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FORM 10-Q
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

(Mark One)

[X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2000

or

[] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period _____ to _____

Commission file number 0-15658

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

47-0210602
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1025 Eldorado Blvd., Broomfield, CO
(Address of principal executive offices)

80021
(Zip Code)

(720) 888-1000
(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(s)), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No

The number of shares outstanding of each class of the issuer's common stock, as of October 30, 2000:

Common Stock 367,158,317 shares

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LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(dollars in millions, except share data)	2000	1999	2000	1999
Revenue	\$ 341	\$ 134	\$ 752	\$ 342
Costs and Expenses:				
Cost of revenue	199	100	483	243
Depreciation and amortization	164	63	391	155
Selling, general and administrative expenses	298	178	783	460
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Total costs and expenses	661	341	1,657	858
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Loss from Operations	(320)	(207)	(905)	(516)
Other Income (Expense):				
Interest income	87	51	255	158
Interest expense, net	(64)	(34)	(195)	(132)
Equity in losses of unconsolidated subsidiaries, net	(70)	(34)	(186)	(83)
Gain on equity investee stock transactions	-	5	95	116
Other, net	6	(1)	3	18
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Total other income (expense)	(41)	(13)	(28)	77
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Loss Before Income Taxes	(361)	(220)	(933)	(439)
Income Tax Benefit	10	73	30	143
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Net Loss	\$(351)	\$(147)	\$(903)	\$(296)
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Net Loss Per Share (Basic and Diluted)	\$(0.96)	\$(0.43)	\$(2.50)	\$(0.89)
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Total Number of Weighted Average Shares Outstanding Used to Compute Basic and Diluted Loss Per Share (in thousands)	366,788	340,298	360,956	332,039
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See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets
(unaudited)

(dollars in millions, except share data)	September 30, 2000	December 31, 1999

Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,158	\$ 1,214
Marketable securities	3,879	2,227
Restricted securities	55	51
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$23 and \$9, respectively	375	148
Income taxes receivable	23	241
Other	131	55
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Total Current Assets	5,621	3,936
Property, Plant and Equipment, net	8,175	4,287
Investments	225	300
Other Assets, net	447	381
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	\$14,468	\$ 8,904
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See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets
(unaudited)

(dollars in millions, except share data)	September 30, 2000	December 31, 1999

Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,094	\$ 830
Current portion of long-term debt	14	6
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	99	43
Accrued interest	94	47
Deferred revenue	159	74
Other	98	88
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Total Current Liabilities	1,558	1,088
Long-Term Debt, less current portion	7,140	3,989
Deferred Revenue	352	37
Accrued Reclamation Costs	94	99
Other Liabilities	339	286
Commitments and Contingencies		
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 10,000,000 shares; no shares outstanding in 2000 and 1999	-	-
Common Stock:		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 1,500,000,000 shares; 367,150,722 shares outstanding in 2000 and 341,396,727 outstanding in 1999	4	3
Class R, \$.01 par value, authorized 8,500,000 shares; no shares outstanding in 2000 and 1999	-	-
Additional paid-in capital	5,079	2,501
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(101)	(5)
Retained earnings	3	906
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Total Stockholders' Equity	4,985	3,405
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	\$14,468	\$ 8,904
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See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows
(unaudited)

(dollars in millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2000	1999

Cash Flows from Continuing Operations:		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 512	\$ 410
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable securities	5,882	4,369
Purchases of marketable securities	(7,482)	(4,254)
Investments	(28)	(3)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and other assets	67	11
Capital expenditures	(4,450)	(2,154)
Other	-	1
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Net cash used in investing activities	(6,011)	(2,030)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Payments on long-term debt including current portion	(18)	(5)
Long-term debt borrowings, net	3,088	1,250
Increase in cash and restricted securities	(6)	(495)
Issuances of common stock, net	2,407	1,498
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	14	18
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Net cash provided by financing activities	5,485	2,266
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	(42)	(2)
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Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(56)	644
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	1,214	842
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Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 1,158	\$ 1,486
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Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:		
Interest paid	\$ 324	\$ 100
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See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity For the nine months ended September 30, 2000

(unaudited)

(dollars in millions)	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Total

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Balance at December 31, 1999	\$ 3	\$ 2,501	\$ (5)	\$ 906	\$ 3,405
Common Stock:					
Issuances, net	1	2,406	-	-	2,407
Stock options exercised	-	14	-	-	14
Stock option grants	-	153	-	-	153
Shareworks plan	-	5	-	-	5
Net Loss	-	-	-	(903)	(903)
Other Comprehensive Loss	-	-	(96)	-	(96)
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Balance at September 30, 2000	\$ 4 =====	\$ 5,079 =====	\$ (101) =====	\$ 3 =====	\$ 4,985 =====

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
(dollars in millions)	2000	1999	2000	1999
Net Loss	\$ (351)	\$ (147)	\$ (903)	\$ (296)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), before tax:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(21)	9	(68)	1
Unrealized holding loss arising during the period	(25)	-	(28)	(2)
Reclassification adjustment for gains included in net loss	-	-	-	(12)
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Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), before tax	(46)	9	(96)	(13)
Income Tax Benefit (Expense) Related to Items of Other Comprehensive Loss	-	(3)	-	5
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Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax	(46)	6	(96)	(8)
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Comprehensive Loss	\$ (397)	\$ (141)	\$ (999)	\$ (304)
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See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The consolidated condensed financial statements include the accounts of Level 3 Communications, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company" or "Level 3") in which it has control, which are engaged in enterprises primarily related to communications and information services, and coal mining. Fifty-percent-owned mining joint ventures are consolidated on a pro rata basis. Investments in other companies in which the Company exercises significant influence over operating and financial policies are accounted for by the equity method. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

The consolidated condensed balance sheet of Level 3 Communications, Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 1999 has been condensed from the Company's audited balance sheet as of that date. All other financial statements contained herein are unaudited and, in the opinion of management, contain all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The Company's accounting policies and certain other disclosures are set forth in the notes to the consolidated financial statements contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 1999 as amended by the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A-1. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. The preparation of the consolidated condensed financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported amount of revenue and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

The Company has embarked on a plan to become a facilities-based provider (that is, a provider that owns or leases a substantial portion of the property, plant and equipment necessary to provide its services) of a broad range of integrated communications services in the United States, Europe and Asia. To reach this goal, the Company has expanded substantially the business of its (i)Structure, Inc. (formerly PKS Information Services, Inc.) subsidiary and created, through a combination of construction, purchase and leasing of facilities and other assets, an advanced international, end-to-end, facilities-based communications network (the "Business Plan"). The Company is building the network based on Internet Protocol technology in order to leverage the efficiencies of this technology to provide lower cost communications services.

In December 1999, the SEC staff released Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements" ("SAB 101"). SAB 101 provides interpretive guidance on the recognition, presentation and disclosures of revenue in the financial statements effective for all transactions on or after January 1, 2000. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SAB 101 in the fourth quarter of 2000 will have a material effect on the Company's financial results.

Effective July 1, 1999, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Interpretation No. 43, "Real Estate Sales, an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 66". Certain sale and long-term right-to-use agreements of dark fiber and capacity entered into after June 30, 1999 are required to be accounted for in the same manner as sales of real estate with property improvements or integral equipment. Failure to satisfy the requirements of the FASB Interpretation will result in the deferral of revenue recognition for these agreements over the term of the agreement (currently up to 20 years). The adoption of this FASB Interpretation does not have a current effect on the Company's cash flows however, it will result in substantial amounts of deferred revenue related to long-term dark fiber and capacity IRU agreements.

Accounting practice and guidance with respect to the accounting treatment of the above transactions is evolving. Any changes in the accounting treatment could affect the way the Company accounts for revenue and expenses associated with long-term dark fiber and capacity IRU agreements in the future.

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The Company expects taxable losses for fiscal 2000 to exceed available taxable income in the available carryback period. For fiscal 2000, Level 3 will recognize a portion of the expected annual benefit in each period equal to the ratio of pre-tax loss for the period to the total estimated annual loss for the year.

The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full year.

Where appropriate, items within the consolidated condensed financial statements have been reclassified from the previous periods to conform to current period presentation.

2. Loss Per Share

Basic loss per share amounts have been computed using the weighted average number of shares during each period. The Company had a net loss for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2000 and 1999. Therefore, the dilutive impact of the approximate 19 million shares attributable to the convertible subordinated notes issued in September 1999, and February 2000 (Note 6), and the approximate 22 million options and warrants outstanding at both September 30, 2000 and at September 30, 1999 have not been included in the computation of diluted loss per share because the resulting computation would have been anti-dilutive.

3. Property, Plant and Equipment, net

Construction in Progress

The Company is currently constructing its communications network. Costs associated directly with the uncompleted network and interest expense incurred during construction are capitalized based on the weighted average accumulated construction expenditures and the interest rates related to borrowings associated with the construction (Note 6). Certain intercity segments, gateway facilities, local networks and operating equipment have been placed in service. These assets are being depreciated over their useful lives, primarily ranging from 3-25 years.

The Company is currently developing business support systems required for its Business Plan. The external direct costs of software, materials and services, payroll and payroll related expenses for employees directly associated with such projects and interest costs incurred when developing the business support systems are capitalized. Upon completion of the projects, the total cost of the business support systems are amortized over their useful lives of 3 years.

