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## **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 10-OSB

## (MARK ONE) [X] QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005

[] TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

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# **PROFESSIONALS DIRECT, INC.**

(Exact Name of Small Business Issuer as Specified in its Charter)

Michigan (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

# 161 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Suite 607 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

38-3324634 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> (616) 456-8899 (Issuer's Telephone Number,

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) Including Area Code) 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\_

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

There were 333,500 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of October 31, 2005.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (check one): Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_X\_\_.

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# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# **Item 1. Financial Statements**

# PROFESSIONALS DIRECT, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)

September 30,	2005
	(000)
Assets	
Fixed maturities held to maturity, at amortized cost	\$ 3,015
Fixed maturities available for sale, at fair value	29,605
Other invested asset, at cost which approximates fair value	268
Total investments	32,888
Cash and cash equivalents	11,175
Receivables:	
Amounts due from reinsurers	15,975
Other	2,139
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	4,635
Deferred acquisition costs	1,520
Net deferred federal income taxes	1,578
Other assets	1,173
	38,195
Total Assets	\$ 71,083
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	
Liabilities	
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	\$ 33,902
Unearned premiums	12,718
Amounts due to reinsurers	2,360
Other liabilities	3,011
Accrued interest	1,618
Surplus certificates	2,531
Trust preferred securities	5,000

Total Liabilities	61,140
Shareholders' Equity	
Preferred stock, no par (500,000 shares authorized, no shares issued)	-
Common stock, no par (5,000,000 shares authorized, 333,500 shares	
issued and outstanding)	3,206
Retained earnings	7,119
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(382)
Total Shareholders' Equity	9,943
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 71,083

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

# PROFESSIONALS DIRECT, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS) AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months September					
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<b>Revenues</b> Net premiums earned Fees and commissions earned Net investment income Finance and other income earned	\$	3,887 222 289 39		3,531 216 228 34	\$	11,443 386 801 109	\$	12,616 472 644 113
Total revenues		4,437		4,009		12,739		13,845
<b>Expenses</b> Losses and loss adjustment expenses Operating and administrative Interest		2,590 951 141		2,961 976 105		9,866 2,831 360		8,112 3,724 338
Total expenses		3,682		4,042		13,057		12,174
Income (loss) before federal income taxes (benefit)		755		(33)		(318)		1,671
Federal income taxes (benefit)		243		(21)		(138)		557
Net income (loss)		512		(12)		(180)		1,114
Other comprehensive income (loss) (net of tax (benefit) of \$(73), \$104, \$(85) and \$(11), respectively)		(141)		201		(165)		(21)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	371	\$	189	\$	(345)	\$	1,093
Per share of common stock (not in thousands): Basic and diluted net income (loss) per share	\$	1.54	\$	(0.04)	\$	(.54)	\$	3.34

Basic and diluted comprehensive income				
(loss)	1.11	0.57	(1.03)	3.28
per share				

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## PROFESSIONALS DIRECT, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

		nths Ended nber 30,
	2005	2004
	(000)	(000)
Operating Activities		
Net income (loss)	\$ (180)	\$ 1,114
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash from operating		
activities: Deferred federal income taxes	(54)	(244)
	(34)	
Realized gains	- 631	(5) 774
Depreciation and amortization	031	//4
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	(0, (07)	(1.950)
Amounts due from reinsurers	(9,697)	(1,859)
Other receivables	(286)	(334)
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	(472)	(3,251)
Deferred acquisition costs	(104)	(38)
Other assets	368	(12)
Loss and loss adjustment expense reserves	12,854	5,083
Amounts due to reinsurers	324	2,488
Unearned premiums	1,980	1,892
Other liabilities	317	278
Accrued interest	98	102
Net cash from operating activities	5,779	5,988
Investing Activities		
Cost of fixed maturities acquired	(4,750)	(10,866)
Proceeds from sales or maturities of fixed maturities	5,274	5,879
Cost of property and equipment acquired	(166)	(23)
	(100)	(23)
Net cash from (for) investing activities	358	(5,010)
Financing Activities	(1 127)	(1.504)
Net repayments under lines of credit	(2,237)	(1,524)
Payment of debt issue costs	(119)	-
Proceeds from issuance of trust preferred securities	3,000	-
Net cash from (for) financing activities	644	(1,524)

Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	6,781	(546)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of period	4,394	7,006
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of period	\$ 11,175	\$ 6,460
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information Federal income tax payments (recoveries) - net Interest payments	\$ (537) 262	\$ 927 236

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### PROFESSIONALS DIRECT, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

#### 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (Professionals Direct Insurance Company (PDIC), a property and casualty insurance company providing professional liability insurance to attorneys; Professionals Direct Employer Organization, Inc., an inactive Michigan professional employer organization; Professionals Direct Finance, Inc. (Finance), a premium finance company; Professionals Direct Insurance Services, Inc. (Services), a company providing underwriting, claims, accounting, information technology services and selling professionals liability and other insurance), plus Lawyers Direct Risk Purchasing Group which the company controls.

The condensed consolidated financial statements and notes as of and for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 are unaudited. The condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for the fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods. The results of operations for the interim periods should not be considered indicative of results to be expected for the full year.

#### 2. Income per Share

Basic income per share is computed by dividing net income or loss by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding for the period (333,500 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004). Diluted income per share is equal to basic income per share as there are no stock options or other dilutive instruments outstanding.

#### 3. Trust Preferred Securities

On June 30, 2005, the Company issued a junior subordinated debenture (the "Debenture") having a principal amount of \$3,093,000 to Professionals Direct Statutory Trust II (the "Trust"). Cumulative interest on the Debenture accrues from June 30, 2005, and is payable quarterly in arrears. The rate is fixed at 7.785% until September 15, 2010, thereafter it is variable at a rate of three-month LIBOR (London Interbank Offering Rate) plus 3.625%. The Debenture is subordinate and junior to all senior indebtedness (as defined in the indenture) of the Company with the exception of other Trust Preferred Securities. The Debenture matures on September 15, 2035, but may be redeemed in whole or in part beginning September 15, 2010.

On June 30, 2005, the Trust sold capital securities ("Capital Securities") for \$3 million to investors and issued common securities ("Common Securities") for \$93,000 to the Company. All of the proceeds from the sale of Capital Securities and Common Securities were invested in the Debenture. Capital Securities and Common Securities represent undivided beneficial interests in the Debenture, which is the sole asset of the Trust. Holders of Capital Securities and Common Securities are entitled to receive distributions from the Trust on terms which correspond to those of the Debenture. Distributions by the Trust and payments on liquidation of the Trust or redemption of Capital Securities are guaranteed by the Company to the extent the Trust has funds available (the "Guarantee"). The Company's obligations under the Guarantee, taken together with its obligations under the Debenture and the indenture, constitute a full and unconditional guarantee of all of the Trust's obligations under the Capital Securities issued by the Trust.

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this report. The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations contains certain forward-looking statements. A discussion of the limitations of forward-looking statements appears at the end of this section.

#### Introduction

Net premiums earned and operating and administrative expenses incurred decreased because cessions to reinsurers and related ceding commissions increased effective January 1, 2004. Loss and loss adjustment expenses increased because of adjustments to prior years' loss estimates. The following table and discussion compares the financial results for 2005 and 2004:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,					
		<u>2005</u> (in	n thousands	<u>2004</u> of dollars, ex	<u>Change</u> or per share da	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u> ata)
Revenues:						
Net premiums earned Fees and commissions earned	\$	11,443 386	\$	12,616 472	\$ (1,173) (86)	(9.3%) (18.2%)
Net investment income		801		644	157	24.4%
Finance and other income earned		109		113	(4)	(3.5%)
Total Revenues		12,739		13,845	(1,106)	(8.0%)
Expenses:						
Losses and loss adjustment expenses		9,866		8,112	1,754	21.6%
Operating and administrative		2,831		3,724	(893)	(24.0%)
Interest		360		338	22	6.5%
Total Expenses		13,057		12,174	883	7.3%
Income (loss) before federal income taxes (benefit)		(318)		1,671	(1,989)	(119.0%)
Federal income taxes (benefit)		(138)		557	(695)	(124.8%)
Net income (loss)	\$	(180)	\$	1,114	\$ (1,294)	(116.2%)
Selected Balance Sheet Data: (at end of period)						
Total investments and cash	\$	44,063	\$	40,249	\$ 3,814	9.5%
Total assets		71,083		55,772	15,311	27.5%
Total liabilities		61,140		44,816	16,324	36.4%
Total shareholders' equity		9,943		10,956	(1,013)	(9.3%)
Per Share Data:						
Net income (loss)	\$	(.54)	\$	3.34	\$ (3.88)	(116.2%)
Shareholders' equity	\$	29.81	\$	32.85	\$ (3.04)	(9.3%)

#### Results of Operations (000 omitted):

The following is a summary and analysis of the material revenue and expense components of our operational results for the first nine months and third quarter of 2005.

