

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(Mark one)

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

For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2003**

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 **0-5576**

SPHERIX INCORPORATED

(formerly Biospherics Incorporated)

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

52-0849320

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

12051 Indian Creek Court, Beltsville, Maryland 20705

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **301-419-3900**

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

Title of each class
None

Name of each exchange on which registered

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

Common Stock (\$.005 par value per share)
(Title of class)

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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting stock of the Registrant held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2003, the last day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, based on the closing price of the stock on such date was (for purposes of this determination, only our Directors and Executive Officers have been deemed affiliates):

Common Stock (Par Value \$.005) – \$60,152,111

There were 11,966,811 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock outstanding as of March 23, 2004.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Spherix Incorporated definitive Proxy Statement, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this report relates, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

Certain statements contained in this Form 10-K, including without limitation, statements containing the words “believes,” “estimates,” “expects” and words of similar import, constitute “forward looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such words and expressions are intended to identify such forward looking statements, but are not intended to constitute the exclusive means of identifying such statements. Such forward looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward looking statements. Given these uncertainties, prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward looking statements. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any such factors or to publicly announce the results of any revisions to any of the forward looking statements contained herein to reflect any events or developments. See the Company’s Form 8-K filing dated March 26, 1999, for a more detailed statement concerning forward looking statements.

Item 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

General

Spherix Incorporated (the “Company” or “Registrant”), a Delaware corporation, was founded in 1967. The Company consists of a biotechnology division (“BioSpherix”) and an information services division (“InfoSpherix”). InfoSpherix consists of Commercial Information Services (“CIS”) and Government Information Services (“GIS”).

The principal executive offices of the Company are located at 12051 Indian Creek Court, Beltsville, Maryland 20705, and its telephone number is (301) 419-3900. The Company’s Common Stock trades on the NASDAQ National Market System under the symbol SPEX.

Available Information

Our principal Internet address is www.spherix.com. We make available free of charge on www.spherix.com our annual, quarterly and current reports, and amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

BioSpherix Division

The BioSpherix Division is the Company’s biotechnology research and development arm, dedicated to developing proprietary products and services with a view toward commercial applications. The Company has accumulated a number of patents on its products and processes.

Tagatose as a Low-Calorie, Full-Bulk Sweetener. BioSpherix has patented the use of a naturally occurring sugar, tagatose, as a low-calorie, full-bulk sweetener. It is a true sugar that looks, feels, and tastes like table sugar. Tagatose occurs in amounts too small for economic recovery in a number of foods. The Company has developed and patented a method for making tagatose from whey, an inexpensive or waste product from cheese manufacturing. The Company received two U.S. patents for its production process in 1991 and 1992, which expire July 19, 2009, and March 25, 2011, respectively. The Firm has been developing its sweetener since receiving a U.S. patent for its use and manufacture as a low-calorie sweetener in 1988, which expires August 29, 2006.

In January 1997, the Company completed a license agreement with Arla Foods Ingredients a/s (“Arla”) (formerly MD Foods Ingredients a/s, “MDFI”) of Denmark for the exclusive worldwide rights to manufacture, market, and distribute tagatose as a food and beverage ingredient in return for a non-refundable up-front payment and fees on net sales of the sugar for these purposes. See Section 8, Commitments and Contingencies, for recent developments regarding the License Agreement. The present status of the License Agreement provides Arla the exclusive, world-wide rights to manufacture and sell tagatose for food uses and the right to manufacture for non-food uses. Spherix retains all rights to sell tagatose for drug use, and use in drugs, including rights to the use of tagatose as a sweetener or other functional ingredient in drugs and cosmetics such as toothpaste and mouthwash. It has created the brand name “Naturlose™” for these uses. Arla supplies Spherix’s requirements for its sales of Naturlose. Spherix has

patented the use of tagatose in treating Type 2 diabetes and other uses in health and medicine as outlined below. Arla manufactures a wide variety of dairy products, foods and food ingredients; it ranks as one of the largest dairy products manufacturers in the world. Arla operates cheese plants producing large amounts of whey as a by-product.

To strengthen their cooperative efforts, the two companies established a Tagatose Advisory Committee to plan and review progress in bringing tagatose to its various world market sectors. The Committee consists of three Arla representatives and one Company representative. The Committee proposes strategies and actions to Arla.

A panel of experts retained by Arla declared tagatose as Generally Recognized As Safe (“GRAS”) on April 11, 2001, permitting sale of tagatose as a food ingredient in the U.S. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) issued a “no objection” letter on October 25, 2001. Tagatose was recommended by the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) panel in June 2001 to its many member countries for use in foods. Arla has begun the approval process for tagatose in Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and other countries. Approval was obtained in South Korea in 2003. The U.S. FDA approved Arla’s recommended caloric value of 1.5 kilocalories per gram, permitting labeling of products containing it as “reduced calorie.” At Spherix’s request, the right to request a smaller reduced calorie rating in the future has been reserved. Spherix believes that test data support a lower value and intends to seek approval for such.

Arla has formed a 50/50 joint venture with Nordzucker, a German sugar producer, for the manufacture and sale of tagatose. Production from the joint venture factory permitted sales of tagatose to the U.S. sweetener market to begin in 2003 when the 7-Eleven chain introduced Diet Pepsi Slurpees. Arla states that, if market acceptance is favorable, a major tagatose plant will be established at Arla Foods’ dairy plant in Taulov, Denmark.

The Company believes that tagatose will fill a market not currently accessible to other sweetener products and will also compete with a number of them. That market may initially include confections, ice cream, frozen desserts, diet sodas, cereals, and frosting. Later, market applications may broaden to include chocolate candy, baked goods, heat-processed foods, other dairy products, and other products in which the full bulk of sugar is required. Tagatose may also be used in prebiotics, healthy drinks and foods, and dietary supplements. Manufacturers have long sought a low-calorie, full-bulk substitute for table sugar; however, none has been as successful in emulating the flavor of table sugar as has tagatose. Unlike table sugar, tagatose has been shown to cause no tooth decay, and has now won FDA approval to carry the label “does not cause tooth decay”, or “noncariogenic.” An unexpected market for tagatose was

opened up in the soft drink industry by the discovery that tagatose is synergistic with the high intensity sweeteners used in diet sodas, thereby improving the taste and mouthfeel of diet sodas.

Tagatose has been found to be a pre-biotic, a substance that improves the digestion of food and is beneficial to health. Pre-biotics are widely sold in Europe and Asia and are increasingly appearing in the U.S.

The Company has obtained a number of foreign patents on the use and manufacture of tagatose, including countries with significant market potential, such as Japan and Canada.

In 2002, Spherix filed a Notice of Arbitration against Arla under the terms of its License Agreement with that firm, contending that it had suffered from Arla's slow progress. On November 13, 2003, the Company settled its arbitration and entered into an Amendment to the September 27, 1996 License agreement with Arla. The amendment extended the period under which the high-end fees on the commercial sales of tagatose are due the Company until at least March 25, 2011, and until August 25, 2016, or longer, subject to certain conditions. Arla also agreed to give up its right to deduct the \$1 million prepayment against future royalties payable to the Company. Arla was granted the exclusive worldwide rights to manufacture tagatose for any type of product or purpose. Most importantly, Arla agreed to supply tagatose to Spherix for Spherix's sales as Naturlose to the non-food and drug markets. This permitted Spherix to begin marketing for these purposes. A number of major firms have expressed interest in Naturlose. Some are testing tagatose in their products. The Company relinquished its rights to raise any additional delay claims against Arla.

In the year 2000, the Company achieved GRAS status for the use of tagatose as a sweetener (excipient) in drugs for non-chronic use by adults and children. Also in the year 2000, the Company achieved GRAS status for the uses of tagatose in toothpaste, mouthwash, lipstick and other cosmetic products.

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Among the potential uses of Naturlose are:

Treatment for Type 2 Diabetes. Small Phase 1 and Phase 2 clinical trials at the University of Maryland School of Medicine have found tagatose effective as an adjuvant treatment of Type 2 diabetes. In addition, over the one-year trial, all subjects lost weight at physician-approved rates. Other than for initial laxation at high doses (45 to 75 grams per capita per day), accommodated in about two weeks, no untoward effects were found in any of the research. In addition, the studies found that tagatose produced no rise in blood glucose or insulin levels in diabetic or normal subjects. Tagatose taken before the consumption of glucose produced a blunting effect on the otherwise normally expected rise in blood glucose.

Anti-hyperglycemic Agent. Tagatose functions as an anti-hyperglycemic agent to prevent the formation of advanced glycosylation end-products, which is one of the major causes of aging.

Anemia and Hemophilia Treatment. Tagatose has been shown to improve blood factors indicating that tagatose may be useful as a drug or drug adjuvant in the treatment of anemia and hemophilia.

Increased Fertility and Improved Fetal Development Drug. Tagatose may increase the fertility of humans and other animals, to effect higher percentages of live fetuses, and to cause those fetuses to be heavier, still within normal bounds, than those of humans or other animals not having taken tagatose.

Preservative of Human Organs. Tagatose may be used in the transplanting and storage of human organs to protect against cyto-oxidation and toxic chemicals.

The drug uses mentioned above require regulatory approval before they can be brought to market.

FlyCracker as a Pesticide. The Company patented and developed a safe-for-humans, environmentally friendly pesticide, which it branded FlyCracker®. Sales of FlyCracker began in 2000 and while feedback from users remained positive, sales remained below expectations and were insufficient to cover the related operating and marketing efforts of the Company. As a result the Company decided to scale back active efforts to sell and promote the product in 2003, and in January of 2004 the Company discontinued its remaining sales activities. The Company is hopeful that it will be able to license the product in the future. In the meantime, the Company is looking to sell its excess inventory through several distributors and in 2003 signed an agreement with a distributor for exclusive rights to eleven Asian countries. The Company anticipates that it will be able to recover approximately half of the original cost of its current inventory in this way, and has recorded a loss of approximately \$100,000 for the portion the Company does not expect to recover along with a corresponding decrease in the carrying value of the inventory on the books.

Capital for Development. While the products under development show promise, continued progress is dependent upon many factors, including, but not limited to, the Company's having sufficient funds and resources to pursue them. Over its history, the Company has supported its research and development using funds generated by its InfoSpherix Division. Funds have also been raised from private placements of Company stock and warrants, some of the proceeds of which have been used to increase the state of development, market penetration and sales of the products mentioned.

BioSpherix revenue, which included the recording of \$1 million from the Arla settlement as noted above, accounted for 6% of the Company's total revenue in 2003. BioSpherix also contributed \$1,488,000 to the Company's net loss in 2003.

InfoSpherix Division

Government Information Services

GIS's information professionals design and operate contact centers providing information management and materials to the public on various socially beneficial subjects, as well as other information services, such as reservation and tourism. GIS focuses on those clients who are looking to leverage technology in the ever advancing world of information management. GIS researches, collects, organizes and disseminates information by providing customized contact center services combining advanced data collection systems, expert decision support systems, tele-support utilizing live operators, and advanced telecommunication technologies like Interactive Voice Response ("IVR"). GIS

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answers millions of calls annually from professionals and the public nationwide. It operates two Maryland-based contact centers (Beltsville and Cumberland), and in the first quarter of 2004, added a contact center in South Dakota. All three contact centers efficiently manage and track high volumes of data. Coupling GIS's expert staff with its advanced technologies results in an effective system to collect and disseminate large amounts of information. The Company also provides reservation services for campgrounds and other parks via its ReserveWorld business line.

In December 2002, the National Park Service ("NPS") cancelled the re-procurement for the National Park Reservation System for which the Company had submitted its bid. The Company has operated this program for six years; revenue recognized was \$4.2 million and \$4.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, or 23% and 27% of total revenues for each year. NPS informed the Company that the U.S. Office of Management and Budget had ordered NPS to non-competitively bundle this program with the U.S. Forest Service's National Recreation and Reservation System contract ("NRRS"). The Company believed this action to be contrary to Federal procurement regulations. On June 26, 2003, the Court of Federal Claims notified the Company that the Government decided not to sole source the National Park Service Reservation System to the competition. Instead, a competitive procurement will be issued in the spring of 2004 for the combined NPS and NRRS. The government also stated its intention to award the camping inventory of twelve national parks, which are not on our reservation system, to the NRRS incumbent non-competitively. Meanwhile, the NPS contract has been formally extended through September 30, 2004.

The Company's Maryland Information Center contract, which contributed 31% to the Company's 2003 revenues, has been extended to May 31, 2004, and management believes it likely that the contract will be extended through December.

In 2003, the Company won four new government contracts, and in March 2004, the Company also won a one-year multi-million dollar Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board ("FRTIB") contract with four option years. In addition, in early 2004, the Company acquired six additional government reservation contracts. In that acquisition, the Company purchased certain assets of Daksoft, Inc. related to their reservation business, which operates under the name "ReserveIt." The purchase includes the intellectual property rights to the name "ReserveIt" and the related contracts, as well as other assets of the division.

