

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

BIOMERICA INC
Form 10KSB
August 29, 2002

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-KSB

[X] ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2002

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 0-8765

BIOMERICA, INC.

(Small Business Issuer in its Charter)

DELAWARE

95-2645573

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1533 MONROVIA AVENUE, NEWPORT BEACH, CA

92663

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Issuer's Telephone Number:

(949) 645-2111

Securities registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:
(Title of each class) (Name of each exchange on which registered)

NONE

OTC-Bulletin Board

Securities registered under Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act:
(Title of each class)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.08

Check whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section
13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 12 months (or for such shorter
period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been
subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES[X] NO[]

Check if disclosure of delinquent filers in response to Item 405 of Regulation
S-B is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of issuer's
knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by
reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB or any amendment to this Form 10-KSB.
[X]

State issuer's revenues for its most recent fiscal year: \$8,598,000.

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting stock held by non-affiliates of the issuer (based upon 4,337,437 shares held by non-affiliates and the closing price of \$.56 per share for Common Stock in the over-the-counter market as of May 31, 2002): \$2,428,965.

Number of shares of the issuer's common stock, par value \$0.08, outstanding as of August 27 2002: 5,172,364.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE: The issuer's proxy statement for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is incorporated into Part III hereof. Also incorporated by reference is the Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2002, for Lancer Orthodontics, Inc.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format YES [] NO [X]

PART I*

ITEM 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995 PROVIDES A "SAFE HARBOR" FOR FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. CERTAIN INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN (AS WELL AS INFORMATION INCLUDED IN ORAL STATEMENTS OR OTHER WRITTEN STATEMENTS MADE OR TO BE MADE BY BIOMERICA) CONTAINS STATEMENTS THAT ARE FORWARD-LOOKING, SUCH AS STATEMENTS RELATING TO ANTICIPATED FUTURE REVENUES OF THE COMPANY AND SUCCESS OF CURRENT PRODUCT OFFERINGS. SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION INVOLVES IMPORTANT RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT ANTICIPATED RESULTS IN THE FUTURE, AND ACCORDINGLY, SUCH RESULTS MAY DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE EXPRESSED IN ANY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF BIOMERICA. THE POTENTIAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, FLUCTUATIONS IN THE COMPANY'S OPERATING RESULTS. THESE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES ALSO INCLUDE THE SUCCESS OF THE COMPANY IN RAISING NEEDED CAPITAL, THE ABILITY OF THE COMPANY TO MAINTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO BE LISTED ON NASDAQ, THE CONTINUAL DEMAND FOR THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS, COMPETITIVE AND ECONOMIC FACTORS OF THE MARKETPLACE, AVAILABILITY OF RAW MATERIALS, HEALTH CARE REGULATIONS AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY. READERS ARE CAUTIONED NOT TO PLACE UNDUE RELIANCE ON THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, WHICH SPEAK ONLY AS OF THE DATE HEREOF, AND THE COMPANY UNDERTAKES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS.

BUSINESS

OVERVIEW

THE COMPANY

Biomerica, Inc. ("Biomerica", the "Company", "we" or "our") was incorporated in Delaware in September 1971 as Nuclear Medical Systems, Inc. We changed our corporate name in February 1983 to NMS Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and in November 1987 to Biomerica, Inc. During fiscal 2002 we had three subsidiaries, Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. ("Lancer"), an international manufacturer of orthodontics products, Allergy Immuno Technologies, Inc. ("AIT"), which is engaged in providing specialized laboratory testing services and ReadyScript, Inc. ("ReadyScript"), which developed a wireless handheld point of care system for physicians, but which operations were discontinued during fiscal 2001. On

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

May 30, 2002, Biomerica sold its controlling interest in AIT. All subsidiaries are majority-controlled subsidiaries.

In June 1999, we raised \$2 million in equity to develop the infrastructure of our e-health business, now incorporated as ReadyScript, Inc. From June 1999 until April 2001 we used the proceeds for developing an on-line drugstore and ReadyScript's infrastructure (a wireless medication management system that enables physicians to wirelessly transmit legible, pre-qualified formulary-compliant prescription orders directly to the patient's choice of pharmacy).

The Company adopted a formal plan in April 2001 to discontinue operations of its ReadyScript subsidiary. The sale of some of the ReadyScript assets is being discussed with various parties. The subsidiary is being reported in the financial statements as a discontinued operation because it is no longer an operating entity. The Company adopted a formal plan in March, 2002, to discontinue operations of AIT. On May 30, 2002, we sold 13,350,000 shares of AIT common stock held by us, representing 98.1% of the shares we owned in AIT, to a third party in exchange for \$212,500. The operations of AIT are being reported in the financial statements as discontinued operations. We continued to hold 255,575, or 1.4%, shares of AIT common stock.

3

OUR MEDICAL DEVICE BUSINESS

Our existing medical device business is conducted through two companies: (1) Biomerica, Inc., engaged in the diagnostic products market and (2) Lancer Orthodontics, Inc., engaged in the orthodontic products market.

BIOMERICA - DIAGNOSTIC PRODUCTS

Biomerica develops, manufactures, and markets medical diagnostic products designed for the early detection and monitoring of chronic diseases and medical conditions. The Company's medical diagnostic products are sold in three markets: 1) clinical laboratories, 2) physicians offices and 3) over-the-counter (drugstores). Our diagnostic test kits are used to analyze blood or urine from patients in the diagnosis of various diseases and other medical complications, or to measure the level of specific hormones, antibodies, antigens or other substances which may exist in the human body in extremely small concentrations.

Technological advances in medical diagnostics have made it possible to perform diagnostic tests within the home and the physician's office, rather than in the clinical laboratory. One of our main objectives has been to develop and market rapid diagnostic tests that are accurate, employ easily obtained specimens, and are simple to perform without instrumentation. Our over-the-counter and professional rapid diagnostic products help to manage existing medical conditions and may save lives through prompt diagnosis and early detection. Until recently, tests of this kind required the services of medical technologists and sophisticated instrumentation. Frequently, results were not available until at least the following day. We believe that rapid point of care tests are as accurate as laboratory tests when used properly, require no instrumentation, give reliable results in minutes and can be performed with confidence in the home or the physician's office. The majority of our over-the-counter rapid tests are FDA cleared.

Our clinical laboratory diagnostic products include tests for thyroid conditions, yeast infections, H. pylori, and others. These diagnostic test kits utilize enzyme immunoassay or radioimmunoassay technology. Some of these products have not yet been submitted for clearance by the FDA for diagnostic

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

use, but can be sold in various foreign countries.

