

AMERICAN SHARED HOSPITAL SERVICES

Form 10-Q

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

**(Mark One)**

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

**For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008**

**or**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Commission file number 1-08789**

**American Shared Hospital Services  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**California  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or organization)**

**94-2918118  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 3700, San Francisco, California  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**94111  
(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 788-5300**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No   
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer  Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

As of November 1, 2008, there are outstanding 5,028,087 shares of the Registrant's common stock.

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## PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**AMERICAN SHARED HOSPITAL SERVICES**  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS	(unaudited) September 30, 2008	(audited) December 31, 2007
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,788,000	\$ 6,340,000
Securities-current	1,065,000	2,605,000
Restricted cash	50,000	50,000
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for for doubtful accounts of \$100,000 in 2008 and \$170,000 in 2007	4,154,000	4,886,000
Other receivables	227,000	250,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	291,000	417,000
Current deferred tax assets	301,000	301,000
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>14,876,000</b>	<b>14,849,000</b>
Property and equipment:		
Medical equipment and facilities	71,837,000	66,562,000
Office equipment	695,000	699,000
Deposits and construction in progress	4,892,000	8,947,000
	77,424,000	76,208,000
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(32,161,000)	(31,982,000)
Net property & equipment	45,263,000	44,226,000
Securities	0	1,065,000
Investment in preferred stock	2,617,000	2,617,000
Other assets	253,000	287,000
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 63,009,000</b>	<b>\$ 63,044,000</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	(unaudited) September 30, 2008	(audited) December 31, 2007
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 402,000	\$ 795,000

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Accrued interest and other liabilities	858,000	793,000
Employee compensation and benefits	405,000	142,000
Advances on line of credit	3,500,000	4,100,000
Current portion of long-term debt	8,569,000	7,180,000
Current portion of capital leases	1,389,000	1,092,000
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>15,123,000</b>	<b>14,102,000</b>
Long-term debt, less current portion	17,636,000	21,285,000
Long-term capital leases, less current portion	4,948,000	2,719,000
Deferred income taxes	2,245,000	2,245,000
Minority interest	3,017,000	3,153,000
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, without par value: authorized shares 10,000,000; issued & outstanding shares, 5,028,000 in 2008 and 5,026,000 in 2007	9,320,000	9,320,000
Additional paid-in capital	4,410,000	4,304,000
Retained earnings	6,310,000	5,916,000
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>20,040,000</b>	<b>19,540,000</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 63,009,000</b>	<b>\$ 63,044,000</b>

See accompanying notes

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**AMERICAN SHARED HOSPITAL SERVICES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months ended September 30,		Nine Months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Revenue:				
Medical services	\$ 4,532,000	\$ 4,652,000	\$ 14,359,000	\$ 14,311,000
Costs and expenses:				
Costs of revenue:				
Maintenance and supplies	275,000	380,000	843,000	959,000
Depreciation and amortization	1,647,000	1,514,000	4,869,000	4,406,000
Other direct operating costs	726,000	602,000	2,351,000	2,114,000
	2,648,000	2,496,000	8,063,000	7,479,000
Gross margin	1,884,000	2,156,000	6,296,000	6,832,000
Selling and administrative expense	1,116,000	1,038,000	3,352,000	3,408,000
Interest expense	638,000	434,000	1,833,000	1,371,000
Operating income	130,000	684,000	1,111,000	2,053,000
Interest and other income	90,000	96,000	323,000	314,000
Minority interest expense	(171,000)	(273,000)	(662,000)	(908,000)
Income before income taxes	49,000	507,000	772,000	1,459,000
Income tax expense	24,000	239,000	378,000	686,000
Net income	\$ 25,000	\$ 268,000	\$ 394,000	\$ 773,000
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.15
Diluted	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.15
Basic shares	5,028,000	5,026,000	5,028,000	5,024,000
Diluted shares	5,030,000	5,041,000	5,029,000	5,047,000