Capitalized business support systems and network construction costs that have not been placed in service have been classified as construction-in-progress within Property, Plant and Equipment in the following table:

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Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements

(dollars in millions)	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value
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September 30, 2000			
Land and Mineral Properties	\$ 82	\$ (10)	\$ 72
Facility and Leasehold Improvements:			
Communications	730	(26)	704
Information Services	25	(4)	21
Coal Mining	68	(64)	4
CPTC	92	(11)	81
Network Infrastructure	1,138	(21)	1,117
Operating Equipment:			
Communications	996	(322)	674
Information Services	51	(33)	18
Coal Mining	99	(91)	8
CPTC	17	(9)	8
Network Construction Equipment	140	(23)	117
Furniture and Office Equipment	234	(103)	131
Other	176	(47)	129
Construction-in-Progress	5,091	-	5,091
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	\$ 8,939	\$ (764)	\$ 8,175
	=====	=====	=====
December 31, 1999			
Land and Mineral Properties	\$ 60	\$ (15)	\$ 45
Facility and Leasehold Improvements:			
Communications	400	(14)	386
Information Services	26	(3)	23
Coal Mining	73	(64)	9
CPTC	92	(9)	83
Network Infrastructure	211	(4)	207
Operating Equipment:			
Communications	475	(79)	396
Information Services	54	(37)	17
Coal Mining	115	(103)	12
CPTC	17	(7)	10
Network Construction Equipment	98	(10)	88
Furniture and Office Equipment	150	(66)	84
Other	155	(28)	127
Construction-in-Progress	2,800	-	2,800
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	\$ 4,726	\$ (439)	\$ 4,287
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4. Investments

The Company holds significant equity positions in two publicly traded companies; RCN Corporation ("RCN") and Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. ("Commonwealth Telephone"). RCN is a facilities-based provider of bundled local and long distance phone, cable television and Internet services to residential markets primarily on the East and West coasts as well as Chicago.

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Commonwealth Telephone holds Commonwealth Telephone Company, an incumbent local exchange carrier operating in various rural Pennsylvania markets, and CTSI, Inc., a competitive local exchange carrier which commenced operations in 1997.

On September 30, 2000 Level 3 owned approximately 31% and 48% of the outstanding shares of RCN and Commonwealth Telephone, respectively, and accounts for each entity using the equity method. The market value of the Company's investment in RCN and Commonwealth Telephone was \$553 million and \$395 million, respectively, on September 30, 2000. Due to the decrease in RCN's and Commonwealth Telephone's stock price, the market value of the Company's investments in RCN and Commonwealth were \$420 million and \$369 million, respectively, as of October 30, 2000.

The Company recognizes gains from the sale, issuance and repurchase of stock by its subsidiaries and equity method investees in its statements of operations. During 2000, RCN issued stock for the acquisition of 21st Century Telecom Group, Inc., completed on April 28, 2000, and for certain transactions which diluted the Company's ownership of RCN from 35% at December 31, 1999 to 31% at September 30, 2000. The increase in the Company's proportionate share of RCN's net assets as a result of these transactions resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$95 million for the Company for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. The Company recognized a pre-tax gain of \$116 million for the nine months ended September 30, 1999 as a result of RCN issuing shares in a secondary offering and for certain transactions. The Company's investment in RCN, including goodwill, was \$71 million and \$166 million at September 30, 2000 and December 31, 1999, respectively.

In October 1999, RCN announced that Vulcan Ventures, Inc. had agreed to invest \$1.65 billion in RCN. The investment, which closed on February 28, 2000, is in the form of mandatorily convertible preferred stock convertible into 26.6 million shares of RCN common stock. The preferred shares must be converted to common shares within a three to seven year period at \$62 per share. Level 3 expects to recognize a significant gain when Vulcan Ventures, Inc. converts its RCN preferred stock to RCN common stock.

The Company's investment in Commonwealth Telephone, including goodwill, was \$128 million and \$126 million at September 30, 2000 and December 31, 1999, respectively.

The following is summarized financial information of RCN for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 and 1999, and as of September 30, 2000 and December 31, 1999 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Operations				
RCN Corporation:				
Revenue	\$ 88	\$ 70	\$ 238	\$ 204
Net loss available to common shareholders	(234)	(96)	(595)	(232)
Level 3's share:				
Net loss	(70)	(37)	(189)	(89)
Goodwill amortization	-	-	(1)	(1)
Equity in net loss	\$ (70)	\$ (37)	\$ (190)	\$ (90)
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Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements

Financial Position	2000	1999
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Current Assets	\$ 2,372	\$ 1,905
Other Assets	2,424	1,287
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Total assets	4,796	3,192
Current Liabilities	334	249
Other Liabilities	2,253	2,168
Minority Interest	83	130
Preferred Stock	1,954	253
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Total liabilities and preferred stock	4,624	2,800
	-----	-----
Common equity	\$ 172	\$ 392
	=====	=====
Level 3's Investment:		
Equity in net assets	\$ 48	\$ 139
Goodwill	23	27
	-----	-----
	\$ 71	\$ 166
	=====	=====

The Company continues to develop its program that involves making investments in certain early stage IP centric entities in connection with those entities agreeing to purchase various services from the Company. The Company records these transactions as investments and deferred revenue. As of September 30, 2000, the Company held investments with a carrying amount of \$22 million and had provided less than \$1 million of services related to this program.

5. Other Assets, net

At September 30, 2000 and December 31, 1999 other assets consisted of the following:

(in millions)	2000	1999
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Goodwill, net of accumulated amortization of \$94 and \$52	\$ 76	\$ 118
Prepaid Network Assets	35	30
Deposits	144	64
Debt Issuance Costs, net	160	101
Pavilion Towers Office Complex	-	23
CPTC Deferred Development and Financing Costs	14	15
Other	18	30
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Total other assets	\$ 447	\$ 381
	=====	=====

Goodwill amortization expense, excluding amortization expense attributable to equity method investees, was \$23 million and \$42 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000. Goodwill amortization expense, excluding amortization expense attributable to equity method investees, was \$8 and \$26 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999.

On June 30, 2000, the Company sold the Pavilion Towers office complex and the buyer assumed \$15 million of related debt resulting in net proceeds of approximately \$7 million.

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Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements

6. Long-Term Debt

At September 30, 2000 and December 31, 1999, long-term debt was as follows:

(in millions)	2000	1999
Senior Notes (9.125% due 2008)	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Senior Notes (11% due 2008)	800	-
Senior Discount Notes (10.5% due 2008)	603	559
Senior Euro Notes (10.75% due 2008)	439	-
Senior Discount Notes (12.875% due 2010)	387	-
Senior Euro Notes (11.25% due 2010)	264	-
Senior Secured Credit Facility:		
Term Loan Facility:		
Tranche A (9.73% due 2007)	200	200
Tranche B (10.48% due 2008)	275	275
Senior Notes (11.25% due 2010)	250	-
Commercial Mortgage (9.02% due 2003)	120	-
Convertible Subordinated Notes (6.0% due 2010)	863	-
Convertible Subordinated Notes (6.0% due 2009)	823	823
CPTC Long-Term Debt (with recourse only to CPTC) (7.6%-9.5% due 2004-2017)	114	115
Other	16	23
	7,154	3,995
Less current portion	(14)	(6)
	\$ 7,140	\$ 3,989
	=====	=====

11% Senior Notes due 2008

On February 29, 2000, the Company received \$779 million of net proceeds, after transaction costs, from a private offering of \$800 million aggregate principal amount of its 11% Senior Notes due 2008 ("11% Senior Notes"). Interest on the notes accrues at 11% per year and is payable semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 in cash beginning September 15, 2000. The 11% Senior Notes are senior, unsecured obligations of the Company, ranking pari passu with all existing and future senior debt. The 11% Senior Notes cannot be prepaid, and mature on March 15, 2008. The 11% Senior Notes contain certain covenants, which among other things, limit additional indebtedness, dividend payments, certain investments and transactions with affiliates.

Debt issue costs of \$21 million were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the term of the 11% Senior Notes.

10.75% Senior Euro Notes due 2008

On February 29, 2000, the Company received (Euro)488 million (\$478 million when issued) of net proceeds, after debt issuance costs, from an offering of (Euro)500 million aggregate principal amount 10.75% Senior Euro Notes due 2008 ("10.75% Senior Euro Notes"). Interest on the notes accrues at 10.75% per year and is payable in Euros semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 each year in cash beginning on September 15, 2000. The 10.75% Senior Euro Notes are not redeemable by the Company prior to maturity.

Debt issuance costs of (Euro)12 million (\$12 million) were capitalized and are being amortized over the term of the 10.75% Senior Euro Notes.

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Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements

The 10.75% Senior Euro Notes are senior, unsecured obligations of the Company, ranking pari passu with all existing and future senior debt. The 10.75% Senior Euro Notes contain certain covenants, which among other things, limit additional indebtedness, dividend payments, certain investments and transactions with affiliates.

The issuance of the (Euro)500 million Senior Euro Notes has been designated as, and is effective as, an economic hedge against the investment in certain of the Company's foreign subsidiaries. Therefore, foreign currency gains and losses resulting from the translation of the debt have been recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) to the extent of translation gains or losses on such investment. The 10.75% Senior Euro Notes were valued, based on current exchange rates, at \$439 million in the Company's financial statements at September 30, 2000.