LANCER ORTHODONTICS, INC. -- ORTHODONTIC PRODUCTS

Lancer is engaged in developing, manufacturing, and selling orthodontic products. Its products are sold worldwide through a direct sales force and distributors.

Lancer's product line includes preformed bands, direct bonding pads, various brackets, buccal tubes, arch wires, lingual attachments and related accessories. The foregoing are assembled to standard prescriptions or the specifications of private label customers. Lancer also markets products which are purchased and resold to orthodontists, including sealants, adhesives, elastomerics, headgear cases, retainer cases, and orthodontic wire.

4

Most of Lancer's manufacturing and shipping operations are located in Mexicali, Mexico, in order to reduce the cost of manufacturing and compete more effectively worldwide. Lancer maintains its headquarters in San Marcos, California where it houses administration, engineering, sales and marketing, and customer services.

DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

The Company's fiscal 2002 and 2001 losses were partially the result of its investment in ReadyScript. The ReadyScript subsidiary was a development-stage enterprise and required the raising of a significant amount of capital to fund its short-term working capital needs. The ReadyScript operations were discontinued in May 2001. The net assets and operating results of ReadyScript are shown separately in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as discontinued operations and are held for sale.

On May 30, 2002, Biomerica received \$212,500 for its interest in AIT and recorded a gain of \$224,481 on the sale. The gain from sale and loss from operations are included in discontinued operations in the accompanying statement of operations for the year ended May 31, 2002. Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2001 balances to conform to the 2002 presentation for discontinued operations.

PRODUCTION

All of our diagnostic test kits are processed and assembled at our facilities in Newport Beach, California. Production of diagnostic tests can involve formulating component antibodies and antigens in specified concentrations, attaching a tracer to the antigen, filling components into vials, packaging and labeling. We continually engage in quality control procedures to assure the consistency and quality of our products and to comply with applicable FDA regulations.

All manufacturing production is regulated by the FDA Good Manufacturing Practices for medical devices. We have an internal quality control unit that monitors and evaluates product quality and output. In addition, we employ a qualified external quality assurance consultant who monitors procedures and provides guidance in conforming with the Good Manufacturing Practices regulations. We either produce our own antibodies and antigens or purchase these materials from qualified vendors. We have alternate, approved sources for raw materials procurement and we do not believe that material availability in the foreseeable future will be a problem.

During fiscal 2002 Lancer converted its Mexican assets and obligations to its own division, a Mexican corporation named Lancer Orthodontics de Mexico (Lancer de Mexico). This division administers services previously provided by an independent manufacturing contractor. A new lease was negotiated effective April 1, 2001, for the 16,000 square foot facility used for Lancer's Mexican operations. Utility and Mexican vendor obligations have been converted to the Lancer de Mexico name. This conversion will eliminate the expense of an administrative fee and is expected to provide better control in meeting obligations.

Should Lancer discontinue operations in Mexico, it is responsible for accumulated employee seniority obligations as prescribed by Mexican law. At May 31, 2002, this obligation was approximately \$365,000. Such obligation is contingent in nature and accordingly has not been accrued in Lancer's financial statements.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Biomerica is engaged in research and development to broaden its diagnostic product line in specific areas. Research and development expenses include the costs of materials, supplies, personnel, facilities and equipment. Lancer is engaged in development programs to improve and expand its orthodontic products and production techniques. Lancer consults frequently with practicing orthodontists.

Research and development expenses incurred by Biomerica for the years ended May 31, 2002 and 2001 aggregated approximately \$160,000 and \$322,000, respectively. These expenses included approximately \$4,000 and \$72,000 for fiscal 2002 and 2001, respectively, for Lancer's product development.

MARKETS AND METHODS OF DISTRIBUTION

Biomerica has approximately 300 current customers for its diagnostic business, of which approximately 60 are distributors and the balance are hospital and clinical laboratories, medical research institutions, medical schools, pharmaceutical companies, chain drugstores, wholesalers and physicians' offices.

We rely on unaffiliated distributors, advertising in medical and trade journals, exhibitions at trade conventions, direct mailings and an internal sales staff to market our diagnostic products. We target three main markets: (a) clinical laboratories, (b) physicians' offices, and (c) over-the-counter drug stores. Separate marketing plans are utilized in targeting each of the three markets.

Lancer sells its products directly to orthodontists through company-paid sales representatives in the United States. At the end of its fiscal year, Lancer had seven sales representatives, all in the United States, all of whom are employees of Lancer.

In selected foreign countries, Lancer sells its products directly to orthodontists through its international marketing division. Lancer also sells its products through distributors in certain foreign countries and to other companies on a private label basis. Lancer has entered into a number of

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

distributor agreements whereby it granted the marketing rights to its products in certain sales territories in Mexico, Central America, South America, Europe, Canada, Australia, and Japan. The distributors complement the international marketing department which was established in 1982 and currently employs three people.

Lancer also markets products which are purchased and resold to orthodontists, including sealants, adhesives, elastomers, headgear cases, retainer cases and orthodontic wire.

No customer accounted for 10% or more of Lancer's or Biomerica's sales in the fiscal years ended May 31, 2002 and 2001.

BACKLOG

At May 31, 2002 and 2001 Biomerica had a backlog of \$122,000 and \$80,000 respectively. As of May 31, 2002 and 2001, Lancer had a backlog of \$84,000 and \$167,000, respectively.

RAW MATERIALS

The principal raw materials utilized by us consist of various chemicals, serums, reagents, radioactive isotopes and packaging supplies. Almost all of our raw materials are available from several sources, and we are not dependent upon any single source of supply or a few suppliers. At May 31, 2002, one company accounted for 17.3% of accounts payable. No company accounted for more than 10% of purchases for the years ended May 31, 2002 and 2001.

We maintain inventories of antibodies and antigens as components for our diagnostic test kits. Due to a limited shelf life on some products such as the RIA kits, finished kits are prepared as required for immediate delivery of pending and anticipated orders. Sales orders are normally processed on the day of receipt.

The principal raw materials used by Lancer in the manufacture of its products include: stainless steel, which is available from several commercial sources; nickel titanium, which is available from three sources; and lucolux translucent ceramic, which is currently only available from one source, General Electric, and is purchased on open account. Ceramic material similar to General Electric's lucolux translucent ceramic is available from other sources. Lancer had no difficulty in obtaining an adequate supply of raw materials during its 2002 fiscal year, and does not anticipate that there will be any interruption or cessation of supply in the future.

7

COMPETITION

Immunodiagnostic products are currently produced by more than 100 companies, a majority of which are located within the United States. Biomerica and its subsidiaries are not a significant factor in the market.