See accompanying notes

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**AMERICAN SHARED HOSPITAL SERVICES**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOWS STATEMENT**  
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months ended September 30,	
	2008	2007
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Net income	\$ 394,000	\$ 773,000
Adjustments to reconcile net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,967,000	4,494,000
Deferred income taxes	145,000	238,000
Gain on sale of assets	(56,000)	0
Stock based compensation expense	106,000	51,000
Minority interest in consolidated subsidiaries	662,000	908,000
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	755,000	(573,000)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	121,000	131,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(210,000)	31,000
Customer deposits	0	2,880,000
Net cash from operating activities	6,884,000	8,933,000
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Payment for purchase of property and equipment	(3,962,000)	(12,755,000)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of marketable securities	2,605,000	1,698,000
Investment in marketable securities	0	(1,739,000)
Investment in convertible preferred stock	0	(617,000)
Proceeds from sale of assets	1,473,000	0
Net cash from investing activities	116,000	(13,413,000)
<b>Financing activities:</b>		
Principal payments on long-term debt	(4,636,000)	(4,028,000)
Principal payments on capital leases	(894,000)	(723,000)
Long-term debt financing on purchase of property and equipment	2,376,000	10,976,000
Advances on line of credit	0	2,425,000
Payments on line of credit	(600,000)	(2,225,000)
Payment of dividends	0	(715,000)
Distribution to minority owners	(798,000)	(836,000)
Net cash from financing activities	(4,552,000)	4,874,000
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	2,448,000	394,000
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	6,340,000	3,952,000
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 8,788,000	\$ 4,346,000

**Supplemental cash flow disclosure:**

Cash paid during the period for:

Interest	\$ 2,248,000	\$ 1,642,000
Income taxes	\$ 233,000	\$ 448,000

**Schedule of noncash investing and financial activities:**

Acquisition of equipment with capital lease financing	\$ 3,420,000	\$ 0
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AMERICAN SHARED HOSPITAL SERVICES  
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(Unaudited)

**Note 1. Basis of Presentation**

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of only normal recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly American Shared Hospital Services consolidated financial position as of September 30, 2008 and the results of its operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 and 2007, which results are not necessarily indicative of results on an annualized basis. Consolidated balance sheet amounts as of December 31, 2007 have been derived from audited financial statements.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 included in the Company's 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

These financial statements include the accounts of American Shared Hospital Services (the Company) and its wholly-owned subsidiaries: OR21, Inc. (OR21); MedLeader.com, Inc. (MedLeader); American Shared Radiosurgery Services (ASRS); and ASRS majority-owned subsidiary, GK Financing, LLC (GK Financing).

The Company through its majority-owned subsidiary, GK Financing, provided Gamma Knife units to nineteen medical centers as of September 30, 2008 in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

The Company also directly provides radiation therapy and related equipment, including Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT) and a CT Simulator to the radiation therapy department at an existing Gamma Knife site. This equipment became operational during September 2007.

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Note 2. Per Share Amounts**

Per share information has been computed based on the weighted average number of common shares and dilutive common share equivalents outstanding. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008 basic earnings per share was computed using 5,028,000 common shares, and diluted earnings per share was computed using 5,030,000 and 5,029,000 common shares and equivalents, respectively. For both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 basic earnings per share was computed using 5,026,000 common shares, and diluted earnings per share was computed using 5,041,000 and 5,047,000 common shares and equivalents, respectively.

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**Note 3. Stock-based Compensation**

On September 28, 2006, the Company's shareholders approved the 2006 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2006 Plan) under which 750,000 shares of the Company's common stock are reserved for issuance of shares to officers of the Company, other key employees, non-employee directors, and advisors. The 2006 Plan serves as successor to the Company's previous two stock-based employee compensation plans, the 1995 and 2001 Stock Option Plans. The shares reserved under those two plans, including the shares of common stock subject to currently outstanding options under the plans, were transferred to the 2006 Plan, and no further grants or share issuances will be made under the 1995 Plan or 2001 Plans. Under the 2006 Plan, there are 1,500 restricted stock units granted, consisting of annual automatic grants to non-employee directors, and approximately 618,000 options granted, of which approximately 197,000 options are vested, as of September 30, 2008.

Beginning in 2006, in accordance with FASB Statement No. 123R, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*, the Company began expensing the fair value of its stock options issued, using the modified prospective format. The Company's stock-based awards to employees are calculated using the Black-Scholes valuation model. The Company's stock-based awards have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options, and changes in the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the present value estimates. The estimated fair value of the Company's option grants awarded during 2008 was estimated assuming the following weighted-average assumptions: seven year expected life, 41-61% expected volatility, 0-3.4% dividend yield, and 3.7-4.0% risk-free interest rate. The estimated fair value of the Company's options is amortized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award, usually the vesting period. Accordingly, stock-based compensation cost before income tax effect in the amount of approximately \$35,000 is reflected in third quarter 2008 net income, and \$106,000 is reflected in year to date net income, compared to approximately \$18,000 and \$51,000 in the same periods in the prior year, respectively.

