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

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## **FORM 10-Q**

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

#### for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2017

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 for the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ Commission File Number: 1-13471 INSIGNIA SYSTEMS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Minnesota 41-1656308 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 8799 Brooklyn Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55445 (Address of principal executive offices; zip code) (763) 392-6200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code) 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, 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 Accelerated filer  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company Emerging growth 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.  $\Box$ 

Number of shares outstanding of Common Stock, \$.01 par value, as of October 31, 2017 was 11,914,676.

Yes □ No ☑

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

## Insignia Systems, Inc.

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#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### **Item 1.** Financial Statements

# Insignia Systems, Inc. CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

		September 30, 2017 (Unaudited)	]	December 31, 2016
ASSETS	-	(	_	
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,375,000	\$	12,267,000
Accounts receivable, net		11,903,000		9,879,000
Inventories		326,000		325,000
Income tax receivable		420,000		775,000
Prepaid expenses and other		497,000		689,000
Total Current Assets		16,521,000		23,935,000
Other Assets:				
Property and equipment, net		2,713,000		2,430,000
Other, net		1,516,000	_	1,863,000
Total Assets	\$	20,750,000	\$	28,228,000
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts payable:				
Cash dividend declared (\$0.70 per share)	\$	_	\$	8,233,000
Other		3,478,000		2,530,000
Accrued liabilities:				
Compensation		1,058,000		762,000
Other		621,000		498,000
Deferred revenue		648,000		62,000
Total Current Liabilities	\$	5,805,000	\$	12,085,000
Long-Term Liabilities:				
Deferred tax liabilities		_		205,000
Accrued income taxes		574,000		554,000
Deferred rent		233,000		275,000
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$	807,000	\$	1,034,000
Commitments and Contingencies		_		_
Shareholders' Equity:				
Common stock, par value \$.01:				
Authorized shares - 40,000,000				
Issued and outstanding shares - 11,903,946 at September 30,				
2017 and 11,760,817 at December 31, 2016		118,000		117,000
Additional paid-in capital		15,294,000		14,992,000
Accumulated deficit		(1,274,000)		15 100 000
Total Shareholders' Equity		14,138,000	-	15,109,000
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	20,750,000	\$	28,228,000

 $See\ accompanying\ notes\ to\ financial\ statements.$ 

# Insignia Systems, Inc. STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30			Nine Months Ended September 30				
		2017		2016	2017			2016
Services revenues	\$	7,353,000	\$	6,050,000	\$	17,169,000	\$	17,830,000
Products revenues		370,000		419,000		1,170,000		1,334,000
Total Net Sales		7,723,000		6,469,000		18,339,000		19,164,000
Cost of services		4,700,000		4,171,000		12,624,000		12,153,000
Cost of goods sold		280,000		298,000		845,000		928,000
Total Cost of Sales		4,980,000		4,469,000		13,469,000		13,081,000
Gross Profit		2,743,000		2,000,000		4,870,000		6,083,000
Operating Expenses:								
Selling		879,000		917,000		2,598,000		3,061,000
Marketing		409,000		242,000		1,262,000		769,000
General and administrative		1,004,000		879,000		2,871,000		3,149,000
Total Operating Expenses		2,292,000		2,038,000		6,731,000		6,979,000
Operating Income (Loss)		451,000		(38,000)		(1,861,000)		(896,000)
Other income		2,000		12,000	-	7,000		44,000
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes		453,000		(26,000)		(1,854,000)		(852,000)
Income tax expense (benefit)		2,000		141,000		(580,000)		(276,000)
Net Income (Loss)	\$	451,000	\$	(167,000)	\$	(1,274,000)	\$	(576,000)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:								
Unrealized gain on available for sale securities								11,000
Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$	451,000	\$	(167,000)	\$	(1,274,000)	\$	(565,000)
Net income (loss) per share:								
Basic	\$	0.04	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.10)	\$	(0.05)
Diluted	\$	0.04	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.10)	\$	(0.05)
Shares used in calculation of net								
income (loss) per share:								
Basic		11,758,000		11,642,000		11,698,000		11,626,000
Diluted		11,777,000		11,642,000		11,698,000		11,626,000

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# Insignia Systems, Inc. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

Nine Months Ended September 30	2017	2016
Operating Activities:		
Net loss	\$ (1,274,000)	\$ (576,000)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to		
net cash provided by (used) in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,001,000	1,101,000
Changes in allowance for doubtful accounts	16,000	41,000
Deferred income tax expense	(205,000)	_
Stock-based compensation expense	317,000	150,000
Gain on sale of property and equipment		(5,000)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(2,040,000)	338,000
Inventories	(1,000)	(184,000)
Income tax receivable	355,000	(324,000)
Prepaid expenses and other	192,000	(266,000)
Accounts payable	777,000	(1,271,000)
Accrued liabilities	377,000	(1,098,000)
Income tax payable	20,000	(184,000)
Deferred revenue	586,000	(128,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	 121,000	 (2,406,000)
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Investing Activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(822,000)	(524,000)
Proceeds from sale or maturity of investments	_	6,071,000
Proceeds received from sale of property and equipment		 5,000
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(822,000)	5,552,000
Financing Activities:		
Cash dividends paid (\$0.70 per share)	(8,177,000)	
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net		44,000
Repurchase of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock		,
awards	(14,000)	
Repurchase of common stock, net	(11,000)	(301,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	 (8,191,000)	 (257,000)
Not cush used in infancing activities	(0,171,000)	 (237,000)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(8,892,000)	2,889,000
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	12,267,000	8,523,000
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 3,375,000	\$ 11,412,000
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Supplemental disclosures for cash flowinformation:		
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	\$ 2,000	\$ 238,000
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment included in accounts payable	\$ 115,000	\$ _

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## Insignia Systems, Inc. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

**Description of Business.** Insignia Systems, Inc. (the "Company") markets in-store advertising products, programs and services to retailers and consumer packaged goods manufacturers. The Company operates in a single reportable segment. The Company's primary products include the Insignia Point-of-Purchase Services (POPS®) in-store marketing program, freshADS<sup>sm</sup>, thermal sign card supplies for the Company's Impulse Retail System, and laser printable cardstock and label supplies.