Our competitors vary greatly in size. Many are divisions or subsidiaries of well-established medical and pharmaceutical concerns which are much larger than Biomerica and expend substantially greater amounts than we do for research and development, manufacturing, advertising and marketing.

The primary competitive factors affecting the sale of diagnostic products are uniqueness, quality of product performance, price, service and marketing. The prices for our products compare favorably with those charged by most of our

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

competitors.

We believe we compete primarily on the basis of our reputation for the quality of our products, the speed of our test results, the unique niches we fill in the market, our patent position, and our prompt shipment of orders. We offer a broader range of products than many competitors of comparable size, but to date have had limited marketing capability. We are working on expanding this capability through strategic cooperations with larger companies and distributors.

Lancer encounters intense competition in the sale of orthodontic products. Lancer's management believes that Lancer's seven major competitors are: Unitek, a subsidiary or division of 3M; "A" Company and Ormco, subsidiaries or divisions of Sybron Dental Specialities; RMO Inc., a private company; American Orthodontics, a private company; GAC, a private company; and Dentaurum, a foreign company. Lancer estimates that these seven competitors account for approximately 80% of the orthodontic products manufactured and sold in the United States. Lancer's management also believes that each of these seven competitors is larger than Lancer, has more diversified product lines and has financial resources exceeding those of Lancer. While there is no assurance that Lancer will be successful in meeting the competition of these seven major competitors or other competitors, Lancer has, in the past, successfully competed in the orthodontic market and has achieved recognition of both its name and its products.

GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF OUR DIAGNOSTIC BUSINESS

As part of our diagnostic business, we sell products that are legally defined to be medical devices. As a result, we are considered to be a medical device manufacturer, and as such are subject to the regulations of numerous governmental entities. These agencies include the Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA"), the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (the "DEA"), Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Trade Commission, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture ("USDA"), and Consumer Product Safety Commission. These activities are also regulated by various agencies of the states and localities in which our products are sold. These regulations govern the introduction of new medical devices, the observance of certain standards with respect to the manufacture and labeling of medical devices, the maintenance of certain records and the reporting of potential product problems and other matters.

8

The Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act of 1938 (the "FDCA") regulates medical devices in the United States by classifying them into one of three classes based on the extent of regulation believed necessary to ensure safety and effectiveness. Class I devices are those devices for which safety and effectiveness can reasonably be ensured through general controls, such as device listing, adequate labeling, pre-market notification and adherence to the Quality System Regulation ("QSR") as well as Medical Device Reporting (MDR), labeling and other regulatory requirements. Some Class I medical devices are exempt from the requirement of Pre-Market Approval ("PMA") or clearance. Class II devices are those devices for which safety and effectiveness can reasonably be ensured through the use of special controls, such as performance standards, post-market surveillance and patient registries, as well as adherence to the general controls provisions applicable to Class I devices. Class III devices are devices that generally must receive pre-market approval by the FDA pursuant to a pre-market approval application to ensure their safety and effectiveness. Generally, Class III devices are limited to life-sustaining, life-supporting or

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

implantable devices. However, this classification can also apply to novel technology or new intended uses or applications for existing devices. The Company's products are either Class I or Class II medical devices.

If the FDA finds that the device is not substantially equivalent to a predicate device, the device is deemed a Class III device, and a manufacturer or seller is required to file a PMA application. Approval of a PMA application for a new medical device usually requires, among other things, extensive clinical data on the safety and effectiveness of the device. PMA applications may take years to be approved after they are filed. In addition to requiring clearance or approval for new medical devices, FDA rules also require a new 510(k) filing and review period, prior to marketing a changed or modified version of an existing legally marketed device, if such changes or modifications could significantly affect the safety or effectiveness of that device. The FDA prohibits the advertisement or promotion of any approved or cleared device for uses other than those that are stated in the device's approved or cleared application.

Pursuant to FDA requirement, we have registered our manufacturing facility with the FDA as a medical device manufacturer, and listed the medical devices we manufacture. We are also subject to inspection on a routine basis for compliance with FDA regulations. This includes the QSR, which, unless the device is a Class I exempt device, requires that we manufacture our products and maintain our documents in a prescribed manner with respect to issues such as design controls, manufacturing, testing and validation activities. Further, we are required to comply with other FDA requirements with respect to labeling, and the MDR regulation which requires that we provide information to the FDA on deaths or serious injuries alleged to have been associated with the use of our products, as well as product malfunctions that are likely to cause or contribute to death or serious injury if the malfunction were to recur. We believe that we are currently in material compliance with all relevant QSR and MDR requirements.

In addition, our facility is required to have a California Medical Device Manufacturing License. The license is not transferable and must be renewed annually. Approval of the license requires that we be in compliance with QSR, labeling and MDR regulations. Our license expires on March 16, 2003. We are also registered with the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service of the FDA as a Device establishment. This registration expires on February 28, 2003. We also hold two radioactive materials licenses from the State of California (both expiring on June 20, 2003), and two permits from the USDA, one expiring on January 28, 2003 and the other expiring on June 30, 2003. These licenses are renewed periodically, and to date we have never failed to obtain a renewal.

9

Through compliance with FDA and California regulations, we can market our medical devices throughout the United States. International sales of medical devices are also subject to the regulatory requirements of each country. In Europe, the regulations of the European Union require that a device have a "CE Mark" in order to be sold in EU countries. The directive goes into effect beginning December 2003. The Company has begun the process of complying with the "CE Mark" directives and believes it will be in full compliance by the time the directive becomes effective. At present the regulatory international review process varies from country to country. We, in general, rely upon our distributors and sales representatives in the foreign countries in which we market our products to ensure that we comply with the regulatory laws of such countries. We believe that our international sales to date have been in compliance with the laws of the foreign countries in which we have made sales. Exports of most medical devices are also subject to certain FDA regulatory controls.

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

Lancer is licensed to design, manufacture, and sell orthodontic appliances and is subject to the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 21, parts 800-1299. The FDA is the governing body that assesses and issues Lancer's license to assure that it complies with these regulations. Lancer is currently licensed, and its last assessment was in November 1997. Also, Lancer is registered and licensed with the state of California's Department of Health Services.

Effective June 18, 1998, fifteen major European countries are requiring a CE (European Community) certification to sell products within their countries. In order to obtain this CE certification Lancer retained British Standards Institution (BSI) to evaluate Lancer's quality system. Lancer's quality system is imaged under International Standards Organization (ISO) 9002. ISO 9002 is an internationally recognized standard in which companies establish their methods of operation and commitment to quality. There are 20 clauses for which Lancer has developed standard operating procedures in accordance with these ISO 9002 requirements.