FASB Statement No. 123R requires that excess tax benefits be reported as a financing cash inflow rather than as a reduction of taxes paid. There were 56,000 options issued and no options exercised during the nine month period ended September 30, 2008. There were no excess tax benefits to report.

**Note 4. Convertible Preferred Stock Investment**

On April 10, 2006 the Company invested \$2,000,000 for a convertible preferred stock interest in Still River Systems, Inc. ( Still River ), a development-stage company based in Littleton, Massachusetts, which in collaboration with scientists from MIT's Plasma Science and Fusion Center, is developing a medical device for the treatment of cancer patients using proton beam radiation therapy ( PBRT ). At the same time, the Company also purchased for \$1,000,000 an option to acquire two Monarch<sup>250</sup> (formerly Clinatron 250 ) PBRT systems from Still River for anticipated delivery in 2010. The Company subsequently exercised the option to purchase the two PBRT systems and has made additional deposits of \$1,000,000 towards their purchase. The PBRT systems are not currently FDA approved.

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The Company's initial investment in Still River consisted of approximately 2,353,000 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock. The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is considered pari passu with previously issued Series A Convertible Preferred Stock.

On September 5, 2007 the Company invested approximately \$617,000 for an additional equity interest in Still River. This investment represents approximately 588,000 shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, which is considered pari passu with the previously issued Series A and Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (all issues together Preferred Stock). Upon conversion, the Company's fully diluted common stock interest in Still River is approximately 5.9%.

The Preferred Stock is convertible at any time at the option of the holder into shares of common stock of Still River at a conversion price, subject to certain adjustments, but initially set at the original purchase price. The Preferred Stock has voting rights equivalent to the number of common stock shares into which it is convertible, and holders of the Preferred Stock, subject to certain exceptions, have a pro-rata right to participate in subsequent stock offerings. In the event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of Still River, the Preferred Stock holders have preference to the holders of common stock, and any other class or series of stock that is junior to the Preferred Stock. The Company does not have the right to appoint a member of the Board of Directors of Still River.

The Company accounts for its investment in Still River under the cost method. Still River remains a development stage company and will need to raise additional capital in order to complete development of its products. Still River is currently seeking additional equity investments in order to fund its operations. Although there can be no assurance that this capital will be available, Still River's management believes such capital will be available at terms acceptable to Still River and that such funds will be obtained in sufficient time so continued development of the PBRT systems are not adversely affected. Management of the Company has evaluated the recoverability of their investment and related deposits in Still River and does not believe the investment or its recoverability is impaired at this time. The Company reviews its investment and the recoverability of its deposits with respect to Still River for impairment on a quarterly basis, or as events or circumstances might indicate that the carrying value of the investment may not be recoverable.

**Note 5. Line of Credit**

The Company has a \$6,000,000 line of credit with the Bank of America (the Bank), which is renewable annually and is drawn on from time to time as needed for equipment purchases and working capital. Amounts drawn against the line of credit are at an interest rate per year equal to the Bank's Prime Rate minus 1.50 percentage points, or alternately the LIBOR rate plus 0.95 percentage points, and are secured by the Company's cash invested with the Bank. At September 30, 2008, \$3,500,000 was borrowed against the line of credit.

**Note 6. Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes**

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Interpretation, or FIN, No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes—an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48). FIN 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a company's income tax return, and also provides

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guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition.

As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, the Company recognized no change in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits related to tax positions taken in prior periods, and no corresponding change in retained earnings.

Additionally, FIN 48 specifies that tax positions for which the timing of the ultimate resolution is uncertain should be recognized as long-term liabilities. The Company made no reclassifications between current taxes payable and long term taxes payable upon adoption of FIN 48. Also, the Company had no amounts of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect its effective income tax rate for January 1, 2007 and September 30, 2008.

