## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act
of 1934
            For the third quarterly period ended September 30, 2001
                    Commission file number: 0-27824
                                    SPAR GROUP, INC.
                    (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
                        Delaware 33-0684451
        State of Incorporation IRS Employer Identification No.
                    5 8 0 \text { White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York, 10591}
                (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)
                Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (914) 332-4100
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        Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports
    required to be filed by Section 13 or \(15(d)\) of the Securities Exchange Act of
        1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the
    Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to
                        such filing
            requirements for the past 90 days: [ X ] Yes
    On November 6, 2001, there were $18,272,330$ shares of Common Stock outstanding.
SPAR GROUP, INC.

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PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## SPAR GROUP INC.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands, except share data)

|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { SEPTEMBER } 30, \\ 2001 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ & 2000 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS | (unaudited) |  | (note) |  |
| Current assets: |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| Accounts receivable, net |  | 23,340 |  | 23,207 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets |  | 1,349 |  | 880 |
| Prepaid program costs |  | 2,424 |  | 3,542 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 1,718 |  | 1,718 |


| Total current assets | 28,831 |  | 29,347 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Property and equipment, net |  | 3,120 |  | 3,561 |
| Goodwill and other intangibles, net |  | 19,962 |  | 21,485 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 1,082 |  | 1,082 |
| Other assets |  | 223 |  | 143 |
| Total assets | \$ | 53,218 | \$ | 55,618 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Accounts payable | \$ | 3,108 | \$ | 5,849 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities |  | 10,119 |  | 10,178 |
| Deferred revenue |  | 4,684 |  | 8,581 |
| Restructuring and other charges, current |  | 1,739 |  | 2,205 |
| Due to certain stockholders, current |  | 3,062 |  | 3,505 |
| Current portion of long-term debt |  | 380 |  | 1,211 |
| Total current liabilities |  | 23,092 |  | 31,529 |
| Line of credit \& long-term liabilities, net of current portion |  | 13,503 |  | 8,093 |
| Long-term debt due to certain stockholders |  | 2,059 |  | 2,160 |
| Restructuring and other charges, long-term |  | 751 |  | 1,596 |
| Commitments and contingencies |  |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity: |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred stock, \$.01 par value: |  |  |  |  |
| Authorized shares - 3,000,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Issued and outstanding shares - none Common stock, \$.01 par value: |  | - |  | - |
| Authorized shares - 47,000,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Issued and outstanding shares - 18,272,330 as of September 30, 2001 and December 31, 2000 |  | 182 |  | 182 |
| Additional paid-in capital |  | 10,127 |  | 10,127 |
| Retained earnings |  | 3,504 |  | 1,931 |
| Total stockholders' equity |  | 13,813 |  | 12,240 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ | 53,218 | \$ | 55,618 |

Note: The Balance Sheet at December 31, 2000 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date but does not include any of the information and footnotes required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for complete financial statements.

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES.

SPAR GROUP, INC.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(unaudited)
(In thousands, except per share data)

|  | three months ended |  |  |  | NINE MONTHS ENDED |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { SEPTEMBER } 30, \\ & 2001 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { ER } & 30, \\ 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MMBER 30, } \\ & 01 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { BEPTEMBER 30, } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ |
| Net revenues | \$ | 27,379 | \$ | 22,332 | \$ | 78,566 | \$ | 83,068 |
| Cost of revenues |  | 18,958 |  | 14,105 |  | 53,773 |  | 56,249 |
| Gross profit |  | 8,421 |  | 8,227 |  | 24,793 |  | 26,819 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses |  | 6,196 |  | 6,721 |  | 18,267 |  | 22,560 |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 982 |  | 808 |  | 2,871 |  | 2,447 |
| Operating income |  | 1,243 |  | 698 |  | 3,655 |  | 1,812 |
| Interest expense |  | 315 |  | 467 |  | 1,035 |  | 1,418 |
| Other income |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 786 |
| Income before provision for income taxes |  | 928 |  | 231 |  | 2,620 |  | 1,180 |
| Provision for income taxes |  | 349 |  | 131 |  | 1,047 |  | 550 |

Basic earnings per share
Basic weighted average common shares
Diluted earnings per share
Diluted weighted average common shares

| \$ | 579 | \$ | 100 | \$ | 1,573 | \$ | 630 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.01 | \$ | 0.09 | \$ | 0.03 |
|  | 18,272 |  | 18,176 |  | 18,272 |  | 18,165 |
| \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.01 | \$ | 0.09 | \$ | 0.03 |
|  | 18,391 |  | 18,297 |  | 18,350 |  | 18,290 |

See accompanying notes.

