included with other minimum lease payments in determining the Company's net investment in direct financing leases and the amount of unearned lease income. Unearned lease income, net of initial direct costs and fees, is recognized as revenue over the lease term on the effective interest method. Quarterly information for the March 31, 2004 period reported herein reflect the restated amounts.

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	<b>Three months ended March 31, 2004</b>	
	<b>Previously Reported</b>	<b>As restated</b>
Interest income	\$ 12,925	\$ 13,404
Fee income	3,493	2,810
Income tax expense	2,068	1,987
Net income	3,168	3,045
Basic earnings per share	0.28	0.27
Diluted earnings per share	0.27	0.26

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates are used when accounting for income recognition, the residual values of leased equipment, the allowance for credit losses, deferred initial direct costs and fees, late fee receivables, valuations of warrants and income taxes. Actual results could differ from estimates.

**NOTE 3 Net Investment in Direct Financing Leases**

Net investment in direct financing leases consists of the following:

	<b>March 31, 2005</b>	<b>December 31, 2004</b>
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>	
Minimum lease payments receivable	\$ 593,419	\$ 571,269
Estimated residual value of equipment	41,832	41,062
Unearned lease income, net of initial direct costs and fees deferred	(98,571)	(97,245)
Security deposits	(19,664)	(19,346)
Allowance for credit losses	(6,316)	(6,062)
	\$ 510,700	\$ 489,678

Substantially all of the Company's leases are assigned as collateral for borrowings.

Initial direct costs and fees deferred were \$16.3 million and \$16.0 million as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively, and are netted in unearned income and will be amortized to income using the level yield method. At March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, \$26.7 million and \$25.6 million, respectively, of residual assets retained on our balance sheet were related to copiers. Minimum lease payments receivable under lease contracts and the amortization of unearned lease income, net of initial direct costs and fees deferred, is as follows as of March 31, 2005:

<b>Period Ending</b>	<b>Minimum lease payments receivable</b>	<b>Income Amortization</b>
<b>December 31:</b>	<b>March 31, 2005</b>	<b>March 31, 2005</b>
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>	
2005	\$ 183,690	\$ 40,571
2006	193,973	33,562
2007	124,882	16,470

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2008	63,891	6,467
2009	25,351	1,473
Thereafter	1,632	28
	\$ 593,419	\$ 98,571

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We use derivative financial instruments to manage exposure to the effects of changes in market interest rates and to fulfill certain covenants in our borrowing arrangements. All derivatives are recorded on the balance sheet at their fair value as either assets or liabilities. Accounting for the changes in fair value of derivatives depends on whether the derivative has been designated and qualifies for hedge accounting treatment pursuant to SFAS 133, as amended, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*.

We issued a term note securitization on July 22, 2004 where certain classes of notes were issued at variable rates to investors. We simultaneously entered into interest rate swap contracts to convert these borrowings to a fixed interest cost to the Company for the term of the borrowing. As of March 31, 2005, we had interest rate swap agreements related to these transactions with underlying notional amounts of \$140.0 million. These interest rate swap agreements are recorded in other assets on the consolidated balance sheet at their fair values of \$1.1 million and \$71,000 as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. These interest rate swap agreements were designated as cash flow hedges with unrealized gains recorded in the equity section of the balance sheet of approximately \$639,000 and \$43,000, net of tax, as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. The ineffectiveness related to these interest rate swap agreements designated as cash flow hedges was not material for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005. There were no similar interest rate swap agreements at March 31, 2004.

In October and December 2004, the Company entered agreements with total underlying notional amounts of \$250.0 million to commence interest rate swap contracts in August 2005 related to its next expected term securitization transaction. These interest rate swap agreements are recorded in other assets on the consolidated balance sheet at their fair values of \$3.2 million and \$546,000 as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. These interest rate swap agreements were designated as cash flow hedges with unrealized gains recorded in the equity section of the balance sheet of approximately \$1.9 million and \$331,000, net of tax, as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. The ineffectiveness related to these interest rate swap agreements designated as cash flow hedges was not material for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005. The Company expects to terminate these agreements simultaneously with the pricing of its next term securitization with any of the unrealized gains or losses amortized to interest expense over the term of the borrowing. There were no similar outstanding interest rate swap agreements at March 31, 2004.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2005, the Company recognized a net loss of \$12,000 in other financing related costs related to the fair values of the interest rate swaps that did not qualify for hedge accounting. As of March 31, 2005, the Company had interest rate swap agreements related to non-hedge accounting transactions with underlying notional amounts of \$4.2 million. These interest rate swap agreements are recorded in other assets on the consolidated balance sheet at a fair value of \$(6,000). This derivative is also related to the 2004 term securitization and is intended to offset certain prepayment risks in the lease portfolio pledged in the 2004 term securitization. There were no similar swap arrangements in the first quarter of 2004 and, accordingly, no related gain or loss recognized in the three-month period ended March 31, 2004.

The Company also uses interest-rate cap agreements that are not designated for hedge accounting treatment to fulfill certain covenants in our warehouse borrowing arrangements. Accordingly, these cap agreements are recorded at fair value in other assets at \$148,000 and \$73,000 as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. Changes in the fair values of the caps are recorded in financing related costs in the accompanying statements of operations. The notional amount of interest rate caps owned as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 was \$123.1 million and \$133.9 million, respectively. During the first quarter of 2005, the Company sold interest-rate cap agreements. The fair value of these interest-rate caps are recorded in other liabilities at \$77,000 as of March 31, 2005. There were no similar outstanding rate cap agreements at March 31, 2004.



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The following table details the components of other comprehensive income.

	<b>Three-months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 (restated)</b>
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>	
Net income, as reported	\$ 3,949	\$ 3,045
Changes in fair values of derivatives qualifying as cash flow hedges	3,619	
Tax effect	(1,441)	
Changes in fair values of derivatives qualifying as cash flow hedges, net of tax	2,178	
Comprehensive income	\$ 6,127	\$ 3,045

**NOTE 6 Earnings Per Common Share**

Earnings per common share ( EPS ) was calculated as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	<b>Three-months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 (restated)</b>
Net income	\$ 3,949	\$ 3,045
Weighted average common shares outstanding used in computing basic EPS	11,452	11,222
Effect of dilutive securities:		
Stock options, restricted stock and warrants	390	438
Adjusted weighted average common shares used in computing diluted EPS	11,842	11,660
Net earnings per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.27
Diluted	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.26

The shares used in computing diluted earnings per share exclude options to purchase 142,811 and 164,000 shares of common stock for the three-months ended March 31, 2005 and March 31, 2004, respectively, as inclusion of such shares would be anti-dilutive.