**Basis of Presentation**. Financial statements for the interim periods included herein are unaudited; however, they contain all adjustments, including normal recurring accruals, which in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the financial position of the Company at September 30, 2017, its results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, and its cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. Results of operations for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

The financial statements do not include certain footnote disclosures and financial information normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and, therefore, should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the Company's 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K describes the Company's accounting policies.

*Inventories*. Inventories are primarily comprised of sign cards and roll stock. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method, and consisted of the following as of the dates indicated:

	September 30,		Dece	ember 31,
		2017		2016
Raw materials	\$	110,000	\$	123,000
Work-in-process		18,000		27,000
Finished goods		198,000		175,000
	\$	326,000	\$	325,000

Property and Equipment. Property and equipment consisted of the following as of the dates indicated:

	September 30,		De	ecember 31,
		2017		2016
Property and Equipment:				
Production tooling, machinery and equipment	\$	4,001,000	\$	4,000,000
Office furniture and fixtures		322,000		322,000
Computer equipment and software		2,671,000		1,301,000
Leasehold improvements		577,000		577,000
Construction in-progress		49,000		523,000
		7,620,000		6,723,000
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(4,907,000)		(4,293,000)
Net Property and Equipment	\$	2,713,000	\$	2,430,000

Depreciation expense was approximately \$220,000 and \$653,000 in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, and \$187,000 and \$577,000 in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively.

**Stock-Based Compensation**. The Company measures and recognizes compensation expense for all stock-based awards at fair value using the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the weighted average fair value of options and employee stock purchase plan rights. The Company recognizes stock-based compensation expense on a graded-attribution method over the requisite service period of the award.

In November 2016, our Board of Directors amended the 2003 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "2003 Plan") and the 2013 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan (the "2013 Plan") to permit equitable adjustments to outstanding awards in the event of a special dividend. In March 2017, the Board of Directors approved the modification of all outstanding stock option awards to provide option holders with substantially equivalent economic value after the effect of the dividend. The modification resulted in the issuance of options to purchase up to 150,476 additional shares. Total stock-based compensation expense for the modifications was approximately \$79,000, which was recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, no other stock option awards were granted by the Company beyond the modification discussed above. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company issued options to purchase an aggregate of 20,000 shares of common stock under its 2013 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan, as amended, with a weighted average exercise price of \$2.90.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company issued 60,000 shares of restricted stock under the 2013 Plan. The shares underlying the award were assigned a value of \$1.09 per share, which was the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant, and is scheduled to vest over the two years following the date of grant. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company issued 100,000 shares of restricted stock under the 2013 Plan. The shares underlying the award were assigned a value of \$2.33 per share, which was the closing price of our common stock on the date of grant, and is scheduled to vest over the five years following the date of grant.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Company issued 143,424 and 43,625 restricted stock units, respectively, under the 2013 Plan. The shares underlying the awards made in 2017 and 2016 were assigned weighted average values of \$1.13 and \$2.14 per share, respectively, based on the closing price of our common stock on the applicable dates of grant, and are scheduled to vest over two years.

During June 2017, non-employee members of the Board of Directors received grants totaling 72,115 fully vested shares of common stock pursuant to the 2013 Plan. The shares were assigned a value of \$1.04 per share, based on the closing price on the grant date, for a total value of \$75,000, which is included in stock-based compensation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. During May and June 2016, members of the Board of Directors received grants totaling 54,036 fully vested shares of common stock pursuant to the 2013 Plan. The shares were assigned a weighted average value of \$2.19 per share, based on the stock prices on the applicable grant dates, for a total value of \$119,000, of which \$109,000 is included in stock-based compensation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and \$10,000 was accrued for and expensed in 2015.

Total stock-based compensation expense recorded for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$43,000 and \$317,000, respectively, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$42,000 and \$150,000, respectively.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, there were no options exercised. During each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, there were approximately 54,700 shares and 115,700 shares issued pursuant to stock option exercises, for which the Company received proceeds of \$0 and \$16,000, respectively. A portion of the stock option exercises in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 were completed on a cashless basis.

*Net Income (Loss) per Share*. Basic net income (loss) per share is computed by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted average shares outstanding and excludes any potential dilutive effects of stock options and restricted stock units and awards. Diluted net income (loss) per share gives effect to all diluted potential common shares outstanding during the period.

Options to purchase approximately 501,000 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$2.33 were outstanding at September 30, 2017 and were not included in the computation of common stock equivalents for the three months ended September 30, 2017 because their exercise prices were higher than the average fair market value of the common shares during the reporting period. Due to the net loss incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 and the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2016, all stock options were anti-dilutive for those periods.

Weighted average common shares outstanding for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		
	Septem	September 30		mber 30	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	
Denominator for basic net income (loss) per share -					
weighted average shares	11,758,000	11,642,000	11,698,000	11,626,000	
Effect of dilutive securities:					
Stock options and restricted stock units and awards	19,000				
Denominator for diluted net income (loss) per share -					
weighted average shares	11,777,000	11,642,000	11,698,000	11,626,000	

*Dividends*. On November 28, 2016, the Board declared a one-time special dividend of \$0.70 per share to shareholders of record as of December 16, 2016 of \$8,233,000, of which \$8,163,000 was paid on January 6, 2017, and an additional \$14,000 was paid on May 15, 2017.

- 2. **Selling Arrangement.** In 2011, the Company paid News America Marketing In-Store, LLC ("News America") \$4,000,000 in exchange for a 10-year arrangement to sell signs with price into News America's network of retailers as News America's exclusive agent. The \$4,000,000 is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the 10-year term of the arrangement. Amortization expense, which was \$100,000 and \$300,000 in both of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectfully, and is expected to be \$400,000 per year over the next three years and \$117,000 in the year ending December 31, 2021, is recorded within cost of services in the Company's statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The net carrying amount of the selling arrangement is recorded within other assets on the Company's condensed balance sheet.
- 3. **Income Taxes.** For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded income tax expense (benefit), of \$2,000 and \$(580,000) or 0.4% and 31.3% of income or loss before taxes. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company recorded income tax expense (benefit) of \$141,000 and \$(276,000), or (542.3)% and 32.4% of loss before taxes, respectively. The income tax expense (benefit) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 is comprised of federal and state income taxes. The primary differences between the Company's September 30, 2017 and 2016 effective tax rates and the statutory federal rate are expenses related to stock-based compensation, nondeductible meals and entertainment and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the impact of a valuation allowance of \$192,000 which was originally recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2107 as it was determined that it was more likely than not that the Company would not realize the full amount of its net

deferred tax assets. The Company reassesses its effective rate each reporting period and adjusts the annual effective rate if deemed necessary, based on projected annual taxable income (loss).