The Company's policy for deducting interest and penalties is to treat interest as interest expense and penalties as taxes. As of September 30, 2008 the Company had no amount accrued for the payment of interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits and no amounts as of the adoption date of FIN 48.

The tax return years 2003 through 2007 remain open to examination by the major domestic taxing jurisdictions to which the Company is subject. Net operating losses generated on a tax return basis by the Company in 1995 through 1997 and 1999 through 2004 remain open to examination by the major domestic taxing jurisdictions.

**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

This quarterly report to the Securities and Exchange Commission may be deemed to contain certain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations and future plans of American Shared Hospital Services, which involve risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, the risks of the Gamma Knife and radiation therapy businesses, the risks of developing The Operating Room for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century® program, and the risks of investing in a development-stage company, Still River Systems, Inc. ( Still River ), without a proven product. Further information on potential factors that could affect the financial condition, results of operations and future plans of American Shared Hospital Services is included in the filings of the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, the Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2008 and three months ended June 30, 2008 and the definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on June 20, 2008.

Medical services revenue decreased \$120,000 and increased \$48,000 to \$4,532,000 and \$14,359,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 from \$4,652,000 and \$14,311,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007, respectively. The decrease for the three month period is primarily due to the loss of revenue from three Gamma Knife sites whose contracts ended in third quarter 2007, first quarter 2008 and second quarter 2008. Two of these contracts terminated at the end of their term, and one contract ended because the customer chose to exercise an early termination provision in its lease effective

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March 31, 2008. The loss of revenue from these sites more than offset the additional revenue generated from the Company's new Perfexion Gamma Knife site that began operation in July 2008. The increase for the nine month periods is primarily due to a 7% increase in revenue at Gamma Knife sites that were in operation during the same periods in 2008 and 2007, and revenue from the Company's radiation therapy contract, which became operational in September 2007, which offset the loss of revenue from the three Gamma Knife sites whose contracts terminated.

The Company had nineteen and twenty-one Gamma Knife units in operation at September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, respectively. Currently fifteen of the Company's Gamma Knife customers are under fee per use contracts, and four customers are under retail arrangements. Retail arrangements are further classified as either turn-key or net revenue sharing. Effective second quarter 2008 the Company has no Gamma Knife net revenue sharing contracts. Revenue from fee per use contracts is recorded on a gross basis as determined by each hospital's contracted rate. Under turn-key arrangements, the Company receives payment from the hospital in the amount of its reimbursement from third party payors, and is responsible for paying all the operating costs of the Gamma Knife. Revenue is recorded on a gross basis and estimated based on historical experience and hospital contracts with third party payors. For net revenue sharing arrangements the Company receives a contracted percentage of the reimbursement received by the hospital less the operating expenses of the Gamma Knife. Revenue is recorded on a net basis and estimated based on historical experience.

The Company has a contract to provide radiation therapy and related equipment services to a customer who is also an existing Gamma Knife customer. This radiation therapy contract began operation in September 2007. This contract is considered a revenue sharing arrangement and revenue generated from it is recorded on a gross basis as determined by the hospital's contractual rate.

The number of Gamma Knife procedures decreased by 143 to 432 for the three month period, and decreased by 393 to 1,410 for the nine month period ended September 30, 2008 from 575 and 1,803 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007. The decrease for both the three month and nine month periods was primarily due to the loss of three Gamma Knife contracts, two of which expired at the end of their terms in September 2007 and January 2008. The third contract ended effective March 31, 2008 when the customer chose to exercise an early termination provision in the lease. For the nine month period, the decrease is also due to down time of several weeks in the first quarter of 2008 at three existing Gamma Knife sites for two upgrades to Perfexion systems and a cobalt reload at another of the Company's Gamma Knife sites. The decreases for the three and nine month periods were partially offset by procedures performed at the Company's new Perfexion Gamma Knife site which began operation in July 2008.

