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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 December 31, 2022

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 000-55789

BANTEC, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	30-0967943 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
195 Paterson Avenue Little Falls, NJ 07424 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	07424 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(203) 220-2296**

N/A

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer
Emerging growth company

Accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common	BANT	OTC

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 6,621,329,932 shares as of February 16, 2023.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

BANTEC, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 94,938	\$ 186,386
Accounts receivable	116,542	419,951
Inventory	92,372	92,917
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,663	4,663
Total Current Assets	308,515	703,917
Property and equipment, net	1,461	1,461
Right of use lease asset	20,544	33,568
Total non-current assets	22,005	35,029
Total Assets	\$ 330,520	\$ 738,946
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,611,367	\$ 2,730,309
Accrued expenses and interest	5,355,289	5,094,394
Convertible notes payable – net of discounts and premiums	7,446,325	7,422,326
Note payable – seller	834,000	837,000
Current portion notes and loans payable – net of discounts	268,964	217,897
Notes payable – related party	-	13,537
Settlement payable	139,562	154,562
Lease liability – current portion	21,111	34,475
Total Current Liabilities	16,676,618	16,504,500
Long-term Liabilities:		
Notes and loans payable – net of current portion	126,740	127,539
Total Long-term Liabilities	126,740	127,539
Total Liabilities	16,803,358	16,632,039
Temporary Equity – Convertible Preferred Stock Series B - \$1.50 stated value, 1,000,000 shares designated and authorized, 448,000 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022	722,400	685,440
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 15)		
Stockholders' Deficit:		
Preferred stock - \$0.0001 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized, Series A preferred stock – no par value, 250 shares designated, issued and outstanding at December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, respectively	-	-
Common stock - \$0.0001 par value, 12,000,000,000 shares authorized, 5,864,107,732 and 4,407,320,832 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, respectively	586,412	440,733
Additional paid-in capital	18,630,211	18,610,920
Accumulated deficit	(36,411,861)	(35,630,186)
Total Stockholders' Deficit	(17,195,238)	(16,578,533)
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Deficit	\$ 330,520	\$ 738,946

See accompanying notes to these condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements.

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BANTEC, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Sales	\$ 606,166	\$ 402,117
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>511,216</u>	<u>307,300</u>
Gross Profit	<u>94,950</u>	<u>94,817</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	514,290	654,296
Total Operating Expenses	<u>514,290</u>	<u>654,296</u>
Loss from Operations	<u>(419,340)</u>	<u>(559,479)</u>
Other Income (Expenses):		
Gain (Loss) on change in fair market value of derivative	-	677
Interest and financing costs	<u>(362,335)</u>	<u>(294,170)</u>
Total Other Income (Expenses)	<u>(362,335)</u>	<u>(293,493)</u>
Net (Loss) before Provision for Income Tax	(781,675)	(852,972)
Provision for Income Tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net (Loss)	<u>\$ (781,675)</u>	<u>\$ (852,972)</u>
Dividends Attributable to Series B Preferred Stock	<u>36,960</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Loss Attributable to Common Stockholders	<u>\$ (818,635)</u>	<u>\$ (852,972)</u>
Basic and diluted Loss Per Share	<u>\$ (0.00)</u>	<u>\$ (0.00)</u>
Weighted Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding:		
Basic and Diluted	<u>5,327,269,482</u>	<u>2,590,178,717</u>

See accompanying notes to these condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements.

BANTEC, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021
(UNAUDITED)

For the Three Months ended December 31, 2022

	Series A Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Deficit
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount			
Balance – September 30, 2022	250	\$ -	4,407,320,832	\$ 440,733	\$ 18,610,920	\$ (35,630,186)	\$ (16,578,533)
Shares issued for cash	-	-	496,667,000	49,667	49,666	-	99,333
Shares issued for conversions of notes and accrued interest including premiums reclassified	-	-	960,119,900	96,012	6,585	-	102,597
Preferred Stock Series B dividend	-	-	-	-	(36,960)	-	(36,960)
Net loss	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(781,675)</u>	<u>(781,675)</u>
Balance – December 31, 2022	<u>250</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>5,864,107,732</u>	<u>\$ 586,412</u>	<u>\$ 18,630,211</u>	<u>\$ (36,411,861)</u>	<u>\$ (17,195,238)</u>

For the Three Months ended December 31, 2021

	Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Deficit
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount			
Balance, September 30, 2021	250	\$ -	2,470,510,585	\$ 247,052	\$ 17,913,710	\$ (32,956,840)	\$ (14,796,078)
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	-	34,934	-	34,934
Shares issued for cash	-	-	100,000,000	10,000	240,000	-	250,000
Shares issued for conversion of notes and							

reclassification of debt premiums	-	-	122,850,000	12,285	173,565		185,850
Net loss for the three months ended December 31, 2021	-	-	-	-	-	(852,972)	(852,972)
Balance, December 31, 2021	250	\$ -	2,693,360,585	\$ 269,337	\$ 18,362,209	\$ (33,809,812)	\$ (15,178,266)

See accompanying notes to these condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net (loss)	\$ (781,675)	\$ (852,972)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in), operating activities:		
Amortization of debt discounts	91,009	29,697
Accretion of premium on convertible note	57,000	74,616
Share-based compensation expense	-	34,934
Issuance of common stock for conversion fees	9,885	-
Fee notes issued	57,000	45,000
(Gain) Loss on derivative, change in fair market value	-	(677)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	303,409	9,335
Inventory	545	(7,625)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	-	21,767
Net Change in right of use asset and lease	(340)	-
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	144,664	296,354
Settlement payable	(15,000)	-
Cash (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>(133,503)</u>	<u>(349,571)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Repayments for bank line of credit	-	(4,885)
Net proceeds from note payable, related party	24,000	-
Repayment of factoring notes	-	(142,006)
Repayment of related party notes	(37,537)	-
Repayment of loan payable	(40,741)	-
Proceeds from sale of stock	99,333	250,000
Proceeds from convertible notes issued	-	51,250
Repayment of Seller's note	(3,000)	(9,000)
Cash Provided by Financing Activities	<u>42,055</u>	<u>145,359</u>
Net (Decrease)in Cash	(91,448)	(204,212)
Cash - beginning of period	<u>186,386</u>	<u>985,953</u>
Cash - end of period	<u>\$ 94,938</u>	<u>\$ 781,741</u>
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash paid for:		
Interest	\$ 16,164	\$ -
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -
Noncash financing and investing activities:		
Reclassification of debt premium upon conversion	\$ 45,000	\$ 63,000
Issuance of common stock for conversion of convertible notes and accrued interest	\$ 47,712	\$ 122,850
Debt discounts on notes	\$ -	\$ 3,750

See accompanying notes to these condensed consolidated unaudited financial statements.

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BANTEC, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Bantec, Inc. is product and service company targeting the U.S. Government, state governments, municipalities, hospitals, universities, manufacturers and other building owners. Bantec also provides product procurement, distribution, and logistics services through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Howco Distributing Co., ("Howco") (collectively, the "Company") to the United States Department of Defense and Defense Logistics Agency. The Company established Bantec Sanitizing in fiscal 2021, which offers sanitizing products and equipment through its new store bantec.store. Bantec Sanitizing is currently offering Bantec Sanitizing franchises for sale. The Company has operations based in Little Falls, New Jersey and Vancouver, Washington. The Company continues to seek strategic acquisitions and partnerships that offer us an opportunity to grow sales and profit.

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The Company prepares its consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Bantec, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Drone USA, LLC, Bantec Construction, LLC, Bantec Sanitizing, LLC, Bantec Logistics LLC and Howco. Bantec Construction, LLC, Bantec Logistics LLC and Bantec Sanitizing, LLC are in start-up stages with minor revenues and cash expenditures. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission for interim financial information. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements in accordance with GAAP have been omitted. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended December 31, 2022 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending September 30, 2023. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022 and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on January 12, 2023. The consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2022 contained herein has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2022 but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP.

Going Concern

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming the Company will continue as a going concern, which contemplates the recoverability of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. For the three months ended December 31, 2022, the Company has incurred a net loss of \$781,675 and used cash in operations of \$133,503. The working capital deficit, stockholders' deficit and accumulated deficit was \$16,368,103, \$17,195,238 and \$36,411,861, respectively, at December 31, 2022. On September 6, 2019 the Company received a default notice on its payment obligations under the senior secured credit facility agreement (see Note 9), defaulted on its Note Payable – Seller in September 2017 and has since defaulted on other promissory notes. As of December 31, 2022 the Company has received demands for payment of past due amounts from several consultants and service providers. It is management's opinion that these matters raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of twelve months from the issuance date of this report. The ability of the Company to continue as a going concern is dependent upon management's ability to further implement its business plan and raise additional capital as needed from the sales of stock or debt. The Company has continued to implement cost-cutting measures and restructuring or setting up payment plans with vendors and service providers and plans to raise equity through a private placement, and restructure or repay its secured obligations. The accompanying consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be required should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include the allowance for bad debt on accounts receivable, reserves on inventory, valuation of intangible assets for impairment analysis, valuation of the lease liability and related right-of-use asset, valuation of stock-based compensation, valuation of redeemable preferred stock and the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets.

Fair Value Measurements

The Company follows the FASB *Fair Value Measurements* standard, as they apply to its financial instruments. This standard defines fair value, outlines a framework for measuring fair value, and details the required disclosures about fair value measurements.

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Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset, or paid to transfer a liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The standard establishes a hierarchy in determining the fair value of an asset or liability. The fair value hierarchy has three levels of inputs, both observable and unobservable. Level 1 inputs include quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are market data, other than Level 1, that are observable either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted market prices in an inactive market, and other observable information that can be corroborated by market data. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and corroborated by little or no market data. The standard requires the utilization of the lowest possible level of input to determine fair value and carrying amounts of current liabilities approximate fair value due to their short-term nature.

The estimated fair value of certain financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses are carried at historical cost basis, which approximates their fair values because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

The Company's non-financial assets, such as ROU assets, and property and equipment, are adjusted to fair value only when an impairment is recognized. Such fair value measurements are based predominantly on Level 3 inputs.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase. There are no cash equivalents at the balance sheet dates.

Accounts Receivable

Trade receivables are recorded at net realizable value consisting of the carrying amount less the allowance for doubtful accounts, as needed. Factors used to establish an allowance include the credit quality of the customer and whether the balance is significant. The Company may also use the direct write-off method to account for uncollectible accounts that are not received. Using the direct write-off method, trade receivable balances are written off to bad debt expense when an account balance is deemed to be uncollectible.

Inventory

Inventory consists of finished goods, which are purchased directly from manufacturers. The Company utilizes a just in time type of inventory system where products are ordered from the vendor only when the Company has received sales order from its customers. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value on a first-in, first-out basis.