**NOTE 7 Stock-Based Compensation**

On January 11, 2005, the Company issued 103,960 stock options under the 2003 Plan at a strike price equal to the fair market value of the common stock of \$17.52. These options have a seven year term and a four year vesting provision. On January 11, 2005, the Company also issued 55,384 shares of restricted stock under the 2003 Plan. The restricted shares vest in seven years but may be accelerated if certain performance measures are achieved. The Company recorded deferred compensation of approximately \$970,000 at the time of issuance based on the then stock price of \$17.52. As vesting occurs, or is deemed likely to



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occur, compensation expense is recognized and deferred compensation reduced on the balance sheet. The Company recognized \$61,000 of compensation expense related to this restricted stock for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005.

Also, from January 1, 2005 through May 9, 2005, the Company has issued another 18,430 shares of restricted stock primarily through a management stock ownership program. Restrictions on the shares lapse at the end of 10 years but may lapse (vest) in as little as three years if the employee remains employed at the Company and holds a matching number of other common shares in addition to these restricted shares. As the shares were issued at various dates, the Company recorded deferred compensation of approximately \$334,000 at the time of issuance based on a then average stock price of \$18.08. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2005, \$23,000 of compensation expense was recognized related to this restricted stock.

On March 9, 2004 the Company issued restricted common shares under its 2003 Equity Compensation Plan of which 78,780 were unvested at March 31, 2005. Certain officers of the Company irrevocably elected to receive the restricted shares in lieu of cash based on a percentage of their targeted annual bonus expected to be paid over the next three years. Restrictions on the shares lapse at the end of 10 years but may lapse (vest) in as little as three years if designated performance goals are achieved. The Company recorded deferred compensation of \$2.0 million at the time of issuance based on the then stock price of \$15.88. As vesting occurs, or is deemed likely to occur, compensation expense is recognized and deferred compensation reduced on the balance sheet. The Company recognized \$157,000 and \$169,000 of compensation expense related to this program for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. In January 2005, 9,082 shares of this restricted stock were forfeited. The Company reversed \$94,000 of deferred compensation and \$50,000 of amortized compensation expense related to these forfeitures.

The Company follows the intrinsic value method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation in accordance with Accounting Principles Board Opinion ( APB ) No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees*, and related interpretations. The Company records deferred compensation for option grants to employees for the amount, if any, by which the fair value per share exceeds the exercise price per share at the measurement date, which is generally the grant date. This deferred compensation is recognized over the vesting period. For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, the Company issued 103,960 and 164,000 options, respectively, with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the company's stock on the date of grant. Therefore, no deferred compensation was recognized for this grant.

Under SFAS No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, compensation expense related to stock options granted to employees and directors is computed based on the fair value of the stock option at the date of grant using both the Black-Scholes option pricing model and the Cox-Rubinstein-Ross Binomial option pricing model. Pursuant to the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123, had compensation expense for stock option grants been determined based upon the fair value at the date of grant, the Company's net income attributable to common stockholders would have decreased as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	<b>Three-months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 (restated)</b>
Net income attributable to common stockholders as reported	\$ 3,949	\$ 3,045
Add: stock-option-based employee compensation expense included in net income, net of tax	2	2
Deduct: total stock-option-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value-based method for all awards, net of tax	(90)	(57)
Pro forma net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 3,861	\$ 2,990
Basic net income per share attributable to common stockholders:		
As reported	0.34	0.27

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Adjusted	0.34	0.27
Diluted net income per share attributable to common stockholders:		
As reported	0.33	0.26
Adjusted	0.33	0.26

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**Item 2. Management's Discussion And Analysis Of Financial Condition And Results Of Operations**

*The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto in our Form 10-K/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. This discussion contains certain statements of a forward-looking nature that involve risks and uncertainties.*

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements in this document may include the words or phrases can be, expects, plans, may, may affect, depend, believe, estimate, intend, could, should, would, if and similar words and phrases that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements are subject to various known and unknown risks and uncertainties and the Company cautions that any forward-looking information provided by or on its behalf is not a guarantee of future performance. Statements regarding the following subjects are forward-looking by their nature: (a) our business strategy; (b) our projected operating results; (c) our ability to obtain external financing; (d) our understanding of our competition; and (e) industry and market trends. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated by such forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, some beyond the Company's control, including, without limitation:

- availability, terms and deployment of capital;
- general volatility of the securitization and capital markets;
- changes in our industry, interest rates or the general economy;
- changes in our business strategy;
- the degree and nature of our competition;
- availability of qualified personnel; and
- the factors set forth in the section captioned Risk Factors in our Form 10-K/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Forward-looking statements apply only as of the date made and the Company is not required to update forward-looking statements for subsequent or unanticipated events or circumstances.

**Overview**

We are a nationwide provider of equipment financing solutions primarily to small businesses. We finance over 60 categories of commercial equipment important to businesses including copiers, telephone systems, computers, and certain commercial and industrial equipment. We access our end user customers through origination sources comprised of our existing network of independent equipment dealers and, to a lesser extent, through relationships with lease brokers and through direct solicitation of our end user customers. Our leases are fixed rate transactions with terms generally ranging from 36 to 72 months. At March 31, 2005, our lease portfolio consisted of approximately 98,000 accounts with an average original term of 46 months and average original transaction size of approximately \$8,500.

Since our founding in 1997, we have grown to \$580.6 million in total assets at March 31, 2005. Our assets are substantially comprised of our net investment in leases which totaled \$510.7 million at March 31, 2005. Our lease portfolio grew approximately 16.6% in the past twelve months. Personnel costs represent our most significant overhead expense and we have added to our staffing levels to both support and grow our lease portfolio. Since inception, we have also added three regional sales offices to help us penetrate certain targeted markets, with our most recent office opening in Chicago, Illinois in the first quarter of 2004. Growing the lease portfolio while maintaining asset quality remains the primary focus of management. We expect our on-going investment in our sales teams and regional offices to drive continued growth in our lease portfolio.

We generally reach our lessees through a network of independent equipment dealers and lease brokers. The number of dealers and brokers we conduct business with depends primarily on the number of sales account executives we have. Accordingly, key growth indicators management evaluates regularly are sales account executive staffing levels and the activity of our origination sources, which are shown below.