Total costs of revenue increased \$152,000 and \$584,000 to \$2,648,000 and \$8,063,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 from \$2,496,000 and \$7,479,000 for the three and nine months periods ended September 30, 2007. Maintenance and supplies decreased by \$105,000 and \$116,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 compared to the same periods in the prior year. For both the three and nine month periods,

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the variance is from fewer sites under maintenance contract due to both contract terminations and new equipment covered under warranty, partially offset by higher costs for maintenance not covered under contract. Depreciation and amortization increased by \$133,000 and \$463,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 compared to the same periods in the prior year, primarily because of higher depreciation on the four new Gamma Knife Perfexion units that became operational in fourth quarter 2007 and first, second and third quarters of 2008, and depreciation on the Company's radiation therapy site which began operation in September 2007. This additional depreciation more than offset the reduction in depreciation from the loss of the three Gamma Knife sites from contract termination. Other direct operating costs increased \$124,000 and \$237,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 compared to the same periods in the prior year. For both the three and nine month periods this was due to higher property tax expense and site specific marketing costs.

Selling and administrative costs increased by \$78,000 and decreased by \$56,000 to \$1,116,000 and \$3,352,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 from \$1,038,000 and \$3,408,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007. For the three month period, the increase was primarily due to higher payroll related costs and corporate level marketing costs. For the nine month period the decrease is primarily due to lower legal fees and consulting fees, partially offset by an increase in payroll related costs.

Interest expense increased by \$204,000 and \$462,000 to \$638,000 and \$1,833,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 from \$434,000 and \$1,371,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 primarily due to term financing obtained on the radiation therapy contract, four Gamma Knife upgrades and two cobalt reloads over the past several months, as well as financing obtained on the new Perfexion site that began operation in third quarter 2008. The additional interest expense from this financing was partially offset by the elimination of interest expense on one loan when it was paid off, and lower interest expense on the debt relating to the more mature Gamma Knife units. Mature units have lower interest expense because interest expense decreases as the outstanding principal balance of each loan is reduced. The increased interest expense from term loans was also partially offset by lower interest expense from borrowing under the Company's line of credit with a bank.

Interest and other income decreased by \$6,000 and increased by \$9,000 to \$90,000 and \$323,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 from \$96,000 and \$314,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007. For the three month period the decrease is primarily due to lower interest income due to lower rates available on invested cash balances. For the nine month period, the increase is primarily due to a gain on the sale of assets of approximately \$56,000, partially offset by lower interest income.

Minority interest expense decreased by \$102,000 and \$246,000 to \$171,000 and \$662,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 from \$273,000 and \$908,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007 due to reduced profitability of GK Financing. Minority interest represents the 19% interest of GK Financing owned by a third party.

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Income tax expense decreased by \$215,000 and \$308,000 to \$24,000 and \$378,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 compared to \$239,000 and \$686,000 for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007. Based on the Company's current estimated effective income tax rate for 2008, a 49% income tax provision was recorded for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008, compared to a 47% income tax provision for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2007. Although the income tax rate is higher in 2008, income tax expense is lower because income before income taxes is \$458,000 and \$687,000 lower for the three and nine month periods ending September 30, 2008 compared to the same periods in the prior year, respectively.

The Company had net income of \$25,000 (\$0.00 per diluted share) and \$394,000 (\$0.08 per diluted share) for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2008 compared to net income of \$268,000 (\$0.05 per diluted share) and \$773,000 (\$0.15 per diluted share) for the same periods in the prior year. The decrease for both the three and nine month periods is primarily due to higher depreciation and interest expense as the result of the Company's upgrades to more state-of-the-art equipment at several existing customer sites.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$8,788,000 at September 30, 2008 compared to \$6,340,000 at December 31, 2007. The Company's cash position increased by \$2,448,000 due to cash from operating activities of \$6,884,000, debt financing towards the purchase of property and equipment of \$2,376,000, proceeds from the sale of marketable securities of \$2,605,000 and proceeds from the sale of assets of \$1,473,000. These increases were partially offset by payments for the purchase of property and equipment of \$3,962,000, principal payments on long term debt and capital leases of \$5,530,000, distributions to minority owners of \$798,000, and a pay down on the line of credit of \$600,000.

A Gamma Knife customer with an early termination option chose to exercise that option and purchase the equipment effective March 31, 2008. As a result, the Company recorded a gain on the sale of the Gamma Knife of approximately \$56,000, and the cash proceeds of \$1,473,000 from the sale were received in the second quarter of 2008.

The Company as of September 30, 2008 had shareholders' equity of \$20,040,000, a working capital deficit of \$247,000 and total assets of approximately \$63,009,000.