12.875% Senior Discount Notes due 2010

On February 29, 2000, the Company sold in a private offering \$675 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of its 12.875% Senior Discount Notes due 2010 ("12.875% Senior Discount Notes"). The sale proceeds of \$360 million, excluding debt issuance costs, were recorded as long-term debt. Interest on the 12.875% Senior Discount Notes accretes at a rate of 12.875% per year, compounded semi-annually, to an aggregate principal amount of \$675 million by March 15, 2005. Cash interest will not accrue on the 12.875% Senior Discount Notes prior to March 15, 2005. However, the Company may elect to commence the accrual of cash interest on all outstanding 12.875% Senior Discount Notes on or after March 15, 2003. In which case, the outstanding principal amount at maturity of each 12.875% Senior Discount Note will on the elected commencement date be reduced to the accreted value of the 12.875% Senior Discount Note as of that date and cash interest shall be payable on the 12.875% Senior Discount Notes on March 15 and September 15 thereafter. Commencing September 15, 2005, interest on the 12.875% Senior Discount Notes will accrue at the rate of 12.875% per year and will be payable in cash semi-annually in arrears. Accrued interest expense from the date of issuance through September 30, 2000 on the 12.875% Senior Discount Notes of \$27 million was added to long-term debt.

The 12.875% Senior Discount Notes are subject to redemption at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time on or after March 15, 2005. The Company may redeem the 12.875% Senior Discount Notes at the redemption prices set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The following prices are for 12.875% Senior Discount Notes redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on March 15 of the years set forth below:

Year	Redemption Price
2005	106.438%
2006	104.292%
2007	102.146%
2008 and thereafter	100.000%

In addition, at any time and from time to time, prior to March 15, 2003, the Company may redeem up to a maximum of 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 12.875% Senior Discount Notes with the proceeds of one or more private placements to persons other than affiliates of the Company or underwritten public offerings of common stock of the Company resulting in gross proceeds of at least \$100 million in the aggregate. The Company may redeem the 12.875% Senior Discount Notes at a redemption price equal to 112.875% of the accreted value of the notes plus accrued interest, if any, to the redemption date.

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The 12.875% Senior Discount Notes are senior, unsecured obligations of the Company, ranking pari passu with all existing and future senior debt. The 12.875% Senior Discount Notes contain certain covenants, which among other things, limit additional indebtedness, dividend payments, certain investments and transactions with affiliates.

Debt issuance costs of \$9 million were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the term of the 12.875% Senior Discount Notes.

11.25% Senior Euro Notes due 2010

On February 29, 2000, the Company received (Euro)293 million (\$285 million when issued) of net proceeds, after debt issuance costs, from an offering of (Euro)300 million aggregate principal amount 11.25% Senior Euro Notes due 2010 ("11.25% Senior Euro Notes"). Interest on the notes accrues at 11.25% per year and is payable semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 each year in cash beginning September 15, 2000.

The 11.25% Senior Euro Notes are subject to redemption at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time on or after March 15, 2005. The 11.25% Senior Euro Notes may be redeemed at the redemption prices set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The following prices are for 11.25% Senior Euro Notes redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on March 15 of the years set forth below, and are expressed as percentages of principal amount.

Year	Redemption Price
2005	105.625%
2006	103.750%
2007	101.875%
2008 and thereafter	100.000%

In addition, at any time and from time to time, prior to March 15, 2003, the Company may redeem up to a maximum of 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the 11.25% Senior Euro Notes. The Notes may be redeemed at a redemption price equal to 111.25% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the redemption date. The redemption must be made with the proceeds of one or more private placements to persons other than affiliates of the Company or underwritten public offerings of common stock of the Company resulting in gross proceeds of at least \$100 million in the aggregate.

Debt issuance costs of (Euro)7 million (\$7 million) were capitalized and are being amortized over the term of the 11.25% Senior Euro Notes. The 11.25% Senior Euro Notes are senior, unsecured obligations of the Company, ranking pari passu with all existing and future senior debt. The 11.25% Senior Euro Notes contain certain covenants, which among other things, limit additional indebtedness, dividend payments, certain investments and transactions with affiliates.

The issuance of the (Euro)300 million Senior Euro Notes has been designated as, and is effective as, an economic hedge against the investment in certain of the Company's foreign subsidiaries. Therefore, foreign currency gains and losses resulting from the translation of the debt have been recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) to the extent of translation gains or losses on such net investment. The 11.25% Senior Euro Notes were valued, based on current exchange rates, at \$264 million in the Company's financial statements at September 30, 2000.

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11.25% Senior Notes due 2010

On February 29, 2000, the Company received \$243 million of net proceeds, after transaction costs, from a private offering of \$250 million aggregate principal amount of its 11.25% Senior Notes due 2010 ("11.25% Senior Notes"). Interest on the notes accrues at 11.25% per year and is payable semi-annually in arrears on March 15 and September 15 in cash beginning September 15, 2000.

The 11.25% Senior Notes are subject to redemption at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time on or after March 15, 2005. The Company may redeem the 11.25% Senior Notes at the redemption prices set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date. The following prices are for 11.25% Senior Notes redeemed during the 12-month period commencing on March 15 of the years set forth below:

Year	Redemption Price
2005	105.625%
2006	103.750%
2007	101.875%
2008 and thereafter	100.000%

In addition, at any time and from time to time, prior to March 15, 2003, the Company may redeem up to a maximum of 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the 11.25% Senior Notes. The redemption must be made with the proceeds of one or more private placements to persons other than affiliates of the Company or underwritten public offerings of common stock of the Company resulting in gross proceeds of at least \$100 million in the aggregate. The Company may redeem the 11.25% Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to 111.25% of the principal amount of the notes plus accrued interest, if any, to the redemption date.

The 11.25% Senior Notes are senior, unsecured obligations of the Company, ranking pari passu with all existing and future senior debt. The 11.25% Senior Notes contain certain covenants, which among other things, limit additional indebtedness, dividend payments, certain investments and transactions with affiliates.

Debt issuance costs of \$7 million were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the term of the 11.25% Senior Notes.

Commercial Mortgage due 2003

On June 9, 2000, the Company entered into a \$120 million floating-rate loan ("Commercial Mortgage due 2003") providing secured, non-recourse debt to finance its world headquarters. The Company received \$119 million of net proceeds after transaction costs. \$13 million of the net proceeds are being held by the lender as a reserve deposit and \$5 million are being separately held by the Company as restricted cash.

The initial term of the Commercial Mortgage is 36 months with (2) one year no cost extension options. Interest varies monthly with the 30-day London Interbank Offered Rate for U.S. Dollar Deposits as follows:

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The Index plus:

- (1) 240 basis points during the Initial Term;
- (2) 250 basis points during the First Extension Option; and
- (3) 260 basis points during the Second Extension Option.

At September 30, 2000 the interest rate was 9.02%.

The Commercial Mortgage may not be prepaid during the first twenty-four months. Thereafter, the Commercial Mortgage may be prepaid at par in whole or in part in multiples of \$100,000. Interest only is due during the initial three-year term with principal payable, using 30 year amortization period, during the extension periods with a balloon payment at maturity.

Debt issuance costs of \$1 million were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the term of the Commercial Mortgage.

6% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2010

On February 29, 2000, the Company received \$836 million of net proceeds, after transaction costs, from a public offering of \$863 million aggregate principal amount of its 6% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2010 ("Subordinated Notes"). The Subordinated Notes are unsecured and subordinated to all existing and future senior indebtedness of the Company. Interest on the Subordinated Notes accrues at 6% per year and is payable semi-annually in cash on March 15 and September 15 beginning September 15, 2000. The principal amount of the Subordinated Notes will be due on March 15, 2010.

The Subordinated Notes may be converted into shares of common stock of the Company at any time prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding maturity, unless previously redeemed, repurchased or the Company has caused the conversion rights to expire. The conversion rate is 7.416 shares per each \$1,000 principal amount of Subordinated Notes, subject to adjustment in certain events.

Prior to March 18, 2003, Level 3, at its option, may redeem the notes, in whole or in part, at the redemption prices specified below plus accrued interest. Level 3 may exercise this option if the current market price of Level 3's common stock equals or exceeds triggering levels specified below for at least 20 trading days within any period of 30 consecutive trading days, including the last trading day of the period.

Period	Trigger Percentage	Redemption Price
February 29, 2000 through March 14, 2001	170% (\$229.23)	106.0%
March 15, 2001 through March 14, 2002	160% (\$215.74)	105.4%
March 15, 2002 through March 17, 2003	150% (\$202.26)	104.8%

On or after March 18, 2003, Level 3, at its option, may cause the conversion rights to expire. Level 3 may exercise this option only if the current market price exceeds approximately \$188.78 (which represents 140% of the conversion price) for at least 20 trading days within any period of 30 consecutive trading days, including the last trading day of that period. At September 30, 2000, no debt had been converted into shares of common stock.

Debt issue costs of \$27 million were capitalized and are being amortized as interest expense over the term of the Subordinated Notes.

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Level 3 currently is using the proceeds from the debt issuances for working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate purposes in connection with the implementation of its business plan, including the acquisition of telecommunications assets.

The Company capitalized \$106 million and \$263 million of interest expense and amortized debt issuance costs related to network construction and business systems development projects for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 and \$35 million and \$65 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999.

7. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company adopted the recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation" ("SFAS No. 123") in 1998. Under SFAS No. 123, the fair value of an option (as computed in accordance with accepted option valuation models) on the date of grant is amortized over the vesting periods of the options in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 28 "Accounting For Stock Appreciation Rights and Other Variable Stock Option or Award Plans" ("FIN 28"). The recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 are applied prospectively upon adoption. As a result, the recognition provisions are applied to all stock awards granted in the year of adoption and are not applied to awards granted in previous years unless those awards are modified or settled in cash after adoption of the recognition provisions. Although the recognition of the value of the instruments results in compensation or professional expenses in an entity's financial statements, the expense differs from other compensation and professional expenses in that these charges may not be settled in cash, but rather, generally, are settled through issuance of common stock.