Commercial Information Services

CIS's professional staff serves the needs of commercial clients. The focus is on health, pharmaceutical, medical data, and clinical trials management services. They range from inbound and outbound telesupport for information gathering and dissemination to health-professional operated decision support systems servicing health organizations and to advanced data services. CIS health services provide information to and for clients on a wide range of diseases and disabilities, disease prevention, and health education. Areas of expertise include pharmaceutical drug and product lifecycle support (including product launch and recalls), direct-to-consumer, compliance, and clinical research support. Programs are staffed by healthcare professionals and other information specialists who are given extensive training and strict quality control guidelines. The Company's clients have included many of the major U.S. pharmaceutical companies, clinical research organizations, and their advertising agencies. Contracts with non-governmental parties are typically obtained following private negotiations. Projects range from months to years in duration.

CIS and GIS accounted for 4% and 89% of the Company's total revenues in 2003, respectively. While contracts are numerous, most of CIS and GIS's revenues traditionally have been generated by a few large commercial and government contracts. See Note 1, "Concentrations," of the Notes to the Financial Statements included herein pursuant to Part II of this Form 10-K.

Government Contracts

See Note 8, "Commitment and Contingencies – Government Contracts," of the Notes to the Financial Statements included herein pursuant to Part II of this Form 10-K, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Government contracts typically have terms and conditions which, while providing annual or multi-year terms, subject them to termination upon convenience or default.

Industry Segments

See Note 10, "Information by Business Segment," of the Notes to the Financial Statements included herein pursuant to Part II of this Form 10-K for industry segment information of the Company, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Market Concentration

During 2003, 2002, and 2001, InfoSpherix contributed 94%, 99%, and 100% of total Company revenue. The Company's business operations are usually dependent upon substantial revenue from a select group of customers. In 2003, 2002, and 2001, revenue from each of the following customers accounted for more than 10% of total Company revenues:

2003	2002	2001
U.S. Government	U.S. Government	U.S. Government
State of Michigan	State of Michigan	State of Michigan
State of Maryland	State of Maryland	State of Maryland

It is currently expected that revenue from the U.S. Government, the State of Michigan, and the State of Maryland will each account for more than 10% of total Company revenues in 2004.

Patents and Trademarks

The Company has established a strong worldwide patent position for tagatose. These patents, and other significant Company patents and patent applications, are detailed in the following table:

Patent No.	Patent Title	Issue Date	Expiration Date
U.S. 6,585,964	Method for Preventing or Minimizing Biodegradation of a Substance	7/1/03	5/6/19
U.S. 6,355,409	Tagatose as a Cytoprotective Supplement for the Storage of Organs to Reduce Reperfusion Injury		
Canada 2,077,257*	Process for Manufacturing D-Tagatose	3/12/02	9/1/20
U.S. 6,225,452	Increased Fertility and Improved Fetal Development Drug	2/19/02	1/7/11
U.S. 6,225,452	Increased Fertility and Improved Fetal Development Drug	5/1/01	4/26/19
Finland 106861*	Process for Manufacturing D-Tagatose	4/30/01	1/7/11
Japan 3120403*	Process for Manufacturing D-Tagatose	10/20/00	1/7/11
U.S. 6,015,793	Use of Tagatose to Enhance Key Blood Factors	1/18/00	4/26/19
Korea 190671*	Process for Manufacturing D-Tagatose	1/21/99	1/7/11
Japan 2,138,363*	D-Tagatose as a Low-Calorie Carbohydrate Sweetener and Bulking Agent	9/18/98	8/29/07
U.S. 5,690,950	Insecticidal Aliphatic Carboxylic Acid Compositions	11/25/97	10/4/16
EPO 0 518 874*	Process for Manufacturing D-Tagatose	5/15/96	1/7/11
U.S. 5,447,917	D-Tagatose as Anti-Hyperglycemic Agent	9/5/95	2/3/14
Hong Kong 127095A*	D-Tagatose as a Low-Calorie Carbohydrate Sweetener and Bulking Agent	8/18/95	8/25/07
EPO 0 397 027	Method for Killing Pests	2/22/95	5/3/10
U.S. 5,356,879	D-Tagatose an Anti-Hyperglycemic Agent	10/18/94	2/14/12
Canada 1,321,730*	D-Tagatose as a Low-Calorie Carbohydrate Sweetener and Bulking Agent	8/31/93	8/31/10
U.S. 5,166,193	Method for Killing Pests	11/24/92	11/24/09
Australia 655,166*	Process for Manufacturing D-Tagatose	1/7/92	1/7/07
U.S. 5,078,796*	Process for Manufacturing D-Tagatose (Tagatate)	1/7/92	3/25/11

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Patent No.	Patent Title	Issue Date	Expiration Date
U.S. 5,002,612*	Process for Manufacturing D-Tagatose	03/26/91	7/19/09
EPO 257 626*	D-Tagatose as a Low-Calorie Carbohydrate Sweetener and Bulking Agent	7/25/90	8/25/07
U.S. 4,786,722*	D-Tagatose as a Low-Calorie Carbohydrate Sweetener and Bulking Agent	11/22/88	8/29/06

*Licensed to Arla Foods.

Patent Applications. In addition to the above-listed issued patents, the Company has applied for patent protection as follows:

- Tagatose as Weight Loss Drug
- Use of Tagatose in Promoting Cardiovascular Health
- D-Tagatose as an Anti-Biofilm Agent
- Chewing Gum Containing D-Tagatose as an Anti-Film Agent
- Use of Tagatose in Fiber Laxatives
- Water Treatment Kit for Underdeveloped Countries and Emergency Use

Trademarks. The Company has trademarked its name, “Spherix,” “ReserveWorld,” its reservation system and “FlyCracker,” its safe-for-humans pesticide. It has applied for the trademark “Naturlose” for non-food uses of tagatose. It retains trademarks on its original name, “Biospherics,” and a former subsidiary, “Vitalian Corp.”

With respect to all of its inventions, the Company has received approximately 130 patents, including foreign issues. It has several patents pending and many additional invention disclosures. In addition to its strong patent position, the Company relies on the common law protection of such information as trade secrets and on confidentiality agreements to protect the value of these assets.

Royalties. Fees are payable to the Company from Arla under the above-described License Agreement through August 25, 2016. Initial royalties will be used to offset approximately \$140,000 in patent maintenance costs incurred by Arla Foods and future patent maintenance costs. In late 2003, Arla began sales of tagatose. Beginning July 2003, the Company realized approximately \$3,300 in royalty revenue for the year, which was credited against Arla’s patent maintenance costs. Arla indicates its sales efforts will be successful with other companies, resulting in greater future royalties, but no new customers were announced by year-end.

Seasonality

Revenues from reservation and tourism services are greatest in the spring and summer when vacation planning is the heaviest. Revenues from other sources tend to be more evenly spread throughout the year, although the fourth quarter is historically the low period of the year.

Sales Backlog

Sales backlogs at December 31, 2003 and 2002, were as follows (\$000s):

	December 31, 2003			December 31, 2002		
	Current	Non-Current	Total	Current	Non-Current	Total
GISD	\$ 14,259	\$ 14,349	\$ 28,608	\$ 15,321	\$ 15,977	\$ 31,298
CISD	—	—	—	674	—	674
BioSpherix	—	—	—	—	1,000	1,000
	\$ 14,259	\$ 14,349	\$ 28,608	\$ 15,995	\$ 16,977	\$ 32,972

Competition

The information systems industry is subject to rapid and significant technological change. The Company is in competition with other information services companies across the Nation. Many of these competitors have substantially greater financial and technical resources than the Company. While acknowledging strong competition from other information services firms, the Company has developed a specialized niche by concentrating on high quality, personalized service combined with computerization for efficiency and cost-effectiveness. The Company has established a reputation for rapidly starting up information projects to meet its clients' critical needs, while not compromising high quality and reasonable pricing. Over the years, the Company has invested over \$2 million in state-of-the-art CTI systems and over \$2 million in the development of specialized computer software products to improve its competitive position. The Company continues to upgrade and enhance those systems.

Competitors of BioSpherix are numerous and include, among others, major pharmaceutical, chemical, consumer, and biotechnology companies, specialized firms, universities and other research institutions. There can be no assurance that the Company's competitors will not succeed in developing technologies and products that are more effective than any that are being developed by the Company or that would render the Company's technology and potential products obsolete and noncompetitive. Many of these competitors have substantially greater financial and technical resources and production and marketing capabilities than the Company.

Over the past several years, various sugar alcohols have been used in food products as bulk sweeteners. However, none has the taste of table sugar and most are more caloric than tagatose. Bulk sweeteners are used in products where the bulk of sugar is essential, such as baked goods, chocolates, and ice cream. High intensity sweeteners, such as aspartame, saccharin, and sucralose do not provide the bulk needed for these products.

Research and Development

BioSpherix expenditures for research and development were approximately \$423,000, \$476,000, and \$390,000 in 2003, 2002, and 2001, respectively. These expenditures were incurred primarily in the ongoing efforts to commercialize tagatose, including its development for drug uses and improved production processes. The Division has also begun development of its tagatose manufacturing process to improve its economics for the non-food uses retained by Spherix.

Governmental Regulation

The business activities of the Company are subject to a variety of Federal and state compliance, licensing, and certification requirements. Management believes that the Company is, and has been at all times, in full compliance with Federal and state environmental protection and worker safety laws. The Company has not incurred significant expense in complying with such laws and does not anticipate material expense.

Environment

Compliance with current federal, state and local provisions regulating the discharge of materials into the environment, or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment, has not had, and in the opinion of management will not have, a material effect on the Company's financial position, net income, capital expenditures or competitive position.

Employees

In 2003, the Company employed an average of 386 persons on a full- or part-time basis. Of this total, approximately 215 were full-time employees. The Company's employees are not currently unionized, and management believes that its relations with the Company's employees are harmonious.

Geographic Areas

InfoSpherix's business is, and has been, based in the United States. Accordingly, InfoSpherix revenues are entirely from U.S.-based operations.

BioSpherix's licensee for tagatose's food use, Arla, is located in Europe. Arla introduced tagatose to U.S. markets first, prior to worldwide distribution.

Item 2. PROPERTIES

In November 1997, the Company signed a lease agreement effective May 1, 1998, for 51,625 square feet of office, call center, research labs, and warehouse space in the same Beltsville, Maryland, facility previously occupied, under the terms of a lease that expires on February 28, 2009. This facility contains corporate administration, human resources, accounting, sales and marketing, technical services, research labs, warehousing, and call center operations for both InfoSpherix and BioSpherix segments. In November 2003, the Company signed a new lease agreement for 31,526 square feet of office and call center space in Cumberland, Maryland. The new lease expires on October 31, 2007.

Throughout 2003, the Company operated at approximately 40% and 80% of productive capacity at the Beltsville and Cumberland facilities, respectively.

In 2004, as part of its acquisition of certain assets of Daksoft, Inc.'s reservation business, the Company signed an agreement to lease 8,280 square feet of call center space in Rapid City, South Dakota, for a term of eighteen months. In 2004, the Company also signed an agreement to lease 2,500 square

feet of office and research lab space for BioSpherix in Annapolis, Maryland. The lease expires June 30, 2009.

Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Information required by this Item 3 is included in Note 8 “Commitments and Contingencies” of the Notes to Financial Statements, included herein pursuant to Part II of this Form 10-K.

Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

There were no matters submitted by the Company during the fourth quarter of 2003 to a vote of security holders through solicitation of proxies or otherwise.

PART II

Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT’S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The Company’s common stock is traded in the over-the-counter market and is quoted in the NASDAQ National Market System under the symbol SPEX. No cash dividends have been paid. The Company’s loan agreement with its bank does not expressly restrict the payment of dividends; however, no such payments are anticipated in the near future.

As of February 29, 2004, the number of shareholders of record of the Company’s common stock was approximately 6,700. The following table states the high and low sales prices of the Company’s common stock for each quarter during the two year period ended December 31, 2003, based on the daily closing prices as reported on the NASDAQ National Market System:

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
1st Quarter 2003	\$ 7.850	\$ 4.950
2nd Quarter 2003	\$ 8.850	\$ 6.010
3rd Quarter 2003	\$ 9.300	\$ 7.000
4th Quarter 2003	\$ 8.240	\$ 5.600
1st Quarter 2002	\$ 10.700	\$ 7.270
2nd Quarter 2002	\$ 8.050	\$ 5.170
3rd Quarter 2002	\$ 7.390	\$ 3.560
4th Quarter 2002	\$ 8.700	\$ 5.200

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Warrants for the purchase of 1,085,973 shares at \$6.905 are outstanding at December 31, 2003, of which 500,000 were subsequently exercised on February 18, 2004. The remaining warrants were extended to February 25, 2008 at \$7.00 per share.