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	As of or For the Years Ended December 31,					Three Months Ended March 31, 2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
Number of sales account executives	41	50	67	84	100	99
Number of originating sources <sup>(1)</sup>	631	815	929	1,147	1,244	1,312

(1) Monthly average of origination sources generating lease volume.

Our revenue consists of interest and fees from our leases and, to a lesser extent, income from our property insurance program and other fee income. Our expenses consist of interest expense and operating expenses, which include salaries and benefits and other general and administrative expenses. As a credit lender, our earnings are also significantly impacted by credit losses. For the quarter ended March 31, 2005, our net credit losses were 1.98% of our average net investment in leases. We establish reserves for credit losses which requires us to estimate expected losses in our portfolio.

Our leases are classified under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as direct financing leases, and we recognize interest income over the term of the lease. Direct financing leases transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership to the equipment lessee. Our investment in leases is reflected in our consolidated financial statements as net investment in direct financing leases. Net investment in direct financing leases consists of the sum of total minimum lease payments receivable and the estimated residual value of leased equipment, less unearned lease income. Unearned lease income consists of the excess of the total future minimum lease payments receivable plus the estimated residual value expected to be realized at the end of the lease term plus deferred net initial direct costs and fees less the cost of the related equipment. Approximately 68% of our lease portfolio amortizes over the term to a \$1 residual value. For the remainder of the portfolio, we must estimate end of term residual values for the leased assets. Failure to correctly estimate residual values could result in losses being realized on the disposition of the equipment at the end of the lease term.

Since our founding, we have funded our business through a combination of variable rate borrowings and fixed rate asset securitization transactions, as well as through the issuance from time to time of subordinated debt and equity. Our variable rate financing sources consist of a revolving bank facility and two CP conduit warehouse facilities. We issue fixed rate term debt through the asset-backed securitization market. Typically, leases are funded through variable rate borrowings until they are refinanced through the term note securitization at fixed rates. All of our term note securitizations have been accounted for as on-balance sheet transactions and, therefore, we have not recognized gains or losses from these transactions. As of March 31, 2005, \$369.6 million or 83% of our borrowings were fixed rate term note securitizations.

Since we initially finance our fixed-rate leases with variable rate financing, our earnings are exposed to interest rate risk should interest rates rise before we complete our fixed rate term note securitizations. We generally benefit in times of falling and low interest rates. We are also dependent upon obtaining future financing to refinance our warehouse lines of credit in order to grow our lease portfolio. We currently plan to complete a fixed-rate term note securitization at least once a year. Failure to obtain such financing, or other alternate financing, would significantly restrict our growth and future financial performance.

**Reorganization**

Marlin Leasing Corporation was incorporated in the state of Delaware on June 16, 1997. On August 5, 2003, we incorporated Marlin Business Services Corp. in Pennsylvania. On November 11, 2003, we reorganized our operations into a holding company structure by merging Marlin Leasing Corporation with a wholly owned subsidiary of Marlin Business Services Corp. As a result, all former shareholders of Marlin Leasing Corporation became shareholders of Marlin Business Services Corp. After the reorganization, Marlin Leasing Corporation remains in existence as our primary operating subsidiary.

**Initial Public Offering**

In November 2003, 5,060,000 shares of our common stock were issued in connection with our IPO. Of these shares, a total of 3,581,255 shares were sold by the Company and 1,478,745 shares were sold by selling shareholders. The initial public offering price was \$14.00 per share resulting in net proceeds to us, after payment of underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering costs, of approximately \$44.7 million. We did not receive any proceeds from the shares sold by the selling shareholders.

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As originally described in our 2004 Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2005 (as amended by the Form 10-K/A filed on December 13, 2005), the Company restated its consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2002 and for the four quarters of fiscal 2004 and 2003 to reflect a correction in the accounting for interim rental income that had been previously recognized when invoiced. Interim rentals are now included with other minimum lease payments in determining the Company's net investment in direct financing leases and the amount of unearned lease income. Unearned lease income, net of initial direct costs and fees, is recognized as revenue over the lease term on the effective interest method. Quarterly information for the March 31, 2004 period reported herein reflect the restated amounts.

**Critical Accounting Policies**

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including credit losses, residuals, initial direct costs and fees, other fees and realizability of deferred tax assets. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Critical accounting policies are defined as those that are reflective of significant judgments and uncertainties. Our consolidated financial statements are based on the selection and application of critical accounting policies, the most significant of which are described below.

**Income recognition.** Interest income is recognized under the effective interest method. The effective interest method of income recognition applies a constant rate of interest equal to the internal rate of return on the lease. When a lease is 90 days or more delinquent, the lease is classified as being on non-accrual and we do not recognize interest income on that lease until the lease is less than 90 days delinquent.

Fee income consists of fees for delinquent lease payments and cash collected on early termination of leases. Fee income also includes net residual income which includes income from lease renewals and gains and losses on the realization of residual values of equipment disposed of at the end of term.

Fee income from delinquent lease payments is recognized on the accrual basis. Fee income from delinquent lease payments is accrued based on anticipated collection rates. Other fees are recognized when received. Net residual income includes charges for the reduction in estimated residual values on equipment for leases in renewal and is recognized during the renewal period. Residual balances at lease termination which remain uncollected more than 120 days are charged against income.

Insurance income is recognized on an accrual basis as earned over the term of the lease. Payments that are 120 days or more past due are charged against income. Ceding commissions, losses and loss adjustment expenses are recorded in the period incurred and netted against insurance income.

**Initial direct costs and fees.** We defer initial direct costs incurred and fees received to originate our leases in accordance with SFAS No. 91, *Accounting for Nonrefundable Fees and Costs Associated with Originating or Acquiring Loans and Initial Direct Costs of Leases*. The initial direct costs and fees we defer are part of the net investment in direct financing leases and are amortized to interest income using the effective interest method. We defer third party commission costs as well as certain internal costs directly related to the origination activity. The costs include evaluating the prospective lessee's financial condition, evaluating and recording guarantees and other security arrangements, negotiating lease terms, preparing and processing lease documents and closing the transaction. The fees we defer are documentation fees collected at lease inception. The realization of the deferred initial direct costs, net of fees deferred, is predicated on the net future cash flows generated by our lease portfolio.

**Lease residual values.** A direct financing lease is recorded at the aggregate future minimum lease payments plus the estimated residual values less unearned income. Residual values reflect the estimated amounts to be received at lease termination from lease extensions, sales or other dispositions of leased equipment. These estimates are based on industry data and on our experience. Management performs periodic reviews of the estimated residual values and any

impairment, if other than temporary, is recognized in the current period.