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OPERATING ACTIVITIES
Net income
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by
    (used in) operating activities:
        Depreciation
        Amortization
        Gain on sale of affiliate
        Changes in operating assets and liabilities:
            Accounts receivable
            Prepaid expenses and other assets
            Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current
                liabilities
            Restructuring charges
            Deferred revenue
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Net cash provided by operating activities
NVESTING ACTIVITIES
Purchases of property and equipment
Purchases of business, net of cash acquired
Sale of investment in affiliate
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities
FINANCING ACTIVITIES
Net proceeds from (payments on) line of credit
Net payments to shareholders
Proceeds from exercise of options
Payments of note payable MCI
Net payments of other long-term debt
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities
Net decrease in cash
Cash at beginning of period
Cash at end of period

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION Interest paid

| \$ | 1,216 | \$ | 1,072 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS
Reduction of accrued liabilities related to the purchase of the businesses

Increase in accrued liabilities and restructure charges associated with reverse merger

| \$ | 00 | \$ | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | - | \$ | 1,996 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES.

SPAR Group, Inc.
Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
(unaudited)

## 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of SPAR Group, Inc. ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "SPAR Group") have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation $S-X$. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. This financial information should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the Company as contained in Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ and Form $10 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{A}$ (Amendment No. 1) for the year ended December 31, 2000, as filed with the Securities Exchange Commission on April 11, 2001 and April 20, 2001, respectively. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the year.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

CONSOLIDATION
The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries.

## 3. SEGMENTS

The SPAR Group manages its business based upon the nature of services provided (i.e., merchandising services, incentive marketing services and internet-based software). The Merchandising Services Division consists of SPAR Marketing, Inc. ("SMI") (an intermediate holding company), SPAR Marketing Force, Inc. ("SMF"), SPAR Marketing, Inc. ("SMNEV"), SPAR/Burgoyne Retail Services, Inc. ("SBRS") and SPAR, Inc. ("SINC") (collectively, the "SPAR Marketing Companies"), PIA Merchandising Co., Inc., Pacific Indoor Display d/b/a Retail Resources, Pivotal Sales Company and PIA Merchandising Ltd.("PIA Canada") (collectively, the "PIA Companies") and the International Division consisting of SPAR Group International, Inc. The Incentive Marketing Division consists of each of SPAR Incentive Marketing, Inc. ("SIM") (an intermediate holding company) and SPAR Performance Group, Inc. ("SPGI"). The Internet Division consists of SPARinc.com, Inc.

Merchandising services generally consist of regularly scheduled services provided at retail stores for a specific retailer or one or more manufacturers under single or multiple-year contracts. Examples of these services are new product launches, special seasonal or promotional merchandising, focused product support and product recalls. Services can also include stand alone projects such as new store and existing store resets, re-merchandising, remodels and category implementations. In November 2000, the Company established its International Division to expand its merchandise services business offshore. There were no revenues for the International Division in year-to date 2001 or 2000 .

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (continued)

The Incentive Marketing Division generally consists of designing and implementing premium incentives, managing group meetings and group travel for clients throughout the United States. These services may include providing a variety of consulting, creative, program administrative, travel and merchandise fulfillment services to companies seeking to motivate employees, salespeople, dealers, distributors, retailers and consumers toward certain action or objectives.

In March 2000, the Company established its Internet Division to separately market its applications software products and services. Although such products and services were in part available through the Company's other divisions prior to the establishment of the Internet Division, the historical revenues and expenses related to such software products and services generally were not maintained separately prior to 2000.


## 4. RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER CHARGES

In connection with the reverse merger of the PIA Companies and related entities with the SPAR Marketing Companies, SPGI and certain related entities in July, 1999 (the "PIA Merger"), the Company's Board of Directors approved a plan to restructure the operations of the PIA Companies. Restructuring costs are composed of committed costs required to integrate the SPAR Marketing Companies' and the PIA Companies' field organizations and the consolidation of administrative functions to achieve beneficial synergies and costs savings.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
(unaudited) (continued)

The SPAR Group recognized termination costs in accordance with EITF 95-3, RECOGNITION OF LIABILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH A BUSINESS COMBINATION.