Deferred income taxes are determined based on the estimated future tax effects of differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities given the provisions of enacted tax laws. In providing for deferred taxes, we consider tax regulations of the jurisdictions in which we operate, estimates of future taxable income, and available tax planning strategies. If tax regulations, operating results or the ability to implement tax-planning strategies vary, adjustment to the carrying value of deferred tax assets and liabilities may be required. Valuation allowances are recorded related to deferred tax assets based on the "more likely than not" criteria.

As a result of significant losses in 2016 and through June 2017, as well as the current market conditions and their impact on the Company's future outlook, management reviewed its deferred tax assets and concluded that the uncertainties related to the realization of its assets had become unfavorable. As of June 30, 2017, the Company had net deferred tax assets of approximately \$192,000 which were comprised of temporary differences, including federal and state net operating losses to be carried forward. Management considered the positive and negative evidence for the potential utilization of the net deferred tax assets and concluded that it was more likely than not that the Company would not realize the full amount of net deferred tax assets. Accordingly, the Company recorded a valuation allowance of \$192,000 against these deferred tax assets as of June 30, 2017. For the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recognized limited income tax expense as the net income generated during the third quarter was fully offset by the Company's valuation allowance recorded against net deferred assets as of June 30, 2017. The profitability in the third quarter has substantially reduced the valuation allowance previously recorded in the second quarter.

As of September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had unrecognized tax benefits totaling \$574,000 and \$554,000, respectively, including interest, which relates to state nexus issues. The amount of the unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, that would affect the effective income tax rates of future periods is \$574,000. Due to the current statute of limitations regarding the unrecognized tax benefits, the unrecognized tax benefits and associated interest are not expected to change significantly in 2017.

4. **Concentrations.** During the nine months ended September 30, 2017 one customer accounted for 27%, of the Company's total net sales. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, one customer accounted for 33% of the Company's total net sales. At September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, one customer accounted for 31% and 37% of the Company's total accounts receivable, respectively.

Although there are a number of customers that the Company sells to, the loss of a major customer could adversely affect operating results. Additionally, the loss of a major retailer from the Company's retail network could adversely affect operating results.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements. In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board 5. (FASB) issued guidance creating Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Section 606, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", which establishes a comprehensive new model for the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers. This model is based on the core principle that revenue should be recognized to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The Company has performed a review of the requirements of the new guidance and has identified which of its revenue streams will be within the scope of ASC 606. The Company has applied the five-step model of the new standard to a selection of contracts within each of its revenue streams and has compared the results to its current accounting practices. Based on this analysis, the Company does not currently expect a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Company is expecting to utilize the modified retrospective transition method of adoption. The Company is continuing to work through the remaining steps of the adoption plan to facilitate adoption effective January 1, 2018. As part of this, the Company is assessing changes that might be necessary to information technology systems, processes, and internal controls to capture new data and address changes in financial reporting. The Company will be revising its revenue recognition accounting policy and expanding revenue disclosures to reflect the requirements of ASC 606, which include disclosures related to the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. Additionally, qualitative and quantitative disclosures are required about customer contracts, significant judgements and assets recognized from the costs to obtain or fulfill a contract.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-2, *Leases*, under which lessees will recognize most leases on the balance sheet. This will generally increase reported assets and liabilities. For public entities, this ASU is effective for annual and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. ASU 2016-2 mandates a modified retrospective transition method for all entities. The Company is in the process of determining the impact that the updated accounting guidance will have on our financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-9, *Compensation – Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*, which simplifies several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. For public entities, this ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those annual periods. The Company adopted the guidance in the first quarter of 2017. The adoption of the guidance did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Company's financial statements and related notes. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated due to various factors discussed under "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the "Risk Factors" described in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, our Current Reports on Form 8-K and our other SEC filings.

#### **Company Overview**

Insignia Systems, Inc. "Insignia," "we," "us," "our" or the "Company") is a developer and marketer of innovative in-store products, programs and services that help consumer packaged goods ("CPG") manufacturers and retail partners drive sales at the point of purchase. The Company was incorporated in 1990. Since 1998, the Company has focused on managing a retail network, made up of approximately 21,000 store locations, for the primary purpose of providing turn-key at-shelf market access for CPG manufacturers' marketing programs. Insignia provides participating retailers with benefits including incremental revenue, incremental sales opportunities, increased shopper engagement in-store, and custom creative development and other in-kind services.

Insignia's primary product has been the Point-Of-Purchase Services (POPS®) in-store marketing program. Insignia POPS program is a national, account-specific, shelf-edge advertising and promotional tactic. Internal testing has indicated the program delivers incremental sales for the featured brand. The program allows manufacturers to deliver vital product information to consumers at the point-of-purchase, and to leverage the local retailer brand and store-specific prices to provide a unique "call to action" that draws attention to the featured brand and triggers a purchase decision. CPG customers benefit from Insignia's nimble operational capabilities, which include short lead times, in-house graphic design capabilities, post-program analytics, and micro-marketing capabilities such as variable or bilingual messaging.

The Company discontinued the sale of The Like Machine<sup>TM</sup> upon the expiration of its distribution agreement on March 31, 2017. The Company did not receive significant revenue from this offering at the time sales were discontinued. Restructuring costs incurred and paid in 2017 were not significant.

The Company announced the nationwide launch of freshADS<sup>sm</sup>, an exclusive advertising vehicle featured in produce, created to inspire shoppers early in their trip and help navigate them to center store.

#### 2017 Business Overview

#### **Summary of Financial Results**

For the quarter ended September 30, 2017, the Company generated net sales of \$7,723,000, as compared with net sales of \$6,469,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2016. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company generated net sales of \$18,339,000, as compared with net sales of \$19,164,000 in the nine months ended September 30, 2016. Net income for the quarter ended September 30, 2017 was \$451,000, as compared to net loss of \$167,000 for the quarter ended September 30, 2016. Net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$1,274,000, as compared to \$576,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, cash and cash equivalents decreased \$8,892,000 from \$12,267,000 at December 31, 2016, to \$3,375,000 at September 30, 2017. The special dividend paid/distributed on January 6, 2017 used cash of \$8,177,000. The Company had no long-term debt as of September 30, 2017. The remaining uses of cash are further explained in the Liquidity and Capital Resources section below.