*Net Premiums Earned*. Net premiums earned is equal to direct premiums earned (premiums earned for policies written) less ceded premiums earned (amounts ceded to reinsurers) and is our primary source of revenue. The decrease in net premiums earned resulted primarily from a lower retention level in 2005 and 2004 than in 2003. Beginning in 2004, PDIC decreased its per claim retention by purchasing more reinsurance from third party reinsurers. This reduces PDIC's net premiums written and will reduce net premiums earned as the policies are earned out. Decisions on the appropriate level of reinsurance are impacted by a variety of factors from pricing, to level of surplus, to availability and credit quality of the reinsurers.

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The effects of this change in retention can be seen in the significant increase in beginning ceded unearned premium in the table below with its resulting impact on 2005 net premiums earned when compared to 2004:

		<u>Nine</u> I	<u>Months Ende</u>	ed Sept	<u>ember 30,</u>	
	<u>2005</u>		<u>2004</u> (in thousa	_	<u>Change</u> dollars)	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>
Beginning gross unearned premium Beginning ceded unearned premium	\$ 10,738 (4,163)	\$	10,468 (1,775)	\$	270 (2,388)	2.6% (134.5%)
Beginning net unearned premium	6,575		8,693		(2,118)	(24.4%)
Direct premiums written Ceded premiums written	20,413 (7,462)		19,607 (8,350)		806 888	4.1% 10.6%
Net premiums written	12,951		11,257		1,694	15.0%
Ending gross unearned premium Ending ceded unearned premium	12,718 (4,635)		12,360 (5,026)		358 391	2.9% 7.8%
Ending net unearned premium	8,083		7,334		749	10.2%
Net premiums earned	\$ 11,443	\$	12,616	\$	(1,173)	(9.3%)

During the third quarter, growth of direct premiums written slowed from that experienced in the first six months of 2005. For the nine months, direct premiums written are up 4.1% compared to the same period a year ago. Of the \$806 increase in direct premiums written, new business accounted for \$567, the remainder from an increase in average premium per policy of 2.5%. Net premiums written are greater than a year ago because of a decrease in the rate of premium ceded under the 2005 reinsurance treaty and the elimination of a ceded premium liability related to a prior treaty.

*Fees and Commissions Earned.* Fees and commissions originate from primarily two sources. The first, membership fees, are earned by Lawyers Direct Risk Purchasing Group, an affiliate organized and managed by Services, as part of the Lawyers Direct® program for one to five person law firms. The second, commissions, are earned by Services from placing insurance with unrelated third parties. In the first quarter of 2005, fees and commissions earned were reduced by the reversal of contingent commissions, such reversal resulting from adverse

loss development and are largely responsible for the reduction in fees and commissions earned for the year.

*Net Investment Income.* Net investment income is comprised of interest on fixed maturity investments and realized investment gains and losses. The investment income increase of \$157 or 24.4% in the first nine months of 2005 as compared to 2004 is attributable to an improvement in average yield resulting from an increase in invested assets, increasing interest rates, and slightly greater duration.

*Finance and Other Income Earned.* Finance income is generated from premium financing incidental to the sale of PDIC's insurance policies. Premium financing is offered to PDIC policyholders in Michigan and selected other states. A decrease in the average outstanding balance of finance contracts caused premium finance income to decrease slightly in the first nine months of 2005 as compared to 2004.

*Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses*. The loss ratio is the sum of the losses and loss adjustment expenses incurred expressed as a percentage of net premiums earned. The loss ratio for the first nine months of 2005 was 86.2% compared to 64.3% for the same period in 2004. This increase resulted primarily from increases in the estimate of prior years' losses.