As the Company continues to implement the Business Plan, add additional employees and implement compensation arrangements to attract and retain additional employees, non-cash compensation expenses are expected to continue to increase significantly. The amount of the non-cash charges will be dependent upon a number of factors, including the number of grants and the fair value of each grant estimated at the time of its award.

The Company recognized a total of \$61 million and \$158 million of non-cash compensation for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000, respectively. In addition, the Company capitalized \$3 million and \$8 million of non-cash compensation for those employees directly involved in the construction of the network or development of the business support systems for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000, respectively.

The Company recognized a total of \$39 million and \$86 million of non-cash compensation for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999, respectively. In addition, the Company capitalized \$3 million and \$6 million of non-cash compensation for those employees directly involved in the construction of the network or development of the business support systems for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999.

Non-Qualified Stock Options and Warrants

The Company granted 230,000 nonqualified stock options ("NQSO") to employees during the nine months ended September 30, 2000. The Company did not grant any warrants during the nine months ended September 30, 2000. The expense recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 for NQSOs and warrants outstanding at September 30, 2000 in accordance with SFAS No. 123 was \$6 and \$8 million, respectively. In addition to the expense recognized, the Company capitalized less than \$1 million of non-cash compensation costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 related to NQSOs and warrants for employees directly involved in the construction of the network and the development of the business support systems. As of September 30, 2000, the Company had not reflected \$13 million of unamortized compensation expense in its

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financial statements for NQSOs and warrants granted from 1998 to September 30, 2000.

The Company recognized \$1 million and \$5 million of expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999 for NQSOs and warrants granted in 1998 and 1999. In addition to the expense recognized, the Company capitalized less than \$1 million and \$1 million of non-cash compensation costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999.

Outperform Stock Option Plan

In April 1998, the Company adopted an outperform stock option ("OSO") program that was designed so that the Company's stockholders would receive a market return on their investment before OSO holders receive any return on their options. The Company believes that the OSO program aligns directly participants' and stockholders' interests by basing stock option value on the Company's ability to outperform the market in general, as measured by the Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index. Participants in the OSO program do not realize any value from awards unless the Common Stock price outperforms the S&P 500 index. When the stock price gain is greater than the corresponding gain on the S&P 500 Index, the value received for awards under the OSO plan is based on a formula involving a multiplier related to the level by which the Common Stock outperforms the S&P 500 Index. To the extent that the Common Stock outperforms the S&P 500, the value of OSOs to a holder may exceed the value of non-qualified stock options.

OSO awards are made quarterly to eligible participants on the date of the grant. Each award vests in equal quarterly installments over two years and has a four-year life. Each award has a two-year moratorium on exercise from the date of grant. As a result, once a participant is 100% vested in the grant, the two-year moratorium expires. Therefore, each grant has an exercise window of two years.

The fair value recognized under SFAS No. 123 for the approximately 2,124,000 OSOs awarded to participants for services performed for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 was approximately \$181 million. The Company recognized \$46 million and \$133 million of compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 for OSOs granted from 1998 to 2000. In addition to the expense recognized, \$2 million and \$6 million of non-cash compensation was capitalized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 for employees directly involved in the construction of the network and development of business support systems. As of September 30, 2000, the Company had not reflected \$142 million of unamortized compensation expense in its financial statements for OSOs granted from 1998 to 2000. The Company recognized \$35 million and \$74 million of expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999 for OSOs outstanding at September 30, 1999. In addition to the expense recognized the Company capitalized \$2 million and \$5 million of non-cash compensation for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999.

Shareworks and Restricted Stock

The Company recorded \$5 million and \$13 million of non-cash compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 related to the Shareworks and restricted stock programs. In addition to the expense recognized, \$1 million and \$2 million of non-cash compensation was capitalized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000, respectively for employees directly involved in the construction of the network and development of business support systems. The non-cash compensation expense for the Shareworks and restricted stock programs was \$3 million and \$7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999.

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Foreign subsidiaries of the Company adopted Shareworks programs in 2000. These programs primarily include a grant plan and a stock purchase plan whereby employees may purchase Level 3 Common Stock at 80% of the share price at the beginning of the plan.

As of September 30, 2000, the Company had not reflected unamortized compensation expense of \$21 million for Shareworks and restricted stock granted from 1998 to 2000 in its financial statements.

In July 2000, the Company adopted a convertible outperform stock option program ("C-OSO"), as an extension of the existing Shareworks plan. The program is a component of the Company's ongoing employee retention efforts and offers the same features of an OSO, but provides an employee with the greater of the value of a single share of the Company's common stock at exercise, or the calculated OSO value of a single OSO at the time of exercise.

C-OSO awards are made to eligible employees employed on the date of the grant. The first awards were made in September 2000 and the next awards are expected to be made to the participants in December 2000. Each award vests over three years as follows: 1/6 of each grant in the first year, a further 2/6 in the second year and the remaining 3/6 in the third year. Each award is immediately exercisable upon vesting. Awards expire four years from the date of the grant.

The fair value recognized under SFAS No. 123 for the approximately 961,000 C-OSOs awarded to employees for services performed for the three months ended September 30, 2000 was approximately \$106 million. The Company recognized \$4 million of compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 for C-OSOs awarded in 2000. In addition to the expense recognized, less than \$1 million of non-cash compensation was capitalized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 for employees directly involved in the construction of the network and development of business support systems. As of September 30, 2000, the Company had not reflected \$102 million of unamortized compensation expense in its financial statements for C-OSOs awarded in 2000.

8. Stockholders' Equity

On February 29, 2000, the Company raised \$2.4 billion, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, from the offering of 23 million shares of its common stock through an underwritten public offering. In March 1999 the Company raised \$1.5 billion, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, from the offering of 28.75 million shares of its common stock through an underwritten public offering. The net proceeds from both offerings will be used for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes in connection with the implementation of the Company's Business Plan.

9. Industry and Segment Data

In 1998, the Company adopted SFAS No. 131 "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information". SFAS No. 131 establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments in annual financial statements and requires selected information about operating segments in interim financial reports issued to stockholders. Operating segments are components of any enterprise for which separate financial information is available and which is evaluated regularly by the Company's chief operating decision maker, or decision making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and assess performance. Operating segments are managed separately and represent strategic business units that offer different products and serve different markets.

The Company's reportable segments include: communications and information services (including communications, outsourcing and applications segments), and coal mining. Other primarily includes California Private Transportation Company L.P. ("CPTC"), a privately owned tollroad in southern California, equity

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investments and other corporate assets and overhead not attributable to a specific segment.

EBITDA, as defined by the Company, consists of earnings (loss) before interest, income taxes, depreciation, amortization, non-cash operating expenses, (including stock-based compensation and in-process research and development charges) and other non-operating income or expense. The Company excludes non-cash compensation due to its adoption of the expense recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123. EBITDA is commonly used in the communications industry to analyze companies on the basis of operating performance. EBITDA is not intended to represent cash flow for the periods and is not GAAP.

The information presented in the tables following includes information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 and 1999 for all income statement and cash flow information presented, and as of September 30, 2000 and December 31, 1999 for all balance sheet information presented. Revenue and the related expenses are attributed to foreign countries based on where services are provided.

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	Communications & Information Services			Coal		
(in millions)	Communications	Outsourcing	Applications	Mining	Other	Total

Three Months Ended September 30, 2000						
Revenue:						
North America	\$ 237	\$ 17	\$ 10	\$ 50	\$ 6	\$ 320
Europe	18	-	3	-	-	21
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 255	\$ 17	\$ 13	\$ 50	\$ 6	\$ 341
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EBITDA:						
North America	\$ (73)	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 22	\$ 6	\$ (41)
Europe	(43)	-	-	-	-	(43)
Asia	(11)	-	-	-	-	(11)
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Total	\$ (127)	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 22	\$ 6	\$ (95)
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Capital Expenditures:						
North America	\$ 1,145	\$ 4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,149
Europe	182	-	1	-	-	183
Asia	80	-	-	-	-	80
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Total	\$ 1,407	\$ 4	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,412
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Depreciation and Amortization:						
North America	\$ 132	\$ 2	\$ 6	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 143
Europe	21	-	-	-	-	21
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 153	\$ 2	\$ 6	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 164
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Nine Months Ended September 30, 2000						
Revenue:						
North America	\$ 459	\$ 46	\$ 29	\$ 146	\$ 17	\$ 697
Europe	46	-	9	-	-	55
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 505	\$ 46	\$ 38	\$ 146	\$ 17	\$ 752
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EBITDA:						
North America	\$ (293)	\$ -	\$ 6	\$ 65	\$ 5	\$ (217)
Europe	(117)	-	2	-	-	(115)
Asia	(24)	-	-	-	-	(24)
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Total	\$ (434)	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ 65	\$ 5	\$ (356)
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Capital Expenditures:						
North America	\$ 3,383	\$ 6	\$ 1	\$ 4	\$ -	\$ 3,394
Europe	936	-	1	-	-	937
Asia	119	-	-	-	-	119
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Total	\$ 4,438	\$ 6	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ -	\$ 4,450
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Depreciation and Amortization:						
North America	\$ 316	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 339
Europe	51	-	1	-	-	52
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 367	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 4	\$ 5	\$ 391
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	Communications & Information Services			Coal		
(in millions)	Communications	Outsourcing	Applications	Mining	Other	Total