Property and equipment are stated at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. When assets are retired or disposed of, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gains or losses are included in income in the year of disposition. The Company examines the possibility of decreases in the value of these assets when events or changes in circumstances reflect the fact that their recorded value may not be recoverable. The assets are fully operational drones used as demonstration units and each unit exceeds management's threshold for capitalization of \$2,000. The Company depreciates these demonstration units over a period of 3 years. No depreciation was recognized during the three months ended December 31, 2022, as the related equipment was depreciated to salvageable value as of September 30, 2021. Management believes that the salvageable value of \$1,461 is an adequate representation of the value of the demonstration drones at December 31, 2022.

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Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Impairment is determined by comparing the carrying value of the long-lived assets to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to result from use of the assets and their ultimate disposition. In instances where impairment is determined to exist, the Company writes down the asset to its fair value based on the present value of estimated future cash flows.

Deferred Financing Costs

All unamortized deferred financing costs related to the Company's borrowings are presented in the consolidated balance sheets as a direct deduction from the related debt. Amortization of these costs is reported as *interest and financing costs* included in the consolidated statement of operations.

Revenue Recognition

The Company follows Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 606, Revenue From Contracts With Customers, which has a five-step process: a) Determine whether a contract exists; b) Identify the performance obligations; c) Determine the transaction price; d) Allocate the transaction price; and e) Recognize revenue when (or as) performance obligations are satisfied.

The Company sells a variety of products to government entities. The purchase order received specifies each item and its manufacturer; the Company only needs to fulfill the performance obligation by shipping the specified items. No other performance obligations exist under the terms of the contracts. The Company recognizes revenue for the agreed upon sales price when the product is shipped to the customer, which satisfies the performance obligation.

The Company through its subsidiary Howco may enter into contracts to package products for a third-party company servicing the same government customer base. The contracts are based on the job lot as shipped to Howco for packaging. The customer is billed upon completion each job lot at which time revenue is recognized.

The Company sells drones and related products manufactured by third parties to various parties, primarily local government entities. The Company also offers technical services related to drone utilization and performs other services. Contracts for drone related products and services sales will be evaluated using the five-step process outline above. There have been no material sales for drone products or other services for which full compliance with performance obligations has not been met. Upon significant sales for drone products and services and insulation jackets, the Company will disaggregate sales by these lines of business and within the lines of business to the extent that the product or service has different revenue recognition characteristics.

The Company began sales of sanitizing products and services during the year ended September 30, 2022. Revenue for this line of business is recognized upon shipment and delivery of training services (as applicable).

Stock-based compensation

Stock-based compensation is accounted for based on the requirements of ASC 718 – "*Compensation – Stock Compensation*", which requires recognition in the financial statements of the cost of employee and director services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments over the period the employee or director is required to perform the services in exchange for the award (presumptively, the vesting period). The ASC also requires measurement of the cost of employee and director services received in exchange for an award based on the grant-date fair value of the award. The Company utilizes the Black-Sholes option pricing model and uses the simplified method to determine expected term because of lack of sufficient exercise history. Additionally, effective October 1, 2016, the Company adopted the Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09 ("ASU 2016-09"), *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. Among other changes, ASU 2016-09 permits the election of an accounting policy for forfeitures of share-based payment awards, either to recognize forfeitures as they occur or estimate forfeitures over the vesting period of the award. The Company has elected to recognize forfeitures as they occur and the cumulative impact of this change did not have any effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

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As of October 1, 2018, the Company has early adopted ASU 2018-7 Compensation-Stock Compensation which conforms the accounting for non-employees to the accounting treatment for employees. The new standard replaces using a fair value as of each reporting date with use of the calculated fair value as of the grant date. The implementation of the standard provides for the use of the fair market value as of the adoption date, rather than using the value as of the original grant date. Therefore, the values calculated and reported at September 30, 2018 become a proxy for the grant date value. The Company utilizes the Black-Sholes option pricing model and uses the simplified method to determine expected term because of lack of sufficient exercise history. There was no cumulative effect on the adoption date.

Shipping and Handling Costs

The Company has included freight-out as a component of cost of sales, which amounted to \$12,920 and \$15,804 for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Convertible Notes with Fixed Rate Conversion Options

The Company has certain financial instruments that are derivatives or contain embedded derivatives. The Company evaluates all its financial instruments to determine if those contracts or any potential embedded components of those contracts qualify as derivatives to be separately accounted for in accordance with ASC 810-10-05-4 and 815-40. This accounting treatment requires that the carrying amount of any derivatives be recorded at fair value at issuance and marked-to-market at each balance sheet date. In the event that the fair value is recorded as a liability, as is the case with the Company, the change in the fair value during the period is recorded as either other income or expense. Upon conversion, exercise or repayment, the respective derivative liability is marked to fair value at the conversion, repayment or exercise date and then the related fair value amount is reclassified to other income or expense as part of gain or loss on extinguishment.

Derivative Liabilities

The Company has certain financial instruments that are derivatives or contain embedded derivatives. The Company evaluates all its financial instruments to determine if those contracts or any potential embedded components of those contracts qualify as derivatives to be separately accounted for in accordance with ASC 810-10-05-4 and 815-40. This accounting treatment requires that the carrying amount of any derivatives be recorded at fair value at issuance and marked-to-market at each balance sheet date. In the event that the fair value is recorded as a liability, as is the case with the Company, the change in the fair value during the period is recorded as either other income or expense. Upon conversion, exercise or repayment, the respective derivative liability is marked to fair value at the conversion, repayment or exercise date and then the related fair value amount is reclassified to other income or expense as part of gain or loss on extinguishment.

Lease Accounting

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases*, which requires lessees to report on their balance sheets a right-of-use asset and a lease liability in connection with most lease agreements classified as operating leases under the prior guidance (ASC Topic 840). Under the new guidance, codified as ASC Topic 842, the lease liability must be measured initially based on the present value of future lease payments, subject to certain conditions. The right-of-use asset must be measured initially based on the amount of the liability, plus certain initial direct costs. The new guidance further requires that leases be classified at inception as either (a) operating leases or (b) finance leases. For operating leases, periodic expense generally is flat (straight-line) throughout the life of the lease. For finance leases, periodic expense declines over the life of the lease. The new standard, as amended, provides an option for entities to use the cumulative-effect transition method. As permitted, the Company adopted ASC Topic 842 effective June 1, 2020. The adoption of ASC Topic 842 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The Company's subsidiary has renewed the lease for the warehouse and office facility in Vancouver, Washington in May 2020 effective June 1, 2020, which extends through May 30, 2023, and is accounted for under ASC 842. The corporate office is an annual arrangement which provides for a single office in a shared office environment and is exempt from ASC 842 treatment. During the year ended September 30, 2020 the Company recognized a lease liability of \$156,554 and the related right-of-use asset for the same amount and will amortize both over the life of the lease.

Income Taxes

The Company's current provision for income taxes is based upon its estimated taxable income in each of the jurisdictions in which it operates, after considering the impact on taxable income of temporary differences resulting from different treatment of items for tax and financial reporting purposes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and any operating loss or tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income in those periods in which temporary differences become deductible. Should management determine that it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets would be established in the period such determination was made. The Company follows the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes guidance, which clarifies the accounting and disclosures for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in the Company's financial statements and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. It also provides guidance on derecognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return.

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The Company currently has no federal or state tax examinations in progress. As of December 31, 2022, the Company's tax returns for the tax years 2021, 2020 and 2019 remain subject to audit, primarily by the Internal Revenue Service. The income tax returns for the tax year 2022 are on extension and have not yet been filed.

The Company did not have material unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2022 and does not expect this to change significantly over the next 12 months. The Company will recognize interest and penalties accrued on any unrecognized tax benefits as a component of the provision for income taxes.

Net Loss Per Share

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding for the period. Diluted loss per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that shared in the earnings (loss) of the Company. Diluted loss per share is computed by dividing the loss available to stockholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period and dilutive potential shares outstanding unless such dilutive potential shares would result in anti-dilution. As of December 31, 2022, 16,423 options were outstanding, warrants to purchase 2,240,000,000 shares of common stock were outstanding and exercisable. There are 448,000 shares of Series B Preferred Stock outstanding which are convertible into 6,720,000,000 shares of common stock at December 31, 2022. Additionally, as of December 31, 2022, the outstanding principal balance, including accrued interest of the third-party convertible debt, totaled \$9,839,057 and was convertible into 208,587,952,309 shares of common stock. The total potentially dilutive shares calculated is 217,547,968,732. It should be noted that contractually the limitations on the third-party notes (and the related warrant) limit the number of shares converted to either 4.99% or 9.99% of the then outstanding shares. The Company's CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors holds a control block of Series A Preferred Stock which confers upon him a majority vote in all Company matters including authorization of additional common shares or to reverse split the stock. The Company has filed a Pre 14C to effect the reverse stock split outlined below. Following that reverse split the shortfall in available stock will be remedied. As of December 31, 2022, and 2021, potentially dilutive securities consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Stock options	16,423	17,223
Warrants	2,240,000,000	119,777,075
Series B Preferred Stock	6,720,000,000	-
Third party convertible debt (including senior debt)	208,587,952,309	9,105,940,574
Total	217,547,968,732	9,255,734,872

Effect of the Planned Reverse Split

On December 15, 2022 the Company filed Form PRE 14C to effect a reverse split of between 1:500 and 1:1,000 shares of common stock. The Company has determined

that the definitive filing will be for a reverse split of 1:1,000. The Company expects processing in late February 2023. The table below shows the Losses Per Share prior to the reverse split and following the reverse split of 1:1,000. A key assumption to the earnings per share calculation is that post-reverse split price is equal to the pre-reverse split times the number of shares from the ratio. For example: pre-reverse split price of \$0.003 times the reverse split of 1,000 is equal to \$0.30.

	Three months Ended December 31, 2022	Three months Ended December 31, 2021
Net losses available to common stockholders	\$ 818,635	\$ 852,972
Current Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	5,327,269,482	2,590,178,717
Loss Per Share	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Post Reverse Split Effected Shares Outstanding	5,327,269	2,590,179
Loss Per Share	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.33

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The assumption inherent in the table above is a reverse split of 1:1,000.

Segment Reporting

The Company uses “the management approach” in determining reportable operating segments. The management approach considers the internal organization and reporting used by the Company’s chief operating decision maker for making operating decisions and assessing performance as the source for determining the Company’s reportable segments. The Company’s chief operating decision maker is the chief executive officer of the Company, who reviews operating results to make decisions about allocating resources and assessing performance for the entire Company. As of December 31, 2022, the Company has three operating segments. Howco generated 99% of the consolidated sales which are primarily from department of defense. Drone LLC generated less than 1% of sales primarily to state and municipal government purchases of drones and accessories. Bantec Sanitizing Inc. had no contribution to consolidated sales of its sanitizing products for the three months ended December 31, 2022. Howco has 77% of the consolidated tangible assets, Drone has no allocated assets and Bantec Sanitizing Inc. has 8% of consolidated assets and the parent company has 15% of the consolidated tangible assets as of December 31, 2022 and additionally, there are no formal cost allocations to Howco or the other subsidiaries.