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**Allowance for credit losses.** We maintain an allowance for credit losses at an amount sufficient to absorb losses inherent in our existing lease portfolio as of the reporting dates based on our projection of probable net credit losses. To project probable net credit losses, we perform a migration analysis of delinquent and current accounts. A migration analysis is a technique used to estimate the likelihood that an account will progress through the various delinquency stages and ultimately charge off. In addition to the migration analysis, we also consider other factors including recent trends in delinquencies and charge-offs; accounts filing for bankruptcy; recovered amounts; forecasting uncertainties; the composition of our lease portfolio; economic conditions; and seasonality. We then establish an allowance for credit losses for the projected probable net credit losses based on this analysis. A provision is charged against earnings to maintain the allowance for credit losses at the appropriate level. Our policy is to charge-off against the allowance the estimated unrecoverable portion of accounts once they reach 121 days delinquent.

Our projections of probable net credit losses are inherently uncertain, and as a result we cannot predict with certainty the amount of such losses. Changes in economic conditions, the risk characteristics and composition of the portfolio, bankruptcy laws, and other factors could impact our actual and projected net credit losses and the related allowance for credit losses. To the degree we add new leases to our portfolio, or to the degree credit quality is worse than expected, we will record expense to increase the allowance for credit losses for the estimated net losses expected in our lease portfolio.

**Income taxes.** Significant management judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes, deferred tax assets and liabilities and any necessary valuation allowance recorded against net deferred tax assets. The process involves summarizing temporary differences resulting from the different treatment of items, for example, leases for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included within the consolidated balance sheet. Our management must then assess the likelihood that deferred tax assets will be recovered from future taxable income or tax carry-back availability and, to the extent our management believes recovery is not likely, a valuation allowance must be established. To the extent that we establish a valuation allowance in a period, an expense must be recorded within the tax provision in the statement of operations. We currently are in a net operating loss carryforwards ( NOLs ) position for state and federal income tax purposes. No valuation allowance has been established against net deferred tax assets related to our NOLs, as our management believes these NOLs will be realizable through reversal of existing deferred tax liabilities, and future taxable income. If actual results differ from these estimates or these estimates are adjusted in future periods, we may need to establish a valuation allowance, which could materially impact its financial position and results of operations.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Comparison of the Three-Months Ended March 31, 2005 and 2004**

**Net income.** Net income was \$3.9 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005. This represented a \$900,000 increase from the same period of 2004. During the three-months ended March 31, 2005, we increased our net interest and fee income resulting from growth in our investment in direct financing leases and expanding net interest margin. During the three-months ended March 31, 2005, we generated 8,248 new leases with a cost of \$77.3 million compared to 7,837 leases with a cost of \$66.1 million generated for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004. The weighted average implicit interest rate on new leases originated was 12.84% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 compared to 13.75% for same period in 2004. Overall, our average net investment in direct financing leases ( DFL ) increased 17.5% in the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 compared with the same period in 2004.

	<b>Three-months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 (restated)</b>
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>	
Interest income	\$ 15,714	\$ 13,404
Fee income	4,448	2,810

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Interest and fee income	20,162	16,214
Interest expense	4,492	3,931
Net interest and fee income	\$ 15,670	\$ 12,283
Average net investment in direct financing leases <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 490,293	\$ 417,253

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	<b>Three-months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004 (restated)</b>
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>	
Percent of average net investment in direct financing leases:		
Interest income	12.82%	12.85%
Fee income	3.63	2.69
Interest and fee income	16.45	15.54
Interest expense	3.67	3.77
Net interest and fee margin	12.78%	11.77%

- (1) Excludes allowance for credit losses and initial direct costs and fees deferred.

**Net interest and fee margin.** Net interest and fee income increased \$3.4 million, or 27.6%, to \$15.7 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2005 from \$12.3 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2004. The increase in the annualized net interest and fee margin represents an increase of 101 basis points to 12.78% in the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from 11.77% for the same period in 2004. Fee income was a significant contributor to the net margin expansion with an increase of 94 basis points.

Interest income, net of amortized initial direct costs and fees, increased \$2.3 million, or 17.2%, to \$15.7 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from \$13.4 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004. The increase in interest income was due principally to a 17.5% growth in the average net investment in direct financing leases outstanding which increased \$73.0 million to \$490.3 million at March 31, 2005 from \$417.3 million at March 31, 2004. The weighted average implicit interest rate on new leases originated was 12.84% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 compared to 13.75% for same period in 2004. This reduction is due in part to competition in small ticket leasing and a generally low interest rate environment.

Fee income increased \$1.6 million, or 57.1%, to \$4.4 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from \$2.8 million for the same period in 2004. All major components of fee income contributed to the increase in the 2005 period consistent with the continued growth in our lease portfolio. The largest increases came from higher net residual income that grew \$588,000 to \$1.4 million and late fee income that grew \$872,000 to \$2.6 million. Growth in residual income is reflective of the seasoning of our lease portfolio with more contracts reaching end of term and moving into renewal status. Fee income, as a percentage of the average net investment in DFL, increased 94 basis points to 3.63% annualized for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from 2.69% annualized for the same period in 2004.

Interest expense increased \$600,000 to \$4.5 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from \$3.9 million for the same period in 2004. The dollar increase in interest expense is attributed to a combination of higher borrowings needed to fund the continued growth of the Company and increased interest rates on the Company's warehouse facilities. Interest expense, as a percentage of the average net investment in DFL, decreased 10 basis points to 3.67% annualized for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from 3.77% annualized for the same period in 2004.

Interest expense as a percentage of weighted average borrowings was 4.10% for the first quarter ended March 31, 2005 compared to 4.0% for the same period in 2004. The average balance for our warehouse facilities was

\$42.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 compared to \$93.3 million for the same period ended March 31, 2004. The average borrowing costs for our warehouse facilities was 3.69% for the three months ended March 31, 2005 compared to 2.09% for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The Federal Reserve has increased its targeted fed funds rate seven times for a total of 1.75% since June 30, 2004. These increases have generally increased interest rates on LIBOR and Prime interest rate based loans such as the Company's warehouse facilities.