EN 46002 is the medical device directive (MDD) for the European Community. Strict standards and clauses within the MDD are required to be implemented to sell within the European Community. In order for Lancer's medical devices to be sold within the European Community with the CE Mark, Lancer must fully comply with the EN 46002 requirements. Lancer has also constructed a technical file that gives all certifications and risk assessments for Lancer's products as a medical device (the "Product Technical Files").

With ISO 9002, EN 46002, and the Product Technical Files, Lancer applied for and was granted certification under ISO 9002, EN 46002, and CE. With the CE certification, Lancer is now permitted to sell its products within the European Community. The international ISO 9002 and EN 46002 standards will become obsolete in December 2003. As a result, Lancer is currently in the process of updating its Quality Management System for conformance to the new ISO 9000:2000 international quality system standards, as well as the ISO 13485 standard for medical devices. Compliance with and certification to both ISO 9000:2000 and ISO 13485 is expected in the Spring of 2003.

Biomerica has begun the process of obtaining CE certification and expects to have it completed by the December 2003 deadline.

10

SEASONALITY OF BUSINESS

The business of the Company and its subsidiaries has not been subject to significant seasonal fluctuations.

FOREIGN BUSINESS

All of our fixed assets, excluding some of Lancer's assets, are located within southern California. The following table sets forth the dollar volume of revenue attributable to sales to domestic customers and foreign customers during the last two fiscal years for the Biomerica and its consolidated subsidiaries:

	Year Ended May 31,	
	2002	2001
	----	----
U.S. Customers	\$4,254,000/49.5%	\$4,599,000/52.0%
Asia	199,000/ 2.3%	221,000/ 2.5%
Europe	2,313,000/26.9%	2,207,000/25.0%

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

Middle East	449,000/ 5.2%	445,000/ 5.0%
Oceania	393,000/ 4.6%	318,000/ 3.6%
S. America	498,000/ 5.8%	558,000/ 6.3%
Other foreign	492,000/ 5.7%	491,000/ 5.6%
	-----	-----
Total Revenues	\$8,598,000/100%	\$8,839,000/100%

We recognize that our foreign sales could be subject to some special or unusual risks which are not present in the ordinary course of business in the United States. Changes in economic factors, government regulations and import restrictions all could impact sales within certain foreign countries. Foreign countries have licensing requirements applicable to the sale of diagnostic products which vary substantially from domestic requirements; depending upon the product and the foreign country, these may be more or less restrictive than requirements within the United States. We cannot predict the impact that conversion to the Euro in the European countries may have on Biomerica or Lancer, if any.

Foreign diagnostic sales are made primarily through a network of over 60 independent distributors in approximately 40 countries.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

We regard the protection of our copyrights, service marks, trademarks and trade secrets as critical to our future success. We rely on a combination of copyright, trademark, service mark and trade secret laws and contractual restrictions to establish and protect our proprietary rights in products and services. We have entered into confidentiality and invention assignment agreements with our employees and contractors, and nondisclosure agreements with most of our vendors, fulfillment partners and strategic partners to limit access to and disclosure of proprietary information. We cannot be certain that these contractual arrangements or the other steps taken by us to protect our intellectual property will prevent misappropriation of our technology. We have

11

licensed in the past, and expect that we may license in the future, certain of our proprietary rights, such as trademarks or copyrighted material, to third parties. While we attempt to ensure that the quality of our product brands is maintained by such licensees, we cannot be certain that such licensees will not take actions that might hurt the value of our proprietary rights or reputation.

BRANDS, TRADEMARKS, PATENTS

We registered the tradenames "Fortel," "Isletest," "Nimbus" and "GAP" with the Office of Patents and Trademarks on December 31, 1985. Our unregistered tradenames are "EZ-Detect," "CAST," "COT," "EquistiK," "FelistiK," "Tri-Level Controls," "Tru-Level Controls," "T-Marker Controls," "AllerHalt," "Candiquant," "Candigen," "EZ-H.P." and "EZ-PSA." A trademark for "Aware" was issued and assigned in January, 2002.

On April 4, 1989, Lancer was granted a patent on its CounterForce design of a nickel titanium orthodontic archwire. On August 1, 1989, Lancer was granted a patent on its bracket design used in the manufacturing of Sinterline and Intrigue orthodontic brackets. On September 17, 1996, Lancer was granted a patent on its method of laser annealing marking of orthodontic appliances. On March 4, 1997, Lancer was granted a patent on an orthodontic bracket and method of mounting. All of the patents are for a duration of 17 years. Lancer has entered into license agreements expiring in 2006 whereby, for cash consideration, the counter party has obtained the rights to manufacture and

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

market certain products patented by Lancer. Lancer has also entered into a number of license and/or royalty agreements pursuant to which it has obtained rights to certain of the products which it manufactures and/or markets. The patents and agreements have had a favorable effect on Lancer's image in the orthodontic marketplace and Lancer's sales.

Lancer has made a practice of selling its products under trademarks and of obtaining protection for those trademarks in the United States and certain foreign countries. Lancer considers these trademarks to be of importance in the operation of its business.

The laws of some foreign countries do not protect our proprietary rights to the same extent as do the laws of the U.S. Effective copyright, trademark and trade secret protection may not be available in such jurisdictions. Our efforts to protect our intellectual property rights may not prevent misappropriation of our content.

12

EMPLOYEES

As of August 14, 2002, the Company and its subsidiaries employed 63 full-time employees and 2 part-time employees in the United States. Lancer, through its Mexican subsidiary, employs approximately 97 people. We also engage the services of various outside Ph.D. and M.D. consultants as well as medical institutions for technical support on a regular basis. We are not a party to any collective bargaining agreement and have never experienced a work stoppage. We consider our employee relations to be good.

ITEM 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

During fiscal 2002 the company entered into a lease of the existing facilities of approximately 21,000 square feet of space in Newport Beach, California for a four year term which expires October 31, 2005. Pursuant to the lease we pay an annual base rent of \$180,000 plus all real estate taxes and insurance costs. During fiscal 2002 the Company paid a total of approximately \$179,000 in rent for approximately 21,000 square feet of space. The rent shall escalate by 3% on September 1, 2003. These facilities were used for diagnostic test kit research and development, manufacturing, marketing and administration.

The facilities are leased from Mrs. Ilse Sultanian and JSJ Management. Ms. Janet Moore, an officer, director and shareholder of our Company, is a partner in JSJ Management.