Overall profitability is materially influenced by the loss estimate for current year claims, plus the favorable or adverse development related to estimates for prior years' claims. During the first nine months of 2005, PDIC recorded losses and loss adjustment expenses of \$9,866 of which \$7,910 was for claims which were made and reported in the current year and \$1,956 was for claims which were made and reported in years prior to 2005. During the first nine months of 2004, PDIC recorded losses and loss adjustment expenses of \$8,112 of which \$7,142 was for claims which were made and reported in that year and \$970 was for claims which were made and reported in years prior to 2004. In the third quarter of 2004, the estimate of prior years' claims was increased by \$746 resulting in a loss ratio for the quarter of 83.9%. There was no similar adjustment in the third quarter of 2005. Adjustments to prior year claims estimates reflect current experience.

The losses recorded in 2005 significantly increased direct and ceded loss reserves, which in turn increased total assets and total liabilities as compared to 2004.

PDIC maintains reserves for payment of losses and loss adjustment expenses for reported claims and for claims incurred but not reported arising from policies that have been issued. PDIC provides for the estimated ultimate cost of those claims without regard to how long it takes to settle them or the time value of money. The determination of reserves involves actuarial and statistical projections of what PDIC expects to be the cost of the ultimate settlement and administration of such claims based on facts and circumstances then known, estimates of future trends in claim severity, and other variable factors such as inflation and changing judicial theories of liability.

Management estimates of the loss reserve liability are reviewed by independent actuaries twice each year. Several variables and methodologies are used to calculate the appropriate amount of the loss reserve liability that should be recorded. Key variables utilized to develop the loss reserve estimate include:

Loss reporting patterns Payment patterns Loss severity trend rates Application of Michigan loss patterns and loss to premium relationships to Non-Michigan business Case reserve setting patterns The key actuarial methodologies used include:

Incurred development method

Paid development method Case development method Incurred Bornhuetter-Ferguson method Paid Bornhuetter-Ferguson method Frequency/severity method

Small changes to any of the assumptions can significantly alter the outcome of the actuarial analysis. Because of the number of factors considered, it is neither practical nor meaningful to isolate a particular assumption or parameter of the process and calculate the impact of changing that single item.

An in-depth review of loss reserves is undertaken on a semi-annual basis. However, management continually reviews and updates the data underlying the estimation of its loss reserves and makes adjustments when the emerging data supports a change. Any adjustments necessary are reflected in current operations. As a result of the variety of variables and methodologies that are considered, there is a significant risk that actual incurred losses will develop differently from these estimates.

When a claim is initially reported, there is a significant amount of uncertainty over what the ultimate loss will be. Therefore, the estimate of future loss costs for claims recently reported tends to be less accurate. As claims get older, the estimate of future loss costs may become more accurate, but are still subject to material fluctuations until the claims are paid or otherwise closed. Eventually, all claims in a particular year are paid or closed and no additional development, favorable or adverse, will be experienced because the amount of the loss is certain.

Another factor that impacts incurred losses is development related to claims reported in prior years. Favorable or adverse development occurs when subsequent estimates of the loss change. A subsequent decrease in estimate results in favorable development; a subsequent increase in estimate results in adverse development. Favorable or adverse development is reflected as a decrease or increase in the current year losses and loss adjustment expenses.

The estimation of ultimate liability for losses and loss adjustment expenses is an inherently uncertain process and does not represent an exact calculation of that liability. Claims may not be brought until several years after the acts or omissions that gave rise to the claim occurred. Ultimate loss costs, even for similar events, vary significantly depending upon many factors. Professional liability claims are typically resolved over an extended period of time, often three years or more. The combination of changing conditions and the extended time required for claim resolution results in a loss cost estimation process that requires actuarial skill and the application of significant judgment. Such estimates require periodic revision. PDIC's current reserve policy recognizes this uncertainty by maintaining case supplement reserves to provide for the possibility that actual results may be less favorable compared to the estimated costs provided for in the normal case reserve estimation process. The case supplement reserve is determined by estimating the ultimate liability for all claims which have been made and reported and then subtracting the case reserves. Case supplement reserves as a percentage of total reserves at September 30, 2005 were 28.5%. PDIC does not discount its reserves to recognize the time value of money.