The following table displays a roll-forward of the liabilities for restructuring and other charges from December 31, 2000 to September 30, 2001 (in thousands):

| DECEMBER 31, | NINE MONTHS | SEPTEMBER 30, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 | ENDED | 2001 |
| RESTRUCTURING | SEPTEMBER 30, | RESTRUCTURING |
| AND OTHER | 2001 | AND OTHER |
| CHARGES | DEDUCTIONS | CHARGES |

Type of cost:
Employee separation
Equipment lease settlements
Office lease settlements

| \$ | 487 | \$ | 242 | \$ | 245 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2,770 |  | 962 |  | 1,808 |
|  | 544 |  | 107 |  | 437 |
| \$ | 3,801 | \$ | 1,311 | \$ | 2,490 |

Management believes that the remaining reserves for restructuring are adequate to complete its plan.

## 5. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computations of basic and diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except per share data):

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { THREE MONTHS } \\ & \text { ENDED } \\ & \text { SEPTEMBER } 30, \\ & 2001 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { THREE MONTHS } \\ & \text { ENDED } \\ & \text { SEPTEMBER } 30, \\ & 2000 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NINE MONTHS } \\ & \text { ENDED } \\ & \text { SEPTEMBER } 30, \\ & 2001 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NINE MONTHS } \\ & \text { ENDED } \\ & \text { SEPTEMBER 30, } \\ & 2000 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Numerator: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 579 | \$ | 100 | \$ | 1,573 | \$ | 630 |
| Denominator: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shares used in basic earnings per share calculation |  | 18,272 |  | 18,176 |  | 18,272 |  | 18,165 |
| Effect of diluted securities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Warrants |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |
| Shares used in diluted earnings per share calculations |  | 18,391 |  | 18,297 |  | 18,350 |  | 18,290 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.01 | \$ | 0.09 | \$ | 0.03 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ | 0.03 | \$ | 0.01 | \$ | 0.09 | \$ | 0.03 |

6. OTHER INCOME

In January 2000, the Company sold its investment in an affiliate for approximately $\$ 1.5$ million. The sale resulted in a gain of approximately \$790,000, which is included in other income.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
(unaudited) (continued)

## 7. RECLASSIFICATION

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2000 financial statements to conform with the current year presentation.
8. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statements of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, Business Combinations, and No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. Under the new rules, goodwill will no longer be amortized but will be subject to annual impairment tests in accordance with the Statements. Other intangible assets will continue to be amortized over their useful lives.

The Company will apply the new rules on accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets beginning in the first quarter of 2002 . The nonamortization of goodwill is expected to result in an increase in net income of approximately
$\$ 1.0$ million ( $\$ 0.05$ per share based on current outstanding shares) per year for the next twelve years. The Company will perform the first of the required impairment tests in the first quarter of 2002 , and has not yet determined what the effect of these tests will be on the earnings and financial position of the Company.

SPAR GROUP, INC.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21 E of the Exchange Act, including, in particular, the statements about the SPAR Group's plans and strategies under the headings "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations". Although the SPAR Group believes that its plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by such forward-looking statements are reasonable, it cannot assure that such plans, intentions or expectations will be achieved. All forward-looking statements attributable to the SPAR Group or persons acting on its behalf are expressly qualified by the cautionary statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

The SPAR Group does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement or risk factor or to publicly announce any revisions to any of them to reflect future events, developments or circumstances.

## OVERVIEW

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The Company provides merchandising services to manufacturers and retailers principally in mass merchandiser, chain, discount drug and grocery stores through its Merchandising Services Division. In addition, the SPAR Group's Incentive Marketing Division designs and implements premium incentives, manages group meetings and group travel principally for corporate clients. In March 2000, the Company established its Internet Division to separately market its software applications, products and services. Although such products and services were in part available through the Company's other divisions prior to the establishment of the Internet Division, the historical revenues and expenses related to such software products and services generally were not maintained separately. For 2000, the revenues for the Internet Division were not significant and have been included below in the discussion of the condition and results of the Incentive Marketing Division. In November 2000, the Company established its International Division to expand its merchandise services business offshore. There were no revenues for the International Division in year-to-date 2001 or 2000 .

SPAR GROUP, INC.