Management decisions about allocation of working capital and other assets are based on sales, inventory and operating costs, with no formal processes in place.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

On August 5, 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued accounting standards update (ASU) No. 2020-06, *Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470-20) and Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity’s Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40)*.

The amendments in the ASU remove certain separation models for convertible debt instruments and convertible preferred stock that require the separation of a convertible debt instrument into a debt component and an equity or derivative component. The ASU also amends the derivative scope exception guidance for contracts in an entity’s own equity. The amendments remove three settlement conditions that are required for equity contracts to qualify for the derivative scope exception.

In addition to the above, the ASU expands disclosure requirements for convertible instruments and simplifies areas of the guidance for diluted earnings-per-share calculations that are impacted by the amendments.

The ASU is effective for public business entities that meet the definition of a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filer, excluding smaller reporting companies as defined by the SEC, for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. Early adoption is permitted. The FASB noted that an entity should adopt the guidance as of the beginning of its annual fiscal year. The standard is effective for the Company beginning in fiscal year September 30, 2024.

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Entities may elect to adopt the amendments through either a modified retrospective method of transition or a fully retrospective method of transition. If an entity has convertible instruments that include a down round feature, early adoption of the ASU is permitted for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020.

ASU 2016-13 Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instrument is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. This is not expected to apply to the Company.

The Company does not believe that any other recently issued but not yet effective accounting pronouncements, if adopted, would have a material effect on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The Company’s accounts receivable at December 31 and September 30, 2022 is as follow:

	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Accounts receivable	\$ 116,542	\$ 419,951
Reserve for doubtful accounts	-	-
	<u>\$ 116,542</u>	<u>\$ 419,951</u>

Bad debt expense was \$0 for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

NOTE 4 - INVENTORY

At December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, inventory consists of finished goods and was valued at \$92,372 and \$92,917, respectively. No inventory reserve was deemed necessary at December 31, or September 30, 2022.

NOTE 5 - LINE OF CREDIT - BANK

The Company has a revolving line of credit with a financial institution, which balance is due on demand and principal payments are due monthly at 1/60th of the outstanding principal balance. This revolving line of credit is in the amount of \$50,000, and is personally guaranteed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"). The line bears interest at a fluctuating rate equal to the prime rate plus 4.25%, which at December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022 was 11.75% and 10.5%, respectively. As of December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, respectively, the balance of the line of credit was \$0 and \$0, with \$50,000, available at December 31, 2022.

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NOTE 6 - SETTLEMENTS PAYABLE

On July 20, 2018, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with a collection agent for American Express relating to \$127,056 of past due charges. The agreement provides for initial payment of \$12,706, monthly payments of \$6,500 and final payment on January 27, 2020 of \$3,850. Under the terms of the agreement, this debt is in default. On June 27, 2022, the Company entered into an agreement for the balance and the other losses were \$7,042 for collection fees. Under the agreement established \$5,000 per month is being paid by the Company. The amount due at December 31, and September 30, 2022, was \$19,892 and \$34,892, respectively.

During the year ended September 30, 2022, \$119,670 was accrued in recognition of an appeals court ruling that certain obligations be settled in cash (see Note 15). The cash liability has not been paid as of December 31, 2022.

The total amounts due at December 31, and September 30, 2022, was \$139,562, and \$154,562, respectively.

NOTE 7 - NOTE PAYABLE - SELLER

In connection with the acquisition of Howco in September 2016, the Company issued a note payable in the amount of \$900,000 to the sellers of Howco. The note matured on September 9, 2017 and bears interest at 5.50% per annum. The note requires payment of unpaid principal and interest upon maturity. The note is secured by all assets of Howco Distribution Co. and subordinated to the Senior Secured Credit Facility discussed below. The note is currently in default and the default interest rate is 8% per annum. At December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, the principal and accrued interest on this note amounted to \$834,000, \$425,860 and \$837,000, and \$409,063, respectively. (see Note 15)

NOTE 8 - CONVERTIBLE AND PROMISSORY NOTES PAYABLE - RELATED PARTY OFFICER AND HIS AFFILIATES

The related party officer and his affiliates convertible and other notes balance consisted of the following at December 31 and September 30, 2022:

	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2021
Principal	\$ -	\$ 13,537
Long term	\$ -	\$ 13,527

Promissory Notes Payable

On April 25, 2022 a promissory note was issued to the CEO by Howco for \$50,000 having weekly payments of \$1,570 for fifty weeks, which include a total of \$28,500 of interest. The principal at December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022 was \$0 and \$13,527. Interest of \$4,713 was charged to interest expense during the three months ended December 31, 2022 prior to repayment. The note was repaid faster than the original payment terms and therefore the interest was lower than the original agreement terms.

NOTE 9 - CONVERTIBLE NOTES PAYABLE AND ADVISORY FEE LIABILITIES

The senior secured credit facility note balance and convertible debt balances consisted of the following at December 31, and September 30, 2022:

	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Principal	\$ 5,990,891	\$ 5,978,891
Premiums	1,455,434	1,443,435
	<u>\$ 7,446,325</u>	<u>\$ 7,442,326</u>

For the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, amortization of debt discount on the above convertible notes amounted to \$0 and \$7,865, respectively.

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Senior Secured Credit Facility Note - Default

On September 13, 2016, the Company entered into a senior secured credit facility note with an investment fund for the acquisition of Howco. The Company can borrow up to \$6,500,000, subject to lender approval, with an initial convertible promissory note at closing of \$3,500,000 (the "Note"). The Note bears interest at a rate of 18% per annum, required monthly payments of \$52,500, which is interest only, starting on October 13, 2016 through February 13, 2017, and monthly payments,

including interest and principal, of \$298,341 starting on March 13, 2018. In the event of default, the Note balance will bear interest at 25% per annum. In connection with this Agreement, the Company was obligated to pay additional advisory fees of \$850,000 payable in the form of cash or common stock in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. The Company was also required to reserve 7,000 shares of common stock related to this transaction. The reserved shares will be released upon the satisfaction of the loan.

As of December 31, 2022, and September 30, 2022, the Company had issued 539, shares of common stock in satisfaction of the \$850,000 advisory fee in accordance with the terms of the agreement, such shares being issued in September 2016. The proceeds from the sale of the 539, shares were to be applied to the \$850,000 advisory fee due. Based upon the value of the shares, at the time the lender sells the shares, the Company may be required to redeem unsold shares for the difference between the \$850,000 and the lender's sales proceeds. Accordingly, the \$850,000 was reflected as a current liability through December 31, 2017. In January 2018, in connection with a settlement agreement (see below), the accrued advisory fee was reclassified to the principal balance of the replacement Convertible Note. Through the date of the settlement agreement and through December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, the lender had not reported any proceeds from the sale of these shares (see below). Prior to the settlement agreement in January 2018, notwithstanding anything contained in the Agreement to the contrary, in the event the Lender has not realized net proceeds from the sale of Advisory Fee Shares equal to at least the Advisory Fee by the earlier to occur of: (A) September 13, 2017; (B) the occurrence of an Event of Default; or (C) the Maturity Date, then at any time thereafter, the Lender shall have the right, upon written notice to the Borrower, to require that the Borrower redeem all Advisory Fee Shares then in Lender's possession for cash equal to the Advisory Fee, less any cash proceeds received by the Lender from any previous sales of Advisory Fee Shares, if any within five (5) Business Days from the date the Lender delivers such redemption notice to the Borrower.

The Note is only convertible upon default or mutual agreement by both parties at a conversion rate of 85% of the lowest of the daily volume weighted average price of the Company's common stock during the 5 business days immediately prior to the conversion date. At any time and from time to time while this Note is outstanding, but only upon: (i) the occurrence of an Event of Default under any of the Loan Documents; or (ii) mutual agreement between the Company and the Holder, this Note may be, at the sole option of the Holder, convertible into shares of the Company's common stock, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note. Upon liquidation by the Holder of Conversion Shares issued pursuant to a conversion notice, provided that the Holder realizes a net amount from such liquidation equal to less than the conversion amount specified in the relevant conversion notice, the Company shall issue to the Holder additional shares of the Company's common stock equal to: (i) the Conversion Amount specified in the relevant conversion notice; *minus* (ii) the realized amount, as evidenced by a reconciliation statement from the Holder (a "Sale Reconciliation") showing the realized amount from the sale of the Conversion Shares; *divided by* (iii) the average volume weighted average price of the Company's common stock during the five business days immediately prior to the date upon which the Holder delivers notice (the "Make-Whole Notice") to the Company that such additional shares are requested by the Holder.

Once a default occurs, the Note and the \$850,000 advisory fee payable will be accounted for as stock settled debt at its fixed monetary value. On March 13, 2017 the Company defaulted on the monthly principal and interest payment of \$298,341. Due to this default, as of June 30, 2017, the Company has accounted for the embedded conversion option as stock settled debt and recorded a debt premium of \$617,647 with a charge to interest expense, and the interest rate increased to 25% (default rate).

On March 28, 2017, the Company entered into an additional agreement with the above senior secured credit facility lender to receive a range of advisory services for a total of \$1,200,000 with no definitive terms or length of service which was expensed in fiscal 2017 and had been recorded as an accrued liability – advisory fees through December 31, 2017. In connection with the settlement agreement discussed below, in January 2018, the advisory services fees payable were reclassified to the principal balance of the replacement Convertible Note.

On January 3, 2018, the Company entered into a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") and replacement note agreements with the investment fund related to a senior secured credit facility note dated September 13, 2016. On the effective date of the Settlement Agreement, all amounts owed to the investment fund aggregated \$5,788,642 and consisted of a convertible promissory note of \$3,500,000, accrued interest payable of \$238,642, and accrued advisory fees payable of \$2,050,000. On the effective date of the Settlement Agreement, the amount due of \$5,788,642 was split and apportioned into two separate replacement notes ("Replacement Note A" and Note B"). Replacement Note A had a principal amount of \$1,000,000 and Replacement Note B had a principal balance of \$4,788,642, both of which remained secured by the original security, pledge and guarantee agreements; and other applicable loan documents, and bear interest at 18% per annum. The default was not waived by this settlement agreement. The Company originally recorded a premium on stock settled debt of \$617,647 on the \$3,500,000, and subsequent to the settlement agreement recorded an additional premium on stock settled debt of \$403,878 on the additional \$2,288,642 for accrued interest and advisory fees payable that were capitalized as note principal. The interest rate was amended to 12% effective June 12, 2018.