Three Months Ended September 30, 1999						
Revenue:						
North America	\$ 33	\$ 17	\$ 15	\$ 60	\$ 5	\$ 130
Europe	3	-	1	-	-	4
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 36	\$ 17	\$ 16	\$ 60	\$ 5	\$ 134
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EBITDA:						
North America	\$ (107)	\$ 5	\$ (3)	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ (80)
Europe	(24)	-	-	-	-	(24)
Asia	(1)	-	-	-	-	(1)
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Total	\$ (132)	\$ 5	\$ (3)	\$ 25	\$ -	\$ (105)
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Capital Expenditures:						
North America	\$ 718	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 721
Europe	218	-	-	-	-	218
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 936	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 939
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Depreciation and Amortization:						
North America	\$ 49	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 56
Europe	7	-	-	-	-	7
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 56	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 63
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Nine Months Ended September 30, 1999						
Revenue:						
North America	\$ 62	\$ 51	\$ 42	\$ 158	\$ 16	\$ 329
Europe	7	-	6	-	-	13
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 69	\$ 51	\$ 48	\$ 158	\$ 16	\$ 342
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EBITDA:						
North America	\$ (296)	\$ 12	\$ (7)	\$ 64	\$ 2	\$ (225)
Europe	(50)	-	1	-	-	(49)
Asia	(1)	-	-	-	-	(1)
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Total	\$ (347)	\$ 12	\$ (6)	\$ 64	\$ 2	\$ (275)
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Capital Expenditures:						
North America	\$ 1,635	\$ 7	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1,644
Europe	510	-	-	-	-	510
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 2,145	\$ 7	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 2,154
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Depreciation and Amortization:						
North America	\$ 121	\$ 7	\$ 3	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 141
Europe	13	-	1	-	-	14
Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	\$ 134	\$ 7	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 6	\$ 155
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(in millions)	Communications	Outsourcing	Applications	Mining	Other	Total

Identifiable Assets						
September 30, 2000						
North America	\$ 6,986	\$ 68	\$ 16	\$ 306	\$ 5,040	\$ 12,416
Europe	1,848	-	9	-	36	1,893
Asia	144	-	-	-	15	159
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Total	\$ 8,978	\$ 68	\$ 25	\$ 306	\$ 5,091	\$ 14,468
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December 31, 1999						
North America	\$ 3,697	\$ 63	\$ 18	\$ 336	\$ 3,751	\$ 7,865
Europe	993	-	8	-	18	1,019
Asia	18	-	-	-	2	20
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Total	\$ 4,708	\$ 63	\$ 26	\$ 336	\$ 3,771	\$ 8,904
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The following information provides a reconciliation of EBITDA to loss from operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000 and 1999:

(in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
EBITDA	\$ (95)	\$ (105)	\$ (356)	\$ (275)
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	(164)	(63)	(391)	(155)
Non-Cash Compensation Expense	(61)	(39)	(158)	(86)
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Loss from Operations	(320)	(207)	(905)	(516)
Other Income (Expense)	(41)	(13)	(28)	77
Income Tax Benefit	10	73	30	143
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Net Loss	\$ (351)	\$ (147)	\$ (903)	\$ (296)
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10. Related Party Transactions

Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. ("Kiewit") acted as the general contractor on several significant projects for the Company in 2000 and 1999. These projects include the intercity network, local loops and gateway sites, the Company's new corporate headquarters in Colorado and a new data center in Tempe, Arizona. Kiewit provided approximately \$1,322 million and \$592 million of construction services related to these projects in the first nine months of 2000 and 1999, respectively.

Level 3 also receives certain mine management services from Kiewit. The expense for these services was \$8 million and \$24 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2000, respectively, and is recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses. The expense for these services was \$9 and \$23 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 1999, respectively.

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In September 2000 the Company sold its entire interest in Walnut Creek Mining Company to Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. for \$37 million. The sale resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$22 million to the Company.

11. Other Matters

In August 1999 the Company was named as a defendant in *Schweizer vs. Level 3 Communications, Inc. et.al.*, a purported national class action, filed in the District Court, County of Boulder, State of Colorado which involves the Company's right to install its fiber optic cable network in easements and right-of-ways crossing the plaintiff's land. In general, the Company obtained the rights to construct its network from railroads, utilities, and others, and is installing its network along the rights-of-way so granted. Plaintiffs in the purported class action assert that they are the owners of the lands over which the Company's fiber optic cable network passes, and that the railroads, utilities and others who granted the Company the right to construct and maintain its network did not have the legal ability to do so. The action purports to be on behalf of a national class of landowners of land, over which the Company's network passes or will pass. The complaint seeks damages on theories of trespass, unjust enrichment and slander of title and property, as well as punitive damages. Although the Company is not aware of any additional similar claims, the Company may in the future receive claims and demands related to the rights of way issues similar to the issues in the *Schweizer* litigation that may be based on similar or different legal theories. Although it is too early for the Company to reach a conclusion as to the ultimate outcome of this litigation, management believes the Company has substantial defenses to the claims asserted in the *Schweizer* action (and any similar claims which may be named in the future), and intends to defend them vigorously.

Level 3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a "universal" shelf registration statement covering up to \$3.5 billion of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and depository shares that became effective February 17, 1999. On March 9, 1999 the Company received approximately \$1.5 billion from the sale of 28.75 million shares of Common Stock and on September 14, 1999 the Company sold \$823 million aggregate principal amount of its 6% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2009 under the "universal" shelf registration statement.

On December 10, 1999 Level 3 filed with the SEC a second "universal" shelf registration covering up to \$2.375 billion of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and depository shares. On February 29, 2000 the Company received approximately \$2.5 billion of gross proceeds from the sale of 23 million shares of common stock and the Company sold \$863 million aggregate principal amount of 6% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2010 under the "universal" shelf registration statement. Combined with the remaining availability under the initial universal shelf registration statement, Level 3 may offer an aggregate of up to approximately \$190 million of additional securities.

On February 17, 2000, Level 3 announced a co-build agreement whereby Global Crossing will participate in the construction of and obtain a 50% ownership interest in the previously announced Level 3 transatlantic fiber optic cable. Level 3 also announced that it will acquire capacity on Global Crossing's transatlantic cable Atlantic Crossing 1. Under the co-build agreement, Level 3 and Global Crossing will each separately own and operate two of the four fiber pairs on Level 3's transatlantic cable.

On April 12, 2000, Level 3 signed an agreement with Viatel whereby Viatel agreed to purchase an ownership interest, valued at over \$150 million, in one fiber pair on the transatlantic fiber optic cable system installed by Level 3. As a result of this agreement, both companies will own and operate one fiber pair on the transatlantic cable. The Company expects to recognize revenue on a portion of this contract in the fourth quarter of 2000, with the remainder being recognized over the term of the contract.

On August 24, 2000 the Company announced that it had signed a letter of intent to purchase more than 2 million cabled fiber kilometers of third generation LEAF fiber from Corning Inc. Level 3 plans to begin installing the fiber in its

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second conduit in the first quarter of 2001 and expects to be substantially complete by the end of the year. Corning's LEAF fiber will significantly increase Level 3's network capacity.

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The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements (including the notes thereto), included elsewhere herein. This document contains forward looking statements and information that are based on the beliefs of management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the Company. When used in this document, the words "anticipate", "believe", "plans", "estimate" and "expect" and similar expressions, as they relate to the Company or its management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current views of the Company with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in this document. For a more detailed description of these risks and factors, please see the Company's additional filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Recent Developments

Northern Asia Undersea Cable System

On January 24, 2000, Level 3 announced its intention to develop and construct a Northern Asia undersea cable system initially connecting Hong Kong and Tokyo. This connection is expected to be in service by the end of the second quarter of 2001. The Hong Kong-Tokyo cable is intended to be the first stage of the Company's construction of an undersea network in the region. The Company plans to share construction and operating expenses of the system with one or more industry partners.

Expansion of Business Plan

On January 24, 2000, Level 3 announced the expansion of its Business Plan to increase the amount of gateway and technical space it intends to secure to approximately 6.5 million square feet. As of September 30, 2000, the Company has secured approximately 5.5 million square feet of data center space around the world and has pre-funded the acquisition of another 1.0 million square feet for data center space. In addition, the expansion includes plans to build-out additional local markets in Europe and Asia, the third ring of the European intercity network, and the expansion of existing local facilities. At the end of the third quarter, Level 3 had operational Gateways in 41 U.S. markets, five European markets and one Asian market.

Global Crossing Co-Build Agreement

On February 17, 2000, Level 3 announced a co-build agreement whereby Global Crossing will participate in the construction of and obtain a 50% ownership interest in the previously announced Level 3 transatlantic fiber optic cable. Under the co-build agreement, Level 3 and Global Crossing will each separately own and operate two of the four fiber pairs on Level 3's transatlantic cable. Level 3 also announced that it will acquire additional capacity on Global Crossing's transatlantic cable Atlantic Crossing 1.

Common Stock Offering

On February 29, 2000, the Company closed the sale of 23 million shares of its common stock through an under-written public offering. The net proceeds from the offering of approximately \$2.4 billion, after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, are being used for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes in connection with the implementation of the Business Plan.