While interest rates on warehouse borrowings have increased, interest rates on term securitization borrowings have declined due to scheduled repayments and payoffs of higher coupon term borrowings over the past 12 months. In April 2004 we exercised our call option and paid off our 2000 term securitization when the remaining note balances outstanding were \$9.4 million at a coupon of 7.96%. In August 2004 we exercised our call option and paid off our 2001 term securitization when the remaining note balances outstanding were \$16.3 million at a coupon of approximately 6.00%. On July 22, 2004 we closed on the issuance of our sixth term note securitization transaction in the amount of \$304.6 million at a weighted average interest coupon approximating 3.81% over the term of the financing. For the quarter ended March 31, 2005, average term securitization borrowings outstanding were \$395.8 million at a weighted average coupon of 3.57% compared with \$301.5 million, at a weighted average coupon of 3.96% for the same period in 2004.

**Insurance and other income.** Insurance and other income increased \$100,000, or 9.1%, to \$1.2 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from \$1.1 million for the same period in 2004. The increase is primarily related to higher insurance income of \$200,000 offset by lower other income of \$100,000 in the 2005 quarter compared with the same period in 2004. The higher insurance income stems from growth in the lease portfolio and additional customers electing to obtain their equipment insurance through our

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program.

**Salaries and benefits expense.** Salaries and benefits expense increased \$1.2 million, or 37.5%, to \$4.4 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2005 from \$3.2 million for the same period in 2004. Total personnel increased to 271 at March 31, 2005 from 248 at March 31, 2004. We continue to add personnel to aid and support our continued growth. For the three-months ended March 31, 2005 compared to the same period in 2004, sales and credit compensation increased \$657,000 related to additional hiring of sales account executives and credit analysts and higher commissions earned for the period net of initial costs deferred per SFAS 91. In addition, compensation in management and other support areas increased \$465,000, of which \$247,000 was related to management incentive bonus accruals.

**General and administrative expense.** General and administrative expenses increased \$500,000, or 21.7%, to \$2.8 million for the three-months ended March 31, 2005 from \$2.3 million for the same period in 2004. The increase in general and administrative expenses included increased occupancy costs of \$153,000 due in part to a full quarter expense for the Company's new Mount Laurel, New Jersey office facility occupied in December 2004. Other increases included professional fees of \$137,000 for audit and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance and depreciation of \$58,000 due to an increase in fixed assets. Additional increases in costs are attributable to data processing, recruiting and postage due to overall growth of the Company and in our leasing portfolio.

**Financing related costs.** Financing related costs include commitment fees paid to our financing sources and costs pertaining to our derivative contracts used to manage interest rate exposure that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment. Financing related costs decreased \$110,000 to \$372,000 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from \$482,000 for the same period in 2004. Mark to market expense of \$20,000 was recorded on our interest rate caps for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 compared with \$116,000 of expense for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004. Commitment fees were \$353,000 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 compared with \$366,000 for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004.

**Provision for credit losses.** The provision for credit losses increased \$400,000, or 17.4%, to \$2.7 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from \$2.3 million for the same period in 2004. The increase in our provision for credit losses resulted principally from growth of our lease portfolio and a corresponding increase in net charge-offs and our estimates of losses inherent in the existing portfolio. Net charge-offs were \$2.4 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 and \$2.1 million for the same period in 2004.

**Provision for income taxes.** The provision for income taxes increased 30% to \$2.6 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 from \$2.0 million for the same period in 2004. The increase is directly attributable to the increase in pretax income. Our effective tax rate was 39.5% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 and 39.5% for the same period in 2004.

**LEASE RECEIVABLES AND ASSET QUALITY**

Our net investment in direct financing leases grew \$21.0 million or 4.3% to \$510.7 million at March 31, 2005 from \$489.7 million at December 31, 2004. The Company continues to pursue growth strategies designed to increase the number of independent equipment dealers and other origination sources that generate and develop lease customers. The Company's leases are generally assigned as collateral for borrowings as described below in Liquidity and Capital Resources.

The activity of the allowance for credit losses and delinquent accounts follows:

	<b>Three-months Ended</b>		<b>Year Ended</b>
	<b>March 31,</b>		<b>December</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>31,</b>
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>		
Allowance for credit losses, beginning of period	\$ 6,062	\$ 5,016	\$ 5,016
Provision for credit losses	2,680	2,323	9,953
Charge-offs, net	(2,426)	(2,078)	(8,907)

Allowance for credit losses, end of period	\$ 6,316	\$ 5,261	\$ 6,062
Annualized net charge-offs to average net investment in leases <sup>(1)</sup>	1.98%	1.99%	1.99%
Allowance for credit losses to net investment in leases <sup>(1)</sup>	1.26%	1.23%	1.26%

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	Three-months Ended		Year Ended
	March 31,		December
	2005	2004	31,
	(dollars in thousands)		
Average net investment in leases <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 490,293	\$ 417,253	\$ 446,965
Delinquencies 60 days or more past due	\$ 3,849	\$ 3,383	\$ 4,453
Delinquencies 60 days or more past due <sup>(2)</sup>	0.65%	0.66%	0.78%
Allowance for credit losses to delinquent accounts 60 days or more past due	164.12%	155.51%	136.13%
Non-accrual leases	\$ 1,529	\$ 1,422	\$ 1,944
Renegotiated leases	\$ 2,733	\$ 2,163	\$ 2,896

(1) Average net investment in leases excludes allowance for credit losses and initial direct costs and fees deferred.

(2) Calculated as a percent of minimum lease payments receivable.

Net investments in direct financing leases are charged-off when they are contractually past due 121 days and are reported net of recoveries. Income is not recognized on leases when a default on monthly payment exists for a period of 90 days or more. Income recognition resumes when a lease becomes less than 90 days delinquent.

Credit quality of our lease portfolio has generally improved as measured by annualized net charge-offs and delinquencies 60 days or more past due as a percentage of average net investment in leases over the time periods reported. We generally experience higher delinquency rates in December of each year, as we believe our lessees adjust their payment patterns around the year-end. Consistent with this past experience, delinquent accounts 60 days or more past due as a percentage of net investment in DFL declined to 0.65% from 0.78% at December 31, 2004.

**Residual Performance**

Our leases offer our end user customers the option to own the purchased equipment at lease expiration. As of March 31, 2005, approximately 68% of our leases were one dollar purchase option leases, 21% were fair market value leases and 11% were fixed purchase option leases, the latter of which typically are 10% of the original equipment cost. As of March 31, 2005, there were \$41.8 million of residual assets retained on our balance sheet of which \$26.7 million were related to copiers.