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001, COMPARED TO THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER

30, 2000
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NET REVENUES
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The following table sets forth net revenues by division and as a percentage of total net revenues for the periods indicated:

|  | Quarter Ended |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September 30, 2001 |  |  |  | September 30, 2000 |  | Increase (decr.) |  |
|  | (amounts in millions) |  |  |  |  |  |  | \% |
| Merchandising Services | \$ | 19.0 | 69.5\% | \$ | 16.5 | 74.0\% |  | 15.1\% |
| Incentive Marketing |  | 7.4 | 26.9 |  | 5.8 | 26.0 |  | 27.3 |
| Internet |  | 1.0 | 3.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Revenue |  | 27.4 | 100.0\% |  | 22.3 | 100.0\% |  | 22.6\% |

Net revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2001, increased by $\$ 5.1$ million or $22.6 \%$ from the three months ended September 30, 2000, due to increased performance in both the merchandising and incentive marketing segments as well as an increase in Internet Division revenue.

Merchandising Services net revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2001, were $\$ 19.0$ million, compared to $\$ 16.5$ million for the three months ended September 30 , 2000. The increase in net revenues is primarily attributed to expansion of existing business partially offset by discontinued in-store merchandising programs previously contracted with the former PIA Companies.

Incentive Marketing net revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2001, were $\$ 7.4$ million, compared to $\$ 5.8$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2000, due primarily to strong travel incentive programs. The timing of Incentive Marketing revenue and the corresponding cost of revenues depends upon the client placement of programs. Therefore, revenue or cost of revenues for any given quarter may not be indicative of total revenue or cost of revenues for the year.

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COST OF REVENUES
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The following table sets forth cost of revenues by division and as a percentage of net revenues for the periods indicated:

Quarter Ended


Cost of revenues for Merchandising Services consist of in-store labor (including travel expenses) and field management. Cost of revenues for the Company's Incentive Marketing and Internet segments consist of direct labor, independent contractor expenses, food, beverage, entertainment and travel costs. Cost of revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2001, were $\$ 19.0$ million or $69.2 \%$ of net revenues, compared to $\$ 14.1$ million or $63.2 \%$ of net revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2000.

Merchandising Services cost of revenues as a percentage of net revenues increased $1.9 \%$ to $61.3 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2001. For the quarter ending September 30, 2000, merchandising costs were favorably impacted by the reversal of a provision for a contingent liability totaling $\$ 500,000$. Exclusive of this release, the cost of revenues was 62.4\% of total revenue for 2000. The improved cost of revenue percentage for 2001 over such adjusted cost of revenue percentage for 2000 is attributable to reduced labor costs resulting from continued efficiencies realized in 2001.

Incentive Marketing cost of revenues, as a percentage of net revenues, increased $14.6 \%$ to $88.4 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2001, compared to $73.8 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2000, primarily due to the program mix, with higher cost programs accounting for a greater portion of sales in 2001 than in 2000 .

SPAR GROUP, INC.

## OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating expenses include selling, general and administrative expenses as well as depreciation and amortization. Selling, general and administrative expenses include corporate overhead, project management, information systems, executive compensation, human resources expenses, legal expenses and accounting expenses. The following table sets forth the operating expenses as a percentage of total net revenues for the time periods indicated:


Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by $\$ 0.5$ million, or $7.8 \%$ for the three months ended September 30, 2001, to $\$ 6.2$ million compared to $\$ 6.7$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2000. This decrease was primarily due to efficiencies resulting from the PIA Merger offset by approximately $\$ 200,000$ of $S G \& A$ expenses related to the Internet and International Divisions.

Depreciation and amortization increased by \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2001, due primarily to an increase in depreciation and amortization of customized internal software costs capitalized under SOP 98-1.

Interest expense decreased $\$ 0.2$ million to $\$ 0.3$ million for the three months ended September 30, 2001, from $\$ 0.5$ for the three months ended September 30, 2000, due to decreased debt levels, as well as decreased interest rates in 2001.

INCOME TAXES
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The income tax provision in the third quarter of 2001 represents a combined federal and state income tax rate of $37.6 \%$ compared to $56.5 \%$ for the third quarter of 2000.

## NET INCOME

The SPAR Group had net income of $\$ 0.6$ million in the third quarter of 2001 or $\$ 0.03$ per basic and diluted share compared to a net income of $\$ 0.1$ million or $\$ 0.01$ per basic and diluted share in the corresponding period in 2000 .