When a claim is reported to PDIC, claims personnel establish a case reserve for the estimated amount of the ultimate payment based upon information then available. This estimate reflects an informed judgment based upon general insurance reserving practices and on the experience and knowledge of the estimator regarding the nature and value of the specific claim, the apparent severity of damage, and the policy provisions relating to the type of loss. The claims staff periodically adjusts the loss estimate as more information becomes available.

Each quarter, PDIC computes its estimated total liability using appropriate principles and procedures. Because the establishment of loss reserves is an inherently uncertain process, however, there can be no assurance that actual losses will not exceed the estimates. Adjustments in aggregate reserves, if any, are reflected in the operating results of the period during which such adjustments are made. As required by

insurance regulatory authorities, PDIC annually receives a statement of opinion from its appointed actuary concerning the reasonableness of its reserves.

*Operating and Administrative Expenses.* Operating and administrative expenses for the first nine months of 2005 compared to the same period for 2004 decreased \$893 or 24.0%. This decrease resulted from ceding commissions earned which were \$1,270 and \$693 in 2005 and 2004, respectively, and a decline in acquisition costs resulting from operating efficiencies.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense for the first nine months of 2005 increased \$22 from the same period in 2004, the result of higher interest rates offset by lower average outstanding debt.

*Income Taxes.* The effective federal income tax rate for the 2005 benefit is 43.4% and for the 2004 expense is 33.3%. While the 2004 effective rate approximated the expected rate, the 2005 effective rate is higher because of tax-exempt interest income.

### Financial Condition, Liquidity, and Capital Resources (000 omitted):

Professionals Direct, Inc. is a legal entity separate and distinct from its subsidiaries. Because the parent holding company has no other business operations, management fees and dividends from its subsidiaries represent the principal source of funds for its obligations, including debt service. The management fees paid by PDIC are pre-approved by the Office of Financial and Insurance Services, the regulatory body in Michigan responsible for the oversight of the insurance subsidiary. Under the terms of the plan that governed the Company's conversion, PDIC is prohibited from making any dividend payments to the parent holding company until such time as the surplus certificates are repaid in full. The management fees paid by the remaining subsidiaries are determined from time-to-time by the Board of Directors. The payment of management fees and dividends by the other subsidiaries is limited only by solvency requirements.

The primary sources of liquidity, on both a short-term and long-term basis, are funds provided by insurance premiums collected, net investment income, recoveries from reinsurance, and proceeds from the maturity or sale of invested assets. The primary uses of cash, on both a short-term and long-term basis, are losses, loss adjustment expenses, operating expenses, reinsurance premiums, taxes, debt repayment and acquisition of investments.

Trends or uncertainties that may have an impact on short-term or long-term liquidity include changes in the cost and availability of reinsurance, changes in interest rates and changes in investment income. As the costs of obtaining reinsurance may change in the future, we intend to adjust the rates we charge our customers. However, such rate changes may be limited by competition or regulation. We believe that we will be able to manage reinsurance costs so the impact on overall liquidity is minimized.

When interest rates decline, the cost of borrowing decreases and the market value of our investment portfolio, which primarily consists of debt securities, generally increases. At the same time, the overall yield on new investments tends to decrease. When interest rates increase, the opposite effects are realized. While interest rates continue to be low, they are starting to increase. We believe that it is unlikely material gains will be realized on portfolio assets or be a source of liquidity during 2005.

At September 30, 2005, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$11,175. This represents liquid assets necessary to meet operating, loss and reinsurance payments. Cash balances generally increase during the third quarter in line with a cyclical increase in volume experienced in the third quarter. In addition, cash reserves have been increased in anticipation of possible claim settlements. It is expected that cash and cash equivalents will decline once the claims have settled and payments to reinsurers for third quarter premium have been made.