Our leases generally include automatic renewal provisions and many leases continue beyond their initial contractual term. We consider renewal income a component of residual performance. For the quarters ended March 31, 2005 and March 31, 2004, renewal income, net of depreciation amounted to \$1.4 million and \$905,000, respectively. For the quarters ended March 31, 2005 and March 31, 2004, net gains (losses) on residual values disposed at end of term

amounted to \$17,000 and (\$69,000), respectively.

#### **LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

Our business requires a substantial amount of cash to operate and grow. Our primary liquidity need is for new lease originations. In addition, we need liquidity to pay interest and principal on our borrowings, to pay fees and expenses incurred in connection with our securitization transactions, to fund infrastructure and technology investment and to pay administrative and other operating expenses. We are dependent upon the availability of financing from a variety of funding sources to satisfy these liquidity needs. Historically, we have relied upon four principal types of third party financing to fund our operations:

- borrowings under a revolving bank facility;

- financing of leases in CP conduit warehouse facilities;

- financing of leases through term note securitizations; and

- equity and debt securities with third party investors.

We used net cash in investing activities of \$32.9 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005, and \$25.1 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004. Investing activities primarily relate to lease origination activity.

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities was \$11.5 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 and \$(2.5) million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004. Financing activities include net advances and repayments on our



amounts.

***Revolving Bank Facility***

As of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Company has a committed revolving line of credit with several participating banks to provide up to \$40.0 million in borrowings at LIBOR plus 2.125%. The credit facility expires on August 31, 2005. There was zero outstanding under this facility at March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004. For the three-months ended March 31, 2005 and the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company incurred commitment fees on the unused portion of the credit facility of \$56,000 and \$230,000, respectively.

***CP Conduit Warehouse Facilities***

We have two Commercial Paper ( CP ) conduit warehouse facilities that allow us to borrow, repay and re-borrow based on a borrowing base formula. In these transactions, we transfer pools of leases and interests in the related equipment to special purpose, bankruptcy remote subsidiaries. These special purpose entities in turn pledge their interests in the leases and related equipment to an unaffiliated conduit entity, which generally issues commercial paper to investors. The warehouse facilities allow the Company on an ongoing basis to transfer lease receivables to a wholly-owned, bankruptcy remote, special purpose subsidiary of the Company, which issues variable rate notes to investors carrying an interest rate equal to the rate on commercial paper issued to fund the notes during the interest period. These facilities require that the Company limit its exposure to adverse interest rate movements on the variable rate notes through entering into interest rate cap agreements.

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**00-A Warehouse Facility** This facility totals \$125 million and expires in October 2006. The 00-A Warehouse Facility is credit enhanced through a third party financial guarantee insurance policy. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 and the year ended December 31, 2004, the weighted average interest rates were 3.26% and 1.71%, respectively. There was \$31.7 million outstanding at March 31, 2005 and \$0 outstanding under this facility as of December 31, 2004.

**02-A Warehouse Facility** This facility totals \$100 million and was renewed in April 2005, through April 8, 2006. The 02-A Warehouse Facility is credit enhanced through a third party financial guarantee insurance policy. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2005 and year ended December 31, 2004, the weighted average interest rate was 3.80% and 2.29%, respectively. There was \$44.7 million outstanding under this facility at March 31, 2005 and \$12.0 million at December 31, 2004.

***Term Note Securitizations***

Since our founding, we have completed six on-balance-sheet term note securitizations. In connection with each securitization transaction, we have transferred leases to our wholly owned, special-purpose bankruptcy remote subsidiaries and issued term debt collateralized by such commercial leases to institutional investors in private securities offerings. Our term note securitizations differ from our CP conduit warehouse facilities primarily in that our term note securitizations have fixed terms, fixed interest rates and fixed principal amounts. Our securitizations do not qualify for sales accounting treatment due to certain call provisions that we maintain and that the special purpose entities also hold residual assets. Accordingly, assets and the related debt of the special purpose entities are included in our consolidated balance sheets. Our leases and restricted cash are assigned as collateral for these borrowings and there is no further recourse to the general credit of the Company. By entering into term note securitizations, we reduce outstanding borrowings under our CP conduit warehouse facilities and revolving bank facility, which increases the amounts available to us under these facilities to fund additional lease originations. Failure to periodically pay down the outstanding borrowings under our warehouse facilities, or increase such facilities, would significantly limit our ability to grow our lease portfolio. At March 31, 2005 and at December 31, 2004, outstanding term securitizations amounted to \$369.6 million and \$422.6 million, respectively.

On August 16, 2004 we elected to exercise our call option and pay off our 2001-1 term securitization when the remaining note balances outstanding were \$16.3 million at a coupon of approximately 6.0%. Our Series 2000-1 transaction was repaid in full on April 15, 2004 when the remaining note balances outstanding were \$9.4 million at a coupon of approximately 8.0%. Our Series 1999-2 transaction was repaid in full on January 15, 2003. At March 31, 2005 the Company had three remaining term securitization transactions outstanding.

Our borrowings, including our term note securitizations, are collateralized by the Company's direct financing leases. The Company is restricted from selling, transferring, or assigning the leases or placing liens or pledges on these leases.

Under the revolving bank facility, warehouse facilities and term securitization agreements, the Company is subject to numerous covenants, restrictions and default provisions relating to, among other things, maximum lease delinquency and default levels, a minimum net worth requirement of \$63.7 million and a maximum debt to equity ratio of 10 to 1. A change in the Chief Executive Officer or President is an event of default under the revolving bank facility and warehouse facilities unless a replacement acceptable to the Company's lenders is hired within 90 days. Such an event is also an immediate event of servicer termination under the term securitizations. A merger or consolidation with another company in which the Company is not the surviving entity is an event of default under the financing facilities. In addition, the revolving bank facility and warehouse facilities contain cross default provisions whereby certain defaults under one facility would also be an event of default on the other facilities. An event of default under the revolving bank facility or warehouse facilities could result in termination of further funds being available under such facility. An event of default under any of the facilities could result in an acceleration of amounts outstanding under the facilities, foreclosure on all or a portion of the leases financed by the facilities and/or the removal of the Company as servicer of the leases financed by the facility. As of March 31, 2005, the Company was in compliance with terms of the warehouse facilities and term securitization agreements.