SPAR GROUP, INC.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
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NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001, COMPARED TO NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER

## 30, 2000

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NET REVENUES

The following table sets forth net revenues by division and as a percentage of total net revenues for the periods indicated:


Net revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, decreased by $\$ 4.5$ million or $5.4 \%$ from the nine months ended September 30, 2000, due principally to discontinued merchandising programs acquired in the PIA Merger, offset by increases in Incentive Marketing and Internet Division revenue.

Merchandising Services net revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, were $\$ 50.1$ million, compared to $\$ 63.1$ million in the nine months ended September 30, 2000, a $20.7 \%$ decrease. The decrease in net revenues is primarily attributed to discontinued in-store merchandising programs acquired in the PIA Merger.

Incentive Marketing net revenues for the nine months ended September 30, were $\$ 26.3$ million, compared to $\$ 20.0$ million for the nine months ended

September 30, 2000, an increase of $31.4 \%$. The increase in net revenues is primarily due to an increase in project revenue, principally from new clients.

SPAR GROUP, INC.

COST OF REVENUES
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The following table sets forth cost of revenues by division and as a percentage of net revenues for the periods indicated:


Cost of revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, were $\$ 53.8$ million or $68.4 \%$ of net revenues compared to $\$ 56.2$ million or $67.7 \%$ of net revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2000.

Merchandising Services cost of revenues as a percentage of net revenues decreased $3.0 \%$ to $60.5 \%$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to 63.5\% for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This decrease is principally attributed to reduced labor costs resulting from continued efficiencies realized in 2001.

Incentive Marketing cost of revenues as a percentage of net revenues increased 1.1\% to 82.3\% for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to 81.2 f for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 , primarily due to the program mix, with higher cost programs accounting for a greater portion of revenues in 2001.

SPAR GROUP, INC.

## OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating expenses include selling, general and administrative expenses as well as depreciation and amortization. Selling, general and administrative expenses include corporate overhead, project management, information systems, executive compensation, human resources expenses, legal expenses and accounting expenses. The following table sets forth the operating expenses as a percentage of total net revenues for the time periods indicated:

|  | Nine Months Ended |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | September 30, 2001 |  |  | September 30, 2000 |  |  | Increase (decr.) |
|  |  | nt | (amoun | mi | $\begin{aligned} & \text { llions } \\ & \text { mount } \end{aligned}$ | \% | $\%$ |
| Selling, general \& administrative expenses | \$ | 18.2 |  | \$ | 22.6 | 27.2\% | (19.1\%) |
| Depreciation \& amortization |  | 2.9 | $3.7$ |  | 2.4 | 2.9 | 17.3 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ | 21.1 | 26.9\% | \$ | 25.0 | 30.1\% | (15.5\%) |

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by $\$ 4.4$ million or 19.1\% in the nine months ended September 30, 2001, to $\$ 18.2$ million from $\$ 22.6$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. This decrease was due primarily to efficiencies resulting from the PIA Merger offset by approximately $\$ 1.0$ million of SG\&A expenses related to the Internet and International Divisions.

Depreciation and amortization increased by $\$ 0.5$ million in the nine months ended September 30, 2001, due primarily to the amortization of customized internal software costs capitalized under SOP 98-1.

INTEREST EXPENSES

Interest expense decreased $\$ 0.4$ million to $\$ 1.0$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, from $\$ 1.4$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000, due to decreased debt levels, as well as, decreased interest rates in 2001.

OTHER INCOME
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In January 2000, the Company sold its investment in an affiliate for approximately $\$ 1.5$ million. The sale resulted in a gain of approximately $\$ 0.8$ million, which is included in other income.

INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision represents a combined federal and state income tax rate of $40.0 \%$ and $46.6 \%$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, and the nine months ended September 30, 2000, respectively.

SPAR GROUP, INC.

## NET INCOME

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The SPAR Group had net income of $\$ 1.6$ million for the nine months ended September 30,2001 , or $\$ 0.09$ per basic and diluted share compared to net income of $\$ 0.6$ million or $\$ 0.03$ per basic and diluted share for the nine months ended September 30, 2000.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES
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In the nine months ended September 30, 2001, the SPAR Group had pre-tax income of $\$ 2.6$ million and experienced negative operating cash flow of $\$ 2.8$ million compared to $\$ 1.2$ million of pre-tax income and $\$ 0.7$ million of positive operating cash flow for the same period in 2000.

Management believes that based upon SPAR Group's current working capital position and the existing credit facilities, funding will be sufficient to support ongoing operations over the next twelve months.