#### **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, certain items in the Company's Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) as a percentage of total net sales.

	Three Mon	ths Ended	Nine Months Ended		
	Septem	nber 30	Septem	ber 30	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	
Net sales	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	
Cost of sales	64.5	69.1	73.4	68.2	
Gross profit	35.5	30.9	26.6	31.8	
Operating expenses:					
Selling	11.4	14.2	14.2	16.0	
Marketing	5.3	3.7	6.9	4.0	
General and administrative	13.0	13.6	15.6	16.5	
Total operating expenses	29.7	31.5	36.7	36.5	
Operating income (loss)	5.8	(0.6)	(10.1)	(4.7)	
Other income	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	
Income (loss) before taxes	5.8	(0.4)	(10.1)	(4.4)	
Income tax expense (benefit)	0.0	2.2	(3.2)	(1.4)	
Net income (loss)	5.8 %	(2.6) %	(6.9) %	(3.0) %	
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## Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 Compared to Three Months and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

*Net Sales.* Net sales for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased 19.4% to \$7,723,000 compared to \$6,469,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. Net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 4.3% to \$18,339,000, compared to \$19,164,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Service revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased 21.5% to \$7,353,000 compared to \$6,050,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The increase was primarily due to a 30.4% increase in the number of signs placed, partially due to programming shifts from second quarter to third quarter to support CPG new item launches coupled with increased signs placed from new and existing CPG customers, partially offset by a 6.8% decrease in average price per sign, which was the result of program and customer mix. Service revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 3.7% to \$17,169,000 compared to \$17,830,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. This decrease was primarily due to a 7.9% decrease in average price per sign, which was a result of program and customer mix. The decrease was partially offset by a 4.2% increase in the number of signs placed due to the factors described above, offset by the first quarter impact from two customers who experienced significant budget cuts early in their planning cycles and organizational restructuring.

Product revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 11.7% to \$370,000 compared to \$419,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. Product revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 12.3% to \$1,170,000 compared to \$1,334,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decreases in both periods were primarily due to lower sales of sign card supplies due to lower customer demand.

*Gross Profit.* Gross profit for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased 37.2% to \$2,743,000, or 35.5% as a percentage of net sales, compared to \$2,000,000, or 30.9% as a percentage of net sales, for the three months ended September 30, 2016. Gross profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 19.9% to

\$4,870,000, or 26.6% as a percentage of net sales, compared to \$6,083,000, or 31.8% as a percentage of net sales, for the nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Service revenues: Gross profit from our service revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased 41.2% to \$2,653,000 compared to \$1,879,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The increase was primarily due to an increase in sales, as our gross profit is highly dependent on sales levels due to the relatively fixed nature of a portion of our payments to retailers, combined with decreased cost of services due to the discontinued sale of the The Like Machine, that were partially offset by a decreased average price per sign. The Company is continuing its actions during 2017 to reduce the fixed portion of the cost to place signs in our retailers. Gross profit from our service revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 19.9% to \$4,545,000 compared to \$5,677,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to a decreased average price per sign, partially offset by an increase in sign volume and decreased cost of services due to the discontinued sale of The Like Machine.

For the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company incurred costs of approximately \$109,000 associated with the development of its new "production" IT operating infrastructure and ongoing IT support compared to approximately \$105,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company incurred costs of approximately \$263,000 associated with the development of its new IT operating infrastructure compared to approximately \$298,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The project is expected to be substantially completed during the first quarter of 2018, with estimated incremental expense of \$280,000.

Gross profit as a percentage of service revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased to 36.1% compared to 31.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The increase was primarily due to the factors described above. Gross profit as a percentage of service revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 decreased to 26.5% compared to 31.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to the factors described above.

**Product revenues:** Gross profit from our product revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 25.6% to \$90,000 compared to \$121,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to a decrease in sales, partially offset by decreased facilities, production, and tooling costs. Gross profit from our product revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 20.0% to \$325,000 compared to \$406,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to the factors described above.

Gross profit as a percentage of product revenues was 24.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 28.9% for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to the factors described above. Gross profit as a percentage of product revenues was 27.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 30.4% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to the factors described above.

#### **Operating Expenses**

*Selling*. Selling expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 4.1% to \$879,000 compared to \$917,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to decreased staff related expenses, partially offset by higher variable compensation. Selling expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 15.1% to \$2,598,000 compared to \$3,061,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to lower variable compensation related to lower sales, fewer sales personnel and decreased staff related expenses.

Selling expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 11.4% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 14.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to the factors described above, combined with increased sales. Selling expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 14.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 16.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to the factors described above, partially offset by decreased sales.

*Marketing.* Marketing expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased 69.0% to \$409,000 compared to \$242,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. Increased marketing expenses were primarily due to increased staffing and staff related costs, primarily due to the filling of previously open positions. Marketing expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 increased 64.1% to \$1,262,000 compared to

\$769,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The increase was primarily due to the factors described above.

Marketing expenses as a percentage of net sales increased to 5.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 3.7% for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The increase was primarily due to the factors described above, partially offset by increased sales. Marketing expenses as a percentage of net sales increased to 6.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 4.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The increase was primarily due to the factors described above, combined with decreased sales.

General and administrative. General and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2017 increased 14.2% to \$1,004,000 compared to \$879,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The increase was primarily due to increased staffing and staff related costs, primarily due to personnel and staff related expenses. General and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 decreased 8.8% to \$2,871,000 compared to \$3,149,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to decreases in legal costs, consulting costs and onboarding costs, partially offset by increased employee compensation costs.

General and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 13.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 13.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to increased sales, partially offset by the factors described above. General and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 15.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 compared to 16.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to the factors described above, partially offset by decreased sales.

*Other Income.* Other income for the three months ended September 30, 2017 was \$2,000 compared to \$12,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2016. Other income for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$7,000 compared to \$44,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to lower average cash, cash equivalent, and available-for-sale investment balances due to the payment of the special dividend in 2017. Other income is comprised of interest earned on cash, cash equivalents, and previously for available-for-sale investment balances.