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Debt Offerings

On February 29, 2000, the Company issued in private and public offerings convertible subordinated notes, senior notes and senior discount notes which generated aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$2.3 billion. The net proceeds from the offerings of approximately \$2.2 billion, after discounts and offering expenses, are being used for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes in connection with the implementation of the Business Plan. The debt offerings consisted of the following:

- o \$863 million aggregate principal amount of its 6% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2010
- o \$800 million aggregate principal amount of its 11% Senior Notes due 2008
- o \$250 million aggregate principal amount of its 11.25% Senior Notes due 2010
- o \$675 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of its 12.875% Senior Discount Notes due 2010

Euro Denominated Debt Offerings

On February 29, 2000, the Company issued in private offerings Euro denominated senior notes which generated aggregate gross proceeds of approximately (Euro)800 million (\$780 million at issuance). The net proceeds from the offerings of approximately (Euro)780 million (\$761 million at issuance), after underwriting discounts and offering expenses, are being used for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes of the Company's European subsidiaries. The debt offerings consisted of the following:

- o (Euro)500 million aggregate principal amount of its 10.75% Senior Euro Notes due 2008
 - o (Euro)300 million aggregate principal amount of its 11.25% Senior Euro Notes due 2010
- The Company registered the Euro denominated securities with the Luxembourg Stock Exchange in the second quarter of 2000.

The Company valued the notes in total at \$780 million at February 29, 2000. Due to the decline in the Euro exchange rate (1 (Euro) to \$ 0.975 at February 29, 2000 compared to 1 (Euro) to \$ 0.879 at September 30, 2000), the notes were valued by the Company at \$703 million at September 30, 2000.

Viatel Agreement

On April 12, 2000, Level 3 signed an agreement with Viatel whereby Viatel agreed to purchase an ownership interest, valued at over \$150 million, in one fiber pair on Level 3's transatlantic fiber optic cable system installed by Level 3. As a result of this agreement, both companies will own and operate one fiber pair on the transatlantic cable. The Company expects to recognize revenue on a portion of this contract during the fourth quarter of 2000, with the remainder being recognized over the term of the contract.

Extension of Shareworks Program

In July 2000, the Company adopted a convertible outperform stock option program ("C-OSO"), as an extension of the existing Shareworks plan. The program is a component of the Company's ongoing employee retention efforts and offers the same features of an OSO, but provides an employee with the greater of the value of a single share of the Company's common stock at exercise, or the calculated OSO value of a single OSO at the time of exercise.

C-OSO awards are made to eligible employees employed on the date of the grant. The first awards were made in September 2000 and the next awards are expected to be made to the participants in December 2000. Each award vests over three years as follows: 1/6 of each grant in the first year, a further 2/6 in the second year and the remaining 3/6 in the third year. Each award is immediately exercisable upon vesting. Awards expire four years from the date of the grant.

Corning Fiber Agreement

On August 24, 2000 the Company announced that it had signed a letter of intent to purchase more than 2 million cabled fiber kilometers of third generation LEAF fiber from Corning Inc. Level 3 plans to begin installing the fiber in its second conduit in the first quarter of 2001 and expects to be substantially complete by the end of the year. Corning's LEAF fiber will significantly increase Level 3's network capacity.

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Recent Accounting Developments

In December 1999, the SEC staff released Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements" ("SAB 101"). SAB 101 provides interpretive guidance on the recognition, presentation and disclosures of revenue in the financial statements effective for all transactions on or after January 1, 2000. The Company does not believe that the adoption of SAB 101 in the fourth quarter of 2000 will have a material affect on the Company's financial results.

Effective July 1, 1999, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Interpretation No. 43, "Real Estate Sales, an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 66". Certain sale and long-term right-to-use agreements of dark fiber and capacity entered into after June 30, 1999 are required to be accounted for in the same manner as sales of real estate with property improvements or integral equipment. Failure to satisfy the requirements of the FASB Interpretation will result in the deferral of revenue recognition for these agreements over the term of the agreement (currently up to 20 years). The adoption of this FASB Interpretation does not have a current effect on the Company's cash flows however, it will result in the substantial amounts of deferred revenue related to long-term dark fiber and capacity IRU agreements.

Accounting practice and guidance with respect to the accounting treatment of the above transactions is evolving. Any changes in the accounting treatment could affect the way the Company accounts for revenue and expenses associated with these agreements in the future.

Results of Operations 2000 vs. 1999

Third Quarter 2000 vs. Third Quarter 1999

Revenue for the quarters ended September 30, is summarized as follows (in millions):

	2000	1999
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Communications and Information Services	\$ 285	\$ 69
Coal Mining	50	60
Other	6	5
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	\$ 341	\$ 134
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Communications and information services revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2000 increased 313% compared to the same period in 1999. This increase was due to growth in the communications business; communications revenue increased by \$219 million, or 608% from the same quarter last year. Revenue from communications services only, excluding dark fiber sales and reciprocal compensation, was \$136 million. Included in total communications revenue was \$101 million of non-recurring revenue from U.S. dark fiber contracts entered into before June 30, 1999. Also included in total communications revenue for the quarter was \$18 million attributable to reciprocal compensation.

Information services revenue, which is comprised of applications and outsourcing businesses decreased from \$33 million in 1999 to \$30 million in 2000. This \$3 million, or 9%, decrease is due to a reduction in applications revenue from \$16 million in 1999 to \$13 million in 2000. The decrease in applications revenue was largely due to Year 2000 computer consulting work that was completed in 1999. Outsourcing revenue was \$17 million for the third quarter of 2000 and 1999.

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Coal mining revenue decreased \$10 million in the third quarter of 2000 compared to the same period in 1999. The decrease in revenue is primarily attributable to the reduced shipments under long-term coal contracts. Full year 2000 coal revenue is expected to be approximately 10% less than full year 1999 coal revenue due to reduced shipments under long-term coal contracts in 2000. The Company expects to experience a significant decline in coal revenue and earnings beginning in 2001 as long-term contracts begin to expire.

Other revenue was similar to 1999 and is primarily attributable to California Private Transportation Company, L.P. ("CPTC") the owner-operator of the SR91 tollroad in southern California.

Cost of Revenue for the third quarter 2000 was \$199 million, representing a 99% increase over third quarter 1999 cost of revenue of \$100 million as a result of the expanding communications business. Overall the cost of revenue for the communications business, as a percentage of revenue, decreased significantly from 144% during the quarter ended September 30, 1999 to 62% during the same period of 2000. This decrease is attributed to the expanding communications business. The cost of revenue for the information services businesses, as a percentage of its revenue, was 67% for the third quarter of 2000 and consistent with the cost of revenue for the same period in 1999. The cost of revenue for the coal mining business, as a percentage of revenue, was 42% for the third quarter of 2000 down from 43% for the same period in 1999. In December 1999 Commonwealth Edison Company ("Commonwealth") and the Company renegotiated certain coal contracts whereby Commonwealth is no longer required to take delivery of its coal commitments but still must pay Level 3 the margins Level 3 would have earned had the coal been delivered. Thus, cost of revenue for the coal mining business, as a percentage of revenue, decreased in 2000 compared to 1999.

Depreciation and Amortization expenses for the quarter were \$164 million, a 160% increase from the third quarter 1999 depreciation and amortization expenses of \$63 million. This increase is a direct result of the communications assets placed in service in the later half of 1999 and the nine months ended September 30, 2000, including gateways, local networks and intercity segments.

Selling, General and Administrative expenses were \$298 million in the three months ended September 30, 2000, a 67% increase over third quarter 1999. This increase primarily results from the Company's addition of over 2,200 employees since the end of third quarter 1999. The Company added over 900 employees to the communications business during the quarter ending September 30, 2000, bringing the total number of Level 3 employees to approximately 5,900. Compensation, travel and facilities costs increased substantially due to the additional employees. The Company also recorded \$61 million in non-cash compensation for the third quarter of 2000 for expenses recognized under SFAS No. 123 related to grants of stock options, warrants and other stock based compensation programs; \$39 million of non-cash compensation was recorded for the same period in 1999. The increase in non-cash compensation is due predominantly to an increase in the number of employees. Communication expenses and insurance costs also contributed to the higher selling, general and administrative expenses. As the Company continues to implement the Business Plan, add additional employees and implement compensation arrangements to attract and retain additional employees, selling, general and administrative costs are expected to continue to increase significantly.

EBITDA, as defined by the Company, consists of earnings (losses) before interest, income taxes, depreciation, amortization, non-cash operating expenses (including stock-based compensation and in-process research and development charges) and other non-operating income or expenses. The Company excludes non-cash compensation due to its adoption of the expense recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123. EBITDA improved to a loss of \$95 million in the third quarter of 2000 from a \$105 million loss for the same period in 1999. This improvement was predominantly due to the higher margins received from the communications business (specifically dark fiber sales). EBITDA is commonly used in the

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communications industry to analyze companies on the basis of operating performance. EBITDA is not intended to represent cash flow for the periods indicated. See Consolidated Condensed Statement of Cash Flows.

Interest Income increased 71% in 2000 to \$87 million from \$51 million in 1999 predominantly due to the Company's increased average cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities balances. The Company's average cash balance increased as a result of the \$5.4 billion in net proceeds received from debt and equity offerings completed in February 2000 and \$1.3 billion of proceeds from the Convertible Subordinated Notes and Senior Secured Credit Facility borrowings in September 1999. The increase in interest income is also due to increasing yields on the Company's investments due to increased market rates. Pending utilization of the cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, the Company invests the funds primarily in government and government agency securities. The investment strategy will provide lower yields on the funds, but is expected to reduce the risk to principal in the short term prior to using the funds in implementing the Business Plan.