DEBT
In 1999, IBJ Whitehall and the members of the SPAR Group (other than PIA Canada) (collectively, the "Borrowers") entered into a Revolving Credit, Term Loan and Security Agreement as amended (the "Bank Loan Agreement"). The Bank Loan Agreement provided the Borrowers with a $\$ 15.0$ million Revolving Credit facility and a $\$ 2.5$ million term loan. The Revolving Credit facility allows the Borrowers to borrow up to $\$ 15.0$ million based upon a borrowing base formula as defined in the Agreement (principally 85\% of "eligible" accounts receivable). The Bank Loan Agreement's revolving credit loans of $\$ 15.0$ million are scheduled to mature on September 21, 2002. Subsequent to September 30, 2001, IBJ Whitehall proposed to extend the maturity date to February 28, 2003, subject to the execution of definitive documents. The Term Loan amortizes in equal monthly installments of $\$ 83,334$. The revolving loans bear interest at IBJ Whitehall's "Alternate Base Rate" plus one-half of one percent (0.50\%) (a total of 6.5\% per annum at September 30, 2001), and the Term Loan bears interest at such "Alternate Based Rate" plus three-quarters of one percent (0.75\%) (a total of $6.75 \%$ per annum at September 30,2001 ). In addition, the Borrowers are required to make mandatory prepayments in an amount equal to $25 \%$ of Excess Cash Flow, as defined in the Bank Loan Agreement, for each fiscal year, to be applied first to the Term Loan and then to the revolving credit loans (subject to the Borrowers' ability to re-borrow revolving advances in accordance with the terms of the Bank Loan Agreement). In July 2001, the Company made an additional $\$ 250,000$ payment on the Term Loan as a result of the Excess Cash Flow requirement. The facility is secured with the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Bank Loan Agreement contains an option for the Bank to purchase 16,667 shares of common stock of the Company for $\$ 0.01$ per share in the event that the Company's average closing share price over ten consecutive trading day period exceeds $\$ 15.00$ per share. This option expires September 2, 2002.

The Bank Loan Agreement contains certain financial covenants that must be met by the Borrowers on a consolidated basis, among which are a minimum "Net Worth", a "Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio", a

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minimum ratio of Debt to EBITDA, and a minimum EBITDA, as such terms are defined in the Bank Loan Agreement.

The balance outstanding on the revolving line of credit was $\$ 13.5$ million and $\$ 7.8$ million at September 30, 2001, and December 31, 2000, respectively. As of September 30, 2001, based upon the borrowing base formula, the SPAR Group had availability of $\$ 14,000$ of the $\$ 1.5$ million unused revolving line of credit.

## NOTES PAYABLE TO CERTAIN STOCKHOLDERS

Former principal stockholders of the SPAR Marketing Companies each made loans to certain SPAR Marketing Companies and SPGI in the aggregate amount of $\$ 4.3$ million to facilitate the acquisition of the PIA Companies and the acquisition of the assets of MCI Performance Group, Inc. ("MCI"). In July of 1999, in connection with the acquisition of the PIA Companies, all of the operating companies of the SPAR Marketing Companies were converted to "C" corporations from subchapter $S$ corporations. At the time of conversion, these shareholders were owed $\$ 1.9$ million in unpaid distributions. The amounts totaling $\$ 6.2$ million were converted into promissory notes issued to these certain stockholders severally by SMF, SINC and SPGI prior to the PIA Merger.

As of September 30, 2001, notes payable to certain stockholders total \$5.1 million with an interest rate of $8 \%$ and are due on demand. The current Bank agreements contain certain restrictions on the repayment of stockholder debt.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Net cash used by operating activities for the nine months ended September

30, 2001, was $\$ 2.8$ million, compared with net cash provided of $\$ 0.7$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. Cash used by operating activities in 2001 was primarily a result of decreases in restructuring charges, accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities, and deferred revenue, partially offset by operating profits, decreases in prepaid expenses and other assets. Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, was $\$ 1.2$ million, compared with net cash provided of $\$ 35,000$ for the nine months ended September 30, 2000. The net cash used in investing activities in 2001 resulted from the purchases of property and equipment.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, was $\$ 4.0$ million, compared with net cash used by financing activities of $\$ 2.8$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000.

The above activity resulted in no change in cash and cash equivalents for the nine months ended September 30, 2001, compared to a net decrease of $\$ 2.1$ million for the nine months ended September 30, 2000.