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The Credit Agreement was amended such that the maturity date was extended to January 13, 2019 (the "Extended Maturity Date") for replacement Note B, while the Note A maturity date remained at March 13, 2018 but was due as of March 2017 due to the principal and interest payment default discussed above. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations owing by the Company and all other Credit Parties under the Credit Agreement, First Replacement Note B, and all other Loan Documents shall be paid in full by the Extended Maturity Date as follows: \$52,500 per month from January 13, 2018 to December 13, 2018 and the remaining principal and accrued interest on January 13, 2019. Interest payments made since the amendment have totaled \$323,440 and are therefore not in accord with that amendment. However, TCA has received payments under the 3(a) (10) settlement (below) totaling \$308,100 during the year ended September 30, 2018, and another \$270,320, during the year ended September 30, 2019. The principal balance was \$4,788,642 at September 30, 2018.

On October 30, 2018, TCA the Company's senior lender amended its credit facility which had been restructured in January 2018 when fees for advisory and other matters along with accrued but unpaid interest were capitalized and separated into two notes, Note A having \$1,000,000 principal and Note B having \$4,788,642 both having the same maturity terms, interest rates and conversion rights. Under the current amendment total amounts outstanding under the notes along with accrued interest of \$537,643 has been capitalized with the principal amount due of \$6,018,192, \$5,326,285 for Note B and \$691,907 for Note A. The restated note has the same conversion price discount and therefore continues to be stock settled debt under ASC 480, an additional \$94,878 was charged to interest with a credit to debt premium. The restated note accrues interest on the principal balance at 12% per annum, includes amortization to the new maturity date of December 15, 2020. The amortization payments credited toward the principal amount and accrued interest vary and include payments made under the 3(a)(10) settlement agreement with a third party related to Note A. Economically the total principal and accrued interest outstanding remain unchanged as reported in the consolidated balance sheet. All other terms including conversion rights and a make-whole provision in the case of a conversion shortfall remain the same as stated in the footnotes above.

On September 6, 2019, the Company received a default notice on its payment obligations under the senior secured credit facility agreement from TCA. The Company has proposed a number of solutions including refinancing the debt with other parties. The default was declared due to non-payment of monthly scheduled amortization (principal and interest). TCA holds security interests in all assets of the Company including its subsidiary Howco. The Company is in negotiation with the receiver appointed by the court related to the senior secured creditor's claim and has proposed a preliminary settlement.

On January 30, 2018 pursuant to the Liability Purchase Term Sheet, the TCA Replacement Note A in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 was acquired by Livingston Asset Management LLC ("Livingston") from the original lender. Principal of Replacement Note A is due to Livingston with all then accrued but unpaid interest due to the original lender. In accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Court was advised of the Company's intention to rely upon the exception to registration set forth in Section 3(a) (10) of the Securities Act to support the issuance of its common shares and the Court held a fairness hearing regarding the issuance on March 12, 2018. Following entry of an Order by the Court which occurred on March 12, 2018, in settlement of the claims, the Company shall issue and deliver to Livingston shares of its common stock (the "Settlement Shares") in one or more tranches as necessary, and subject to adjustment and ownership limitations as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, sufficient to generate proceeds such that the aggregate Remittance Amount equals the Claim Amount. The Company will issue free trading shares of its common stock under section 3(a) (10) of the Securities Act to Livingston in the amount of such judgment in a series of

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In the three months ended December 31, 2022, there were no 3(a) (10) issuances. As of December 31, 2022, there have been seventeen issuances under section 3(a) (10) of the Securities Act totaling 1,374,885 shares; 1,273,261, in 2019, and 101,624, in 2018, which have been recorded at par value with an equal charge to additional paid-in capital. On November 17, 2019, 194,520 of the shares issued under the 3(a) (10) were cancelled at the request of Livingston. The value originally recorded as a liability remains in the convertible note balance, until these shares have been sold and reported to the Company by the lender as part of the Make-Whole provision at which time the proceeds value of such shares are reclassified to additional paid-in capital. During the years ended September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2019, proceeds of \$308,100 and \$270,320, respectively were remitted to TCA by Livingston and applied to reduce the liability with corresponding credits to additional paid in capital. \$180,618 of debt premium was credited to additional paid in capital in conjunction with the payments to TCA. At December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, the balance, of \$421,587 along with related debt premium of \$281,054 are included in convertible notes payable on the balance sheet.

At December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, the principal of the Note B portion was \$5,326,285 and accrued interest was \$2,537,347 and \$2,377,557 respectively and the Note A principal subject to the 3(a) (10) court order was \$421,587 as noted above. During the three months ended December 31, 2022, the Company has not paid interest or principal and Livingston Asset Management (under the 3(a) (10) settlement) has not made any payments to TCA.

On March 7, 2018 the Company entered into a placement agent and advisory agreement with Scottsdale Capital Advisors in connection with the Livingston liability purchase term sheet executed on November 15, 2017. The placement agent services fee amounted to \$15,000 payable to Scottsdale Capital Advisors in the form of a convertible note. The note matures six months from the date of issuance and shall accrue interest at the rate of 10% per annum. The \$15,000 note is convertible into shares of the Company's common stock at a discount of 30% of the low closing bid price for the twenty trading days prior to the conversion and is not subject to any registration rights. The Company has accounted for the convertible promissory note as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and recorded a debt premium of \$6,429 with a charge to interest expense. The note has not been converted and the principal balance is \$15,000, at December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022 with \$8,155, and \$7,777, of accrued interest, respectively. As the note has matured it is technically in default. Under the terms of the note no default interest or penalties accrue.

On December 1, 2021, the Company terminated its agreement with Livingston Asset Management and entered into a consulting and services arrangement with Frondeur Partners LLC which has no stipulated term. The arrangement provides for financial management services including accounting and related periodic reporting among other advisory services. Under the agreement the Company will issue to Frondeur Partners LLC convertible fee notes having principal of \$15,000, interest of 10% per annum, maturity of seven months. The notes are convertible into common shares at a discount of 50% to the lowest bid price in the twenty trading days immediately preceding the notice of conversion. The notes are charged to professional fees for each corresponding service month. The principal balance for the Frondeur notes was \$105,000 and accrued interest for the notes totaled \$3,332 at December 31, 2022, as detailed below.

On March 1, 2022, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 10% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the thirty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date. At September 30, 2022 the accrued interest was \$820. On October 3, 2022, the Company issued 191,826,700 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated March 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$888 were converted. Premium of \$15,000 was reclassified to additional paid in capital.

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On April 1, 2022, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 10% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the thirty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date. At September 30, 2022 the accrued interest was \$752. On November 17, 2022, the Company issued 384,804,200 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated April 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$945 were converted. Premium of \$15,000 was reclassified to additional paid in capital.

On May 1, 2022, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 10% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the thirty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date. At September 30, 2022 the accrued interest was \$629. On December 1, 2022, the Company issued 383,489,000 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated May 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$879 were converted. Premium of \$15,000 was reclassified to additional paid in capital.

On June 1, 2022, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 10% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the thirty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date. At December 31, 2022, and September 30, 2022 the accrued interest was \$879 and \$501, respectively.

On July 1, 2022, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 10% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the thirty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date. At December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, the accrued interest was \$692 and \$314, respectively.

On August 1, 2022, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 10% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is

convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the thirty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date. At December 31, 2022, and September 30, 2022 the accrued interest was \$565 and \$187, respectively.

On September 1, 2022, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 10% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the thirty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date. At December 31, 2022, and September 30, 2022 the accrued interest was \$440 and \$62.

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On November 1, 2022, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 10% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the thirty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date. At December 31, 2022, the accrued interest was \$251.

On December 1, 2022, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 10% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the thirty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date. At December 31, 2022, the accrued interest was \$127.

The principal balance for the Frondeur notes was \$105,000 at December 31, and September 30, 2022, respectively, as detailed above. Accrued interest for these notes totaled \$3,332 and \$3,631 at December 31, and September 30, 2022, respectively also detailed above.

The following notes have been issued to the law firm, each having six-month term to maturity and 10% annual interest but a change in the conversion terms such that a fixed discount of 50% of the lowest bid price in the 30 trading days immediately preceding the notice of conversion. The notes have cross default provisions. The Company has accounted for the convertible promissory notes as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and recorded debt premiums equal to the face value of the notes with a charge to interest expense. The note principal amount was charged to professional fees during the month the note was issued.

On May 1, 2022, a \$4,000 convertible note was issued for fees incurred;

On June 1, 2022, a \$4,000 convertible note was issued for fees incurred;

On July 1, 2022, a \$4,000 convertible note was issued for fees incurred;

On August 1, 2022, a \$4,000 convertible note was issued for fees incurred;

On September 1, 2022, a \$4,000 convertible note was issued for fees incurred;

On October 1, 2022, a \$4,000 convertible note was issued for fees incurred;

On November 1, 2022, a \$4,000 convertible note was issued for fees incurred; and

On December 1, 2022, a \$4,000 convertible note was issued for fees incurred.

The principal balances owed under the agreement as of December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022 were \$32,000, and \$20,000 respectively and accrued interest was \$1,235 and \$563 as of December 31, 2022, and September 30, 2022, respectively.

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On November 13, 2018, the Company issued a convertible promissory note for \$90,000 to a vendor in settlement of approximately \$161,700 of past due amounts due for services. The note bears interest at 5%, matures on June 30, 2019 and is convertible into the Company's common stock at 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the 20 trading days immediately preceding the notice of conversion. The note matured on June 30, 2019, there is no default penalty or interest rate increase associated with the note, nor are there any cross-default provisions in the note. The Company has accounted for the convertible promissory note as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and recorded debt premium \$90,000 with a charge to interest expense for the notes. At December 31, and September 30, 2022 the principal, and premium were \$90,000, \$90,000. At December 31, and September 30, 2022 accrued interest was \$39,336 and \$36,614, respectively (see Note 15).

NOTE 10 - NOTES AND LOANS PAYABLE

The notes balance consisted of the following at December 31, and September 30, 2022

	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Principal loans and notes	\$ 574,759	\$ 615,500

Discounts	(179,055)	(270,064)
Total	395,704	345,436
Less Current portion	(268,964)	(217,897)
Non-current	\$ 126,740	\$ 127,539

For the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, amortization of debt discount on the above notes amounted to \$91,009 and \$7,865, respectively.

On June 17, 2020, the Company through Howco, entered into a loan directly with the Small Business Administration for \$150,000. The loan term is thirty years and begins amortization one year from the date of promissory note to be issued upon funding. Amortization payments are \$731 per month and include interest and principal of 3.75% from the date of funding. The loan is secured by the assets of Howco. As of December 31, and September 30, 2022, the principal balance is \$150,000. As of December 31, and September 30, 2022, \$23,260, and \$22,461 respectively, is classified as current.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company issued seven notes payable totaling \$17,500. The notes were issued for monthly fees (\$2,500) for a service vendor and are issued the first day of the month and each has one year maturity and does not bear interest. The service arrangement was terminated in April 2021, with \$17,500 owed as of December 31, 2022, and September 30, 2022.

