
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

**DATE OF REPORT
(DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)**

November 17, 2009

ASTRO-MED, INC

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER

0-13200

RHODE ISLAND (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)	05-0318215 (IRS EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER)
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600 EAST GREENWICH AVENUE, WEST WARWICK, RI 02893

(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(401-828-4000)

(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On November 17, 2009, Astro-Med, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release in which it disclosed unaudited financial information related to third quarter consolidated earnings. A copy of the press release relating to such announcement, dated November 17, 2009, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

This information shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibit

Exhibit no.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release dated November 17, 2009

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

DATE: November 17, 2009

ASTRO-MED, INC.

	By:	/s/ Joseph P. O’Connell

		Joseph P. O’Connell
		Senior Vice President,
Treasurer and		Chief Financial Officer

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Press Release Dated November 17, 2009

PRESS RELEASE



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For Immediate Release

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November 17, 2009

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Astro-Med, Inc. Reports Improved Earnings Trend for the Third Quarter; Directors Declare Regular Cash Dividend

WEST WARWICK, RI, November 17, 2009 -- Astro-Med, Inc. (NASDAQ:ALOT) reports net income of \$683,000, equal to 9 cents per diluted share, on sales of \$16,658,000 for the Third Quarter ended October 31, 2009. For the corresponding period of the prior year, Astro-Med reported net income of \$649,000, equal to 9 cents per diluted share, on sales of \$17,681,000.

For the nine-month period ended October 31, 2009, Astro-Med reported net income of \$1,037,000, equal to 14 cents per diluted share on sales of \$47,751,000, compared to net income of \$2,701,000, equal to 36 cents per diluted share, on sales of \$56,152,000 in the comparable nine-month period of the prior fiscal year.

Commenting on the results, Albert W. Ondis, Chief Executive Officer, said: "We are pleased with the measured progress the Company has made. Our revenue and our earnings improved from the First Quarter to the Second Quarter, and now from the Second Quarter to the Third Quarter. We foresee a continuation of this trend during the Fourth Quarter. We are successfully pursuing the goals of the Three Year Strategic Business Plan, which our Board approved on August 17, 2009. The Plan highlights growth through internal development as well as by acquisition."

Astro-Med Gross Profit margins held firm at 42.4% during the Third Quarter, and operating expenses remained flat compared with the Second Quarter. Operating income rose 8.5% during the Third Quarter to \$961,000, and the operating margin was 5.8% compared with 5.4% in the Second Quarter. Net income was \$683,000 in the Third Quarter, a 16.8% improvement over the Second Quarter.

Ondis continued, "The Company's balance sheet remains strong. Astro-Med's cash and investment position reached approximately \$24,000,000 at Quarter's end. We improved the efficiency of our working capital investments by lowering the accounts receivable turnover to 49 days sales outstanding, and reduced our inventories by 6.1% from the prior quarter."

"In accordance with our Strategic Plan, we are continuing to invest heavily in Research & Development. We will soon announce some exciting new hardware products for the Astro-Med Test & Measurement data acquisition product line, as well as our Ruggedized Products line of airborne printers. These new products will be released in early 2010."

Astro-Med, Inc. Directors Declare Regular Cash Dividend

On November 16, 2009, the Directors of Astro-Med, Inc. declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.06 per share, payable on January 4, 2010 to shareholders of record as of December 11, 2009.

Third Quarter Conference Call to be held Wednesday, November 18, 2009

The Astro-Med, Inc. Third Quarter conference call will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 11:00 AM EST. It will be broadcast in real time on the Internet and will be available through the Investing Section of our website. We invite you to log on and listen in real time on November 18th, or to participate in the conference call by dialing 1-888-549-7750 and referencing ID number 4169655. Following the live broadcast, a webcast of the recorded call will be available for ten days at www.Astro-MedInc.com.

Astro-Med, Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Operations In Thousands Except for Per Share Data (Unaudited)

	Three-Months Ended		Nine-Months Ended	
	October 31, 2009	November 1, 2008	October 31, 2009	November 1, 2008
Net Sales	\$ 16,658	\$ 17,681	\$ 47,751	\$ 56,152
Gross Profit	7,059	7,647	19,822	24,516
	42.4 %	43.3 %	41.5 %	43.7 %
Operating Expenses:				
Marketing & Selling			11,447	12,928
Research & Development	3,840	4,164	3,565	3,680
General & Administrative	1,095	1,140	3,423	3,595
	<u>6,098</u>	<u>6,558</u>	<u>18,435</u>	<u>20,203</u>
Operating Income	961	1,089	1,387	4,313
	5.8 %	6.2 %	2.9 %	7.7 %
Other Income (Expense), Net	<u>75</u>	<u>(237)</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>-</u>
Income Before Taxes	1,036	852	1,581	4,313
Income Tax Provision	<u>353</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>1,612</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 683</u>	<u>\$ 649</u>	<u>\$ 1,037</u>	<u>\$ 2,701</u>
Net Income Per Share - Basic	<u>\$ 0.10</u>	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.39</u>
Net Income Per Share - Diluted	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ 0.09</u>	<u>\$ 0.14</u>	<u>\$ 0.36</u>
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares - Basic	7,151	7,005	7,129	6,979
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares - Diluted	7,396	7,471	7,349	7,478
Dividends Declared Per Common Share	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.18

Selected Balance Sheet Data
In Thousands
(Unaudited)

	As of October 31, 2009	As of January 31 , 2009
Cash & Marketable Securities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 23,944	\$ 22,104
Current Assets		
Total Assets	\$ 48,632	\$ 48,023
Current Liabilities	\$ 62,565	\$ 62,155
Shareholders' Equity	\$ 7,073	\$ 7,904
	\$ 52,465	\$ 51,471

⁽¹⁾ Includes investment securities classified as non-current

About Astro-Med, Inc.

Astro-Med, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of high tech specialty printing systems, electronic medical instrumentation, and test and measurement instruments. Astro-Med, Inc. products are sold under the brand names Astro-Med[®], Grass[®] Technologies and QuickLabel[®] Systems, and are employed around the world in a wide range of aerospace, medical, military, industrial, and packaging applications. Astro-Med, Inc. is a member of the Russell Microcap[®] Index. Additional information is available by visiting www.Astro-MedInc.com.

Safe Harbor Statement

This news release contains forward-looking statements, and actual results may vary from those expressed or implied herein. Factors that could affect these results include those mentioned in Astro-Med's FY2009 annual report and its annual and quarterly filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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