In connection with the above-described warrants, the investor has agreed that it will not exercise any of the warrants to the extent that it would acquire shares of Common Stock exceeding 9.9% of the outstanding Common Stock, nor will it knowingly sell shares to anyone to the extent that their holdings in the Company would exceed 4.9% of the outstanding Common Stock.

The warrants and shares of Common Stock were issued in transactions exempt from Registration pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act. The Company has registered the shares issuable upon exercise of the warrants for resale by the institutional investor which acquired the warrants.

Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Revenue	\$ 18,086,711	\$ 15,131,855	\$ 19,937,461	\$ 17,034,694	\$ 12,698,412
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,256,770)	\$ (2,921,926)	\$ 567,823	\$ 591,070	\$ (5,205,097)
Net (loss) income per share, diluted	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.26)	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.55)
Total assets	\$ 14,167,257	\$ 15,453,140	\$ 13,240,928	\$ 13,451,258	\$ 8,555,609
Long-term debt obligations	\$ 63,310	\$ 90,530	\$ 104,190	\$ 358,411	\$ 1,490,765
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Stockholders equity	\$ 9,489,236	\$ 11,261,458	\$ 9,522,930	\$ 8,900,739	\$ 2,235,106
Working capital	\$ 5,043,672	\$ 8,787,502	\$ 7,139,196	\$ 6,357,594	\$ 60,899

Item 7. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

The Company operates via two principal segments, InfoSpherix and BioSpherix. InfoSpherix provides contact center information and reservations services for government and industry. BioSpherix develops proprietary products for commercial applications.

InfoSpherix generates substantially all of the Company's continuing revenue. In 2003 and 2002, Infospherix generated substantially all its revenue from government customers. The Company has developed a niche in providing campground and other reservation services via its ReserveWorld business line. During 2003, the Company added three additional state governments as ReserveWorld customers. In early 2004, the Company acquired six additional government reservation contracts.

BioSpherix engages in product development, notably tagatose. The exclusive rights to manufacture tagatose have been licensed to a foreign entity along with the exclusive rights to sell tagatose for food and beverage uses. In 2003, tagatose was introduced into one commercial product. Beginning July 2003, the Company realized approximately \$3,300 in royalty revenue for the year, which has been credited against Arla's patent maintenance costs. As a part of the fall 2003 settlement of the arbitration proceeding with its licensee, the parties agreed to extend the date

through which the Company shall be entitled to high-end royalties for tagatose sales until at least March 25, 2011, and until August 25, 2016, or later, subject to certain conditions. Future royalties will depend on increased sales of this product by the licensee, which are outside of the control of the Company.

In 2003, the Company reported a net loss of \$2.2 million (\$0.20 per diluted share) on sales of \$18.1 million for the year, compared with a net loss of \$2.9 million (\$0.26 per diluted share) on sales of \$15.1 million in 2002. Approximately \$450,000 of the reduction in loss between years is attributable to the growth in the InfoSpherix division and \$276,000 attributable to the reduction in the operating loss of the BioSpherix division. The reduction in the BioSpherix division's operating loss is related to the \$1 million in revenue that was realized as part of the Arla settlement, which more than offset the increase in legal costs between years.

Results of Operations 2003 Compared with 2002

InfoSpherix Revenue

The following schedule summarizes the break-down of InfoSpherix revenue between government and commercial contracts (in \$000s):

	<u>For the Year Ended December 31</u>	
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Government	\$ 16,247	\$ 14,268
Commercial	807	775
	<u>\$ 17,054</u>	<u>\$ 15,043</u>

InfoSpherix revenue for 2003 increased \$2.0 million (13%) from that of the prior year as a result of continued growth in the Division's reservation business. Revenue from Government contracts increased 14% between years. The increase in revenue between years is the result of two new contracts that began late in 2002. In October of 2002, the Company began work on a contract with the Office of Personnel Management; the total amount of the award is \$6.0 million over five years. In December of 2002, the Company began work on a contract with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources; the total amount of the award is expected to be approximately \$5.1 million over four years.

InfoSpherix added four new government contracts in 2003, including three state ReserveWorld customers that should benefit 2004 operations and beyond. In addition, in early 2004, the Company acquired six additional reservation contracts. The Company is now one of only two major suppliers of campground reservations services.

In December 2002, the National Park Service ("NPS") cancelled the re-procurement for the National Park Reservation System for which the Company had submitted its bid. The Company has operated this program for six years, and revenue recognized was \$4.2 million and \$4.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, or 23% and 27% of total revenues for each year. NPS informed the Company that the U.S. Office of Management and Budget had ordered NPS to non-competitively bundle this program with the U.S. Forest Service's National Recreation and Reservation System contract ("NRRS"). The Company believed this action to be contrary to Federal procurement regulations. On June 26, 2003, the court of Federal Claims notified the Company that the Government decided not to sole source the National Park Service Reservation System to the competition. Instead, a competitive procurement will be issued in the spring of 2004 for the combined NPS and NRRS; however, the government also stated its intention to award the camping inventory of twelve national parks to the NRRS incumbent non-competitively. The Company has filed a protest on this proposed action with the Court of Federal Claims. Meanwhile, the NPS contract has been formally extended through September 30, 2004, and the Company believes that it is likely to be extended even further.

The Company's Maryland Information Center contract, which contributed 31% to the Company's 2003 revenues, has been extended through May 31, 2004, and management believes it likely that the contract will be extended through December. It is expected to be rebid during 2004.

Revenue from commercial contracts was comparable to those of the prior year. Commercial contracts are typically for shorter terms than government contracts and that can result in substantial variations in commercial

revenues. Commercial contracts are being pursued by the Company, but the Company's recent history has been that contracts have been received on a sporadic basis.

Certain of the Company's commercial contracts provide, from time to time, pharmaceutical and medical information for a specific drug or product. The success of a particular drug or product will often determine whether the Company's contract is extended or renewed. Sales and marketing efforts are directed to re-establish and increase the Company's share of commercial business in response to the high level of public interest in health information.

The Company's business development group is targeting the commercial pharmaceutical market, the government contact center and technology markets, and the ReserveWorld product and services market, for continued growth. Currently, the Company is bidding on contracts in all of these business markets, although no assurance can be given at this time that these efforts will result in new business for the Company.

BioSpherix Revenue

BioSpherix results of operations for 2003 were impacted by the arbitration action initiated in 2002 against Arla, the Company's tagatose licensee for food and beverage uses. The arbitration was initiated as a result of the delay in tagatose commercialization by Arla Foods. The parties agreed to settle the arbitration proceeding in November 2003. As a part of the settlement, Arla Foods agreed that \$1 million previously paid to the Company would no longer be required to offset future royalties. As a result, \$1 million, previously classified as deferred revenue, was recognized as revenue in 2003.

BioSpherix is entitled to royalties from Arla Food's sales of tagatose through August 31, 2016, net of accumulated and continuing foreign patent maintenance costs. Accumulated patent maintenance costs were approximately \$135,000 at year-end. BioSpherix revenue for 2003 increased \$943,000 from that of 2002 as a result of the \$1 million realized as part of the November 2003 settlement with Arla.

In 2003, the Company purchased one metric ton of tagatose from Arla, to be used in the promotion of the non-food uses of tagatose under the product name "Naturlose." Commercialization of Naturlose will focus on its use as a sweetener or flavor enhancer in toothpaste, mouthwash, over-the-counter drugs, pharmaceuticals and other products to which the Company retains rights. The Company intends to market tagatose under the name "Naturlose" for non-food uses in 2004 and will continue the development of other products.

Sales of FlyCracker began in 2000 and while feedback from users remained positive, sales remained below expectations and were insufficient to cover the related operating and marketing efforts of the Company. As a result the Company decided to scale back active efforts to sell and promote the product in 2003, and in January of 2004 the Company discontinued its remaining sales activities. The Company is hopeful that it will be able to license the product in the future. In the meantime the Company is looking to sell its excess inventory through several distributors and has recently signed an agreement with a distributor for exclusive rights to eleven Asian countries. The Company anticipates that it will be able to recover approximately half of the original cost of its current inventory in this way, and has recorded a loss of approximately \$100,000 for the portion the Company does not expect to recover along with a corresponding decrease in the carrying value of the inventory on the books.

Direct Contract and Operating Costs

Direct contract and operating costs increased \$1.1 million (9%) between years as a result of the new InfoSpherix contracts noted above. Similarly, revenue, exclusive of the \$1.0 million realized from the Arla settlement, increased \$2.0 million (13%) between years.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expense ("S,G&A") for 2003 increased by \$1.3 million (29%) over that of the prior year. Legal costs accounted for \$1.0 million of the increase between years, from \$553,000 in 2002 to \$1.6 million in 2003. Included in the 2003 legal costs were \$981,000 related to the Arla arbitration, \$331,000 related to the NPS re-procurement cancellation, and \$127,000 related to other legal matters. These issues were resolved in 2003, and the Company expects the residual legal cost will be insignificant in 2004.

Research and Development

Research and development costs decreased \$53,000 (11%) between years. While R&D labor increased between years, the cost for independent studies, primarily associated with attaining GRAS status for Naturlose products, conducted by third parties decreased.

Net Loss

The Company incurred a \$2.3 million loss in 2003 compared to a \$2.9 million loss in 2002. The loss incurred by InfoSpherix decreased by approximately \$450,000 in 2003 due to increased business from new InfoSpherix contracts entered into in late 2002. The loss incurred by BioSpherix decreased by approximately \$300,000 in 2003 due in large part to the Arla Foods settlement.

Sales Backlog

The Company's sales backlog as of December 31, 2003, was \$28.6 million compared to \$33.0 million as of December 31, 2002. Two of the Company's major contracts are scheduled to end in 2004 and it is the Company's intent to bid on the re-procurement of these two contracts.

Results of Operations 2002 Compared with 2001

The Company reported net loss of \$2,922,000 (\$0.26 per diluted share) on sales of \$15,132,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002, compared with a net income of \$568,000 (\$0.05 per diluted share) on sales of \$19,937,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001.

InfoSpherix revenue for 2002 was \$15,043,000 compared to \$19,881,000 in 2001, a decrease of \$4,838,000 (24%) between years.

Revenue from commercial contracts decreased by \$2,759,000 (78%) between years. The 2002 InfoSpherix loss principally resulted from this reduction in commercial revenue. Commercial contracts are typically for shorter terms than government contracts and that can result in substantial variations in commercial revenues. The prior year operations benefited from a significant short-term pharmaceutical contract, which was conducted in the third quarter of 2001.

The following schedule summarizes the break-down of InfoSpherix revenue between government and commercial contracts (in \$000s):

	For the Year Ended December 31	
	2002	2001
Government	\$ 14,268	\$ 16,347
Commercial	775	3,534
	<u>\$ 15,043</u>	<u>\$ 19,881</u>

The Company's Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") contract concluded on January 11, 2002. In 2001, the FTC contract accounted for approximately \$2.3 million in revenue or 11% of the total revenue for the year. These losses were partially off-set by increases under the Maryland Information Center contract.

In 2001, the Company received approximately \$1.3 million in revenue and recognized a related expense of \$2.1 million, in settlement of a U.S. Department of Labor Administrative Review Board ("ARB") decision concerning the Company's liability for wages and fringe benefits under two contracts that the Company was awarded by the GSA, a Federal Government agency. Under the settlement agreement, GSA reimbursed the Company \$1.3 million for wages and fringe benefits (other related costs are not reimbursable), and the Company agreed to pay retroactive wages and benefits to certain labor categories in accordance with the Service Contract Act. These funds were disbursed on April 18, 2001, to the affected employees.

BioSpherix revenue for 2002 was \$89,000 compared to \$56,000 in 2001. The \$33,000 (59%) increase in revenue was as a result of increased sales of FlyCracker. Sales of FlyCracker were \$70,000 in 2002, compared to \$41,000 in 2001.

Research and development costs for 2002 were \$476,000, compared to \$390,000 in 2001. The \$86,000 (22%) increase in expenses was directly related to a Naturlose pilot study on the core processing steps conducted in 2002. The study focused on an improvement in the chromatography system used in the product separation steps of the process, and addressed specific technical requirements for the intended uses of Naturlose.

Selling, general and administrative expense ("S,G&A") for 2002 was \$4.5 million compared to \$4.0 million in 2001, an increase of \$486,000 (12%). The increase between years was largely the result of legal fees incurred during 2002 related to the Arla arbitration.

The Company's sales backlog as of December 31, 2002, was \$33.0 million compared to \$21.2 million as of December 31, 2001. The increase between the years was the result of two new government contracts and the extension of an existing government contract.

Trends in Operations

Future InfoSpherix performance will depend in large part on continued expansion of the ReserveWorld business into other states and localities as well as the rebid of the NPS and Maryland Information Center contracts. BioSpherix's results in 2003 and 2002 were adversely affected by legal fees incurred in the Arla Foods arbitration and other legal matters, which were settled in 2003. Future results will depend upon Arla Food's efforts to commercialize tagatose for food and beverage uses and the Company's continuing efforts to commercialize Naturlose.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of the contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and revenue and expenses for the period reported. Estimates are based upon historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates are evaluated periodically and form the basis for making judgments regarding the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the reported amount of revenue and expenses. Actual results may differ substantially from these estimates.