On July 1, 2022, the “Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with Trillium Partners, LP (“Trillium”). Under the terms of the SPA, Trillium agreed to advance funds under a merchant financing arrangement, treated as a loan. The loan principal is \$224,000, including legal fees of \$5,000 and OID of \$24,000, the Company received cash of \$195,000. Loan bears interest of 12% per annum and matures on June 30, 2023. The Company agreed to issue 224,000 shares of the Company’s Series B Preferred Stock, and a Warrant for the purchase of 1,120,000,000 shares of Common Stock as consideration for the advance agreement. The Series B Preferred Stock met the criteria for treatment as temporary equity and debt discount of \$50,684 was recognized. The Warrant caused a recognition of \$100,194 in debt discount. Total debt discount recognized was \$179,878, to be amortized over the term of the loan, \$44,846 was recognized as interest expense as of September 30, 2022 from amortization of discounts. The Company defaulted on the weekly payment terms of the note; however, the note holder granted a limited waiver of the default. Under the waiver amendment (see Note 11) the default interest rate still applies and now the note accrues interest of 22% and the payments are due upon the notes maturity. Total accrued interest at December 31, 2022, and September 30, 2022 is \$12,956 and \$10,923, respectively. On October 25, 2022, the Company repaid \$50,000 of the July merchant financing arrangement. The payment was applied to the Trillium LP notes’ accrued interest and principal bringing its principal balance to \$183,259.

On July 1, 2022, the “Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with JP Carey Limited Partners, LP (“JPC”). Under the terms of the SPA, JPC agreed to advance funds under a merchant financing arrangement, treated as a loan. The loan principal is \$224,000, including legal fees of \$5,000 and OID of \$24,000, the Company received cash of \$195,000. Loan bears interest of 12% per annum and matures on June 30, 2023. The Company agreed to issue 224,000 shares of the Company’s Series B Preferred Stock, and a Warrant for the purchase of 1,120,000,000 shares of Common Stock as consideration for the advance agreement. The Series B Preferred Stock met the criteria for treatment as temporary equity and debt discount of \$50,684 was recognized. The Warrant caused a recognition of \$100,194 in debt discount. Total debt discount recognized was \$179,878, to be amortized over the term of the loan, \$44,845 was recognized as interest expense as of September 30, 2022 from amortization of discounts. The Company defaulted on the weekly payment terms of the note; however, the note holder granted a limited waiver of the default. Under the waiver amendment (see Note 11) the default interest rate still applies and now the note accrues interest of 22%, and the payments are due upon the notes maturity. Total accrued interest at December 31, 2022, and September 30, 2022 is \$23,344 and \$10,923, respectively.

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NOTE 11 - TEMPORARY EQUITY

On July 1, 2022 the Company’s Board of Directors designated as Series B Preferred Stock and authorized 1,000,000 shares which will not be subject to increase without the consent of the holders (each a “Holder” and collectively, the “Holders”) of a majority of the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock. The designations, powers, preferences, rights and restrictions granted or imposed upon the Series B Preferred Stock are as set forth in the Certificate of Designation as filed. Each share of Series B Preferred Stock shall have an initial stated value of \$1.00 (the “Stated Value”). Ranking The Series B Preferred Stock will, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, rank: (a) senior with respect to dividends and right of liquidation with the Company’s common stock and (b) junior with respect to dividends and right of liquidation to all existing and future indebtedness of the Company and existing and outstanding preferred stock of the Company.

Series B Preferred Stock shall have no right to vote on any matters requiring shareholder approval or any matters on which the shareholders are permitted to vote, with the exception to matters that would change the number or features of the Series B Preferred Stock.

Each share of Series B Preferred Stock will carry an annual dividend in the amount of twelve percent (12%) of the Stated Value (the “Divided Rate”), which shall be cumulative, payable solely upon redemption, liquidation or conversion. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Dividend Rate shall automatically increase to twenty two percent (22%).

Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon any Deemed Liquidation Event, after payment or provision for payment of debts and other liabilities of the Company, and after payment or provision for any liquidation preference payable to the holders of any Preferred Stock ranking senior upon liquidation to the Series B Preferred Stock, if any, but prior to any distribution or payment made to the holders of Common Stock or the holders of any Preferred Stock ranking junior upon liquidation to the Series B Preferred Stock by reason of their ownership thereof, the Holders will be entitled to be paid out of the assets of the Company available for distribution to its stockholders an amount with respect to each share of Series B Preferred Stock equal to (i) the Stated Value plus (ii) any accrued but unpaid dividends, the Default Adjustment, if applicable, Failure to Deliver Fees, if any, (the amounts in this clause (ii) collectively, the “Adjustment Amount”).

Conversion Right. At any time following the date which is one hundred eighty (180) days after the Issuance Date, the Holder shall have the right at any time, to convert all or any part of the outstanding Series B Preferred Stock into fully paid and non-assessable shares of Common Stock. The Holders of the Series B Preferred Stock are limited to holding no more than 9.99% of the Common Stock.

Conversion Price. The conversion price (the “Conversion Price”) shall equal the Fixed Conversion Price (subject to equitable adjustments by the Company relating to the Company’s securities or the securities of any subsidiary of the Company, combinations, recapitalization, reclassifications, extraordinary distributions and similar events). The “Fixed Conversion Price” shall mean \$0.0002. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary in the Event of Default, the Conversion Price shall be the lower of the Fixed Conversion Price and the Variable Conversion Price. The “Variable Conversion Price” shall mean 50% multiplied by the Market Price (as defined herein) (representing a discount rate of 50%). “Market Price” means the lowest bid price for the Common Stock during the twenty (20) Trading Day period ending on the latest complete Trading Day prior to the Conversion Date.

Company will reserve from its authorized and unissued Common Stock a sufficient number of shares, free from preemptive rights, to provide for the issuance of Common Stock upon the full conversion of this Series B Preferred Stock issued. The Company is required at all times to have authorized and reserved four times the number of shares that would be issuable upon full conversion of the Series B Preferred, at any time the Company does not maintain the required Reserved Amount, the Company shall be put on notice by the Holder, and shall have five (5) days to cure its deficiency, after which time, such failure will be deemed an Event of Default hereunder.

During July 2022, the Company issued 448,000 shares of the Series B Preferred Stock in conjunction with a debt financing with two investors (See Note 10). The Company determined that under ASC 480, the Series B Preferred Stock should be treated as Temporary Equity and that it needed to apply the SAB topic 3c (SEC guidance) as well. Upon issuance of the shares the Company allocated a relative value of \$101,368 to the Stock. Upon issuance the Company recorded an aggregate value of \$461,440, with \$360,072 charged to additional paid in capital including the dividends due of \$13,440 at September 30, 2022. During the three months ended, December 31, 2022, the Company charged an additional \$36,960 to additional paid in capital for the dividend of the preferred shares.

The Company breached its covenants in the Convertible Series B Preferred Stock in July 2022. The breached covenant defines as an event of default relates to any breach of a material covenant or material terms of conditions contained in the Certificate of Designations or in any purchase agreement, subscription agreement or other agreement with any Holder (of the Convertible Series B Preferred Stock). As a result of this event of default the Stated Value of the preferred stock increased to \$1.50 per share and the conversion price became the “the lower of the Fixed Conversion Price (\$0.0002) or 50% of the lowest closing bid price of the Company’s stock in the twenty days prior to a conversion”. The Preferred Stock’s redemption value was increased by another \$224,000 as a result of the default and dividends are now accruing at 22%. At December 31, 2022 the outstanding Convertible Series B Preferred Stock would convert into 6,720,000,000 common shares.

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NOTE 12 - STOCKHOLDERS’ DEFICIT

Preferred Stock

As of December 31, 2022, the Company is authorized to issue 5,000,000 shares of \$0.0001 par value preferred stock, with designations, voting, and other rights and preferences to be determined by the Board of Directors of which 3,999,750 remain available for designation and issuance.

As of December 31, 2022 and September 30, 2022, the Company has designated 250 shares of \$0.0001 par value Series A preferred stock, of which 250 shares are issued and outstanding. These preferred shares have voting rights per shareholder equal to the total number of issued and outstanding shares of common stock divided by 0.99.

See also Note 11, regarding the issuance of Series B Preferred Stock and the related designation.

Common Stock

As of December 31, and September 30, 2022, there were 5,864,107,732 and 4,407,320,832, shares outstanding, respectively.

Filing PRE 14C

On December 15, 2022, the Company filed form PRE 14C with the SEC announcing its intent to effect a reverse stock split with a ratio of between 1:500 or 1:1,000. The Company has determined to fix the reverse split ratio at 1:1,000. The reverse stock split has not been declared effective as of the date of this filing.

Stock Incentive Plan

The Company established its 2016 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) that permits the granting of incentive stock options and other common stock awards. The maximum number of shares available under the Plan is 100,000 shares. The Plan is open to all employees, officers, directors, and non-employees of the Company. Options granted under the Plan will terminate and may no longer be exercised (i) immediately upon termination of an employee or consultant for cause or (ii) one year after termination of employment, but not later than the remaining term of the option. As of December 31, 2022, 83,577 awards remain available for grant under the Plan.

S-1 Offerings

On September 16, 2022, the Company submitted a registration statement filed on Form S-1. The Company requested accelerated status and the registration statement became effective on September 29, 2022. The offering provides for the issuance of up to 5,000,000,000 shares of common stock at a price of \$.0002, under subscriptions. The Company will use the proceeds for working capital and may seek to expand the business through investment.

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Subscriptions Under January 21, 2022 Post-Effective Amendment to the S-1 Offering

During the three months ending December 31, 2022, the Company issued 496,667,000 shares of common stock under the September 16, 2022 S-1 offering and received \$99,333.

Shares Issued for Conversion of Convertible Notes

In total 960,119,900 shares of common stock were issued upon conversion of convertible notes and accrued interest during the three months ended December 31, 2022 as follows:

On October 3, 2022, the Company issued 191,826,700 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated March 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$888 were converted.

On November 17, 2022, the Company issued 384,804,200 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated April 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$945 were converted.

On December 1, 2022, the Company issued 383,489,000 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated May 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$879 were converted.

\$45,000 of put premiums (related to the Stock Settled Debt treatment of the conversions listed above) was reclassified to additional paid in during the three months ended, December 31, 2022.

Stock Options

The Company recognizes compensation cost for invested stock-based incentive awards on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period.

There were no options granted under the 2016 Stock Incentive Plan for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

For the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company recorded \$0 and \$34,934 of compensation and consulting expense related to stock options, respectively. Total unrecognized compensation was \$0, at December 31 and September 30, 2022.

For the three months ended December 31, 2022, a summary of the Company's stock options activity is as follows:

	Number of Options	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Weighted- Average Grant-Date Fair Value	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at September 30, 2022	16,423	220.00	1.97	-	-
Outstanding at December 31, 2022	16,423	220.00	1.72	-	-
Outstanding and Exercisable at December 31, 2022	16,423	220.00	1.72	-	-

All options were issued at an options price equal to the market price of the shares on the date of the grant.