*Income Taxes*. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded income tax expense (benefit), of \$2,000 and \$(580,000) or 0.4% and 31.3% of income or loss before taxes. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company recorded income tax expense (benefit) of \$141,000 and \$(276,000), or (542.3)% and 32.4% of loss before taxes, respectively. The income tax expense (benefit) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 is comprised of federal and state income taxes. The primary differences between the Company's September 30, 2017 and 2016 effective tax rates and the statutory federal rate are expenses related to stock-based compensation, nondeductible meals and entertainment and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, the impact of a valuation allowance of \$192,000 which was originally recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2107 as it was determined that it was more likely than not that the Company would not realize the full amount of its net deferred tax assets. The Company reassesses its effective rate each reporting period and adjusts the annual effective rate if deemed necessary, based on projected annual taxable income (loss).

Deferred income taxes are determined based on the estimated future tax effects of differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities given the provisions of enacted tax laws. In providing for deferred taxes, we consider tax regulations of the jurisdictions in which we operate, estimates of future taxable income, and available tax planning strategies. If tax regulations, operating results or the ability to implement tax-planning strategies vary, adjustment to the carrying value of deferred tax assets and liabilities may be required. Valuation allowances are recorded related to deferred tax assets based on the "more likely than not" criteria.

As a result of significant losses in 2016 and through June 2017, as well as the current market conditions and their impact on the Company's future outlook, management reviewed its deferred tax assets and concluded that the uncertainties related to the realization of its assets had become unfavorable. As of June 30, 2017, the Company had net deferred tax assets of approximately \$192,000 which were comprised of temporary differences, including federal and state net operating losses to be carried forward. Management considered the positive and negative evidence for the potential utilization of the net deferred tax assets and concluded that it was more likely than not that the Company would not realize the full amount of net deferred tax assets. Accordingly, the Company recorded a valuation allowance of \$192,000 against these deferred tax assets as of June 30, 2017. For the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recognized limited income tax expense as the net income generated during the

third quarter was fully offset by the Company's valuation allowance recorded against net deferred assets as of June 30, 2017. The profitability in the third quarter has substantially reduced the valuation allowance previously recorded in the second quarter.

*Net Income* (*Loss*). Net income for the three months ended September 30, 2017 was \$451,000 and net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$1,274,000 compared to net losses of \$167,000 and \$576,000, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, for the reasons stated above.

*Other Comprehensive Income.* Other comprehensive income is composed of unrealized gains, net of tax, from available-for-sale investments which were sold by the Company during the fourth quarter of 2016.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company has financed its operations with proceeds from stock sales and sales of its services and products. At September 30, 2017, working capital was \$10,716,000 compared to \$11,850,000 at December 31, 2016. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, cash and cash equivalents decreased \$8,892,000 from \$12,267,000 at December 31, 2016, to \$3,375,000 at September 30, 2017. On November 28, 2016, the Board declared a one-time special dividend of \$0.70 per share to shareholders of record as of December 16, 2016, of \$8,233,000, of which \$8,163,000 was paid on January 6, 2017, and an additional \$14,000 was paid on May 15, 2017.

Operating Activities: Net cash provided by operating activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2017, was \$121,000. Net loss of \$1,274,000, plus non-cash adjustments of \$1,129,000 and changes in operating assets and liabilities of \$266,000 resulted in the \$121,000 of cash provided by operating activities. The largest component of the change in operating assets and liabilities was accounts receivable which increased \$2,040,000, which will fluctuate based on normal business conditions. The non-cash adjustments consisted of depreciation and amortization expense, changes in allowance for doubtful accounts, deferred income tax benefits, and stock-based compensation expense. In the normal course of business, our accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and deferred revenue will fluctuate depending on the level of revenues and related business activity, as well as billing arrangements with customers and payment terms with retailers.

<u>Investing Activities</u>: Net cash used in investing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$822,000, which was related to the purchase of property and equipment. These expenditures related primarily to the IT operating infrastructure project, and were for hardware, purchased software and capitalization of costs for internally developed software. Additional capital costs for this project are expected to be approximately \$210,000 in total for the last three months of 2017 and first three months of 2018.

<u>Financing Activities</u>: Net cash used in financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2017 was \$8,191,000, which mainly related to the January 6, 2017 payment of the one-time special dividend of \$0.70 per share declared by the Board on November 28, 2016.

The Company believes that based upon current business conditions and plans, its existing cash balance and future cash generated from operations will be sufficient for its cash requirements for at least the next twelve months.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the annual financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, included in our Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 7, 2017. The Company believes our most critical accounting policies and estimates include the following:

- revenue recognition;
- allowance for doubtful accounts;
- impairment of long-lived assets;
- income taxes; and

stock-based compensation.

#### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are not statements of historical or current facts, are "forward-looking statements." Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results or performance of the Company to be materially different from the results or performance expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The words "anticipates," "believes," "expects," "seeks" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include statements expressing the intent, belief or current expectations of the Company and members of our management team regarding, for instance: (i) our belief that our cash balance and cash generated by operations will provide adequate liquidity and capital resources for at least the next twelve months; and (ii) that we expect fluctuations in accounts receivable and payable, accrued liabilities, and deferred revenue. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this statement was made. These forward-looking statements are based on current information, which we have assessed and which by its nature is dynamic and subject to rapid and even abrupt changes.

Factors that could cause our estimates and assumptions as to future performance, and our actual results, to differ materially include the following: (i) the risk that management may be unable to fully or successfully implement its business plan to achieve and maintain increased sales and resultant profitability in the future; (ii): (ii) the risk that the company will not be able to sustain and grow core product offerings or to develop, implement and grow new product offerings, including mobile, digital or other new offerings, in a successful manner, including our ability to gain retailer acceptance of new product offerings; (iii) prevailing market conditions, including pricing and other competitive pressures, in the in-store advertising industry and, intense competition for agreements with retailers and consumer packaged goods manufacturers; (iv) potentially incorrect assumptions by management with respect to the financial effect of cost containment or reduction initiatives, current strategic decisions, the effect of current sales trends on fiscal year 2017 results and the benefit of our relationship with News America; (v) termination of all or a major portion of, or a significant change in terms and conditions of, a material agreement with a consumer packaged goods manufacturer, retailer, or News America; (vi) other economic, business, market, financial, competitive and/or regulatory factors affecting the Company's business generally; (vii) the effect of any delayed or cancelled customer programs; (viii) our ability to successfully implement our new IT operating infrastructure; and (viiii) our ability to attract and retain highly qualified managerial, operational and sales personnel. Our risks and uncertainties also include, but are not limited to, the risks presented in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, any additional risks presented in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K. We undertake no obligation (and expressly disclaim any such obligation) to update forward-looking statements made in this Form 10-Q to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Form 10-Q or to update reasons why actual results would differ from those anticipated in any such forward-looking statements, other than as required by law.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Not applicable.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

#### (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report, pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Based upon that evaluation, the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report. Disclosure controls and procedures ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC, and are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in these reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding disclosures.