**MARKET INTEREST RATE RISK AND SENSITIVITY**

Market risk is the risk of losses arising from changes in values of financial instruments. We engage in transactions in the normal course of business that expose us to market risks. We attempt to mitigate such risks through prudent management practices and strategies such as attempting to match the expected cash flows of our assets and liabilities. We are exposed to market risks associated with changes in interest rates and our earnings may fluctuate with changes in interest rates. The lease assets we originate are almost entirely fixed rate. Accordingly, we generally seek to finance these assets with fixed interest cost term note securitization borrowings that we issue periodically. Between term note securitization issues, we finance our new lease

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originations through a combination of variable rate warehouse facilities and working capital. Our mix of fixed and variable rate borrowings and our exposure to interest rate risk changes over time. Over the past twelve months, the mix of variable rate borrowings has ranged from zero to 42% of total borrowings and averaged 13%. Our highest exposure to variable rate borrowings generally occurs just prior to the issuance of a term note securitization. We also use derivative financial instruments to attempt to further reduce our exposure to changing cash flows caused by possible changes in interest rates. On July 22, 2004 we issued a term note securitization where certain classes of notes were issued at variable rates to investors. We simultaneously entered into interest rate swap contracts to convert these borrowings to fixed interest costs to the Company for the term of the borrowing. As of March 31, 2005, we had interest rate swap agreements related to these transactions with underlying notional amounts of \$140.0 million. These interest rate swap agreements are recorded in other assets on the consolidated balance sheet at their fair values of \$1.1 million and \$71,000 as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. These interest rate swap agreements were designated as cash flow hedges with unrealized gains recorded in the equity section of the balance sheet of approximately \$639,000 and \$43,000, net of tax, as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. We may also use interest rate swaps to reduce our exposure to changing market interest rates prior to issuing a term note securitization. In this scenario we usually enter into a forward starting swap to coincide with the forecasted pricing date of our next term note securitization. The intention of this derivative is to reduce possible variations in future cash flows caused by changes in interest rates prior to our forecasted securitization. We may choose to hedge all or a portion of a forecasted transaction. In October and December 2004 we entered forward starting swap agreements with a total notional amount of \$250 million to partially hedge our forecasted 2005 term securitization. These interest rate swap agreements are recorded in other assets on the consolidated balance sheet at their fair values of \$3.2 million and \$546,000 as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. These interest rate swap agreements were designated as cash flow hedges with unrealized gains recorded in the equity section of the balance sheet of approximately \$1.9 million and \$331,000, net of tax, as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. To provide additional protection against potential interest rate increases associated with our variable rate warehouse borrowing facilities, we are required by our CP conduit warehouse facilities to enter into derivative financial transactions. We are using interest rate caps to fulfill these requirements. These cap agreements are recorded at fair value in other assets at \$148,000 and \$73,000 as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively. Changes in the fair values of the caps are recorded in financing related costs in the accompanying statements of operations. The notional amount of interest rate caps owned as of March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2004 was \$123.1 million and \$133.9 million, respectively. During the first quarter of 2005, the Company sold interest-rate cap agreements. The fair value of these interest-rate caps are recorded in other liabilities at \$77,000 as of March 31, 2005. There were no similar outstanding rate cap agreements at March 31, 2004. The following table presents the expected principal repayment schedule of our debt and the related weighted average interest rates as of March 31, 2005 and for each year ended through December 31, 2009 and for periods thereafter.

	<b>Expected Maturity Date by Calendar Year</b>					<b>Total</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009 and Beyond</b>	
	<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>					
Debt:						
Fixed rate debt	\$ 131,309	\$ 125,595	\$ 71,326	\$ 33,394	\$ 8,008	\$ 369,632
Average fixed rate	3.71%	3.87%	3.91%	4.03%	4.19%	3.84%
Variable rate debt	\$ 76,442	\$				\$ 76,442
Average variable rate	3.58%					3.58%

Our warehouse facilities charge variable rates of interest based on LIBOR, prime rate or commercial paper interest rates. Because our assets are predominately fixed rate, increases in these market interest rates would negatively impact earnings and decreases in the rates would positively impact earnings because the rate charged on our borrowings

would change faster than our assets could reprice. We would have to offset increases in borrowing costs by adjusting the pricing under our new leases or our net interest margin would be reduced. There can be no assurance that we will be able to offset higher borrowing costs with increased pricing of our assets.

For example, the impact of a hypothetical 100 basis point, or 1.0%, increase in the market rates for which our borrowings are indexed for the twelve month period ended March 31, 2005 would have been to reduce net interest and fee income by approximately \$568,000 based on our average variable rate borrowings of approximately \$56.8 million for the year then ended, excluding the effects of any changes in the value of derivatives and possible increases in the yields from our lease portfolio due to the origination of new leases at higher interest rates.

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We manage and monitor our exposure to interest rate risk using balance sheet simulation models. Such models incorporate many of our assumptions about our business including new asset production and pricing, interest rate forecasts, overhead expense forecasts and assumed credit losses. Past experience drives many of the assumptions we use in our simulation models and actual results could vary substantially.

**RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

In December 2004, the FASB issued Statement No. 123R Share-Based Payments, an amendment of FASB Statements 123 and 95, requiring companies to recognize expense on the grant-date for the fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees and non-employees. The Statement is now scheduled to be effective for calendar year reporting companies in 2006. All public companies must use either the modified prospective or the modified retrospective transition method. The Company plans to use the modified prospective method whereby awards that are granted, modified, or settled after the date of adoption will be measured and accounted for in accordance with Statement 123R. Unvested equity classified awards that were granted prior to the effective date will be accounted for in accordance with Statement 123 and expensed as the awards vest based on their grant date fair value. Accordingly, the Company will adopt this rule in fiscal 2006 and will expense options vesting and those newly granted based on their estimated fair value at the date granted. As of May 9, 2005, the Company anticipated recognizing pre-tax expense in 2006 of \$570,000 related to this change in accounting.

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

The information appearing in the section captioned Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Market Interest Rate Risk and Sensitivity under Item 2 of this Form 10-Q is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

**Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ) and Chief Financial Officer ( CFO ), evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report are designed and functioning effectively to provide reasonable assurance that the information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

**Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In connection with the preparation of its Annual Report on Form 10-K, as of December 31, 2004, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act). As a result of this evaluation, management concluded that a material weakness existed in the Company's controls over the selection and application of accounting policies at December 31, 2004. Specifically, the Company had misapplied generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as they pertain to the timing of recognition of interim rental income and accordingly, restated its previously issued financial statements to correct for this error (see Note 2 to the Company's consolidated financial statements on Form 10-K/A filed December 8, 2005).