Spherix's critical accounting policies are those it believes are the most important in determining its financial condition and results, and require significant subjective judgment by management as a result of inherent uncertainties. A summary of the Company's significant accounting policies is set out in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting for Taxes and Valuation Allowances

We currently have significant deferred tax assets, resulting from net operating loss carry forwards. These deferred tax assets may reduce taxable income in future periods. Based on the Company's losses and its accumulated deficit, the Company has provided a full valuation allowance against the net deferred tax asset. A valuation allowance is required when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. Cumulative losses weigh heavily in the overall assessment of valuation allowances.

We expect to continue to maintain a full valuation allowance on future tax benefits until an appropriate level of profitability is sustained, or we are able to develop tax strategies that would enable us to conclude that it is more likely than not that a portion of our deferred tax assets would be realizable.

Long-Lived Assets and Other Intangible Assets

Long-lived assets and other intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the asset's use and eventual disposition.

Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

We are required to estimate the collectibility of our trade receivables. A considerable amount of judgment is required in assessing the realization of these receivables, including the current creditworthiness of each customer and the related aging of past due balances. We evaluate specific accounts when we become aware of information indicating that a customer may not be able to meet its financial obligations due to a deterioration of its financial condition, lower credit ratings or bankruptcy. Reserve requirements are based on the best facts available to us and are re-evaluated and adjusted as additional information is received, such as information regarding settlements of prior financing arrangements.

Inventory Valuation

We are required to state our inventories at the lower of cost or market. In assessing the ultimate realization of inventories, we are required to make judgments as to future demand requirements and compare these with the current inventory levels.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Working capital as of December 31, 2003, was \$5.0 million, which represents a \$3.7 million decrease from working capital of \$8.8 million at December 31, 2002. The decrease in working capital is the result of several factors including approximately \$2 million used to finance the purchase of property and equipment and approximately \$1.4 million used to cover the Arla arbitration, NPS re-procurement cancellation and other legal costs in 2003.

The Company renewed its Loan Agreement (the "Agreement") with Bank of America (the "Bank") on June 30, 2003, which provides for borrowing up to \$2 million. Outstanding borrowings under the Agreement aggregated \$1.7 million at December 31, 2003, and are collateralized by a restricted \$2.0 million certificate of deposit. The interest rate under the agreement is based on the LIBOR fixed rate, which was 3.12% at year-end. The total amount available for further advance to the Company was \$283,000 under the Agreement at December 31, 2003. The line expires on June 30, 2004, but the Company anticipates that the line will be renewed in 2004. However, if the Company does not extend the line of credit, the Company believes that it has adequate funds to meet all of its current obligations for the balance of 2004.

Cash flow for the year ended December 31, 2003, reflects a net cash outflow of \$4.4 million consisting of \$686,000 used in operating activities, \$2.3 million used in investing activities, and \$1.4 million used in financing activities. The \$866,000 decrease in cash used in operating activities in 2003, from that of the prior year, was primarily from improved collections on accounts receivable at year end. The \$1.2 million increase in property and equipment investments is directly related to the move to the new Cumberland facility and the upgrading and replacement of furniture and technology as part of that move. These investments were primarily financed through the Company's excess cash balance. The \$6.1 million change in cash flow in financing activities was the result of \$2.0 million in cash being restricted to serve as collateral on the bank line of credit and \$700,000 on performance bonds in 2003 and the receipt of \$3.7 million in proceeds from the issuance of common stock in 2002 to an institutional stockholder.

The following table summarizes the Company's contractual obligations at December 31, 2003, and indicates the year payments are due. In some cases estimates have been used where the exact amount and/or timing of the obligation is not presently known.

	Total	2004	2005 - 2006	2007 - 2008	Thereafter
Debt Obligations	\$ 1,717	\$ 1,717	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Capital Lease Obligations	106	32	57	17	—
Operating Lease Obligations	5,125	1,035	2,167	1,800	123
Purchase Obligations	1,274	1,187	87	—	—
Salaries and Benefits Obligations	370	248	16	39	67
Total	\$ 8,592	\$ 4,219	\$ 2,327	\$ 1,856	\$ 190

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On February 20, 2004, the Company received \$3.5 million from the February 18, 2004, exercise of warrants by an institutional investor that will in part be used to cover continuing capital and investing needs of the Company during 2004 as well as to fund the operations of the BioSpherix Division.

No dividends were paid in 2003 and none are anticipated in 2004.

In 2002, the Company and its principal stockholders terminated a stock redemption agreement, thereby eliminating the classification of a portion of the Company's common stock outstanding as "Redeemable Common Stock."

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company manages its debt and its available cash by considering available investment opportunities, risks, tax consequences and overall financing strategies.

At December 31, 2003, the Company did not have any fixed-rate indebtedness and had approximately \$1.7 million of variable-rate indebtedness. The Company has not entered into any interest rate swaps or other derivatives with respect to its indebtedness.

Cash available for investment is typically invested in short term funds, which generally mature in 30 days, or money-market funds. In general, such funds are not subject to market risk because the interest paid on such funds fluctuates with the prevailing interest rate. The carrying amounts approximate market value. It is the Company's practice to hold these investments to maturity.

Assuming year-end 2003 variable rate debt and cash available for investment, a one percent change in interest rates would impact net interest income by less than \$25,000.

Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Financial statements and supplementary data required by this Item 8 follow.

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Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants
**Board of Directors
Spherix Incorporated**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Spherix Incorporated (the Company) as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Spherix Incorporated as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Vienna, Virginia
February 17, 2004 (except as to Note 11, for which the date is March 23, 2004)

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**Spherix Incorporated
Statements of Operations
For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002, and 2001**

	2003	2002	2001
Revenue	\$ 18,086,711	\$ 15,131,855	\$ 19,937,461
Operating expense			
Direct contract and operating costs	12,602,832	11,551,010	13,639,601
Selling, general and administrative expense	5,832,349	4,514,509	4,029,222
Research and development expense	423,173	475,997	390,156
Depreciation and amortization expense	1,503,003	1,593,380	1,424,714
Total operating expense	20,361,357	18,134,896	19,483,693
(Loss) income from operations	(2,274,646)	(3,003,041)	453,768
Interest income (expense), net	17,876	81,115	114,055
(Loss) income before taxes	(2,256,770)	(2,921,926)	567,823
Income tax expense	—	—	—
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,256,770)	\$ (2,921,926)	\$ 567,823
Net (loss) income per share, basic	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.26)	\$ 0.05
Net (loss) income per share, diluted	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.26)	\$ 0.05
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic	11,378,309	11,240,998	10,735,812
Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted	11,378,309	11,240,998	11,080,176

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**Spherix Incorporated
Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 2003 and 2002**

ASSETS	2003	2002
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Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,267,001	\$ 8,656,069
Restricted investments		2,700,000	—
Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$20,000 and \$71,000		1,491,727	2,169,471
Other receivables		17,183	13,344
Prepaid expenses and other assets		853,303	749,227
Total current assets		9,329,214	11,588,111
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$4,537,696 and \$5,252,858		4,665,457	3,653,356
Patents, net of accumulated amortization of \$107,629 and \$168,892		172,586	211,673
Total assets	\$	14,167,257	\$ 15,453,140

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities			
Bank line of credit	\$	1,716,743	\$ 722,384
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		1,718,496	1,146,846
Accrued salaries and benefits		832,572	800,497
Capital lease obligations		17,731	27,220
Deferred revenue		—	103,662
Total current liabilities		4,285,542	2,800,609
Capital lease obligations		45,579	63,310
Deferred compensation		122,655	112,887
Deferred rent		224,245	214,876
Deferred revenue		—	1,000,000
Total liabilities		4,678,021	4,191,682
Commitments and contingencies		—	—
Stockholders' equity			
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 2,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding		—	—
Common stock, \$0.005 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized; 11,486,570 and 11,412,545 issued, 11,425,082 and 11,351,057 outstanding at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively		57,434	57,063
Paid-in capital in excess of par value		19,390,787	18,906,610
Treasury stock, 61,488 shares, at cost at December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively		(390,434)	(390,434)
Accumulated deficit		(9,568,551)	(7,311,781)
Total stockholders' equity		9,489,236	11,261,458
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	14,167,257	\$ 15,453,140

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Spherix Incorporated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

	Common Stock		Paid-in Capital in Excess of Par	Treasury Stock		Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount		Shares	Amount		
Balance, December 31, 2000	10,784,045	\$ 38,539	\$ 14,147,749	48,714	\$ (327,976)	\$ (4,957,573)	\$ 8,900,739
Issuance of common stock							
Exercise of employee stock options	6,125	30	43,296	—	—	—	43,326
Cost of stock issuance	—	—	(10,140)	—	—	—	(10,140)
Purchase of treasury stock	—	—	—	4,000	(22,975)	—	(22,975)
Issuance of treasury stock in payment of expense	—	—	—	(112)	854	(105)	749
Issuance of options	—	—	32,390	—	—	—	32,390
Net reclassification for redeemable common stock	—	1,574	9,444	—	—	—	11,018
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	567,823	567,823
Balance, December 31, 2001	10,790,170	40,143	14,222,739	52,602	(350,097)	(4,389,855)	9,522,930
Issuance of common stock							
Exercise of employee stock options	47,375	237	311,999	—	—	—	312,236
Exercise of stock warrants	575,000	2,875	3,702,288	—	—	—	3,705,163
Cost of stock issuance	—	—	(5,993)	—	—	—	(5,993)
Purchase of treasury stock	—	—	—	11,800	(62,571)	—	(62,571)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	20,700	—	—	—	20,700
Issuance of treasury stock in payment of expenses	—	—	495	(2,914)	22,234	—	22,729
Net reclassification for redeemable common stock	—	13,808	654,382	—	—	—	668,190
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(2,921,926)	(2,921,926)
Balance, December 31, 2002	11,412,545	57,063	18,906,610	61,488	(390,434)	(7,311,781)	11,261,458
Issuance of common stock							
Exercise of employee stock options	74,025	370	455,127	—	—	—	455,497

Cost of stock issuance	—	—	(2,000)	—	—	—	(2,000)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	31,050	—	—	—	31,050
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(2,256,770)	(2,256,770)
Balance, December 31, 2003	11,486,570	\$ 57,433	\$ 19,390,787	61,488	\$ (390,434)	\$ (9,568,551)	\$ 9,489,235

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Spherix Incorporated
Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

	2003	2002	2001
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,256,770)	\$ (2,921,926)	\$ 567,823
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	1,503,002	1,593,380	1,424,714
Provision for uncollectible accounts receivable	(51,000)	36,000	(40,000)
Loss on disposal or write-down of assets	30,896	28,160	5,949
Loss on write-down of patents	28,572	—	—
Treasury stock issued in payment of expenses	—	22,730	749
Stock-based compensation	23,288	20,700	—
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Trade accounts receivable	728,744	(684,230)	640,506
Other receivables	(3,839)	58,570	148,941
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(104,076)	(73,248)	(224,997)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	499,728	252,993	(35,629)
Deferred rent	9,369	20,383	33,010
Deferred compensation	9,768	(9,268)	18,237
Deferred revenue	(1,103,662)	103,662	(111,161)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(685,980)	(1,552,094)	2,428,142
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,246,219)	(1,005,151)	(1,170,322)
Additions to patent costs	(18,386)	(14,230)	(100,725)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,264,605)	(1,019,381)	(1,271,047)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net change on bank line of credit	994,359	509,528	(173,418)
Restricted cash	(2,700,000)	—	500,000
Net change in book overdraft	(166,882)	272,922	(193,686)
Payments on notes payable	—	(38,595)	(194,664)
Payments on capital lease obligations	(27,220)	(47,348)	(73,201)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	463,260	4,017,399	43,326
Purchase of treasury stock	—	(62,571)	(22,975)
Cost of issuance of common stock	(2,000)	(5,994)	(10,140)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(1,438,483)	4,645,341	(124,758)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(4,389,068)	2,073,866	1,032,337
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	8,656,069	6,582,203	5,549,866
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 4,267,001	\$ 8,656,069	\$ 6,582,203
Supplemental cash flow information			
Income taxes refunded	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Interest paid	\$ 34,763	\$ 33,997	\$ 83,160
Property and equipment financed by capital leases	\$ —	\$ 72,283	\$ 13,644
Property and equipment financed by accounts payable	\$ 276,193	\$ 5,314	\$ —

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Spherix Incorporated
Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Business

Spherix Incorporated was founded in 1967, is incorporated in Delaware, and maintains two facilities in Maryland, and subsequent to year end, added facilities in South Dakota, and Annapolis, Maryland. The Company consists of a biotechnology division ("BioSpherix") and an information services division ("InfoSpherix"). BioSpherix is dedicated to research, development, and productization of proprietary products. InfoSpherix consists of Commercial Information Services ("CIS") and Government Information Services ("GIS"). The CIS and GIS operate contact center services providing consulting, information management, and materials management to the public as well as reservation and tourism solutions.

Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2003, the Company had approximately \$4.1 million invested in treasury funds with a maturity of three months or less, which are included as cash and cash equivalents.

Concentrations

At December 31, 2003, two major contracts constituted 58% of the trade accounts receivable, the components of which were 46% and 12%. No other single contract was greater than 10% of total trade accounts receivable. Receivables from Federal and state agencies represented 94% of the total trade accounts receivable.

Use of Estimates and Assumptions

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

Property and Equipment and Depreciation

Property and equipment are stated at cost and consist of office furniture and equipment, computer hardware and software, leasehold improvements, and capital leases. Computer hardware and software include the cost of internally developed software programs, which have long-term benefits. It is the Company's policy to capitalize software developed for internal use. In 2003, the Company capitalized approximately \$500,000 in internally developed software. The Company computes depreciation and amortization under the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives of the related assets.

Office furniture and equipment	3 to 10 years
Computer hardware and software	3 to 5 years

Leasehold improvements are depreciated or amortized over the lesser of the term of the related lease or the estimated useful lives of the assets (generally 5 to 10 years). Major additions, improvements and renewals are capitalized and ordinary repairs, maintenance, and renewals are expensed in the year incurred. Gains or losses from the sale or retirement of property and equipment result from the difference between sales proceeds (if any) and the assets' net book value, and are recorded in the Statement of Operations.

Inventory

Included in prepaid expenses is approximately \$96,000 of FlyCracker inventory and \$6,000 of Naturlose. The inventories are valued at lower of cost or market. At year-end the Company wrote off \$100,000, or one-half, of the value of the FlyCracker inventory and will likely sell the remaining stock back to the manufacturer.

Research and Development Costs

Research and development costs are charged to operations as incurred.

Patent Costs

Legal costs incurred in connection with patent applications and costs of acquiring patents are capitalized when incurred. When patents are granted, costs are amortized over a term representing the lesser of the life of the patent or the projected sales period of the product or process.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized using the following methods depending upon the terms of the contracts: time and materials or fixed price. Revenue under time and materials contracts is recognized at contractually agreed-upon rates based upon direct labor hours expended and other direct costs incurred. Revenue for fixed-price contracts is recognized using the percentage-of-completion and unit-of-delivery methods. Losses, if any, on contracts are recorded during the period when first determined.

License Fees and Advance Royalties

License fees and royalties are recognized as revenue over the fixed term of the contract. Non-refundable fees are recognized when they are earned in accordance with the applicable contractual terms. Payments received that are related to future performance are deferred and recorded as revenue as they are earned over contractually specified future performance periods. See Note 8.

Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are recognized for the tax consequences in future years of differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their financial reporting amounts at each year end, based on enacted tax laws and statutory tax rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. Income tax expense is the tax payable for the period and the change during the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Fair Value Information

The estimated fair value of the Company's financial instruments, which include cash, receivables, accounts payable, bank line of credit, and short-term notes payable reported in the balance sheet, approximate their carrying value given their short maturities.

Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation

The Company applies APB Opinion No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for stock-based compensation. Accordingly, because the exercise price of options granted has typically been at market price, no compensation cost has been recognized, with the exception of approximately \$31,050 and \$20,700 of compensation expense realized in 2003 and 2002 as a result of issuing certain option grants at below market in 2002. The Company elected the "disclosure only" presentation of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation* in 1996 and, consequently, makes no charge against income in the financial statements with respect to options granted with exercise prices at or above fair market value.

To measure stock-based compensation in accordance with SFAS 123, the fair value of each option grant was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following table summarizes the pro-forma net (loss) income and net (loss) income per share resulting from applying SFAS 123.

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	2003	2002	2001
Net (loss) income, as reported	\$ (2,256,770)	\$ (2,921,926)	\$ 567,823
Add: stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net (loss) income	31,050	20,700	32,000
(Deduct) add: total stock-based employee compensation (expense) benefit determined under fair-value based method for all awards, net of tax effects	145,072	(868,867)	(420,668)
Pro forma net (loss) income	\$ (2,080,648)	\$ (3,770,093)	\$ 179,155
Net (loss) income per share – basic	As reported \$ (0.20)	\$ (0.26)	\$ 0.05
	Pro forma \$ (0.18)	\$ (0.34)	\$ 0.01
Net (loss) income per share – diluted	As reported \$ (0.20)	\$ (0.26)	\$ 0.05
	Pro forma \$ (0.13)	\$ (0.34)	\$ 0.01

Net Income Per Share

Basic net (loss) income per common share has been computed by dividing net (loss) income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Diluted net income per common share has been computed by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding with an assumed increase in common shares outstanding for common stock equivalents, which includes outstanding options and warrants. Diluted net loss per common share in 2003 and in 2002 has been computed by dividing net loss by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding without an assumed increase in common shares outstanding for common stock equivalents, as common stock equivalents are antidilutive. Common stock equivalents, which consist of stock options and warrants that are assumed likely to be exercised, were 70,745 at December 31, 2003.

	2003	2002	2001
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic	11,378,309	11,240,998	10,735,812
Weighted average dilutive common stock equivalents	—	—	344,364
Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted	11,378,309	11,240,998	11,080,176

2. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Management regularly reviews the accounts receivables for uncollectible and potentially uncollectible accounts and when necessary establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts.

Balance, December 31, 2000	\$ 75,000
Write-off of uncollectible accounts	(1,236)
Valuation adjustment	(38,764)
Balance, December 31, 2001	35,000
Valuation adjustment	36,000
Balance, December 31, 2002	71,000
Write-off of uncollectible accounts	(1,000)
Valuation adjustment	(50,000)
Balance, December 31, 2003	\$ 20,000

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3. Property and Equipment

The components of property and equipment as of December 31, 2003, at cost are:

	2003	2002
Computer software	\$ 2,650,541	\$ 3,071,244
Computer hardware	4,862,462	4,435,526
Office furniture and equipment	504,316	441,325
Leasehold improvements	1,087,657	512,002
Capital leases	98,177	446,117
Total cost	9,203,153	8,906,214
Accumulated depreciation and amortization (including capital lease accumulated depreciation of \$40,830 and \$392,337)	(4,537,696)	(5,252,858)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 4,665,457	\$ 3,653,356

4. Debt

Line of Credit

The Company renewed its Loan Agreement (the "Agreement") with Bank of America (the "Bank") on June 30, 2003, which provides for borrowing up to \$2 million. Outstanding borrowings under the Agreement aggregated \$1.7 million at December 31, 2003, and are collateralized by a restricted \$2.0 million certificate of deposit. The interest rate under the agreement is based on the LIBOR fixed rate, which was 3.12% at year-end. The total amount available for further advance to the Company was \$283,000 under the Agreement at December 31, 2003. The line expires on June 30, 2004, but the Company anticipates that the line will be renewed in 2004. However, if the Company does not extend the line of credit, the Company believes that it has adequate funds to meet all of its current obligations for the balance of 2004.

5. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consisted of the following at December 31:

	2003	2002
Accrued expenses	\$ 1,251,871	\$ 547,000
Book overdraft	160,976	326,000
Accounts payable	305,649	274,000
	\$ 1,718,496	\$ 1,147,000

The increase in accrued expense between years is related to legal fees in connection with the Arla Foods arbitration.

6. Stockholder Equity

Private Placements

On March 20, 2002, warrants for 250,000 shares of Common Stock at \$6.50 per share and warrants for 325,000 shares of Common Stock at \$6.40 per share were exercised by an institutional investor.

In connection with the above, the investor has agreed that it will not exercise any of the warrants to the extent that it would acquire shares of Common Stock exceeding 9.9% of the outstanding Common Stock nor will it knowingly sell shares to anyone to the extent that their holding in the Company would exceed 4.9% of the outstanding Common Stock.

Stock Option Plan

The Company has an Employees' Stock Option Plan (the "Plan") which permits issuance of both Incentive Stock Options (ISO) and Non-Qualified Stock Options, whereby options may be granted to officers and other key employees to purchase up to 1,000,000 shares of common stock in amounts determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors through December 31, 2007. During 2003, 2002, and 2001, 407,800, 422,800, and 375,100 options were granted under the Plan, respectively. At December 31, 2003, 263,550 options were available for grant under the Plan. An additional 14,000, 6,000, and 5,000 options were granted outside the Plan in 2003, 2002, and 2001, respectively. Activity for the three years ended December 31, 2003, for all option grants is shown below:

	2003 Shares	2003 Weighted Average Exercise Price	2002 Shares	2002 Weighted Average Exercise Price	2001 Shares	2001 Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at beginning of year	911,475	\$ 7.52	654,575	\$ 7.18	290,500	\$ 6.55
Granted	421,800	\$ 7.76	428,800	\$ 7.77	380,100	\$ 7.64
Exercised	(74,025)	\$ 6.15	(47,375)	\$ 6.57	(6,125)	\$ 6.12
Expired or forfeited	(605,600)	\$ 7.36	(124,525)	\$ 6.98	(9,900)	\$ 7.09
Outstanding at end of year	653,650	\$ 7.97	911,475	\$ 7.52	654,575	\$ 7.18
Exercisable at end of year	305,404		165,700		228,627	
Price range of options						
Outstanding	\$2.25-\$10.51		\$2.25-\$10.51		\$4.06-\$10.51	
Exercised	\$5.78-\$6.44		\$5.78-\$7.13		\$5.78-\$6.44	

Expired or forfeited	\$5.78-\$9.55	\$4.06-\$9.55	\$6.00-\$7.25
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The following table summarizes information with respect to stock options outstanding at December 31, 2003:

Range of Exercise Price	Number of Options Outstanding at 12/31/03	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$ 2.25-\$4.88	55,000	3.4	\$ 3.81
\$ 6.00-\$7.84	159,400	3.3	\$ 6.61
\$ 8.09-\$10.51	439,250	5.4	\$ 8.98
	<u>653,650</u>		

The following table summarizes information with respect to stock options exercisable at December 31, 2003:

Year of Option Expiration	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Price Range
2004	73,950	\$ 8.19	\$ 6.00-\$8.67
2005	31,699	\$ 6.54	\$ 6.44-\$7.08
2006	21,746	\$ 9.70	\$ 9.55-\$10.51
2007	39,009	\$ 6.40	\$ 2.25-\$10.51
2008	114,000	\$ 8.39	\$ 6.35-\$8.67
All Years	<u>280,404</u>		

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The Company used the following values for the Black-Scholes calculation used to measure the fair value of stock-based compensation in accordance with SFAS123.

	2003	2002	2001
Expected life (years)	4-6	4-6	4-6
Risk-free interest rate	3.12%	4.25%	4.75%
Volatility	55.3%	73.1%	80.0%
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0.0%
Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	4.6	7.3	5.7
Weighted average fair value at date of grant	\$ 3.23	\$ 5.05	\$ 4.94

Treasury Stock Transactions

During 2002, the Company issued 2,914 shares of Common Stock previously held in the treasury in payment of expenses. The excess of the value of the stock on the date of issuance over the purchase price of the treasury stock has been charged to paid-in capital in the amount of \$495. During 2002, the Company also purchased 11,800 shares of Common Stock at a total cost of \$62,571. No treasury transactions were conducted in 2003.

7. Income Taxes

There were no tax expenses for the years 2003, 2002, and 2001 as a result of net losses in 2003 and the net operating loss carryforwards.

The tax effect of significant temporary differences representing deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, is as follows:

	2003		2002	
	Current	Non-Current	Current	Non-Current
Property and equipment	\$ —	\$ (622,623)	\$ —	\$ (636,863)
Deferred rent	59,570	—	—	55,951
Accrued vacation	24,841	—	36,882	—
Allowance for doubtful accounts	7,724	—	27,420	—
Deferred revenue	—	—	—	386,200
Net operating loss carryforward	—	5,286,427	—	4,011,838
Accrued bonus	—	47,370	—	—
Other	(12,761)	—	(17,492)	43,597
	<u>79,374</u>	<u>4,711,174</u>	<u>46,810</u>	<u>3,860,723</u>
Valuation allowance	(79,374)	(4,711,174)	(46,810)	(3,860,723)
Deferred tax asset	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

Approximately \$3.3 million in U.S. tax net operating losses was created in 2003. The Company has \$13.7 million in net operating loss carryforwards that will be available to offset regular taxable U.S. income during the carryforward period, which will begin to expire in 2018. Based on the Company's loss in 2003 and its accumulated deficit, the Company has provided a full valuation allowance against the net deferred tax asset. During fiscal year 2003, the Company increased the allowance in the amount of \$883,000 to fully reserve the net deferred tax asset at December 31, 2003. At December 31, 2003, approximately \$388,000 of the valuation allowance, related to benefits from stock compensation, will be credited to "paid in capital" when recognized in future periods.