At May 31, 2002, future aggregate minimum lease payments for Biomerica are as follows:

Years ending May 31	

2003	\$163,248
2004	187,398
2005	188,748
2006	80,598
2007	1,674

	\$621,666

On May 16, 2002, the Company signed a one-year sub-lease agreement for 1,392 square foot of office space, included in the above-described lease, for

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

the sum of \$1,642 per month.

Lancer leases its main facility under a non-cancelable operating lease expiring December 31, 2003, as extended, which requires monthly rentals that increase annually, from \$2,900 per month in 1994 to \$6,317 per month in 2004. The lease expense is being recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The excess of the expense recognized over the cash paid aggregates \$8,894 at May 31, 2002, and is included in accrued liabilities in the accompanying balance sheet. Total rental expense for this facility for each of the years ended May 31, 2002 and 2001 was approximately \$69,000.

Lancer entered into a non-cancelable operating lease for its Mexico facility which expires in March 2006 and requires average monthly rentals of approximately \$6,000. Total expense for this facility for the years ended May 31, 2002 and 2001, was approximately \$69,000 and \$74,000.

At May 31, 2002, future aggregate minimum lease payments for Lancer are as follows:

Years ending May 31	

2003	\$144,545
2004	114,659
2005	70,440
Thereafter	58,700

Total	\$388,344

13

We believe that our facilities and equipment are in suitable condition and are adequate to satisfy the current requirements of our Company and our subsidiaries.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Inapplicable.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

Inapplicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

During fiscal 2002 Biomerica's common stock was traded on the Nasdaq Small Cap system under the symbol "BMRA". Since June 20, 2002, the Company's stock has been traded on the OTC Bulletin Board under the symbol "BMRA.OB".

The following table shows the high and low bid prices for Biomerica's common stock over the last two years based upon data reported by NASDAQ. Prices shown represent quotations by dealers, and do not reflect markups, markdowns or commissions, and may not reflect actual transactions.

Bid Prices

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

	High	Low
Quarter ended:		
May 31, 2002.....	\$0.70	\$0.41
February 28, 2002.....	\$0.74	\$0.45
November 30, 2001.....	\$1.13	\$0.35
August 31, 2001.....	\$0.95	\$0.52
May 31, 2001.....	\$1.25	\$0.656
February 29, 2001.....	\$0.969	\$0.313
November 30, 2000.....	\$1.75	\$0.75
August 31, 2000.....	\$1.875	\$1.25

As of August 21, 2002, the number of holders of record of Biomerica's common stock was approximately 1,019, excluding stock held in street name.

On April 10, 2002, the Company filed a Form S-4 for the proposed registration of between 488,200 and 984,274 shares of Biomerica common stock. The shares were to be issued for the purchase of the assets of the subsidiary Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. Due to market conditions, both boards of directors have agreed not to proceed with the proposed purchase and Biomerica requested in July 2002 that the registration statement be withdrawn.

14

No dividends have been declared or paid by Biomerica. We intend to employ all available funds for development of our business and, accordingly, do not intend to pay cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

ITEM 6. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995 PROVIDES A "SAFE HARBOR" FOR FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. CERTAIN INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN (AS WELL AS INFORMATION INCLUDED IN ORAL STATEMENTS OR OTHER WRITTEN STATEMENTS MADE OR TO BE MADE BY BIOMERICA) CONTAINS STATEMENTS THAT ARE FORWARD-LOOKING, SUCH AS STATEMENTS RELATING TO ANTICIPATED FUTURE REVENUES OF THE COMPANY AND SUCCESS OF CURRENT PRODUCT OFFERINGS. SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION INVOLVES IMPORTANT RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT ANTICIPATED RESULTS IN THE FUTURE, AND ACCORDINGLY, SUCH RESULTS MAY DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE EXPRESSED IN ANY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF BIOMERICA. THE POTENTIAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, FLUCTUATIONS IN THE COMPANY'S OPERATING RESULTS. THESE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES ALSO INCLUDE THE SUCCESS OF THE COMPANY IN RAISING NEEDED CAPITAL, THE ABILITY OF THE COMPANY TO MAINTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO BE LISTED ON NASDAQ, THE CONTINUAL DEMAND FOR THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS, COMPETITIVE AND ECONOMIC FACTORS OF THE MARKETPLACE, AVAILABILITY OF RAW MATERIALS, HEALTH CARE REGULATIONS AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY. READERS ARE CAUTIONED NOT TO PLACE UNDUE RELIANCE ON THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, WHICH SPEAK ONLY AS OF THE DATE HEREOF, AND THE COMPANY UNDERTAKES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

We currently have one active subsidiary, Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. ("Lancer"), which is engaged in manufacturing, sales and development of orthodontic products. We own approximately 31.63% of the outstanding stock of Lancer. We exercise effective control of 50.1% over Lancer via voting agreements with certain shareholders. As a result of our control and ownership, our financial statements are consolidated with those of Lancer. Lancer is a public company whose common stock is traded on the bulletin board system under the

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

symbol "LANZ,". On May 30, 2002, Biomerica sold its controlling interest in Allergy Immuno Technologies, Inc. The operations of AIT for fiscal 2002 and 2001 are being reported as discontinued operations as a result of this sale.

The ReadyScript subsidiary was a development-stage enterprise and required the raising of a significant amount of capital to fund its short-term working capital needs. The ReadyScript operations were discontinued in May 2001. The sale of some of the ReadyScript assets is being discussed with various parties. The subsidiary is being reported in the financial statements as a discontinued operation because it is no longer an operating entity.

15

Fiscal 2002 Compared to Fiscal 2001

Our consolidated net sales were \$8,598,054 for fiscal 2002 compared to \$8,839,252 for fiscal 2001. This represents a decrease of \$241,198, or 2.7% for fiscal 2002. Of the total consolidated net sales for fiscal 2002, \$6,022,331 is attributable to Lancer, and \$2,575,723 to Biomerica. Lancer's sales increased by \$94,728 while Biomerica showed a sales decrease of \$335,926. The increase at Lancer was primarily attributable to increased sales in the Middle East and Mexico. The decrease in sales at Biomerica was due to the loss of a major customer as well as lower sales of the EZ Detect product due to smaller screening programs than the previous year.

Cost of sales in fiscal 2002 as compared to fiscal 2001 increased by \$19,544 or 0.3%. Lancer's cost of sales as a percentage of sales increased from 67.4% to 69.1% in fiscal 2002 as compared to fiscal 2001. The increase was primarily attributable to increased sales to distributors and managed care facilities which have a smaller gross margin. Biomerica had an increase in cost of sales as a percentage of sales from 70.4% to 73.9% in fiscal 2002 as compared to fiscal 2001. The increase was due to the Company recording an impairment expense for the unamortized balance of a license in the amount of \$100,320 which is reflected in cost of sales in the accompanying statement of operations for the year ended May 31, 2002.