The Company has scheduled interest and principal payments under its debt obligations of approximately \$10,303,000 and scheduled capital lease payments of approximately \$1,804,000 during the next 12 months. The Company believes that its cash flow from operations and cash resources are adequate to meet its scheduled debt and capital lease obligations during the next 12 months.

The Company has a \$6,000,000 line of credit, renewable annually, available as needed for equipment purchases and working capital. Amounts drawn against the line of credit are secured by the Company's cash invested with the bank. At September 30, 2008 there was \$3,500,000 drawn against the line of credit.

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The Company invests its cash primarily in money market or similar funds and high quality short to long-term fixed income securities in order to maximize current income while minimizing the potential for principal erosion. A portion of these investments are classified as securities on the balance sheet and are considered *held-to-maturity* investments because it is the Company's ability and intent to hold these securities until maturity. Securities with maturity dates between three and twelve months in the amount of \$1,065,000 are classified as current assets, while securities with maturities in excess of one year are classified as long-term. There were no long-term securities as of September 30, 2008.

The Company has a \$2,617,000 preferred stock investment in Still River, which is considered a long-term investment on the balance sheet and is recorded at cost. The Company has also made deposits of \$1,000,000 per machine towards the purchase of two Still River Monarch<sup>250</sup> PBRT systems, which are classified under Deposits and construction in progress on the balance sheet. The Company has obtained short term non-renewable interim financing, with a maturity date of December 31, 2008, from a lender for the total amount of the deposits paid to date. The Company has a commitment to pay additional deposits of \$2,000,000 per machine until FDA approval is received, at which time the remaining balance towards the purchase of the equipment is committed. It is the Company's intent to secure interim financing on the current and future deposits, but there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain said financing prior to, or even subsequent to, FDA approval. The Still River PBRT system is not commercially proven and there is no assurance FDA approval will be received. The Company reviews the carrying value of these deposits and the preferred stock investment for impairment on a quarterly basis, or as events or circumstances might indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Management has determined that there is no impairment of these assets.

The Company obtained capital lease financing from a lender for the full value of a Perfexion Gamma Knife unit installed at a new customer site, which became operational in July 2008. The Company has made deposits totaling approximately \$2,200,000 towards the future upgrade to Model 4C at two existing Gamma Knife customer sites, and the purchase of a LGK Model 4 Gamma Knife at a site still to be determined. It is anticipated that financing will be obtained for the both the upgrades and the new unit.

Including the commitments for the two Monarch<sup>250</sup> systems, the LGK Model 4 Gamma Knife and the Model 4 upgrades, the Company has total remaining commitments to purchase equipment in the amount of approximately \$21,800,000. The Company's intent is to finance these purchase commitments as needed, but there can be no assurance that financing will be obtained.

**Subsequent Event**

On October 10, 2008 the Company announced that, in conjunction with Dr. A.M. Nisar Syed & Associates, a radiation oncology group, it had entered into an agreement to provide a Still River Monarch 250 PBRT to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, in Long Beach, California. A \$250,000 deposit was made towards the purchase of the PBRT equipment. The



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agreement to purchase the PBRT is non-binding for a period of 60 days from contract execution and any deposits made toward its purchase are refundable during this period.

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

The Company does not hold or issue derivative instruments for trading purposes and is not a party to any instruments with leverage or prepayment features. The Company does not have affiliation with partnerships, trust or other entities whose purpose is to facilitate off-balance sheet financial transactions or similar arrangements, and therefore has no exposure to the financing, liquidity, market or credit risks associated with such entities. At September 30, 2008 the Company had no significant long-term, market-sensitive investments.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to the company and its subsidiaries is communicated to the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer. Based on that evaluation, our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer concluded that, as of September 30, 2008, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer, and recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended September 30, 2008, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

None.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There are no changes from those listed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

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

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None.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.**

None.

**Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Securities Holders.**

None.

**Item 5. Other Information.**

None.

**Item 6. Exhibits**

(a) Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit Number	Description
31.1	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN SHARED HOSPITAL  
SERVICES

Registrant

Date: November 13, 2008

/s/ Ernest A. Bates, M.D.  
Ernest A. Bates, M.D.  
Chairman of the Board and Chief  
Executive Officer

Date: November 13, 2008

/s/ Craig K. Tagawa  
Craig K. Tagawa  
Senior Vice President  
Chief Operating and Financial Officer

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