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Warrants

For the three months ended December 31, 2022, a summary of the Company's warrant activity is as follows:

	Number of Warrants	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	Weighted- Average Grant-Date Fair Value	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2022	2,240,000,000	.0002	6.75	\$.0002	\$ 448,000
Outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2022	2,240,000,000	\$.0002	6.5	\$.0002	\$ 112,000

There were no new warrants issued during the three months ended December 31, 2022.

NOTE 13 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS

In August 2016, Bantec established a qualified 401(k) plan with a discretionary employer matching provision. All employees who are at least twenty-one years of age and no minimum service requirement are eligible to participate in the plan. The plan allows participants to defer up to 90% of their annual compensation, up to statutory limits. Employer contributions charged to operations for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, was \$0 and \$0, respectively.

The Company's subsidiary, Howco, is the sponsor of a qualified 401(k) plan with a safe harbor provision. All employees are eligible to enter the plan within one year of the commencement of employment. Employer contributions charged to expense for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$1,063 and \$1,835, respectively.

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NOTE 14 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

On October 1, 2016, the Company entered into employment agreements with the Company's President and CEO provides for annual base compensation of \$370,000 for a period of three years, which can, at the Company's election, be paid in cash or Common Stock or deferred if insufficient cash is available, and provides for other benefits, including a discretionary bonus and equity provision for the equivalent of 12 months' base salary, and an additional one-time severance payment of \$2,500,000 upon termination under certain circumstances, as defined in the agreement. On September 16, 2019, this employment agreement was modified to provide an annual salary of \$624,000. The Company recognized expenses of \$156,000 for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 for the CEO's base compensation.

During the three months ended December 31, 2022, the Company's CEO advanced \$24,000 to the Company which was repaid prior to December 31, 2022.

The Company had certain other promissory notes payable to related parties (see Note 8).

NOTE 15 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Contingencies

Legal Matters

On February 6, 2018 the Company sent a letter to the previous owners of Howco Distributing Co. (“Howco”) alleging that they made certain financial misrepresentations under the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement by which the Company acquired control of Howco during 2016. The Company claimed that the previous owners took excessive amounts of cash from the business prior to the close of the merger. On March 13, 2018 the Company filed a lawsuit against the previous owners by issuing a summons. On April 12, 2018, the Company received the Defendants’ answer. On July 22, 2019, the Company sought and was granted a dismissal without prejudice of the lawsuit filed against the previous owners of Howco. The Company and the previous owners are in discussion to settle the matter as of December 31, 2022. An informal oral agreement with the Seller has been made whereby the Company has been paying the previous owners \$3,000 per month since January 2021 in satisfaction of Seller’s note payable. (see Note 7)

In connection with the merger in fiscal 2016, with Texas Wyoming Drilling, Inc., a vendor has a claim for unpaid bills of approximately \$75,000 against the Company. The Company and its legal counsel believe the Company is not liable for the claim pursuant to its indemnification clause in the merger agreement.

In the suit Drone USA, Inc and Michael Bannon (plaintiffs) vs the former Chief Financial Officer or CFO, currently pending in New York State court, the plaintiffs seek to compel the former CFO to meet his obligations under an agreement guaranteeing payments to another former executive. The former CFO filed a cross-claim against the plaintiffs for past due salary. The employment agreement with the former CFO allowed salary payments to be paid in cash or stock. During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company issued 36,821,330 shares of its common stock for the past due salary and claims that this payment moots the former CFO’s claim for past due salary. During the year ended September 30, 2022 the Company began the process to cancel the shares issued and reclassified the amount to equity and a previously recorded liability for \$119,670 remains (see Note 6), which is included in the settlement payable balance at December 31, 2022. The former CFO filed a motion for summary judgment which was denied, then filed an appeal to that order. The appellate court reversed the lower court’s decision.

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On April 10, 2019, a former service provider filed a complaint with three charges with the Superior Court Judicial District of New Haven, CT seeking payment for professional services. The Company has previously recognized expenses of \$218,637, which remain unpaid in accounts payable. The Company has retained an attorney who is currently working to address the complaint. On August 9, 2019 the Company filed a motion to dismiss the charge of unjust enrichment. The judge granted the Company’s motion to dismiss. The Company, through its attorney, is working to negotiate a settlement. A trial is scheduled for March 2023.

During the year ended September 30, 2019, two vendors (The Equity Group and Toppan Vintage) have asserted claims for past due amounts of approximately \$59,000, arising from services provided. The Company has fully recognized in accounts payable the amounts associated with these claims and expects to resolve the matters to satisfaction of all parties.

On December 30, 2020, a Howco vendor filed a lawsuit seeking payment of past due invoices totaling \$276,430 and finance charges of \$40,212. The Company has recorded the liability for the invoices in the normal course of business. Management at Howco as well as an intermediary consultant structured a repayment plan with this vendor and other vendors as well.

The Impact of COVID-19

The Company is a wholesale vendor to the Department of Defense through its wholly owned subsidiary Howco whose business has been affected due to the COVID-19 social distancing requirements mandated by the federal, state and local governments where the Company’s operations occur. For some businesses, like the Company’s, core business cannot always be done through “virtual” means, and even when this is possible, it requires significant capital and time to achieve. During the three months ended December 31, 2022 sales and shipments at Howco have increased modestly from the three months ended December 31, 2021. It is anticipated that COVID-19 restrictions had an impact on the Company’s operations during the year ended September 30, 2022, however the Company cannot assess the financial impact of the related COVID-19 restrictions as compared to other economic and business factors.

Settlements

On January 29, 2018, the Company entered into a settlement agreement and mutual release with a vendor who had provided public relations and other consulting services whereby the Company shall pay to this vendor an aggregate amount of \$60,000 of which \$30,000 was paid on February 2, 2018. The Company was to have paid ten monthly payments of \$3,000 per month beginning on February 29, 2018. The vendor is to return 400 common shares of the Company’s common stock which will be cancelled upon satisfaction of the liability. The liability is recorded at \$21,000 as of December 31, 2022, and September 30, 2022.

On November 13, 2018 the Company and a vendor agreed to settle \$161,700 in past due professional fees for a convertible note in the amount of \$90,000. The note bears interest at 5% and matures in July 2019, and has a fixed discount conversion feature. The note is now past due and remains unconverted at December 31, and September 30, 2022; however there is no default interest or penalty associated with the default. The difference between the settlement amount and the recorded amount in accounts payable of \$71,700 was recognized as a gain on debt extinguishment upon receipt of the waiver and release from the vendor in 2018.

As of December 31, 2022, the Company has received demand for payment of past due amounts for services by several consultants and service providers.

Commitments

Lease Obligations

The Company entered into an agreement with a manufacturer in Pismo Beach, California. The agreement provides for certain services to be provided by the manufacturer as needed by the Company. The agreement has an initial term of three years with one year renewals. In connection with this agreement, the Company has agreed to sublease space based in San Luis Obispo, California from the manufacturer for the purposes of the development and manufacturing of unmanned aerial vehicles. The lease provides for base monthly rent of approximately \$15,000 for the initial term to be increased to \$16,500 per month upon extension. The lease term begins February 1, 2017 and expires January 31, 2019 with the option to extend the term an additional 24 months. However, the Company never took possession of the premises and in July 2017, the Company made a decision to not take possession of the premises. The Company is in default of the rent payments and had received oral demand for payments. As of December 31, and September 30, 2022, the Company has not made any of the required monthly rent payments in connection with this agreement. During fiscal 2017, the Company had expensed and accrued into accounts payable the remaining amounts due under the term of the lease for a total accrual of \$360,000 pursuant to ASC 420-10-30. This balance remains accrued as of December 31, and September 30, 2022.

On April 16, 2020 the Company’s subsidiary Howco renewed its office and warehouse lease in Vancouver, WA for a term commencing on June 1, 2020 extending through June 1, 2023 at an initial monthly rent of approximately \$5,154. The lease requires monthly payments including base rent plus CAM with annual increases.

The Company recognized a right-of-use asset of and a lease liability of \$156,554, which represents the fair value of the lease payments calculated as present value of the minimum lease payments using a discount rate of 10% on date of the lease renewal in accordance with ASC 842. The asset and liability will be amortized as monthly payments are made and lease expense will be recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

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Right of use asset (ROU) is summarized below:

	December 31, 2022	September 30, 2022
Operating lease at inception - June 2, 2020	\$ 156,554	\$ 156,554
Less accumulated reduction	(136,010)	(122,986)
Balance ROU asset	<u>\$ 20,544</u>	<u>\$ 33,568</u>

Operating lease liability related to the ROU asset is summarized below:

Operating lease liabilities at inception - June 2, 2020	\$ 156,554	\$ 156,554
Reduction of lease liabilities	(135,443)	(122,079)
Total lease liabilities	\$ 21,111	\$ 34,475
Less: current portion	-	-
Lease liabilities, non-current	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Non-cancellable operating lease total future payments are summarized below:

Total minimum operating lease payments	\$ 26,830	\$ 42,929
Less discount to fair value	(5,719)	(8,454)
Total lease liability	<u>\$ 21,111</u>	<u>\$ 34,475</u>

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases at December 31, 2022 are as follows:

Years ending September 30,	Amount
2023	26,830
Total minimum non-cancelable operating lease payments	<u>\$ 26,830</u>

For the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, rent expense for all leases amounted to \$19,562 and \$17,214, respectively.

In December 2019, the Company relocated its primary office to 195 Paterson Avenue, Little Falls, New Jersey, under a one-year lease with a renewal option having monthly payments of \$500.

Profit Sharing Plan (for Howco)

On April 13, 2018, Howco announced to its employees a Company-wide profit sharing program. The employee profit share is equal to their annual salary divided by the Company's total annual payroll and multiplied by 10% of net income for the fiscal year. During the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 the employees earned \$0 and \$0, under this plan.

Notice of Default

On September 6, 2019, the Company received a notice of default under its senior secured credit facility with TCA, for non-payment of amounts due among other matters. Left uncured the default remedies include seizure of operating assets such as the Company's subsidiary. Additionally, the default may trigger cross default provisions under other agreements with other creditors.

Directors' & Officers' Insurance Policy Expiration

On October 11, 2019, the Company's insurance policy covering directors and officers expired and the carrier declined to renew the policy. The Company is working with its broker and other carriers to obtain coverage. This lapse of insurance coverage exposes the Company to the risk associated with its indemnification of its officers against legal actions by third parties as outlined in the officers' employment agreements as amended on September 16, 2019.

NOTE 16 - CONCENTRATIONS

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Company maintains its cash in bank and financial institution deposits that at times may exceed federally insured limits of \$250,000. At December 31, 2022, cash in a bank did not exceed the federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts through December 31, 2022.

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Economic Concentrations

With respect to customer concentration, one customer accounted for approximately 91% of total sales for the three months ended December 31, 2022. Two customers accounted for approximately 81% and 10% of total sales for the three months ended December 31, 2021.