Based on management's evaluation, the Company's CEO and CFO concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of December 31, 2004.

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In response to the aforementioned material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, during the first quarter of 2005, the Company implemented additional review procedures over the selection and monitoring of accounting practices to ensure overall compliance with generally accepted accounting principles. The aforementioned material weakness was fully remediated during the first fiscal quarter of 2005, which has not been affirmed by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

There were no other changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the Company's first fiscal quarter of 2005 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**Part II. Other Information****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We are party to various legal proceedings, which include claims, litigation and class action suits arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, these actions will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

None

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None

**Item 4. Submission of Matters To A Vote Of Security Holders**

None

**Item 5. Other Information**

None

**Item 6. Exhibits****Exhibit**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1 <sup>(3)</sup>	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant.
3.2 <sup>(2)</sup>	Bylaws of the Registrant.
4.1 <sup>(2)</sup>	Second Amended and Restated Registration Agreement, as amended through July 26, 2001, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation and certain of its shareholders.
10.1 <sup>(2)</sup>	2003 Equity Compensation Plan of the Registrant.
10.2 <sup>(2)</sup>	2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan of the Registrant.
10.3 <sup>(2)</sup>	Lease Agreement, dated as of April 9, 1998, and amendment thereto dated as of September 22, 1999 between W9/PHC Real Estate Limited Partnership and Marlin Leasing Corporation.
10.4 <sup>(4)</sup>	Lease Agreement, dated as of October 21, 2003, between Liberty Property Limited Partnership and Marlin Leasing Corporation
10.5 <sup>(2)</sup>	Employment Agreement, dated as of October 14, 2003 between Daniel P. Dyer and the Registrant.
10.6 <sup>(2)</sup>	Employment Agreement, dated as of October 14, 2003 between Gary R. Shivers and the Registrant.
10.7 <sup>(2)</sup>	Employment Agreement, dated as of October 14, 2003 between George D. Pelose and the Registrant.
10.8 <sup>(1)</sup>	

Master Lease Receivables Asset-Backed Financing Facility Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2000,  
by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. IV and Wells Fargo  
Bank Minnesota, National Association.

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.9 <sup>(1)</sup>	Amended and Restated Series 2000-A Supplement dated as of August 7, 2001, to the Master Lease Receivables Asset-Backed Financing Facility Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2000, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. IV, Marlin Leasing Receivables IV LLC, Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, XL Capital Assurance Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association.
10.10 <sup>(1)</sup>	Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Series 2000-A Supplement dated as of September 25, 2002, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. IV, Marlin Leasing Receivables IV LLC, Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, XL Capital Assurance Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association.
10.11 <sup>(5)</sup>	Fourth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Series 2000-A Supplement dated as of October 7, 2004, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. IV, Marlin Leasing Receivables IV LLC, Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, XL Capital Assurance Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
10.12 <sup>(1)</sup>	Second Amended and Restated Warehouse Revolving Credit Facility Agreement dated as of August 31, 2001, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, the Lenders and National City Bank.
10.13 <sup>(1)</sup>	First Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Warehouse Revolving Credit Facility Agreement dated as of July 28, 2003, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, the Lenders and National City Bank.
10.14 <sup>(3)</sup>	Second Amendment to Second Amended and Restated Warehouse Revolving Credit Facility Agreement dated as of October 16, 2003, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, the Lenders and National City Bank.
10.15 <sup>(1)</sup>	Master Lease Receivables Asset-Backed Financing Facility Agreement (the Master Facility Agreement), dated as of April 1, 2002, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. II and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association.
10.16 <sup>(1)</sup>	Series 2002-A Supplement, dated as of April 1, 2002, to the Master Lease Receivables Asset-Backed Financing Facility Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2002, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. II, Marlin Leasing Receivables II LLC, National City Bank and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association.
10.17 <sup>(1)</sup>	First Amendment to Series 2002-A Supplement to the Master Lease Receivables Asset-Backed Financing Facility Agreement and Consent to Assignment of 2002-A Note, dated as of July 10, 2003, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. II, Marlin Leasing Receivables II LLC, ABN AMRO Bank N.V. and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association.
10.18 <sup>(4)</sup>	Second Amendment to Series 2002-A Supplement to the Master Lease Receivables Asset-Backed Financing Facility Agreement, dated as of January 13, 2004, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. II, Marlin Leasing Receivables II LLC, Bank One, N.A., and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association.

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- 10.19<sup>(4)</sup> Third Amendment to Series 2002-A Supplement to the Master Lease Receivables Asset-Backed Financing Facility Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2004, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. II, Marlin Leasing Receivables II LLC, Bank One, N.A., and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association.
- 10.20<sup>(6)</sup> Fifth Amendment to Series 2002-A Supplement to the Master Lease Receivables Asset-Backed Financing Facility Agreement, dated as of March 18, 2005, by and among Marlin Leasing Corporation, Marlin Leasing Receivables Corp. II, Marlin Leasing Receivables II LLC, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., (successor by merger to Bank One, N.A.), and Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association. (Filed herewith)
- 31.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of Marlin Business Services Corp. required by Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (Filed herewith)
- 31.2 Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of Marlin Business Services Corp. required by Rule 13a-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (Filed herewith)
- 32.1 Certification of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Marlin Business Services Corp. required by Rule 13a-14(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. (This exhibit shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Further, this exhibit shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.). (Furnished herewith)

(1) Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-108530), filed on September 5, 2003, and incorporated by reference herein.

(2) Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registrant's Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-108530),

filed on  
October 14, 2003,  
and incorporated  
by reference  
herein.

- (3) Previously filed  
with the Securities  
and Exchange  
Commission as an  
exhibit to the  
Registrant's  
Amendment No. 2  
to Registration  
Statement on  
Form S-1 filed on  
October 28, 2003  
(File  
No. 333-108530),  
and incorporated  
by reference  
herein.

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- (4) Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 filed on March 29, 2004, and incorporated by reference herein.
  
- (5) Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registrant's Form 8-K dated October 7, 2004 filed on October 12, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.
  
- (6) Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an exhibit to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2005 filed on May 9,

2005, and  
incorporated by  
reference  
herein.

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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.

**MARLIN BUSINESS SERVICES CORP.**

(Registrant)

*By: /s/ Bruce E. Sickel*      *Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)*  
Bruce E. Sickel

*By: /s/ Daniel P. Dyer*      *Chief Executive Officer  
(Chief Executive Officer)*  
Daniel P. Dyer

December 13, 2005

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