#### (b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

We described the most significant risk factors applicable to the Company in Part I, Item 1A "Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. We believe there have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in that Form 10-K.

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

On October 30, 2015, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$5,000,000 of the Company's common stock on or before October 30, 2017. The expired plan allowed repurchases to be made in open market or privately negotiated transactions. The plan did not obligate the Company to repurchase any particular number of shares.

#### **Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

Period	Total number of shares purchased (a)	Average price paid per share	Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	Maximum number (or approximate dollar value) of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
July 1–31, 2017	3,573	\$1.02	_	\$4,676,049
August 1-31, 2017	1,651	\$1.02	_	\$4,676,049
September 1–30, 2017	1,458	\$1.10		\$4,676,049
Total	6,682	\$1.05	_	\$4,676,049

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents shares surrendered to the Company to satisfy statutory federal, state, and local tax withholding obligations arising from the vesting of a restricted stock awards. The shares were forfeit pursuant to the participant's instructions in accordance with the terms of the applicable award agreement and the 2013 Plan and are not part of any publicly announced stock repurchase program.

#### Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

#### Item 6. Exhibits

Unless otherwise indicated, all documents incorporated herein by reference to a document filed with the SEC pursuant to the Exchange Act are located under SEC file number 001-13471.

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3.1	Composite Articles of Incorporation of Registrant, as amended through July 31, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015)	Incorporated by Reference
3.2	Composite Bylaws of Registrant, as amended through December 5, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015)	Incorporated by Reference
10.1*	Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement under 2013 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan for awards on or after May 13, 2016	Filed Electronically
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer	Filed Electronically
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial and Accounting Officer	Filed Electronically
32	Section 1350 Certification	Furnished Electronically
101	The following materials from Insignia Systems, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2017, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Balance Sheets; (ii) Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss; (iii) Statements of Cash Flows; and (iv) Notes to Financial Statements.	Filed Electronically

<sup>\*</sup>Management compensatory contract or arrangement required to be included as an exhibit to this quarterly report on Form 10-Q.

#### **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.

INSIGNIA SYSTEMS, INC.

Dated: November 6, 2017 /s/ Kristine A. Glancy

Kristine A. Glancy

President and Chief Executive Officer

(on behalf of registrant)

Dated: November 6, 2017 /s/ Jeffrey A. Jagerson

Jeffrey A. Jagerson

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (principal financial and accounting officer)

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### INSIGNIA SYSTEMS, INC. 2013 OMNIBUS STOCK AND INCENTIVE PLAN

# FORM OF RESTRICTED STOCK AWARD AGREEMENT

You have been granted an award of Restricted Stock subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's 2013 Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan, as amended from time to time (the "Plan"), and the Restricted Stock Agreement set forth below (the "Agreement"), as follows:

Name of Grantee:		
Date of Issuance:		
<b>Shares of Restricted Stock:</b>		
<b>Vesting Schedule:</b>	<u>Vesting Date</u>	Number of Shares
The period over which a Period."	share of Restricted Stock vests	is referred to as its "Restricted
Capitalized terms used b them in the Plan.	ut not defined in this Agreement	t have the meanings assigned to
	made effective as of the Date of I	
	WITNESSETH:	
dated, setting f	d the Company are party to that forth the terms and conditions (the "Employment Agreement");	of Grantee's employment as
interest in the Company and ar	ny desires to give Grantee an indu n added incentive to advance th tock to Grantee (the "Shares"), o	1 1 1

**WHEREAS**, the Company and Grantee each desire to enter into this Agreement to establish the terms and conditions of such Award.

subject to the restrictions set forth in this Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. GRANT OF RESTRICTED STOCK. The Company hereby grants to Grantee, subject to the terms and conditions in this Agreement and the Plan, the number of shares of Restricted Stock specified above. Such shares are subject to the restrictions provided for in this Agreement and are referred to collectively as the "Restricted Shares" and each as a "Restricted Share." The grant of the Restricted Stock is made in consideration of Grantee's execution of the Employment Agreement and the services to be rendered by the Grantee to the Company.
- **RESTRICTIONS ON RESTRICTED SHARES**. Subject to any exceptions set forth in this Agreement or the Plan, during the Restricted Period, the Restricted Shares or the rights relating thereto may not be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by the Grantee. Any attempt to assign, alienate, pledge, attach, sell or otherwise transfer or encumber the Restricted Shares or the rights relating thereto during the Restricted Period shall be wholly ineffective and, if any such attempt is made, the Restricted Shares will be forfeited by the Grantee and all of the Grantee's rights to such shares shall immediately terminate without any payment or consideration by the Company. The Restricted Shares shall be subject to forfeiture until satisfaction of the vesting conditions set forth in Section 0 of this Agreement.
- **3.** <u>ACCEPTANCE</u>. Grantee's execution of this Agreement will indicate his or her acceptance of and willingness to be bound by its terms and the terms of the Plan.
- **4. NORMAL VESTING.** If Grantee remains an employee of the Company or at least one of its Affiliates continuously from the Date of Issuance as specified above, then the Restricted Shares will vest in the numbers and on the Vesting Dates specified above.
- **5. ACCELERATED VESTING.** Notwithstanding Section 0 of this Agreement:
- (a) In the event of Grantee's death or if Grantee's employment is terminated by the Company for Disability or without Cause or by Grantee for Good Reason, then the amount of Restricted Shares eligible to vest on the next applicable Vesting Date shall vest as of the date of the applicable triggering event, and all remaining unvested Restricted Shares shall be immediately forfeited.
- (b) If a Change in Control occurs and the continuing or successor entity following such Change in Control fails to assume or replace any unvested Restricted Shares with new awards of equivalent value of such continuing or successor entity, then all such Restricted Shares shall automatically become 100% vested upon the date of the Change in Control.
- **6. ISSUANCE OF UNRESTRICTED SHARES.** Upon the vesting of any Restricted Shares, such vested Restricted Shares will no longer be subject to forfeiture as provided in Section 0 of this Agreement, but will continue to be subject to the provisions of Section 0 of this Agreement.
- 7. FORFEITURE. If Grantee ceases to be an employee of the Company and its Affiliates prior to the last Vesting Date set forth above, then any Restricted Shares that have not previously vested (including pursuant to Section 0 of this Agreement) will be forfeited by Grantee to the Company, and Grantee will thereafter have no right, title or interest whatever in such Restricted Shares. If the Company does not have custody of any and all certificates representing Restricted Shares so forfeited, then Grantee must immediately return to the Company any and all certificates representing Restricted Shares so forfeited. Additionally, Grantee must deliver to the Company a