With respect to accounts receivable concentration, one customer accounted for approximately 95% of total accounts receivable at December 31, 2022. Three customers accounted for approximately 50%, 23%, and 15%, of total accounts receivable at September 30, 2022.

With respect to supplier concentration, three suppliers accounted for approximately 20%, 13% and 11% of total purchases for the three months ended December 31, 2022. Two suppliers accounted for approximately 30% and 14% of total purchases for the three months ended December 31, 2021.

With respect to accounts payable concentration, three suppliers accounted for approximately 16%, 15%, and 13% of total accounts payable at December 31, 2022. Three suppliers accounted for approximately 27%, 24%, and 13% of total accounts payable at September 30, 2022.

NOTE 17 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Reverse Stock Split

On February 10, 2023, the Company submitted Form Def 14C announcing that the stockholders of record have approved by written consent to amend the Certificate of Incorporation to effect a reverse split of the Company's common stock in a range between 1:500 and 1:1,000. The Company has determined to fix the reverse split ratio to 1:1,000 and will file the amendment in Delaware (it's state of registration). As of the date of this filing the reverse split is not effective.

Shares Issued for Conversions of Convertible Notes

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

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information and Factors That May Affect Future Results

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements regarding our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") encourages companies to disclose forward-looking information so that investors can better understand a company's future prospects and make informed investment decisions. This quarterly report on Form 10-Q and other written and oral statements that we make from time to time contain such forward-looking statements that set out anticipated results based on management's plans and assumptions regarding future events or performance. We have tried, wherever possible, to identify such statements by using words such as "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "project," "intend," "plan," "believe," "will" and similar expressions in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions, future performance or results of current and anticipated sales efforts, expenses, the outcome of contingencies, such as legal proceedings, and financial results. Factors that could cause our actual results of operations and financial condition to differ materially are set forth in the "Risk Factors" section of our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022 as filed with the SEC on January 12, 2023.

We caution that these factors could cause our actual results of operations and financial condition to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements we make and that investors should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of such factors. Further, we cannot assess the impact of each such factor on our results of operations or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes that appear elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

Overview

Bantec, Inc. is a product and service company targeting the U.S. Government, state governments, municipalities, hospitals, universities, manufacturers and other building owners. Bantec also provides product procurement, distribution, and logistics services through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Howco Distributing Co., ("Howco") (collectively, the "Company") to the United States Department of Defense and Defense Logistics Agency. The Company established Bantec Sanitizing in fiscal 2021, which offers sanitizing products and equipment through its new store bantec.store. The Company has operations based in Little Falls, New Jersey and Vancouver, Washington. The Company continues to seek strategic acquisitions and partnerships that offer us an opportunity to grow sales and profit.

The Impact of COVID-19

The Company is a wholesale vendor to the Department of Defense through its wholly owned subsidiary Howco whose business has been affected due to the COVID-19 social distancing requirements mandated by the federal, state and local governments where the Company's operations occur. For some businesses, like the Company's, core business cannot always be done through "virtual" means, and even when this is possible, it requires significant capital and time to achieve. During the three months ended December 31, 2022 sales and shipments at Howco have increased modestly from the three months ended December 31, 2021. It is anticipated that COVID-19 restrictions had an impact on the Company's operations during the year ended September 30, 2022, however the Company cannot assess the financial impact of the related COVID-19 restrictions as compared to other economic and business factors.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2022 we had \$308,515 in current assets, including \$94,938 in cash, compared to \$703,917 in current assets, including \$186,386 in cash, at September 30, 2022. Current liabilities at December 31, 2022, totaled \$16,676,618 compared to \$16,504,500, at September 30, 2022. The decrease in current assets from September 30, 2022 to December 31, 2022 is primarily due to decreases in: cash of \$91,448, and accounts receivable of \$303,409. The increase in current liabilities from September 30, 2022 to December 31, 2022, of approximately \$172,000, is primarily due to the increases in: accrued expenses of approximately \$261,000, with slight offsets in accounts payable, settlements payable and lease liability. While we have revenues from UAV sales as of this date, no significant UAV revenues are anticipated until we have implemented our full plan of operations, specifically, initiating sales campaigns for our UAV internet and social media platforms. We must raise cash to implement our strategy to grow and expand per our business plan. We anticipate over the next 12 months the cost of being a reporting public company will be approximately \$250,000.

We are currently issuing shares under the S-1 offering but expect to raise additional proceeds with debt securities, and/or more loans, however if sufficient funding is not available, we would be required to cease business operations. As a result, investors would lose all of their investment. Under the terms of our credit agreement with TCA, all potential new investments must first be reviewed and approved by TCA, which may constrain our options for new fundraising. However, we have been in contact with the receiver for the TCA management companies and funds and do not expect any such objections over investment opportunities. We are currently in discussion to undertake a second S1 offering.

We anticipate our short-term liquidity needs to be approximately \$5,000,000 which will be used to satisfy certain of our existing current liabilities and we expect gross profits of approximately \$1,000,000. To meet these needs, we intend to complete our equity financing and refinance or restructure certain existing liabilities. Once this is completed, and we implement our sales and marketing plan to sell UAV products, we anticipate minimal long-term liquidity needs which we expect to meet through equity financing or short-term borrowings.

Additionally, we will have to meet all the financial disclosure and reporting requirements associated with being a publicly reporting company. Our management will have to spend additional time on policies and procedures to make sure it is compliant with various regulatory requirements, especially that of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. This additional corporate governance time required of management could limit the amount of time management has to implement the business plan and may impede the speed of its operations.

The following is a summary of the Company's cash flows provided by (used in) operating, investing and financing activities:

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2022	Three Months Ended December 31, 2021
Net Cash (Used) Provided in Operating Activities	\$ (133,503)	\$ (349,571)
Net Cash (Used) Provided by Financing Activities	\$ 42,055	\$ 145,359
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash	<u>\$ (91,448)</u>	<u>\$ (204,212)</u>

2022, Net cash used in operating activities of \$133,503, is largely the result of net losses of \$781,675, partially offset by non-cash charges for premiums on stock settled debt, debt discount amortization, non-cash charges for services and increases to accrued expenses.

2022, Cash provided by financing activities is largely the result of stock sales for cash of \$99,333, somewhat offset by repayments of various debts including loans and other financing arrangements at Howco.

Refer also to the Consolidated Statements of Changes in Cash Flows included in the financial statement section of this report.

Results of Operations

Three months Ended December 31, 2022 and 2021

We generated sales of \$606,166 and \$402,117 for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, an increase of \$204,049, or 51%. For the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, we reported cost of goods sold of \$511,216 and \$307,300, respectively, an increase of \$203,916, or 66%. The increase in sales and increase in cost of goods sold for the 2022 period as compared to the 2021 period is due to capture of a greater amount of government sales. Revenue in 2021 also included revenue from packaging services which have lower cost of goods sold.

For the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, we reported selling, general, and administrative expenses of \$514,290 as compared to \$654,296, a decrease of \$140,006, or 21%. For the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, selling, general, and administrative expenses consisted of the following:

	For the Three Months ended December 31, 2022	For the Three Months ended December 31, 2021
Compensation and related benefits	\$ 259,982	\$ 319,046
Professional fees	207,925	272,540
Other selling, general and administrative expenses	46,383	62,710
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	<u>\$ 514,290</u>	<u>\$ 654,296</u>

The decrease in selling, general, and administrative costs for the 2022 period as compared to the 2021 period was due to the decrease in: compensation costs of approximately \$59,000, professional costs of approximately \$65,000 and other SGA of approximately \$17,000.

For the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, other income (expense) amounted to (\$362,335), and (\$293,493), respectively, an increase of \$68,842. The increase was attributable to increases in debt financing and default interest on recent debt financing.

As a result, we reported a net losses of \$781,675, or \$0.00 per common share, and \$852,972, or \$0.00 per common share, for the three months ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Including the deemed dividend of \$36,960 related to the temporary equity, the net loss attributed to common shareholders was \$818,635. There was no temporary equity with a related dividend in 2021 comparative period.

Going Concern

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming the Company will continue as a going concern, which contemplates the recoverability of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. For the three months ended December 31, 2022, the Company has incurred a net loss of \$781,675 and used cash in operations of \$133,503. The working capital deficit, stockholders' deficit and accumulated deficit was \$16,368,103, \$17,195,238 and \$36,411,861, respectively, at December 31, 2022. On September 6, 2019 the Company received a default notice on its payment obligations under the senior secured credit facility agreement (see Note 9), defaulted on its Note Payable – Seller in September 2017 and has since defaulted on other promissory notes. As of December 31, 2022 the Company has received demands for payment of past due amounts from several consultants and service providers. It is management's opinion that these matters raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of twelve months from the issuance date of this report. The ability of the Company to continue as a going concern is dependent upon management's ability to further implement its business plan and raise additional capital as needed from the sales of stock or debt. The Company has continued to implement cost-cutting measures and restructuring or setting up payment plans with vendors and service providers and plans to raise equity through a private placement, and restructure or repay its secured obligations. The accompanying consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be required should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that are material to investors.

Critical Accounting Policies and Significant Accounting Estimates

Our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods.

We regularly evaluate the accounting policies and estimates that we use to prepare our consolidated financial statements. In general, management's estimates are based on historical experience, and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the facts and circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates made by management.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates include the allowance for bad debt on accounts receivable, reserves on inventory, valuation of intangible assets for impairment analysis, valuation of the lease liability and related right-of-use asset, valuation of stock-based compensation, the valuation of derivative liabilities, valuation of redeemable preferred stock and the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets.

We have identified the accounting policies below as critical to our business operations.

Accounts Receivable

Trade receivables are recorded at net realizable value consisting of the carrying amount less the allowance for doubtful accounts, as needed. Factors used to establish an allowance include the credit quality of the customer and whether the balance is significant. The Company may also use the direct write-off method to account for uncollectible accounts that are not received. Using the direct write-off method, trade receivable balances are written off to bad debt expense when an account balance is deemed to be uncollectible.

Long-Lived Assets

Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Impairment is determined by comparing the carrying value of the long-lived assets to the estimated undiscounted future cash flows expected to result from use of the assets and their ultimate disposition. In instances where impairment is determined to exist, the Company writes down the asset to its fair value based on the present value of estimated future cash flows.

Revenue Recognition

The Company follows Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 606, Revenue From Contracts With Customers, which has a five-step process: a) Determine whether a contract exists; b) Identify the performance obligations; c) Determine the transaction price; d) Allocate the transaction price; and e) Recognize revenue when (or as) performance obligations are satisfied.

The Company sells a variety of products to government entities. The purchase order received specifies each item and its manufacturer; the Company only needs to fulfill the performance obligation by shipping the specified items. No other performance obligations exist under the terms of the contracts. The Company recognizes revenue for the agreed upon sales price when the product is shipped to the customer, which satisfies the performance obligation.