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At September 30, 2001, the Company had positive working capital of $\$ 5.7$ million as compared to negative working capital of $\$ 2.2$ million at December 31, 2000. Availability under its revolving credit facility was $\$ 14,000$ at September 30, 2001, compared to $\$ 4.2$ million at December 31, 2000 , and a current ratio of 1.25 and 0.93 as of September 30, 2001, and December 31, 2000 , respectively.

Cash and cash equivalents and the timely collection of its receivables provide the SPAR Group's current liquidity. However, the potential of delays in collection of receivables due from any of the SPAR Group's major clients, or a significant reduction in business from such clients, or the inability to acquire new clients, would have a material adverse effect on the SPAR Group's cash resources and its ongoing ability to fund operations.

As of September 30, 2001, the SPAR Group is obligated, under certain circumstances, to pay severance compensation to its employees and other costs in connection with the PIA Merger (restructure charges) of approximately $\$ 2.5$ million. In addition, the Company incurred substantial cost in connection with the transaction, including legal and investment banking fees estimated to be an aggregate unpaid obligation as of September 30, 2001, of approximately $\$ 1.4$ million. The SPAR Group has also accrued approximately $\$ 1.9$ million for expenses incurred by the PIA Companies prior to the PIA Merger, which have not been paid as of September 30, 2001. Management believes the current bank credit facilities are sufficient to fund operations and working capital, including the current maturities of debt obligations, but may not be sufficient to reduce obligations of the PIA Merger.

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## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The SPAR Group is exposed to market risk related to the variable interest rate on the line of credit and term note and the variable yield on its cash and cash equivalents. The SPAR Group's accounting policies for financial instruments and disclosures relating to financial instruments require that the SPAR Group's condensed consolidated balance sheets include the following financial instruments: cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and long term debt. The SPAR Group considers carrying amounts of current assets
and liabilities in the condensed consolidated financial statements to approximate the fair value for these financial instruments because of the relatively short period of time between origination of the instruments and their expected realization. The carrying amounts of long-term debt approximate fair value because the obligation bears interest at a floating rate. The SPAR Group monitors the risks associated with interest rates and financial instrument positions. The SPAR Group's investment policy objectives require the preservation and safety of the principal, and the maximization of the return on investment based upon the safety and liquidity objectives.

Currently, the SPAR Group's revenue derived from international operations is not material and, therefore, the risk related to foreign currency exchange rates is not material.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO
The SPAR Group has no derivative financial instruments or derivative commodity instruments in its cash and cash equivalents and investments. Excess cash is normally used to pay down the revolving line of credit.

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PART II: OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

No change.
ITEM 2: CHANGES IN SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS
Item 2(a): Not applicable.
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Item $2(b):$ Not applicable.
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Item 2(c): Not applicable.
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Item $2(d)$ : Not applicable.
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ITEM 3: DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not applicable.
ITEM 4: SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The Company held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on August 2, 2001. The meeting was held to (1) elect the Board of Directors, (2) approve the adoption of the 2000 Stock Option Plan, (3) approve the adoption of the 2001 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, (4) approve the adoption of the 2001 Consultant Stock Purchase Plan, and (5) to ratify the appointment of Ernst \& Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2001.

The number of votes cast for each proposal are set forth below.
Proposal Number 1 - Election of the Board of Directors:

| Name: | For: | Abstention: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ---- | --- | -------19 |
| Robert G. Brown | $17,964,240$ | 79,379 |
| William H. Bartels | $17,965,290$ | 78,329 |
| Robert O. Aders | $17,965,209$ | 78,410 |
| Jerry B. Gilbert | $17,967,709$ | 75,910 |


| George W. Off | $17,971,790$ | 71,829 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Jack W. Partridge | $17,967,709$ | 75,910 |

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Proposal Number 5 - Ratification of the appointment of Ernst \& Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2000:

| For: | Against: | Abstention: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18,040,002 | 3,557 | 60 |

ITEM 5: OTHER INFORMATION
Not applicable.
ITEM 6: EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K
EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT
NUMBER DESCRIPTION
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10.20 2001 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Form 14A as filed with the SEC on July 13, 2001).
10.21 2001 Consultant Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to the Company's S-8 with respect thereto as filed with the SEC on November 8, 2001).

REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.
None.

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.

Date: November 14, 2001 SPAR Group, Inc., Registrant

By:/s/ Charles Cimitile
Charles Cimitile
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