Interest Expense, net increased by \$30 million to \$64 million during the third quarter of 2000. Interest expense increased substantially due to the 6% Convertible Subordinated Notes issued in September 1999 as well as the Senior Secured Credit Facility entered into in September 1999. Third quarter 2000 also includes interest expense for the debt offerings completed in February 2000. The Company issued approximately \$3 billion in debt securities on February 29, 2000 at rates ranging from 6.0% to 12.875%. The amortization of the related debt issuance costs also contributed to the increased interest expense in 2000. Partially offsetting this increase was an increase in capitalized interest from \$35 million in the third quarter of 1999 to \$106 million in the third quarter of 2000.

Equity in Losses of Unconsolidated Subsidiaries was \$70 million in 2000, compared to \$34 million in 1999. The equity losses are predominantly attributable to RCN Corporation, Inc. ("RCN"). RCN is a facilities-based provider of communications services to the residential markets primarily on the East and West coasts as well as in Chicago and the largest regional Internet service provider in the Northeast. RCN is incurring significant costs in developing its business plan. The Company's share of RCN's losses, including goodwill amortization, increased by \$33 million from third quarter 1999 to \$70 million for the third quarter 2000.

Other, net increased to \$6 million in 2000 from (\$1) million in 1999. The increase is predominately attributed to the third quarter sale of the Company's 50% interest (representing the Company's entire interest) in the Walnut Creek Mining Company, to a related party, which resulted in a \$22 million pre-tax gain. This gain was partially offset by a loss from other-than temporary changes in the value of investments.

Income Tax Benefit for the third quarter of 2000 differs from the statutory rate due to the limited availability of taxable income in the carryback period for which current year losses can be offset. The income tax benefit in 1999 differs from the statutory rate of 35% primarily due to losses incurred by the Company's international subsidiaries, which cannot be included in the consolidated U.S. federal return, nondeductible goodwill amortization expense and state income taxes. For fiscal 2000, Level 3 will recognize a portion of the expected annual benefit in each period equal to the ratio of pre-tax loss for the period to the total estimated loss for the year as the Company is currently unable to conclude under the relevant accounting standards that the net operating losses will be realizable.

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Nine Months 2000 vs. Nine Months 1999

Revenue for the nine months ended September 30, is summarized as follows (in millions):

	2000	1999
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Communications and Information Services	\$ 589	\$ 168
Coal Mining	146	158
Other	17	16
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	\$ 752	\$ 342
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Communications and information services revenue increased during the first nine months of 2000 by 251% compared to the same period in 1999. This increase was due to growth in the communications business; communications revenue increased by \$436 million, or 632% from the same period last year. Revenue from communications services only, excluding dark fiber sales and reciprocal compensation, was \$316 million. Included in total communications revenue was \$149 million of non-recurring revenue from U.S. dark fiber contracts entered into before June 30, 1999 that met the criteria for sales-type lease accounting. Also included in total communications revenue for the first nine months was \$40 million attributable to reciprocal compensation.

Information services revenue, which is comprised of applications and outsourcing businesses, decreased from \$99 million in 1999 to \$84 million in 2000. This \$15 million or 15% decrease, is due in part to a decrease in outsourcing revenue from \$51 million in 1999 to \$46 million in 2000. Outsourcing revenue decreased due to the expiration of contracts and certain current clients negotiating new contracts and extending the contract life at lower rates. Outsourcing revenue was also affected by the completion in 1999 of Year 2000 computer processing work. Applications revenue decreased from \$48 million in 1999 to \$38 million in 2000 largely due to Year 2000 computer consulting work that was completed in 1999.

Coal mining revenue for the first nine months of 2000 decreased \$12 million compared to the same period in 1999. Full year 2000 coal revenue is expected to be approximately 10% less than full year 1999 coal revenue due to reduced shipments under long-term coal contracts in 2000 and the sale of the Company's entire interest in the Walnut Creek Mining Company.

Cost of Revenue for the first nine months of 2000 was \$483 million, representing a 99% increase over 1999 cost of revenue of \$243 million as a result of the expanding communications business. Overall the cost of revenue for the communications business, as a percentage of revenue, decreased significantly from 154% during the period ended September 30, 1999 to 72% for the same period of 2000. This decrease is attributed to the expanding communications business and the strong margins on dark fiber sales. The cost of revenue for the information services businesses, as a percentage of its revenue, was 72% for the first nine months of 2000 compared to 66% for the same period in 1999. The renegotiated outsourcing contracts are primarily responsible for the decline in information services margins. The Company expects full year gross margin for the communications business to be approximately 25% in 2000. The cost of revenue for the coal mining business, as a percentage of revenue, was 40% for the first nine months of 2000 down from 46% for the same period in 1999. In December 1999 Commonwealth and the Company renegotiated certain coal contracts whereby Commonwealth is no longer required to take delivery of its coal commitments but still must pay Level 3 the margins Level 3 would have earned had the coal been delivered.

Depreciation and Amortization expenses for the period were \$391 million, a 152% increase over 1999 depreciation and amortization expenses of \$155 million. This increase is a direct result of the communications assets placed in service in

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the later half of 1999 and the nine months ended September 30, 2000, including Gateways, local networks and intercity segments.

Selling, General and Administrative expenses were \$783 million in 2000, representing a 70% increase over 1999. This increase primarily results from the Company's addition of over 2,200 employees during the past 12 months. There was a substantial increase in compensation, travel and facilities costs due to the additional employees. The Company also recorded \$158 million in non-cash compensation for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 for expenses recognized under SFAS No. 123 related to grants of stock options and warrants; \$86 million of non-cash compensation was recorded for the same period in 1999. The increase in non-cash compensation is due predominantly to an increase in the number of employees. Communications, insurance, bad debt, data processing and marketing costs also contributed to the higher selling, general and administrative expenses.

EBITDA, as defined by the Company, decreased to a loss of \$356 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 from a \$275 million loss for the same period in 1999. This decrease was predominantly due to the increase in selling, general and administrative expenses resulting from the rapid expansion of the communications business.

Interest Income was \$255 million for the first nine months of 2000 compared to \$158 million in 1999. This 61% increase was predominantly due to the Company's increased average cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities balances. Average cash balances increased largely due to the approximately \$5.4 billion in proceeds received from the February 29, 2000 debt and equity offerings. The Company's average cash balance also increased as a result of the September 1999 Subordinated Notes offering and Senior Secured Credit Facility agreement. The increase in interest income is also due to increasing yields on the Company's investments due to increased market rates.

Interest Expense, net for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 of \$195 million represents a 48% increase from the same period in 1999. The substantial increase was due to the 6% Convertible Subordinated Notes issued in September 1999, the Senior Secured Credit Facility entered into in September 1999, as well as the approximately \$3 billion in debt securities issued on February 29, 2000. The amortization of the related debt issuance costs also contributed to the increased interest expense in 2000. Partially offsetting this increase was an increase in capitalized interest from \$65 million in the nine months ended September 30, 1999 to \$263 million for the same period in 2000.

Equity in Losses of Unconsolidated Subsidiaries was \$186 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, compared to \$83 million in 1999. The equity losses are predominantly attributable to RCN. The Company's share of RCN's losses, including goodwill amortization, increased by \$100 million from 1999 to \$190 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000.

Gains on Equity Investee Stock Transactions was \$95 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 compared to \$116 million for the same period in 1999. RCN issued stock for the acquisition of 21st Century Telecom Group, Inc and for certain transactions in the nine months ended September 30, 2000 which diluted the Company's ownership of RCN from 35% at December 31, 1999 to 31% at September 30, 2000. In 1999, RCN issued stock in a public offering and for certain transactions, which resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$116 million to the Company.

Other, net decreased to \$3 million in 2000 from \$18 million in 1999. The decrease is predominately due to a \$17 million gain from the sale of its equity position in Burlington Resources, Inc. recognized in 1999.

Income Tax Benefit for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 differs from the statutory rate due to the limited availability of taxable income in the carryback period for which current year losses can be offset. The income tax benefit in 1999 differs from the statutory rate of 35% primarily due to losses

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incurred by the Company's international subsidiaries, which cannot be included in the consolidated U.S. federal return, nondeductible goodwill amortization expense and state income taxes. For fiscal 2000, Level 3 will recognize a portion of the expected annual benefit in each period equal to the ratio of pre-tax loss for the period to the total estimated loss for the year as the Company is currently unable to conclude under the relevant accounting standards that the net operating losses will be realizable.

Financial Condition - September 30, 2000

The Company's working capital increased from \$2.8 billion at December 31, 1999 to \$4.1 billion at September 30, 2000 due primarily to the proceeds from the debt and equity offerings completed in February 2000. In February 2000, the Company issued approximately 23 million shares of common stock with net proceeds of approximately \$2.4 billion, \$863 million in Convertible Subordinated Notes, \$1.4 billion in three tranches of U.S. dollar denominated debt securities, and \$780 million from two tranches of Euro denominated senior debt securities.

Cash provided by operations increased from \$410 million in 1999 to \$512 million in 2000. Changes in components of working capital, including the receipt of \$245 million in federal income tax refunds and payments for deferred dark fiber transactions for which revenue will be deferred, are primarily responsible for the increase in cash provided by operations. The increase was also partially due to additional interest income in 2000 as a result of the proceeds received from the debt and equity offerings. The increase was partially offset by increased interest expense paid during 2000 and costs incurred to expand the communications business. Interest paid during the first nine months of 2000, as compared to the same period in 1999, increased due to cash payments on the Senior Secured Credit Facility and semi-annual payments on the 6.0% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2009, and the February 2000 borrowings.

Investing activities include using the proceeds from the debt and equity offerings to purchase \$7.4 billion of marketable securities and approximately \$4.4 billion of capital expenditures, primarily for the expanding communications and information services business. The Company also realized \$5.9 billion of proceeds from the sales and maturities of marketable securities.