The Company through its subsidiary Howco may enter into contracts to package products for a third-party company servicing the same government customer base. The contracts are based on the job lot as shipped to Howco for packaging. The customer is billed upon completion each job lot at which time revenue is recognized.

The Company sells drones and related products manufactured by third parties to various parties, primarily local government entities. The Company also offers technical services related to drone utilization and performs other services. Contracts for drone related products and services sales will be evaluated using the five-step process outline above. There have been no material sales for drone products or other services for which full compliance with performance obligations has not been met. Upon significant sales for drone products and services and insulation jackets, the Company will disaggregate sales by these lines of business and within the lines of business to the extent that the product or service has different revenue recognition characteristics.

The Company began sales of sanitizing products and services during the year ended September 30, 2022. Revenue for this line of business is recognized upon shipment and delivery of training services (as applicable).

Stock-Based Compensation

Stock-based compensation is accounted for based on the requirements of ASC 718 – "Compensation – Stock Compensation", which requires recognition in the financial statements of the cost of employee and director services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments over the period the employee or director is required to perform the services in exchange for the award (presumptively, the vesting period). The ASC also requires measurement of the cost of employee and director services received in exchange for an award based on the grant-date fair value of the award. The Company utilizes the Black-Sholes option pricing model and uses the simplified method to determine expected term because of lack of sufficient exercise history. Additionally, effective October 1, 2016, the Company adopted the Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09 ("ASU 2016-09"), *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. Among other changes, ASU 2016-09 permits the election of an accounting policy for forfeitures of share-based payment awards, either to recognize forfeitures as they occur or

estimate forfeitures over the vesting period of the award. The Company has elected to recognize forfeitures as they occur and the cumulative impact of this change did not have any effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

As of October 1, 2018, the Company has early adopted ASU 2018-7 Compensation-Stock Compensation which conforms the accounting for non-employees to the accounting treatment for employees. The new standard replaces using a fair value as of each reporting date with use of the calculated fair value as of the grant date. The implementation of the standard provides for the use of the fair market value as of the adoption date, rather than using the value as of the original grant date. Therefore, the values calculated and reported at September 30, 2018 become a proxy for the grant date value. The Company utilizes the Black-Sholes option pricing model and uses the simplified method to determine expected term because of lack of sufficient exercise history. There was no cumulative effect on the adoption date.

Derivative Liabilities

The Company has certain financial instruments that are derivatives or contain embedded derivatives. The Company evaluates all its financial instruments to determine if those contracts or any potential embedded components of those contracts qualify as derivatives to be separately accounted for in accordance with ASC 810-10-05-4 and 815-40. This accounting treatment requires that the carrying amount of any derivatives be recorded at fair value at issuance and marked-to-market at each balance sheet date. In the event that the fair value is recorded as a liability, as is the case with the Company, the change in the fair value during the period is recorded as either other income or expense. Upon conversion, exercise or repayment, the respective derivative liability is marked to fair value at the conversion, repayment or exercise date and then the related fair value amount is reclassified to other income or expense as part of gain or loss on extinguishment.

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Convertible Notes with Fixed Rate Conversion Options

The Company may enter into convertible notes, some of which contain, predominantly, fixed rate conversion features, whereby the outstanding principal and accrued interest may be converted by the holder, into common shares at a fixed discount to the market price of the common stock at the time of conversion. This results in a fair value of the convertible note being equal to a fixed monetary amount. The Company records the convertible note liability at its fixed monetary amount by measuring and recording a premium, as applicable, on the Note date with a charge to interest expense in accordance with ASC 480 – “Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity”.

Net Loss Per Share

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding for the period. Diluted loss per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in the issuance of common stock that shared in the earnings (loss) of the Company. Diluted loss per share is computed by dividing the loss available to stockholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding for the period and dilutive potential shares outstanding unless such dilutive potential shares would result in anti-dilution.

Lease Accounting

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases*, which requires lessees to report on their balance sheets a right-of-use asset and a lease liability in connection with most lease agreements classified as operating leases under the prior guidance (ASC Topic 840). Under the new guidance, codified as ASC Topic 842, the lease liability must be measured initially based on the present value of future lease payments, subject to certain conditions. The right-of-use asset must be measured initially based on the amount of the liability, plus certain initial direct costs. The new guidance further requires that leases be classified at inception as either (a) operating leases or (b) finance leases. For operating leases, periodic expense generally is flat (straight-line) throughout the life of the lease. For finance leases, periodic expense declines over the life of the lease. The new standard, as amended, provides an option for entities to use the cumulative-effect transition method. As permitted, the Company adopted ASC Topic 842 effective June 1, 2020. The adoption of ASC Topic 842 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure controls and procedures

We maintain “disclosure controls and procedures,” as that term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e), promulgated by the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Disclosure controls and procedures include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our management, with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that as of December 31, 2022, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective.

The ineffectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures was due to the following material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting. Currently there is no staff with knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures on site at Howco. To remediate this situation, we have engaged outsourced accountants.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2022 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In connection with the 2016 fiscal year merger with Texas Wyoming Drilling, Inc., a vendor has a claim for unpaid bills of approximately \$75,000 against the Company. The Company and its legal counsel believe the Company is not liable for the claim pursuant to its indemnification clause in the merger agreement.

On February 6, 2018 the Company sent a letter to the previous owners of Howco Distributing Co. (“Howco”) alleging that they made certain financial

misrepresentations under the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement by which the Company acquired control of Howco during 2016. The Company claimed that the previous owners took excessive amounts of cash from the business prior to the close of the merger. On March 13, 2018 the Company filed a lawsuit against the previous owners by issuing a summons. On April 12, 2018, the Company received the Defendants' answer. On July 22, 2019, the Company sought and was granted a dismissal without prejudice of the lawsuit filed against the previous owners of Howco. The Company and the previous owners are in discussion to settle the matter as of December 31, 2022. An informal oral agreement with the Seller has been made whereby the Company has been paying the previous owners \$3,000 per month since January 2021 in satisfaction of Sellers note payable.

In the suit Drone USA, Inc and Michael Bannon (plaintiffs) vs the former Chief Financial Officer or CFO, currently pending in New York State court, the plaintiffs seek to compel the former CFO to meet his obligations under an agreement guaranteeing payments to another former executive. The former CFO filed a cross-claim against the plaintiffs for past due salary. The employment agreement with the former CFO allowed salary payments to be paid in cash or stock. During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company issued 36,821,330 shares of its common stock for the past due salary and claims that this payment moots the former CFO's claim for past due salary. During the year ended September 30, 2022 the Company began the process to cancel the shares issued which were reclassified to equity. The former CFO filed a motion for summary judgement which was denied, then filed an appeal to that order. The appellate court reversed the lower court's decision.

On April 10, 2019, a former service provider filed a complaint with three charges with the Superior Court Judicial District of New Haven, CT seeking payment for professional services. The Company has previously recognized expenses of \$218,637, which remain unpaid in accounts payable. The Company has retained an attorney who is currently working to address the complaint. On August 9, 2019 the Company filed a motion to dismiss the charge of unjust enrichment. The judge granted the Company's motion to dismiss. The Company, through its attorney, is working to negotiate a settlement. A trial is scheduled for March 2023.

During the year ended September 30, 2019, two vendors (The Equity Group and Toppan Vintage) have asserted claims for past due amounts of approximately \$59,000, arising from services provided. The Company has fully recognized, in accounts payable, the amounts associated with these claims and expects to resolve the matters to satisfaction of all parties.

On December 30, 2020, a Howco vendor filed a lawsuit seeking payment of past due invoices totaling \$276,430 and finance charges of \$40,212. The Company has recorded the liability for the invoices in the normal course of business. Management at Howco as well as an intermediary consultant structured a repayment plan with this vender and other vendors as well.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Not applicable to smaller reporting companies.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Issuance of Unregistered Securities

Since September 30, 2022, the Company issued the following unregistered securities:

Shares Issued for Conversions of Convertible Notes

On October 3, 2022, the Company issued 191,826,700 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated March 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$888 were converted.

On November 17, 2022, the Company issued 384,804,200 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated April 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$945 were converted.

On December 1, 2022, the Company issued 383,489,000 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated May 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$879 were converted.

On January 11, 2023, the Company issued 384,311,000 shares of common stock in conversion of Frondeur Partners LLC, convertible note payable dated June 1, 2022, all principal of \$15,000 and accrued interest of \$921 were converted.

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On January 1, 2023, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partners LLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 12% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the twenty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date.

On January 1, 2023, the Company issued a convertible note to a law firm, having principal of \$4,000, six-month term to maturity and 10% annual interest and conversion terms with a fixed discount of 50% of the lowest bid price in the 30 trading days immediately preceding the notice of conversion. The notes have cross default provisions. The Company has accounts for the convertible promissory notes as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and will record debt premiums equal to the face value of the notes with a charge to interest expense. The note principal amount was charged to professional fees during the month the note was issued.

On February 1, 2023, the Company issued a convertible promissory note to Frondeur Partner sLLC for \$15,000 in principal for services (service agreement replacing agreement with Livingston Asset Management LLC). The convertible note bears interest of 12% per annum and matures in nine months. The note issued is convertible into shares of common stock at a discount of 50% of the lowest closing bid price during the twenty trading days prior to conversion. The note has a conversion feature and is treated as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and a debt premium of \$15,000 is recognized as interest expense on note issuance date.

On February 1, 2023, the Company issued a convertible note to a law firm, having principal of \$4,000, six-month term to maturity and 10% annual interest and conversion terms with a fixed discount of 50% of the lowest bid price in the 30 trading days immediately preceding the notice of conversion. The notes have cross default provisions. The Company has accounts for the convertible promissory notes as stock settled debt under ASC 480 and will record debt premiums equal to the face value of the notes with a charge to interest expense. The note principal amount was charged to professional fees during the month the note was issued.

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ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

On September 6, 2019, the Company received a default notice on its payment obligations under the senior secured credit facility agreement from TCA.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Accounting Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS*	Inline XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).

* Filed herewith.

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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.

BANTEC, INC.

Dated: February 17, 2023

By: /s/ Michael Bannon
Michael Bannon
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Michael Bannon
Michael Bannon
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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CERTIFICATIONS

I, Michael Bannon, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2022 of Bantec, Inc. (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 17, 2023

/s/ Michael Bannon

Michael Bannon
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATIONS

I Michael Bannon, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2022 of Bantec, Inc. (the “registrant”);
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant’s most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant’s fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant’s other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant’s auditors and the audit committee of the registrant’s board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant’s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

(b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 17, 2023

/s/ Michael Bannon
Michael Bannon
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

EX-32.1 4 fl0q1222ex32-1_bantecinc.htm CERTIFICATION

Exhibit 32.1

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Bantec, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarter ended December 31, 2022, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Michael Bannon, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to the best of my knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

Date: February 17, 2023

/s/ Michael Bannon
Michael Bannon
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Michael Bannon
Michael Bannon
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.