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Reconciliation between actual tax expenses and taxes computed at the statutory Federal rate of 34 percent for 2003, 2002, and 2001 are as follows:

	2003	2002	2001
U.S. Federal income tax rate at 34%	\$ (767,302)	\$ (993,455)	\$ 193,060
State taxes, net of federal tax benefit	(104,263)	(134,993)	26,233
Change in valuation allowance	883,014	1,136,030	(235,301)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	34,448	31,750	28,674
Valuation allowance related to stock compensation	(45,818)	(34,006)	(8,639)
Adjustment for prior year taxes	(79)	(5,326)	(4,027)
Income tax provision (benefit)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Government Contracts

The principal portion of the Company's revenue has been generated under government contracts, by the InfoSpherix Division. These contracts are awarded pursuant to a competitive bidding process. As of December 31, 2003, none of the Company's contracts were under protest. The Government has the right to audit billings and Spherix does not expect adjustments to the billings.

Leases

The Company has various commitments under capital and operating leases through 2009 relating to computer hardware and software, office equipment, its call center facility in Cumberland, Maryland, and its call center and administrative offices in Beltsville, Maryland.

Future minimum rentals as of December 31, 2003, under noncancellable leases are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Capital Leases	Operating Leases
2004	32,121	752,361
2005	30,028	784,501
2006	27,059	817,144
2007	16,537	806,934
2008	—	614,667
Thereafter	—	102,944
	105,745	\$ 3,878,551
Less: executory costs	35,134	
Less: amount representing interest	7,301	
Capital lease obligations	63,310	
Less current portion	17,731	
Long-term obligations	\$ 45,579	

These future minimum rentals do not include consumer price index (CPI) adjustments to which some of the leases are subject. The Company incurred rental expenses of \$659,000 in 2003, \$645,000 in 2002, and \$652,000 in 2001 under operating leases.

Related Party Transactions

Employment, Deferred Compensation, and Consulting Agreements for Principal Stockholders

Dr. Gilbert V. Levin, Company founder and former CEO, has served under an Employment Agreement since March 3, 1969. This Agreement was amended and restated in 2002, ensuring his continued full-time employment through December 31, 2004. On February 17, 1993, the Company entered into agreements with the Principal Stockholders, Dr. Gilbert V. Levin and Mrs. M. Karen Levin, to provide adequate retirement benefits and to protect the Company's stock from a precipitous sale to pay estate taxes upon their deaths. These agreements provided that, upon retirement, under a Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP), these individuals would receive deferred compensation equal to 70% and 60% of their average annual total compensations less the assumed returns from investment of their funded pension plans, and less their social security payments. The deferred compensation plan is unfunded. At December 31, 2003, the Company had no liability under the plan as actuarially determined. The SERPs for Dr. and Mrs. Levin at present have zero value. The Company also agreed to fund long-term lifetime healthcare and health insurance policies for them. At December 31, 2003, the Company's liability was estimated to be \$123,000. Upon completion of their employment, the officer-stockholders agree to serve as consultants to the Company on an as-needed basis, at a specified daily rate. In 2003, Dr. and Mrs. Levin voluntarily forgave the Company its obligation to retain key man life insurance on Dr. Levin and to buy back stock from the last to survive.

Employee Contract

The Company has entered into an employment agreement with its Founder and Chair, who is a Principal Stockholder, that provides for certain benefits should he be terminated within the terms of the agreement for other than specific reasons. Benefits to be provided under this agreement include continued life, disability, accident and health insurance and severance payments equal to his annual base compensation through the term of the agreement. The agreement expires December 31, 2004.

Deferred Rent

The Company entered into leases for its Beltsville and Cumberland facilities in 1997 and 2003, respectively. The excess of the rent expense over the cash payments for rent is recorded as deferred rent and is being amortized over the life of the leases.

Deferred Revenue

On September 27, 1996, the Company signed an exclusive worldwide licensing agreement with MD Foods Ingredients a/s (MDFI) of Denmark (now Arla Foods Ingredients a/s “Arla”) for the use, manufacture and sale of Spherix’s low-calorie sugar, tagatose, as a sweetener in foods. The Company received a non-refundable \$750,000 initial partial payment on signing. This \$750,000 was classified as licensing revenue in the 1996 financial statements. The Company received an additional payment of \$1,750,000 on January 6, 1997, subsequent to the successful completion of MDFI’s due diligence. The first \$750,000 of the \$1,750,000 received on January 6, 1997, completes the initial non-refundable payment, and was classified as licensing revenue in the first quarter of 1997. The remaining \$1 million of the \$1,750,000 was classified as deferred revenue as this represented a non-refundable advance against future royalties, recoverable and to be recognized as revenue, at the rate of 50% of such annual royalties. On November 13, 2003, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with Arla, which resulted in the immediate recognition of the \$1 million previously classified as deferred revenue without any amount to be used to off-set future royalties.

Other

On May 23, 2002, the Company filed for arbitration against its licensee, Arla Foods a/s. The filing sought damages for what the Company claims has been an unreasonably long time for its licensee to bring tagatose to market and other measures to accelerate the pace toward commercialization of food and beverage uses of the new sweetener licensed to the Danish firm and for favorable interpretation of License Agreement clauses affecting royalty payments and other issues. On November 13, 2003, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with Arla Foods Ingredients that materially extended the fee payment period at rates equaling the high-end royalties and provided that

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Arla supply Spherix with tagatose for Naturlose uses. The Company, accordingly, settled its arbitration proceeding. The Company incurred approximately \$1.5 million in related legal expenses in the years 2002 and 2003.

In December 2002, the National Park Service (“NPS”) cancelled the re-procurement for the National Park Reservation System for which the Company had submitted its bid. The Company has operated this program for six years, and revenue recognized was \$4.2 million and \$4.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively, or 23% and 27% of total revenues for each year. NPS informed the Company that the U.S. Office of Management and Budget had ordered NPS to non-competitively bundle this program with the U.S. Forest Service’s National Recreation and Reservation System contract (“NRRS”). The Company believed this action to be contrary to Federal procurement regulations. On June 26, 2003, the court of Federal Claims notified the Company that the Government decided not to sole source the National Park Service Reservation System to the competition. Instead, a competitive procurement will be issued in the spring of 2004 for the combined NPS and NRRS; however, the government also stated its intention to award the camping inventory of twelve national parks, which are not on our reservation system, to the competition non-competitively. Meanwhile, the NPS contract has been formally extended through September 30, 2004. The Company incurred approximately \$400,000 in related legal expenses in 2003.

The Company is also a party to legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. Management of the Company, after reviewing developments to date with legal counsel, is of the opinion that the outcome of such matters will not have a materially adverse effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

9. Employee Benefit Plans

Effective January 1, 1990, the Company established the Spherix Incorporated 401(k) Retirement Plan. The Plan is a discretionary defined contribution plan and covers substantially all employees who have attained the age of 21, have completed 1 year of service, and have worked a minimum of 1,000 hours in the past Plan or anniversary year.

Under provisions of the Plan, the Company, for any plan year, has contributed an amount equal to 50% of the participant’s contribution or 2½% of the participant’s eligible compensation, whichever is less. The Company may, at its own discretion, make additional matching contributions to participants. Company contributions, net of forfeitures, amounted to \$89,000, \$97,000, and \$85,000 in 2003, 2002, and 2001, respectively.

10. Employee Stock Purchase Plan

On May 15, 2003, the Company approved an Employee Stock Purchase Plan whereby the employees could purchase shares of the Company’s stock. The Plan is authorized to initially issue up to 500,000 shares of common stock, with additional amounts determined annually based on the terms of the Plan. The Plan became available to the employees on January 1, 2004.

11. Subsequent Events

On February 18, 2004, warrants for 500,000 shares of common stock were exercised at \$6.90625 per share, compared to the then current market price of \$6.76 per share, by an institutional investor, and the expiration date of the remaining 585,973 warrants were extended until February 25, 2008, at an exercise price of \$7.00 per share of common stock.

In early 2004, the Company purchased certain assets of Daksoft, Inc. related to its reservation business, which operates under the name “ReserveIt.” The purchase included the acquisition of six additional government reservation contracts and the intellectual property rights to the name “ReserveIt”, as well as other assets of the division. Spherix purchased the assets for \$700,000 plus 43,029 shares of the Company’s common stock, then trading at \$6.699 per share on March 1, 2004.

On March 23, 2004, after lengthy consideration and consultation, the Board and Dr. Levin approved new agreements in contemplation of such time as the Company’s founder and former CEO fully retires.

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12. Information by Business Segment

Operating segments are components of an enterprise about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker, or decision making group, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company is managed along two business segments, InfoSpherix and BioSpherix.

Financial information by business segment for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002, and 2001 is summarized below:

		Year Ended December 31, (Dollars in thousands)		
		2003	2002	2001
Revenues	InfoSpherix	\$ 17,054	\$ 15,043	\$ 19,881
	BioSpherix	1,032	89	56
	Total revenues	\$ 18,086	\$ 15,132	\$ 19,937
Operating (Loss) Profit and (Loss) Income Before Income Taxes	InfoSpherix	\$ (787)	\$ (1,239)	\$ 1,110
	BioSpherix	(1,488)	(1,764)	(656)
	Total operating income (loss)	(2,275)	(3,003)	454
	Interest income (expense), net	18	81	114
	Income (loss) from operations before income taxes	\$ (2,257)	\$ (2,922)	\$ 568
Identifiable Assets	InfoSpherix	\$ 5,688	\$ 5,195	\$ 5,314
	BioSpherix	138	384	216
	General corporate assets	8,341	9,874	7,711
	Total assets	\$ 14,167	\$ 15,453	\$ 13,241
Capital Expenditures	InfoSpherix	\$ 2,485	\$ 770	\$ 919
	BioSpherix	5	14	8
	General corporate assets	27	299	185
	Total capital expenditures	\$ 2,517	\$ 1,083	\$ 1,112
Depreciation and Amortization	InfoSpherix	\$ 1,315	\$ 1,390	\$ 1,278
	BioSpherix	27	25	21
	General corporate assets	161	178	125
	Total depreciation and amortization	\$ 1,503	\$ 1,593	\$ 1,424

During 2003, InfoSpherix recognized revenue from three of its customers, all of which were government agencies, representing 31%, 23%, and 16% of the total Company revenues. During 2002, InfoSpherix recognized revenue from three of its customers, all of which were government agencies, representing 35%, 27%, and 19% of the total Company revenues. During 2001, InfoSpherix recognized revenue from three of its customers, all of which were government agencies, representing 22%, 18%, and 14% of the total Company revenues. Government contracts accounted for 95%, 94% and 82% of the InfoSpherix revenue in 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

BioSpherix has invented and patented for the Company the use of tagatose as a low-calorie sweetener. In 1996, the Company signed an exclusive worldwide licensing agreement with MD Foods Ingredients (MDFI) of Denmark for the use, manufacture and sale of Spherix's low-calorie sugar, tagatose, as a sweetener (see Note 8 "Commitments and Contingencies"). In 2000, MDFI was merged into Arla Foods.

Operating (loss) profit consists of revenue less operating expenses. In computing operating profit, interest expense and income taxes were not considered. Operating loss for InfoSpherix was \$787,000 (5% of InfoSpherix revenue) for 2003.

Identifiable assets by business segment are those assets used in the Company's operations in each segment, such as accounts receivable, inventories, fixed assets, and patent costs. Corporate assets are principally cash and certain other assets not related to a particular segment's operations.

13. Selected Quarterly Information (in thousands, except per share data), unaudited

The table below sets forth selected unaudited financial information for each quarter of the last two years.

	Quarter Ended			
	March 31,	June 30,	September 30,	December 31,
2002				
Revenue	\$ 3,066	\$ 4,227	\$ 4,832	\$ 3,007
Gross profit	\$ 429	\$ 1,231	\$ 1,688	\$ 233
Net (loss) income	\$ (1,111)	\$ (299)	\$ 137	\$ (1,649)
Net (loss) income per share, basic	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.15)
Net (loss) income per share, diluted	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.03)	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.15)
2003				

Revenue	\$	4,421	\$	4,802	\$	5,092	\$	3,772
Gross profit	\$	1,176	\$	1,548	\$	1,855	\$	905
Net (loss) income	\$	(687)	\$	(453)	\$	(115)	\$	(1,002)
Net (loss) income per share, basic	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.09)
Net (loss) income per share, diluted	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.04)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.09)

Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

Item 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company carried out an evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this report, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the Company's reports is timely disclosed therein. There were no significant changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect these controls subsequent to the date of the evaluation.

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PART III

Items 10 through 14.

Information required by Part III (Items 10 through 14) of this Form 10-K is incorporated by reference to the Company's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, which will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this report relates.