stock power duly executed in blank relating to any and all certificates representing the Restricted Shares forfeited to the Company in accordance with the previous sentence or, if such stock power has previously been tendered to the Company, the Company will be authorized to deem such previously tendered stock power delivered, and the Company will be authorized to cancel any and all certificates representing Restricted Shares so forfeited and issue and deliver to Grantee a new certificate for any Shares that vested prior to forfeiture. If the Restricted Shares are recorded in a book entry account in lieu of a certificate, Grantee agrees that the number of shares in the account will be reduced to reflect any forfeited shares and Grantee agrees to promptly complete any documentation reasonably required by the Company's transfer agent to effect such reduction.

#### **8. DEFINITIONS**. For purposes of this Agreement:

- "Cause" means what the term is expressly defined to mean in a then-effective (a) written agreement (including, but not limited to the Employment Agreement) between Grantee and the Company or any Affiliate or, in the absence of any such then-effective agreement or definition, means (a) the deliberate and continued failure to substantially perform Grantee's duties and responsibilities as Chief Executive Officer of the Company; (b) the criminal felony conviction of, or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by, Grantee; (c) the material violation of Company policy; (d) the act of fraud or dishonesty resulting or intended to result in personal enrichment at the expense of the Company; (e) the gross misconduct in performance of duties that results in material economic harm to the Company; or (f) the material breach by Grantee of the Employment Agreement or any successor thereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to establish "Cause" for Grantee's termination for purposes of clauses (a), (c) and (f) above, the Company must deliver a written demand to Grantee which specifically identifies the conduct that may provide grounds for Cause, and the Grantee must have failed to cure such conduct within thirty (30) days after such demand. Reference in this paragraph to the Company shall also include direct and indirect subsidiaries of the Company.
- (b) "Disability" means what the term is expressly defined to mean in a then-effective written agreement (including, but not limited to the Employment Agreement) between Grantee and the Company or any Affiliate or, in the absence of any such then-effective agreement or definition, means "total and permanent disability" within the meaning of Code Section 22(e)(3).
- (c) "Good Reason" means what the term is expressly defined to mean in a theneffective written agreement (including, but not limited to the Employment Agreement) between
  Grantee and the Company or any Affiliate or, in the absence of any such then-effective agreement
  or definition, means any of the following: (a) a material and adverse change in Grantee's duties,
  title or position, provided, however, that a change in the Company's status as a publicly held
  corporation filing reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission shall not be deemed to
  constitute Good Reason hereunder; (b) a reduction in the Grantee's base salary, provided, however,
  that Good Reason shall not exist in the event that Grantee's base salary is reduced no more than
  15% in connection with an across-the-board salary reduction by the Company similarly affecting
  all senior executives of the Company; or (c) a material breach by the Company of its obligations
  under the Employment Agreement or any successor thereto. Good Reason shall not exist unless
  Grantee shall provide notice of the existence of the Good Reason condition within ninety (90) days
  of the date Grantee learns of the condition. The Company shall have a period of thirty (30) days

during which it may remedy the condition, and in case of full remedy such condition shall not be deemed to constitute Good Reason hereunder.

9. THIS AWARD SUBJECT TO PLAN. The Award of Restricted Stock evidenced by this Agreement is granted pursuant to the Plan, a copy of which Plan has been made available to Grantee and is hereby incorporated into this Agreement. This Agreement is subject to and in all respects limited and conditioned as provided in the Plan, including, without limitation, Section 6(f)(viii) regarding compliance with Section 409A of the Code. The Plan governs this Award and, in the event of any questions as to the construction of this Agreement or in the event of a conflict between the Plan and this Agreement, the Plan shall govern, except as the Plan otherwise provides.

#### 10. <u>SECURITIES MATTER AND CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS</u>.

- Rights as Shareholder. The Grantee shall be the record owner of the Restricted Shares until the Shares are sold or otherwise disposed of, and shall be entitled to all of the rights of a shareholder of the Company including, without limitation, the right to vote such Shares and receive all dividends or other distributions paid with respect to such Shares; provided that, any dividends with respect to the Restricted Shares shall be withheld by the Company for the Grantee's account in a non-interest bearing account. The dividends so withheld by the Committee and attributable to any particular Share of Restricted Shares shall be distributed to the Grantee in cash upon the release of restrictions on such Share and, if such Share is forfeited, the Grantee shall have no right to such dividends.
- (b) <u>No Right of Employment</u>. This Agreement does not confer on Grantee any right to continued employment with the Company or any of its Affiliates or with respect to the continuance of any other relationship between Grantee and the Company, nor will it interfere in any way with the right of the Company to terminate any such relationship.
- by a duly issued stock certificate or electronic equivalent (which may represent more than one Restricted Share) registered in the name of Grantee. Physical possession or custody of any stock certificates that are issued shall be retained by the Company until such time as the Restricted Share vests. The certificates or other evidence of the Restricted Shares or any Shares issued to Grantee (or, in the case of death, Grantee's successors) may bear a legend indicating restrictions on transferability of the Restricted Shares and Shares pursuant to this Agreement or any other restrictions as may be determined or authorized by the Company in its sole discretion, including any legends it may deem advisable under the rules, regulations and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any applicable federal or state securities laws or any stock exchange on which the Shares are then listed or quoted.
- (d) <u>Securities Law Compliance</u>. The issuance and transfer of Shares shall be subject to compliance by the Company and the Grantee with all applicable requirements of federal and state securities laws and with all applicable requirements of any stock exchange on which the Company's Shares may be listed. No Shares shall be issued or transferred unless and until any then applicable requirements of state and federal laws and regulatory agencies have been fully complied with to the satisfaction of the Company and its counsel. The Grantee understands that

the Company is under no obligation to register the Shares with the Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or any stock exchange to effect such compliance.