To provide additional liquidity, we have three lines of credit available from a bank. The first line is a \$1,800 revolving line used by Finance to finance insurance premiums and bears interest at .5% over the bank's prime rate. This line had \$270 outstanding at September 30, 2005. The second line for \$1,000 can be used for general corporate purposes and bears interest at 1% over the bank's prime rate. The third line for \$3,000, with interest at 1.25% over the bank's prime rate, requires quarterly principal payments of \$150 beginning April 1, 2004 and matures October 1, 2006 resulting in a maximum available credit of \$2,100 at September 30, 2005. The second and third lines have no amounts outstanding as of September 30, 2005. These lines of credit require, among other things, that we maintain a minimum tangible net worth of \$7,500, that PDIC maintain a minimum surplus of not less than 240% of the Authorized Control Level Risk Based Capital (as defined by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), and that we deliver periodic financial reports to the bank. The bank has a security interest in substantially all assets of the Company, Services and Finance. In addition, the shares of PDIC are pledged, subject to the rights of policyholders under insurance laws and the rights of insurance regulators.

Based on historical trends, market conditions and our business plans, we believe that our existing resources and sources of funds will be sufficient to meet our short-term and long-term liquidity needs over the next year and beyond. Because economic, market and regulatory conditions may change, however, there can be no assurance that our funds will be sufficient to meet these liquidity needs. In addition, competition, pricing, the frequency and severity of losses and interest rates could significantly affect our short-term and long-term liquidity needs.

# Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments:

The condensed consolidated financial statements include certain amounts, based upon informed estimates and judgments made by management, for transactions not yet complete or for which the ultimate resolution is not certain. Such estimates and judgments affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Although management believes that they are making appropriate decisions based upon information then available, it is possible that as conditions and experience develop, these estimates may change and may be materially different from originally reported in the financial statements. Our reserves for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses and the related amounts due from reinsurers represent the most critical estimates present within the financial statements.

# Forward-Looking Statements:

This discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, and other sections of this report, contain forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, statements relating to our business objectives and strategy. Such forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, management beliefs, certain assumptions made by our management, and estimates and projections about our industry. Words such as "believes," "estimates," "expects," "forecasts," "intends," "judgment," "objective," "plans," "predicts," "projects," variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Determination of loss and loss adjustment expense reserves and amounts due from reinsurers are based substantially on estimates and the amounts so determined are inherently forward-looking.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict with respect to timing, extent, likelihood and degree of occurrence. Therefore, actual results and outcomes may differ materially from those expressed, forecasted, or contemplated by any such forward-looking statements. Other factors, some of which are listed below, also influence our results of operations, financial condition and business:

future economic conditions and the legal and regulatory environment in the markets served by the Company's subsidiaries;

reinsurance market conditions, including changes in pricing and availability of reinsurance;

financial market conditions, including, but not limited to, changes in interest rates and the values of investments;

inflation;

credit worthiness of the issuers of investment securities, reinsurers and others with whom the Company and its subsidiaries do business;

estimates of loss reserves and trends in losses and loss adjustment expenses;

changing competition;

our ability to charge premiums to accommodate changes in loss patterns or reinsurance pricing;

our ability to meet our liquidity needs;

our ability to execute our business plan;

the effects of war and terrorism on investments and reinsurance markets;

changes in financial ratings issued by independent organizations, including A.M. Best, Standard & Poors and Moody's;

our ability to enter new markets successfully and capitalize on growth opportunities; and

changes in the laws, rules and regulations governing insurance holding companies and insurance companies, as well as applicable tax and accounting matters.

Changes in any of these factors, or others, could have an adverse affect on the business, results of operations, or business of the Company or its subsidiaries. Unless required by law, we undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### Item 3. Controls and Procedures

The Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as that term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are designed with the objective of providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the Company's reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act, such as this report, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). In designing and evaluating the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Vice President of Finance, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB (the "Evaluation Date"). Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Vice President of Finance,

concluded that the Company's

disclosure controls and procedures were designed and effective to ensure that information relating to the Company (including its consolidated subsidiaries) required to be included in the Company's periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission is properly recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely manner as of the Evaluation Date. During the last fiscal quarter there was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 6. Exhibits

(a) <u>Exhibits</u>. The following documents are filed as exhibits to this report on Form 10-QSB:

#### Exhibit No. Document

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#### SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Company caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

#### PROFESSIONALS DIRECT, INC.

Date: November 14, 2005

/s/ Stephen M. Tuuk

Stephen M. Tuuk, President and Chief Executive Officer (authorized to sign on behalf of company)

/s/ Stephen M. Westfield

Stephen M. Westfield, Vice President of Finance (principal financial and accounting officer)

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