PART IV

Item 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SCHEDULES AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits

- (3) Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference to the Company's Annual Proxy Statement for meeting held on May 15, 1992, as filed with the Commission)
- (3.1) Articles of Amendment of the Company (incorporated by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement for its May 1996, May 2000, and May 2001 annual meetings, as filed with the Commission)
- (10.1) Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan Agreement dated as of February 17, 1993, by and between Gilbert V. Levin and the Company (incorporated by reference to Form 10-KSB filed March 31, 1993)
- (10.2) Amended and Restated Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan Agreement dated as of May 15, 2002, by and between M. Karen Levin and the Company (incorporated by reference to Form 10-K filed March 26, 2003)
- (10.3) Restated Consulting Agreement dated as of March 23, 2004, by and between Gilbert V. Levin and the Company
- (10.4) Consulting Agreement dated as of February 17, 1993, by and between M. Karen Levin and the Company (incorporated by reference to Form 10-KSB filed March 31, 1993)
- (10.5) Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated as of March 23, 2004, by and between Gilbert V. Levin and the Company
- (10.6) Stock Purchase Warrant dated as of February 24, 2000 (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed March 3, 2000)
- (10.7) Agreement and License between the Company and MD Foods Ingredients Amba (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed October 22, 1996 and Form 10-KSB filed March 31, 1997)
- (10.8) Securities Purchase Agreement dated as of February 24, 2000, by and between the Company and RGC International Investors, LDC, c/o Rose Glen Capital Management, L.P. (incorporated by reference from Form 8-K filed March 3, 2000)
- (10.9) 1997 Stock Option Plan (incorporated by reference from the Company's Proxy Statements for its May 1998 and May 2001 annual meetings, as filed with the Commission)
- (10.10) Rights Agreement dated as of February 16, 2001, between Spherix Incorporated and American Stock Transfer and Trust Company (incorporated by reference from Form 8-K filed in March 2001)
- (10.11) Amendment to the September 27, 1996 Agreement and License between the Company and Arla Foods Ingredients amba (formerly MD Foods Ingredients amba (incorporated by reference to Form 8-K filed November 17, 2003)
- (10.12) G.V. Levin Exit Agreement Resolution approved by the Board of Directors on March 23, 2004
- (23) Consent of Grant Thornton LLP
- (31.1) Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Spherix Incorporated pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- (31.2) Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Spherix Incorporated pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- (32.1) Certification of Chief Executive Officer of Spherix Incorporated pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- (32.2) Certification of Chief Financial Officer of Spherix Incorporated pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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(b) Reports on Form 8-K

On November 17, 2003, the Company filed a Form 8-K reporting its settlement of the arbitration proceeding against Arla Foods.

SIGNATURES

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

Spherix Incorporated
(Registrant)

Date: March 24, 2004

By: /s/ Thomas W. Gantt
Thomas W. Gantt
CEO & President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>/s/ Gilbert V. Levin</u> Gilbert V. Levin	Chair, Executive Officer for Science	March 24, 2004
<u>/s/ Thomas W. Gantt</u> Thomas W. Gantt	CEO & President	March 24, 2004
<u>/s/ M. Karen Levin</u> M. Karen Levin	Director, Vice President for Communications	March 24, 2004
<u>/s/ Lionel V. Baldwin</u> Lionel V. Baldwin	Director	March 24, 2004
<u>/s/ Douglas T. Brown</u> Douglas T. Brown	Director	March 24, 2004
<u>/s/ Anne S. MacLeod</u> Anne S. MacLeod	Director	March 24, 2004
<u>/s/ Carol Y. Sanchez</u> Carol Y. Sanchez	Director	March 24, 2004

Spherix Incorporated

**RESTATED
CONSULTING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN SPHERIX INCORPORATED
AND GILBERT V. LEVIN**

This Restated Consulting Agreement (this "Agreement") is made as of this 23rd day of March, 2004, by and between the undersigned.

RECITALS

Spherix Incorporated, a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), and Gilbert V. Levin (the "Employee"), have executed and delivered a Consulting Agreement dated as of February 17, 1993, as amended (the "Consulting Agreement"). The Corporation and the Employee now desire to make certain changes to the Consulting Agreement, which is herewith completely restated.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Retirement. As used herein, the term "retirement" shall mean the time at which Dr. Levin ceases to be an employee of the Corporation.

2. Consultation Services.

(a) Upon retirement, the Employee agrees to make himself available to the Corporation as an independent contractor should the Company, from time to time, so desire. The Corporation agrees to engage the Consultant as such upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

(b) The Employee agrees to render services as a general advisor and consultant to management on a part-time, as needed basis, as may be requested by the Corporation at a mutually convenient time. It is agreed that such services shall not require the Employee to be active in the day-to-day operation of the Corporation.

(c) The term during which the Employee shall be required to perform consulting services on a part-time, as needed basis, shall be limited to any Company requests that may be issued to him from time to time. There will be no minimum amount of consulting time required. Any such consulting time provided by the Employee will be compensated at the rate of \$2,000 per day, such rate to be changed annually to reflect the CPI as announced by the Federal Government. The Corporation will reimburse the Employee for all ordinary and necessary expenses incurred by the Employee in connection with the Agreement, including, but not limited to, all travel expenses. Travel reimbursement shall be made in accordance with the Corporation's travel policy then in effect. If any such expenses are paid by the Employee in the first instance, the Corporation will reimburse him upon submission of receipts therefor.

(d) As a major stockholder of the Corporation and a valued contributor to the business of the Corporation, the Employee and Corporation acknowledge that Board of Director and Board Committee membership by the Employee may continue into retirement. For purposes of this Agreement, services rendered as a Board member by the Employee shall not be considered consultation to the Corporation hereunder.

3. The Consulting Agreement, as hereby restated, is ratified and confirmed in all respects and shall continue in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed, under seal, and delivered this Agreement the date first above written.

SPHERIX INCORPORATED

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____	By: _____	_____
Katherine M. Brailer		Thomas W. Gantt
Corporate Secretary		President and CEO

WITNESS: _____	By: _____	_____
		Gilbert V. Levin

Spherix Incorporated

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), is entered into as of the 23rd day of March, 2004, between Spherix Incorporated, a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), and Gilbert V. Levin (the "Executive").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Corporation is engaged in providing information services in health, pharmaceutical and civic areas; in providing services in the areas of chemistry, biology, exobiology, microbiology, occupational health, air and water pollution and hazardous wastes control, industrial hygiene; and in the development of proprietary products; and

WHEREAS, the Executive has been engaged as an expert and corporate executive in major enterprises in the areas indicated above; and

WHEREAS, the Executive is presently, and has been since the formation of the Corporation, an Executive of the Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Executive has led the Company's effort to commercialize its non—fattening sugar as a major food products ingredient and for other non-food uses, and its safe—for—humans pesticides; and

WHEREAS, the Executive has relinquished the positions of CEO and President of Spherix as of September 1, 2003,

WHEREAS, the Company desires the Executive to continue to serve out the term of this Employment Agreement in the capacity of Executive Officer for Science, and the Executive desires to do so,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants herein set forth and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Corporation and the Executive do hereby agree, each with the other, as follows:

1. Full-time Employment of Executive.

1.1. Duties and Status.

1.1.1. The Corporation hereby engages the Executive for the period (the "Employment Period") specified in Section 4 and the Executive accepts such employment, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall serve as Executive Officer for Science, reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation.

1.1.2. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall (i) devote his full-time and efforts to the business of the Corporation and its subsidiaries or affiliates, primarily, but without limitation, to the business of the BioSpherix Division, and will not engage in consulting work or any trade or business for his own account or for or on behalf of any other person, firm or corporation which competes, conflicts or interferes with the performance of his duties hereunder in any way and (ii) accept such additional office or offices to which he may be elected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation or its subsidiaries or affiliates, including, without limitation, any joint venture or subsidiary formed to commercialize the BioSpherix's Division's products, processes or services.

1.1.3. The Executive shall be required to perform the services and duties provided for in Section 1.1.1. only at the location where the Executive was employed immediately prior to the effective date of this Agreement, or at the Annapolis location of the BioSpherix Division. The Executive may schedule telecommuting via the internet from home as approved by the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors of the Company at their May 15, 2002, Meetings. The Executive shall be entitled to vacation, leave of absence, and leave for illness or temporary disability in accordance with the policies of the Corporation in effect, which shall not be less favorable than

those in effect at the date of this Agreement; and any leave on account of illness or temporary disability which is short of total disability, as defined in the Corporation's long-term disability insurance plan ("Total Disability"), shall not constitute a breach by the Executive of his agreements hereunder.

1.2. Compensation and General Benefits. The Executive shall be compensated as follows:

1.2.1. The Corporation shall pay the Executive an annual base salary of \$118,000, effective January 1, 2004. Such salary shall be payable in equal, semi-monthly installments.

1.2.2. The Executive shall be eligible to participate in such profit—sharing, stock option, bonus, incentive and performance award programs which provide opportunities to receive compensation which are the greater of the opportunities (i) then provided by the Corporation to executives with reasonably comparable authority and duties (and in any event not lesser than those provided to executives with junior authority or duties), or (ii) available to the Executive immediately prior to the effective date of this Agreement.

1.2.3. The Executive shall be entitled to receive employee benefits, including, without limitation, pension, disability, group life, sickness, accident and health insurance programs and split-dollar life insurance programs, and perquisites provided by the Corporation to executives which are the greater of the employee benefits and perquisites (i) then provided by the Corporation to executives with comparable authority or duties (and in any event not lesser than those provided to executives with junior authority or duties), or (ii) available to the Executive immediately prior to the effective date of this Agreement. The health insurance benefits received by the Executive shall continue for the Executive and the Executive's spouse following the retirement of the Executive and until the death of the survivor of the Executive and the Executive's spouse.

1.2.4. The Corporation shall pay for continuous, lifetime, long-term care insurance for Dr. and Mrs. Levin in recognition of their years of service to the Company.

1.2.5. The Corporation shall reimburse the Executive for all reasonable expenses incurred by the Executive in the performance of his duties hereunder.

1.2.6. Following his complete retirement from the Corporation, the Executive is to receive a cash payment of \$12,500 each quarter of each year for life. Such payments will be made within 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter and shall be subject to any deductions the Corporation is required to make under applicable State or Federal law.

2. Competition; Confidential Information.

2.1. General. The Executive and the Corporation recognize that due to the nature of his prior association with the Corporation and of his engagements hereunder, and the relationship of the Executive to the Corporation, both in the past as an executive and in the future hereunder, the Executive has had access to and has acquired, will have access to and will acquire, and has assisted in and may assist in developing, confidential and proprietary information relating to the business and operations of the Corporation and its affiliates, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, information with respect to their present and prospective research projects; products, systems and processes (whether or not patentable); customers and agents; and sales and marketing methods. The Executive acknowledges that such information has been and will continue to be of central importance to the business of the Corporation and its affiliates and that disclosure of it to or its use by others could cause substantial loss to the Corporation. The Executive and the Corporation also recognize that an important part of the Executive's duties will be to develop good will for the Corporation and its affiliates through his personal contact with customers, agents and others having business relationships with the Corporation and its affiliates, and that there is a danger that this good will, a proprietary asset of the Corporation and its affiliates, may follow the Executive if and when his relationship with the Corporation is terminated. The Executive accordingly agrees as follows:

2.2. Non-Competition.

2.2.1. During the Employment Period the Executive will not, directly or indirectly, either individually or as owner, partner, agent, employee, consultant or otherwise, except for the account of and on behalf of

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the Corporation or their affiliates, engage in any activity competitive with the business of the Corporation or its affiliates, nor will he, in competition with the Corporation or its affiliates, solicit or otherwise attempt to establish for himself or any other person, firm or entity, any business relationships with any person, firm or corporation which was, at any time during the Employment Period, a customer of the Corporation or one of its affiliates.

2.2.2. Nothing in this Section 2.2. shall be construed to prevent the Executive from owning, as an investment, not more than 1% of a class of equity securities issued by any competitor of the Corporation or its affiliates and publicly traded and registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

2.3. Trade Secrets. The Executive will keep confidential any trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information of the Corporation and its affiliates which are now known to him or which hereafter may become known to him as a result of his employment or association with the Corporation and shall not at any time directly or indirectly disclose any such information to any person, firm or corporation, or use the same in any way other than in connection with the business of the Corporation or its affiliates during and at all times after the expiration of the Employment Period. For purposes of this Agreement, "trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information" means information unique to the Corporation or any of its affiliates which has a significant business purpose and is not known or generally available from sources outside the Corporation or any of its affiliates or typical of industry practice.

2.4. Intellectual Property. Throughout the Employment Period, the Executive will disclose to the Corporation all processes, operations, products or improvements developed by him which relate directly or indirectly to the business of the Corporation or its affiliates which may be patentable or copyrightable. The Executive agrees that such will be the property of the Corporation and that he will, at the Corporation's request and cost, do whatever is necessary to secure the rights thereto by patent or copyright.