- (e) Mergers, Recapitalizations, Stock Splits, Etc. Pursuant and subject to Section 4(c) of the Plan, certain changes in the number or character of the common stock of the Company (through sale, merger, consolidation, exchange, reorganization, divestiture (including a spin-off), liquidation, recapitalization, stock split, stock dividend or otherwise) shall result in an adjustment, reduction or enlargement, as appropriate, in the Restricted Shares.
- (f) <u>Change in Control</u>. Upon the occurrence of a Change in Control, the Committee shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, but not the obligation, to take actions to make one or more adjustments or modifications to this Award pursuant to Section 9(g) of the Plan.
- Limitation on Change in Control Payments. Notwithstanding anything in this (g) Agreement to the contrary, if, with respect to Grantee, the acceleration of the vesting of Restricted Shares as provided in Section (b) of this Agreement (which acceleration could be deemed a "payment" within the meaning of Section 280G(b)(2) of the Code), together with any other payments that Grantee has the right to receive from the Company or any corporation which is a member of an "affiliated group" (as defined in Section 1504(a) of the Code without regard to Section 1504(b) of the Code) of which the Company is a member, would constitute a "parachute payment" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(2) of the Code), then the "payments" to Grantee will be reduced to the largest amount as will result in no portion of such "payments" being subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code. Without limiting the prior sentence, Grantee will have the discretion to determine which "payments" will be reduced so that no portion of such "payments" are subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 0, if Grantee is subject to a separate agreement with the Company that expressly addresses the potential application of Section 280G or 4999 of the Code (including, without limitation, that "payments" under such agreement or otherwise will be reduced, that such "payments" will not be reduced or that such "payments" will be "grossed up" for tax purposes), then this Section 0 will not apply, and any "payments" to Grantee pursuant to Section (b) of this Agreement will be treated as "payments" arising under such separate agreement.
- (h) Accounting Compliance. Grantee agrees that, if a reclassification, reorganization, liquidation or other transaction described in Section 4(c) of the Plan occurs and Grantee is an "affiliate" of the Company or any Subsidiary (as defined in applicable legal and accounting principles) at the time of such transaction, Grantee will comply with all requirements of Rule 145 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the requirements of such other legal or accounting principles, and will execute any documents necessary to ensure such compliance.
- (i) <u>Withholding Taxes</u>. The parties to this Agreement recognize that the Company or its Affiliate may be obligated to withhold federal and state income taxes or other taxes upon the vesting of the Restricted Shares, or, in the event that the Employee elects under Section 83(b) of the Code to report the receipt of the Restricted Shares as income in the year of receipt, upon the Grantee's receipt of the Restricted Shares. Grantee agrees that, at such time, if the Company or a parent or subsidiary is required to withhold such taxes, the Company will withhold Shares issuable to Grantee as a result of vesting of the Restricted Shares in such amount as is necessary to satisfy

the tax withhold obligation, unless (x) Grantee provides notice to the Company prior to the applicable Vesting Date that Grantee desires to pay cash or directs the Company (or any Affiliate) to withhold from payroll or other amounts payable to Grantee any sums required to satisfy such withholding tax obligations or (y) the withholding obligation is satisfied in such other manner as is permitted by the Committee in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Such Shares shall have a Fair Market Value equal to the minimum required tax withholding, based on the minimum statutory withholding rates for federal and state tax purposes, including payroll taxes, that are applicable to the supplemental income resulting from the grant or vesting of the Restricted Shares, as applicable. In no event may the Company accept or withhold securities having a Fair Market Value in excess of such statutory minimum required tax withholding. Any Shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding requirements under this Section 10(i) will be deemed forfeited and the number of Shares held by Grantee will be adjusted in connection therewith as provided in Section 7.

#### 11. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>.

- (a) <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators and successors of the parties hereto.
- (b) <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement and all rights and obligations hereunder shall be construed in accordance with the Plan and governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota.
- (c) <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement and the Plan set forth the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the grant of this Award and the administration of the Plan and supersede all prior agreements, arrangements, plans and understandings relating to the grant of this Award and the administration of the Plan.
- (d) <u>Amendment and Waiver</u>. This Agreement may be amended, waived, modified or canceled by the Committee at any time, provided that all such amendments, waivers, modifications or cancellations shall comply with and not be prohibited by the provisions of the Plan, and any amendment, waiver, modification or cancellation that has an adverse effect on Grantee's rights under this Agreement shall be with Grantee's consent in a written instrument executed by Grantee and the Company.
- (e) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

INSIGNIA SYSTEMS, INC.			
By: Name: Title:			
GRANTEE			
By:			

#### CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- I, Kristine A. Glancy, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Insignia Systems, Inc.;
- 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 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 is made known to us by others within the registrant, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared; and
  - 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; and
  - 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer 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):
  - 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 controls over financial reporting.

Date: November 6, 2017

/s/ Kristine A. Glancy

Kristine A. Glancy

President and Chief Executive Officer

(principal executive officer)

#### CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, Jeffrey A. Jagerson, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Insignia Systems, Inc.;
- 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 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 is made known to us by others within the registrant, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared; and
  - 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; and
  - 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 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting;
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer 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):
  - 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 controls over financial reporting.

Date: November 6, 2017

/s/ Jeffrey A. Jagerson

Jeffrey A. Jagerson

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

(principal financial and accounting officer)

#### **SECTION 1350 CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The accompanying Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017, 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 accompanying Quarterly Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 6, 2017 /s/ Kristine A. Glancy

Kristine A. Glancy

President and Chief Executive Officer

(principal executive officer)

Date: November 6, 2017 /s/ Jeffrey A. Jagerson

Jeffrey A. Jagerson

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (principal financial and accounting officer)