Selling, general and administrative costs decreased in fiscal 2002 as compared to fiscal 2001 by \$250,804 or 8.1%. Lancer had a decrease of \$199,619 in these costs due to decreases in labor costs, travel expenses and show costs. Biomerica had a decrease in fiscal 2002 as compared to fiscal 2001 of \$51,185, primarily due to lower wages and related costs.

Research and development expense decreased in fiscal 2002 as compared to fiscal 2001 by \$162,363 or 50.4%. Of this, Lancer had a decrease of \$67,663, as a result of the transfer of personnel from product development to operations. Biomerica had a decrease in research and development expenses of \$94,700 primarily due to the lower wages and related costs due to less personnel in the research and development department.

Interest expense net of interest income, increased in fiscal 2002 as compared to fiscal 2001 by \$14,928 or 58.7% due to borrowings against the line of credit at Biomerica which was offset by a decrease in interest at Lancer of \$2,749.

Other expense, increased by \$80,429 or 168.4% in fiscal 2002 as compared to fiscal 2001. Of this, Lancer had an increase in other expense of \$44,287 due to investor relations costs and financing costs expensed associated with the line of credit and exploring other financing options. Biomerica had decreases in other income due to lower cash balances and therefore less interest income.

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

As of May 31, 2002, Biomerica had net tax operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$5,171,000 and investment tax and research and development credits of approximately \$62,000, which are available to offset future federal tax liabilities. These carryforwards expire at varying dates from 2002 to 2022. As of May 31, 2002, Biomerica had net operating tax loss carryforwards of approximately \$1,152,000 available to offset future state income tax liabilities, which expire through 2012. As of May 31, 2002, Lancer had net

16

operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$2,037,000 and business tax credits of approximately \$80,000 available to offset future Federal tax liabilities. The Lancer federal carryforwards expire through 2021. As of May 31, 2002, Lancer had net tax operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$185,000 and business tax credits of approximately \$24,000 available to offset future state income tax liabilities. The state carryforwards expire through the year 2011.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of May 31, 2002, we had cash and available for sale securities of \$331,809 (see Note 1 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements) and current working capital of \$3,246,030. Of the current working capital, \$2,840,291 is attributable to the Lancer subsidiary, which is restricted from distribution to Biomerica as a result of Lancer's line of credit agreement. The Company's fiscal 2001 losses were substantially the result of its investment in ReadyScript, which has been reported as a discontinued operation. During 2001, cash provided by operations was \$165,576. During 2002, the Company used cash flows from operations of \$131,073. During fiscal 2002, cash provided by investing activities was \$219,452, primarily due to the sale of stock of a subsidiary. The Company generated cash flow from financing activities of \$339,662 during fiscal 2001, primarily due to two private placements and a shareholder loan at Biomerica and \$228,779 during fiscal 2002 primarily due to the increase in shareholder loan.

On an unconsolidated basis, the Company used cash in operating activities of \$313,475 in fiscal 2002 as compared to \$935,492 in fiscal 2001. Net cash provided by investing activities for the years ended May 31, 2002 and 2001 were \$222,839 and \$82,265, respectively. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$291,328 for fiscal 2002 and \$343,980 for fiscal 2001. See Note 12 to the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company has suffered substantial recurring losses from operations over the last couple of years. The Company has funded its operations through debt and equity financings, and may have to do so in the future. ReadyScript operations were discontinued in May 2001 and Allergy Immuno Technologies, Inc. was sold in May 2002 (see Notes 2 and 13). ReadyScript and Allergy Immuno Technologies, Inc. were contributors to the Company's losses. The Company has also obtained a line of credit from a shareholder/officer which it has and will continue to rely on to help fund operations. The Company has reduced operating costs through certain cost reduction efforts and plans to concentrate on its core business in Lancer and Biomerica to increase sales. Management believes that cash flows from operations and its available credit coupled with reduced costs and anticipated sales will enable the company to fund operations for at least the next twelve months. There can be no assurances that the Company will be able to become profitable, generate positive cash flow from operations or obtain the necessary equity or debt financing to fund operations in the future.

During fiscal 2002 Lancer management negotiated a new line of credit with a financial institution through October 24, 2003. The line of credit allows for

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

borrowings up to \$400,000 and is limited to specified percentages of eligible accounts receivable. The outstanding balance at May 31, 2002 was \$65,669. The unused portion available under the line of credit at May 31, 2002, was approximately \$229,000. Borrowings bear interest at prime plus 2.00% per annum, but no lower than 8% (8.00% at May 31, 2002).

The line of credit is collateralized by substantially all the assets of Lancer, including inventories, receivables, and equipment. The lending agreement for the line of credit requires, among other things, that Lancer maintain a tangible net worth ratio of \$2,100,000, which was met, and that receivables' payments be sent to a controlled lockbox. In addition to interest, a management fee of .25% of the average monthly outstanding loan balance and an unused balance fee of .0425% on the average monthly unused portion available are required. Lancer is not required to maintain compensating balances in connection with this lending agreement.

Lancer's management believes that it will be able to finance Lancer's operations through cash flow and available borrowings for the foreseeable future.

17

Biomerica, Inc. entered into an agreement for a line of credit agreement on September 12, 2000 with a shareholder whereby the shareholder will loan to the Company, as needed, up to \$500,000 for working capital needs. The line of credit bears interest at 8% and is secured by Biomerica accounts receivable and inventory. There was \$375,000 outstanding under this line of credit at May 31, 2002. The line of credit has been extended until September 12, 2003. During 2002 and 2001, the Company incurred \$19,661 and \$1,051, respectively, in interest expense related to the shareholder line of credit, all of which is accrued as of May 31, 2002. The unused portion available under the line of credit at May 31, 2002, was approximately \$135,000. As of August 29, 2002, the unused portion available was \$169,900. During fiscal 2002 a shareholder advanced the Company \$10,000. The loan bears an interest at 8%.

Pursuant to a decision by the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Panel, the Company's common stock was delisted from the Nasdaq Stock Market effective June 20, 2002, for failure to comply with the net tangible assets or shareholders' equity requirements as set forth in Marketplace Rule 4310(c)(2)(B). The Company's securities were immediately eligible to trade on The OTC Bulletin Board and are traded under the symbol BMRA.OB.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on the consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Note 2 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements describes the significant accounting policies essential to the consolidated financial statements. The preparation of these financial statements requires estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures.