Financing sources in 2000 consisted primarily of the net proceeds of \$2.4 billion from the issuance of 23 million shares of Level 3 common stock, total net proceeds of approximately \$3.1 billion from the issuance of debt and the exercise of the Company's stock options for \$14 million. The Company also repaid long-term debt of \$18 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2000 primarily related to the Pavilion Towers office complex and CPTC.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Since late 1997, the Company has substantially increased the emphasis it places on and the resources devoted to its communications and information services business. The Company has commenced the implementation of a plan to become a facilities-based provider (that is, a provider that owns or leases a substantial portion of the property, plant and equipment necessary to provide its services) of a broad range of integrated communications services. To reach this goal, the Company has expanded substantially the business of its subsidiary, (i)Structure, Inc. (formerly PKS Information Services, Inc.), and created, through a combination of construction, purchase and leasing of facilities and other assets, an advanced, international, end-to-end, facilities-based communications network. The Company has designed its network based on Internet Protocol technology in order to leverage the efficiencies of this technology to provide lower cost communications services.

The development of the Business Plan will require significant capital expenditures, a substantial portion of which will be incurred before any significant related revenues from the Business Plan are expected to be realized. These expenditures, together with the associated early operating expenses, may

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result in substantial negative operating cash flow and substantial net operating losses for the Company for the foreseeable future. Although the Company believes that its cost estimates and build-out schedule are reasonable, the actual construction costs or the timing of the expenditures may deviate from current estimates. The Company's capital expenditures in connection with the Business Plan were approximately \$4.4 billion during the nine months ended September 30, 2000. The majority of the spending was for construction of the U.S. and European intercity networks, certain local networks in the U.S. and Europe, and the transatlantic cable network. Total capital expenditures for 2000 are expected to be approximately \$6.3 billion. This increase in the rate of capital expenditures is the result of acceleration and expansion in scope of the Company's Business Plan. The proceeds received from the February 2000 debt and equity offerings combined with the cash and marketable securities already on hand and the undrawn commitments under the senior secured credit facility, provided Level 3 with approximately \$6.0 billion of funds available at the end of the quarter. The Company's current liquidity and committed contracts should be sufficient to fund the currently committed portions of the Business Plan.

On January 24, 2000, the Company announced that it was expanding the scope of its Business Plan to include a significant increase in the amount of colocation space available to the Company's web-centric customers, and additional local fiber facilities. The Company currently estimates that the implementation of the Business Plan will require between \$13 and \$14 billion over the 10-year period of the Business Plan. The Company's successful debt and equity offerings in February of 2000 have given the Company the ability to implement the committed portions of the Business Plan. However, if additional opportunities should present themselves, the Company may be required to secure additional financing in the future. The Company expects to meet its additional capital needs with the proceeds from sales or issuance of additional equity securities, credit facilities and other borrowings, or additional debt securities.

In addition, the Company may sell or dispose of existing businesses or investments to fund portions of the Business Plan. The Company may also sell or lease fiber optic capacity, or access to its conduits. The Company may not be successful in producing sufficient cash flow, raising sufficient debt or equity capital on terms that it will consider acceptable, or selling or leasing fiber optic capacity or access to its conduits. In addition, proceeds from dispositions of the Company's assets may not reflect the assets' intrinsic values. Further, expenses may exceed the Company's estimates and the financing needed may be higher than estimated. Failure to generate sufficient funds may require the Company to delay or abandon some of its future expansion or expenditures, which could have material adverse effect on the implementation of the Business Plan.

The Company may not be able to obtain such financing if and when it is needed or that, if available, such financing will be on terms acceptable to the Company. If the Company is unable to obtain additional financing when needed, it may be required to scale back its Business Plan and, depending upon cash flow from its existing businesses, reduce the scope of its plans and operations.

In connection with implementing the Business Plan, management will continue reviewing the existing businesses of the Company to determine how those businesses will complement the Company's focus on communications and information services. If it is decided that an existing business is not compatible with the communications and information services business and if a suitable buyer can be found, the Company may dispose of that business.

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Year 2000

Level 3 Communications, LLC.

Level 3's wholly owned subsidiary, Level 3 Communications, LLC, is a new company that is implementing new technologies to provide Internet Protocol technology-based communications services to its customers. The expenses associated with Level 3 Communications, LLC's year 2000 remediation program did not have a material effect on the operating results or financial condition of Level 3 Communications, LLC through September 30, 2000. Level 3 Communications, LLC is not aware of any problems associated with Year 2000 issues. There can be no assurance, however, that the Year 2000 problem, and any loss incurred by any customers of Level 3 as a result of the Year 2000 problem, will not have a material adverse effect on Level 3 Communications, LLC's financial condition or results of operations in the future.

(i)Structure

(i)Structure, Inc. ("i)Structure") provides a wide variety of information technology services. (i)Structure has two main lines of business: outsourcing and applications. The outsourcing business is managed by (i)Structure, LLC. The applications business is managed by (i)Structure Application Services, LLC ("IAS").

(i)Structure derived a substantial portion of its revenues in 1999 from projects that its subsidiary, IAS, conducted involving Year 2000 assessment and renovation services. This exposes IAS to potential risks that may include problems with services provided by IAS to its customers and the potential claims arising under IAS's customer contracts. IAS attempts to contractually limit its exposure to liability for Year 2000 compliance issues. However, these contractual limitations may not be effective.

The expenses associated with (i)Structure's Year 2000 efforts, did not, and the related potential effect on (i)Structure earnings are not expected to have a material effect on the future operating results or financial condition of Level

3. (i)Structure is not aware of any problems concerning Year 2000 issues. There can be no assurance, however, that the Year 2000 problem, and any loss incurred by any customers of (i)Structure as a result of the Year 2000 problem, will not have a material adverse effect on Level 3's financial condition or results of operations in the future.

Market Risk

Level 3 is subject to market risks arising from changes in interest rates, equity prices and foreign exchange rates. The Company's exposure to interest rate risk increased due to the \$1.375 billion Senior Secured Credit Facility entered into by the Company in September 1999 and the Commercial Mortgage entered into in June 2000. As of September 30, 2000, the Company had borrowed \$475 million under the Senior Secured Credit Facility and \$120 million under the Commercial Mortgage. Amounts drawn on the debt instruments bear interest at the alternate base rate or LIBOR rate plus applicable margins. As the alternate base rate and LIBOR rate fluctuate, so too will the interest expense on amounts borrowed under the facility. A hypothetical 10% increase in interest rates would increase annual interest expense of the Company by approximately \$6 million. The Company continues to evaluate alternatives to limit interest rate risk.

Level 3 continues to hold positions in certain publicly traded entities, primarily Commonwealth Telephone and RCN. The Company accounts for these two investments using the equity method. The market value of these investments is approximately \$948 million as of September 30, 2000, which is significantly higher than their carrying value of \$199 million. The Company does not currently have plans to dispose of these investments, however, if any such transaction occurred, the value received for the investments would be affected by the market

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value of the underlying stock at the time of any such transaction. A 20% decrease in the price of Commonwealth Telephone and RCN stock would result in approximately a \$190 million decrease in fair value of these investments. The Company does not currently utilize financial instruments to minimize its exposure to price fluctuations in equity securities.

The Company's Business Plan includes developing and constructing networks in Europe and Asia. As of September 30, 2000, the Company had invested significant amounts of capital in Europe and will continue to expand its presence in Europe and Asia in 2000. The Company issued (Euro)800 million in Senior Euro Notes in February 2000 as an economic hedge against its net investment in its European subsidiaries. Other than the issuance of the Euro denominated debt, the Company has not made significant use of financial instruments to minimize its exposure to foreign currency fluctuations. The Company continues to analyze risk management strategies to reduce foreign currency exchange risk.

The change in interest rates and equity security prices is based on hypothetical movements and are not necessarily indicative of the actual results that may occur. Future earnings and losses will be affected by actual fluctuations in interest rates, equity prices and foreign currency rates.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Exhibits filed as part of this report are listed below.

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(b) No reports on Form 8-K were filed by the Company during the third quarter of 2000.

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.

LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Dated: November 2, 2000

\s\ Eric J. Mortensen

Eric J. Mortensen
Vice President, Controller
and Principal Accounting Officer

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ARTICLE 5

This schedule contains summary financial information extracted from the Form 10-Q for the period ending September 30, 2000 and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such financial statements.

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PERIOD TYPE	9 mos
FISCAL YEAR END	Dec 31 2000
PERIOD START	Jan 01 2000
PERIOD END	Sep 30 2000
CASH	1,158
SECURITIES	3,934
RECEIVABLES	398
ALLOWANCES	23
INVENTORY	2
CURRENT ASSETS	5,621
PP&E	8,939
DEPRECIATION	764
TOTAL ASSETS	14,468
CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,558
BONDS	7,140
PREFERRED MANDATORY	0
PREFERRED	0
COMMON	4
OTHER SE	4,981
TOTAL LIABILITY AND EQUITY	14,468
SALES	146
TOTAL REVENUES	752
CGS	58
TOTAL COSTS	483
OTHER EXPENSES	1,174
LOSS PROVISION	0
INTEREST EXPENSE	195
INCOME PRETAX	(933)
INCOME TAX	(30)
INCOME CONTINUING	(903)
DISCONTINUED	0
EXTRAORDINARY	0
CHANGES	0
NET INCOME	(903)
EPS BASIC	(2.50)
EPS DILUTED	(2.50)

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