We believe the following to be critical accounting policies as they require more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Although we believe that our judgments and estimates are appropriate and correct, actual future results may differ from our estimates.

In general the critical accounting policies that may require judgments or estimates relate specifically to the Allowance for Doubtful Accounts, Inventory

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

Reserves for Obsolescence and Declines in Market Value, Impairment of Long-Lived Assets, Stock Based Compensation, and Income Tax Accruals.

We recognize product revenues when an arrangement exists, delivery has occurred, the price is determinable and collection is reasonably assured. Accordingly, we do not recognize revenue for estimated returns from all amounts sold to these distributors until the right of exchange has expired.

The Allowance for Doubtful Accounts is established for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. The assessment of specific receivable balances and required reserves is performed by management and discussed with the audit committee. We have identified specific customers where collection is probable and have established specific reserves, but to the extent collection is made, the allowance will be released. Additionally, if the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

Reserves are provided for excess and obsolete inventory, which are estimated based on a comparison of the quantity and cost of inventory on hand to management's forecast of customer demand. Customer demand is dependent on many factors and requires us to use significant judgment in our forecasting process. We must also make assumptions regarding the rate at which new products will be accepted in the marketplace and at which customers will transition from older products to newer products. Once a reserve is established, it is maintained until the product to which it relates is sold or otherwise disposed of, even if in subsequent periods we forecast demand for the product.

In general, we are in a loss position for tax purposes, and have established a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets, as we do not believe it is likely that we will generate sufficient taxable income in future periods to realize the benefit of our deferred tax assets. Predicting future taxable income is difficult, and requires the use of significant judgment. At May 31, 2002, all of our deferred tax assets were reserved. Accruals are made for specific tax exposures and are generally not material to our operating results or financial position, nor do we anticipate material changes to these reserves in the near future.

18

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

You should read the following factors in conjunction with the factors discussed elsewhere in this and our other filings with the SEC and in materials incorporated by reference in these filings. The following is intended to highlight certain factors that may affect the financial condition and results of operations of Biomerica, Inc. and are not meant to be an exhaustive discussion of risks that apply to companies such as Biomerica, Inc. Like other businesses, Biomerica, Inc. is susceptible to macroeconomic downturns in the United States or abroad, as were experienced in fiscal year 2002, that may affect the general economic climate and performance of Biomerica, Inc. or its customers.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS:

In July 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 ("SFAS 141"), "Business Combinations", which eliminates the pooling method of accounting for business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. In addition, SFAS 141 addresses the accounting for intangible assets and goodwill acquired in a business combination. This portion of SFAS 141 is effective for business combinations

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

completed after June 30, 2001. The Company adopted SFAS 141 effective July 1, 2001.

In July 2001, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142 ("SFAS 142"), "Goodwill and Intangible Assets", which revises the accounting for purchased goodwill and intangible assets. Under SFAS 142, goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives will no longer be amortized and will be tested for impairment annually. SFAS 142 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001, with earlier adoption permitted. The Company has not yet determined the impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations as a result of the future adoption of SFAS 142.

In August 2001, the FASB issued FAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations." This statement addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the associated asset retirement costs. It applies to all entities and legal obligations associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that result from the acquisition, construction, development and/or normal operation of long-lived assets, except for certain obligations of lessees. This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. Management has not yet determined the impact of the adoption of FAS No. 143 on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

19

In October 2001, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144 ("SFAS 144"), "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," or SFAS 144. SFAS No. 144 requires that those long-lived assets be measured at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell, whether reported in continuing operations or in discontinued operations. Therefore, discontinued operations will no longer be measured at net realizable value or include amounts for operating losses that have not yet occurred. SFAS No. 144 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001 and, generally, is to be applied prospectively. The Company does not expect SFAS 144 will have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

In April 2002, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 145 ("SFAS 145"), "Rescission of FASB Statements No. 44 and 64, Amendment of FASB Statement No. 13, and Technical Corrections," to update, clarify and simplify existing accounting pronouncements. FASB Statement No. 4, which required all gains and losses from debt extinguishment to be aggregated and, if material, classified as an extraordinary item, net of related tax effect, was rescinded. Consequently, FASB Statement No. 64, which amended FASB Statement No. 4, was rescinded because it was no longer necessary. We do not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material effect on our financial statements.

In June 2002, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 146, "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities." SFAS 146 addresses accounting and reporting for costs associated with exit or disposal activities and nullifies Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 94-3, "Liability Recognition for Certain Employee Termination Benefits and Other Costs to Exit an Activity (Including Certain Costs Incurred in a Restructuring)." SFAS No. 146 requires that a liability for a cost associated with an exit or disposal activity be recognized and measured initially at fair value when the liability is incurred. SFAS No. 146 is effective for exit or disposal activities that are initiated after December 31, 2002, with early application encouraged. We do not expect the adoption of this statement to have a material effect on our financial

statements. 18

20

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Exhibit 99.1, "Biomerica, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Financial Statements" is incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 8. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE.

Inapplicable.

PART III

ITEM 9. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, PROMOTERS AND CONTROL PERSONS OF THE REGISTRANT; COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 16(a) OF THE EXCHANGE

This information is incorporated by reference to the Company's proxy statement for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders which will be filed not later than 120 days after the end of the Company's fiscal year ended May 31, 2002.

ITEM 10. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

This information is incorporated by reference to the Company's proxy statement for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders which will be filed not later than 120 days after the end of the Company's fiscal year ended May 31, 2002.

ITEM 11. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

This information is incorporated by reference to the Company's proxy statement for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders which will be filed not later than 120 days after the end of the Company's fiscal year ended May 31, 2002.

ITEM 12. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

This information is incorporated by reference to the Company's proxy statement for its 2002 Annual Meeting of Stockholders which will be filed not later than 120 days after the end of the Company's fiscal year ended May 31, 2002.

21

ITEM 13. EXHIBITS LIST AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

(a) EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant filed with the Secretary of the State of Delaware on September 22, 1971 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 filed with Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, Commission File No. 2-83308).
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant filed with the Secretary of the State of Delaware on February 6, 1978 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 filed with Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, Commission File No. 2-83308).
3.3	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant filed with the Secretary of the State of Delaware on February 4, 1983 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 filed with Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, Commission File No. 2-83308).
3.4	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant filed with the Secretary of the State of Delaware on January 19, 1987 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 filed with Form 8 Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1987).
3.5	Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant filed with the Secretary of the State of Delaware on November 4, 1987 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 filed with Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, Commission File No. 2-83308).
3.6	Bylaws of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 filed with Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1, Commission File No. 2-83308).
3.7	Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant filed with the Secretary of the State of Delaware on December 20, 1994 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.7 filed with Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1995).
3.8	First Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation Of Biomerica, Inc. filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on August 1, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.8 filed with the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2000).
4.1	Specimen Stock Certificate of Common Stock of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
10.2	Lancer purchase agreement and warrants (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 filed with Registrant's Annual

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1989).

- 10.3 1999 Stock Incentive Plan of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2000).
- 10.4 1995 Stock Option and Common Stock Plan of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 20, 1996).
- 10.5 1991 Stock Option and Restricted Stock Plan of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 6, 1992).
- 10.6 Stock Purchase Agreement by and between Biomerica, Inc., RidgeRose Capital Partners, LLC and Zackary Irani and Janet Moore dated June 11, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 filed with Form 8-K on July 7, 1999).
- 10.7 Stock Purchase Agreement by and between Biomerica, Inc. and Zackary Irani and Janet Moore dated June 11, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 filed with Form 8-K on July 7, 1999).
- 10.8 Back-end Processing Agreement by and between TheBigStore.com, Inc. and Biomerica, Inc. and dated June 11, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 filed with Form 8-K on July 7, 1999).
- 10.9 Common Stock Purchase Warrant granted to TheBigStore.com, Inc. dated June 11, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 filed with Form 8-K on July 7, 1999).
- 10.10 Common Stock Purchase Warrant granted to RJM Consulting, LLC dated June 11, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 filed with Form 8-K on July 7, 1999).
- 10.11 Non-Qualified Option Agreement by and between Zackary Irani and the Company dated June 10, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 filed with Form 8-K on July 7, 1999).
- 10.12 Non-Qualified Option Agreement by and between Janet Moore and the Company dated June 10, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 filed with Form 8-K on July 7, 1999).
- 10.13 Non-Qualified Option Agreement by and between Philip Kaplan, M.D. and the Company dated June 10, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 filed with Form 8-K on July 7, 1999).
- 10.14 Non-Qualified Option Agreement by and between Robert A. Orlando, M.D., Ph.D. and the Company dated June 10, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 filed Form 8-K on July 7, 1999).

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

- 10.15 Strategic Marketing Agreement entered into as of the 2nd day of September, 1999 by and between TheBigHub.com, Inc., a Florida corporation and Biomerica, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.16 First Amendment to Back-End Processing Agreement entered into as of September 2, 1999 whereby TheBigStore.com, Inc., a Delaware corporation and Biomerica amend the Back-End Agreement dated June 11, 1999 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.17 Private Placement Memorandum of Biomerica, Inc. dated June 9, 1999 offering 400,000 shares of its Common Stock at \$5.00 per share (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.18 Employment Agreement entered into as of August 30, 1999 by and between the Internet division of Biomerica, Inc. and Steven J. Goto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.19 Employment Offer Letter dated August 12, 1999 from Biomerica, Inc. to Pete McKinley to join the Internet division of Biomerica, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.20 Employment Offer Letter dated August 12, 1999 from Biomerica, Inc. to Richard Jay, Pharm.D. to join the Internet division of Biomerica, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.21 Amendment to Lease Extension/Lease Term effective January 1, 1999, whereby Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. and L&T Corporation, a California corporation entered into an amendment and extension to the terms of that certain lease agreement dated November 4, 1993 for the premises located at 253 Pawnee Street, Suite A, San Marcos, California 92069 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.22 Sublease Agreement entered into by and between Eagleson de California S.A. de C.V. and Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. commencing on November 1, 1998 covering approximately 16,000 square feet located in the Industrial Park at Ave. Saturno No. 20 and of certain improvements constructed on the land as detailed in that certain sublease between the parties dated April 1, 1996 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.23 Fifth Revision to Manufacturing Shelter Agreement effective

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

November 1, 1998, whereby Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. and Eagleson Industries, Inc. revised and amended that certain Manufacturing Shelter Agreement entered into on May 11, 1990, revised on June 20, 1991, December 2, 1992, July 1, 1994 and April 1, 1996 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).

- 10.24 Technical Skills Consulting Agreement entered into on January 1, 1999 by and between Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. and Alejandro Carnero, a non-resident alien, independent contractor and citizen of the Republic of Mexico (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.25 Product Development and Marketing Agreement entered into as of August 3, 1998 by and between Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. and AG Metals, Inc., a Nevada corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.26 Agreement between Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. and Gary Weikel, an individual, incorporating by reference that certain Product Development and Marketing Agreement of even date between Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. and AG Metals, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 filed with Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, Commission No. 333-87231 filed on September 16, 1999).
- 10.27 Lease between Biomerica, Inc., JSJ Management and Ilse Sultanian dated September 1, 2001.
- 10.28 Agreement between Biomerica, Inc. and Lancer Orthodontics, Inc. for the acquisition of the remaining outstanding shares of Lancer Orthodontics, Inc., common stock by Biomerica (incorporated by reference to an exhibit filed with the S-4 filed on April 10, 2002).
- 16.1 Letter on Change of Certifying Accountant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 1993).
- 16.2 Letter on change of certifying accountant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit A to Form 10-QSB/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 1999).
- 21.1 Subsidiaries of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21.1 to Form 10-KSB filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 14, 1999).
- 99.1 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 signed by Zackary S. Irani, Chief Executive Officer.
- 99.2 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 signed by Janet Moore, Chief Financial Officer.
- 99.3 Biomerica, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Financial Statements For The Years Ended May 31, 2002 and 2001 and

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

Independent Auditors' Report.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

Biomerica filed a report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2002.

25

SIGNATURES

In accordance with Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BIOMERICA, INC.
Registrant

By /s/ Zackary S. Irani

Zackary S. Irani, Chief Executive Officer

Dated: 8/29/02

In accordance with the Exchange Act, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature and Capacity

/s/ Zackary S. Irani

Date: 8/29/02

Zackary S. Irani
President, Director, Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Janet Moore

Date: 8/29/02

Janet Moore, Secretary
Director, Chief Financial Officer

/s/ Robert Orlando

Date: 8/29/02

Robert Orlando, M.D., Ph.D.
Director

/s/ Carlos St. Aubyn Beharie

Date: 8/29/02

Carlos St. Aubyn Beharie
Director

/s/ David Burrows

Date: 8/29/02

David Burrows
Director

Edgar Filing: BIOMERICA INC - Form 10KSB

/s/ Francis R. Cano

Francis R. Cano
Director

Date: 8/29/02

/s/ Allen Barbieri

Allen Barbieri
Director, Vice President Finance

Date: 8/29/02