3. Corporation's Remedies for Breach. It is recognized that damages in the event of breach of Section 2 by the Executive would be difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain, and it is therefore agreed that the Corporation, in addition to and without limiting any other remedy or right they may have, shall have the right to an injunction or other equitable relief in any court of competent jurisdiction, enjoining any such breach, and the Executive hereby waives any and all defenses he may have on the ground of lack of jurisdiction or competence of the court to grant such an injunction or other equitable relief. The existence of this right shall not preclude any other rights and remedies at law or in equity which the Corporation may have.

4. Employment Period.

4.1. Duration. The Employment Period shall commence on the effective date of this Agreement and shall continue until the earlier of (i) close of business on December 31, 2004 or (ii) any termination of this Agreement that does not constitute an improper termination as defined in Section 4.3.1.

4.2. Termination Payments.

4.2.1. In the event of an improper termination of this Agreement (as defined in Section 4.3.1. of this Agreement), the Corporation shall pay to the Executive and provide him with the following:

4.2.1.1. During the remainder of the Employment Period, the Corporation shall continue to pay the Executive his salary at the rate and as required by Section 1.2.1 and in effect immediately prior to the date of termination.

4.2.1.2. During the remainder of the Employment Period, the Executive shall continue to be treated as an executive (at the level provided for in Section 1.1.1.) under the provisions of the Corporation's profit-sharing, bonus, incentive and performance award programs and any other incentive compensation arrangement described in Section 1.2.2. In addition, the Executive shall continue to be entitled to all benefits and service credits for benefits

under any pension plan, or medical, insurance, split-dollar life insurance and other employee benefit plans, programs and arrangements of the Corporation described in Section 1.2.3. as if he were still employed during such period under this Agreement.

4.2.1.3. If, despite the provisions of Section 4.2.1.2., benefits or the right to accrue further benefits under any profit sharing, bonus, incentive or performance award programs or other long-term incentive compensation arrangement described in Section 1.2.2. shall not be provided under any such arrangement to the Executive, or his dependents, beneficiaries and estate, because he is no longer an employee of the Corporation, the Corporation shall, to the extent necessary, provide, pay or provide for payment of amounts equal to the after tax benefits to the Executive, his dependents, beneficiaries and estate.

4.2.1.4. If, despite the provisions of Section 4.2.1.2., benefits or service credits under any employee benefit plan, including, without limitation, benefits under any pension plan, or any medical, insurance, split-dollar life insurance and other employee benefit plans, programs and arrangements described in Section 1.2.3. shall not be payable or provided under any such plan to the Executive, or his dependents, beneficiaries and estate, because he is no longer an employee of the Corporation, the Corporation shall, to the extent necessary, pay or provide for payment of equivalent after tax benefits and service credits for such after tax benefit~ to the Executive, his dependents, beneficiaries and estate.

4.2.1.5. The Executive shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payment: provided for in this Section 4.2 by seeking employment or otherwise, nor shall the amount of any payment provided for in this Section 4.2 be reduced by any compensation or remuneration earned by the Executive as the result of employment by another employer, or self-employment, or as a partner, after the date of termination or otherwise.

4.2.2. In the event of an improper termination, the Executive may elect, within 60 days after such termination, to elect to be paid a lump sum severance allowance, in lieu of termination payments, in an amount which is equal to the sum of all of the salary payments which he would have been entitled to receive in accordance with Section 4.2.1.1. In the event that the Executive makes an election pursuant to the preceding sentence to receive a lump sum severance allowance, then, in addition to such amount, he shall accelerate all future payments due with respect to (i) the pension benefits he would have accrued under any pension benefit plan maintained by the Corporation if he had remained in the employ of the Corporation for the remainder of the Employment Period, which benefits will be paid concurrently with, and in addition to, the benefits provided under such pension benefit plan, (ii) incentive compensation (including, but not limited to the right to participate in all of the Corporation's profit sharing plans and to receive and exercise stock options and stock appreciation rights and to receive bonuses and performance awards and similar incentive compensation benefits) to which he would have been entitled under this Agreement if he had remained in the employ of the Corporation for the remainder of the Employment Period, and (iii) employee benefits (including, but not limited to, coverage under any disability, group life, sickness, accident and health insurance programs, split-dollar life insurance arrangements or programs and prerequisite) to which he would have been entitled under this Agreement if he had remained in the employ of the Corporation for the remainder of the Employment Period. By accelerating all future payments as described in this Section 4.2.2., the Executive will have the right to receive an amount equal to the commuted actuarial value of those payments within sixty (60) days after the date of Executive's termination.

4.2.3. In the event of a termination other than an improper termination, the Executive shall be entitled to any salary accrued to the date of the termination, but shall not be entitled to any further salary or any further payments hereunder.

4.3. Definitions. The following terms shall have the specified meanings when used in the Sections specified:

4.3.1. In this Section 4, the term "improper termination" means termination (i) by the Corporation of the employment of the Executive with the Corporation for any reason other than death or Total Disability of the Executive, or cause; or (ii) of the employment of the Executive by resignation of the Executive due to (A) a significant change in the nature or scope of his authorities or duties from those contemplated in Section 1.1.1., (B) a merger or consolidation of the Corporation or other similar transaction which is likely to materially and adversely affect the financial ability of the Corporation or any successor assign thereto that agrees in writing to assume the obligations of the Corporation hereunder to perform this Agreement, (C) a reduction in total compensation and benefits from that provided in Section 1.2, or (D) the breach by the Corporation in any material respect of any other provision of this Agreement.

4.3.2. In Section 4.3.1. the term "cause" means (i) a final judicial finding that Executive has been guilty of fraud, misappropriation or intentional material damage to the property or business of the Corporation or

the commission of a felony; (ii) continuance of willful and repeated failure by the Executive to perform his duties in compliance with this Agreement after written notice to the Executive by the Board of Directors specifying such failure, provided that such "cause" shall have been found by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Corporation after at least 10 days' written notice to the Executive specifying the cause proposed to be claimed and after an opportunity for the Executive to be heard at meetings of such Boards of Directors; or (iii) a violation of Section 2 of this Agreement.

4.3.3. In Section 4.2., "Employment Period" shall mean the full period for which the Employment Period would have continued, without any improper termination, under Section 4.3.1.

4.3.4. In Section 2.2.1., "Employment Period" shall mean the full period for which the Employment Period would have continued under Section 4.1. in the event of any termination of the employment of the Executive which is not an improper termination as defined in Section 4.3.1.

5. Legal Costs. If the Corporation shall fail to pay or provide for payment of any amounts required to be paid or provided for hereunder at any time, the Executive shall be entitled to consult with counsel, and the Corporation agrees to pay the reasonable fees and expenses of independent counsel for the Executive in advising him or in bringing any proceedings, or in defending any proceedings, involving the Executive's rights under this Agreement, such right to reimbursement to be immediate upon the presentment by Executive of written billings for such reasonable fees and expenses. The Executive shall be entitled to the prime rate of interest established from time to time at Bank of America, or its successors or successors in interest for any payments of such expenses, or any other payments under this Agreement, that are overdue.

6. **Notices.** Any notices, requests, demands and other communications provided for by this Agreement shall be sufficient if in writing and if sent by registered or certified mail to the Executive at the last address he has filed in writing with the Corporation or, in the case of the Corporation, at its principal executive offices.

7. **Binding Agreement.** This Agreement shall be effective as of the effective date hereof and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Executive, his executors, administrators and personal representatives. The rights and obligations of the Corporation under this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon any successor of the Corporation as defined in Section 1-101(u) of the Maryland General Corporation Law as now in effect; provided, that this Agreement may not be assigned by the Corporation without the consent of the Executive, and in the case of a successor by transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation, or any other successor in which the Corporation does not cease to exist by operation of the transaction in question as a matter of law, the Corporation shall not be relieved of its obligations hereunder.

8. **Corollary Agreements.** This Agreement is made as a corollary to the agreements provided per the Resolution concerning the Executive's retirement provisions passed by the Board of Directors on March 23, 2004, and the Revised Consulting Agreement passed by the Board of Directors on March 23, 2004, together with which it constitutes the entire understanding of the Executive and the Corporation with respect to the subject matters therein and supersedes any and all prior understandings written or oral (including but not limited to the Employment Agreement dated as of May 15, 2002, as amended, between the Corporation and the Executive). This Agreement may not be changed, modified, or discharged orally, but only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland and the invalidity or unenforceability of any provisions hereof shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.

9. **Indemnification.** In addition to any indemnification rights the Executive may have by statute, by-law or otherwise, the Corporation to the fullest extent permitted by, and in accordance with and subject to the requirements of, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, (i) shall indemnify the Executive and hold him harmless for all losses, costs, expenses or liabilities (whether or not arising during the Employment and pay all expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and court fees, actually and necessarily incurred by the Executive in connection with the investigation or defense of, or being a witness in, any such action, suit or proceeding and in connection with any appeal thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed, under seal, and delivered this Agreement the date first above written.

SPHERIX
INCORPORATED
Board of Directors

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Katherine M. Brailer

Corporate Secretary

By: _____

Lionel V.
Baldwin,
Chair
Compensation
Committee

WITNESS: _____

By: _____

Gilbert V.
Levin

Spherix Incorporated**G.V. Levin Exit Agreement Resolution**

It is hereby resolved that:

In appreciation of the 37 years of Dr. Gilbert V. Levin's service as President and/or Chief Executive Officer of Spherix, during which time he also made many significant technical contributions, including the inventions upon which the capitalized value of the Company is largely based; and in anticipation of his retirement from the Company, the following awards are hereby made to him by Spherix:

1. Upon expiration of Dr. Levin's Employment Agreement on December 31, 2004, he will continue with the Company in the position of Executive Officer for Science, beginning at an annual salary to be determined, but no less than his current salary of \$118,000, serving as a regular employee at the will of the Company, during which time he will continue to participate in his 401(k) plan. He will remain eligible for election as Director and Chair.
 2. Dr. Levin's Amended Employment Agreement is hereby restated in the form attached (see Exhibit 10.5). It provides lifetime payments of \$12,500 each quarter following his full retirement from the Company.
 3. Dr. Levin's Consulting Agreement is hereby restated in the form attached (see Exhibit 10.3). It limits his post-retirement consultation to any Company requests that may be issued to him from time to time. No minimum amount of consulting time is required. For any consulting time so requested and provided, Dr. Levin will be compensated at the rate of \$2,000 per day, subject to the Federal CIP, plus related expenses.
 4. The stock option award of 100,000 shares granted to Dr. Levin on November 12, 2003, remains unchanged.
 5. Dr. Levin will be provided suitable office space and secretarial support at Spherix headquarters, and at the newly leased BioSpherix Division location, at no cost to him for a period of three years after his complete retirement from Spherix.
 6. Dr. Levin will be allowed free use of his computer Internet hook-up to Spherix for a period of three years after his complete retirement from the Company.
 7. Dr. Levin is given full title to all Company files on the Viking Mission to Mars, the files on the life detection methods he developed, and title to the related developmental instruments. He will be allowed to store these materials on-site at Spherix at no cost for a period of five years.
 8. Dr. Levin is granted title to the watercolor painting by Willard Bond that hangs in his office.
 9. The Company will defend Dr. Levin from all lawsuits filed against him resulting from legitimate actions taken by him on behalf of the Company.
 10. The Company confirms its Resolution of February 19, 1998, concerning long-term care insurance and health insurance for Dr. Levin and his wife, Karen Levin.
 11. This Resolution and the Agreements and Resolution hereto attached, supersede and replace all previous agreements concerning Spherix's obligations for Dr. Levin's retirement benefits.
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Spherix Incorporated

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statements of Spherix Incorporated on Form S-8 (File No. 333-66053) and on Forms S-3 (File No. 333-44973, 333-79593 and 333-32504), of our report dated February 17, 2004, on our audit of the financial statements of Spherix Incorporated as of December 31, 2003, and for each of the three years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, which report is included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP

Vienna, Virginia
March 24, 2004

Spherix Incorporated**Certification of
Chief Executive Officer****Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Thomas W. Gantt, Chief Executive Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Spherix Incorporated;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual 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 annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual 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 annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers 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)) 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 annual report is being prepared;
 - b) 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
 - c) 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 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.

/s/ Thomas W. Gantt

Thomas W. Gantt
CEO and President
March 24, 2004

Spherix Incorporated**Certification of
Chief Financial Officer****Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Richard C. Levin, Chief Financial Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Spherix Incorporated;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual 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 annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual 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 annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers 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)) 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 annual report is being prepared;
 - b) 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
 - c) 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 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.

/s/ Richard C. Levin

Richard C. Levin

CFO and Executive VP

March 24, 2004

Spherix Incorporated**Certification of
Chief Executive Officer****Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Thomas W. Gantt, Chief Executive Officer of Spherix Incorporated (the "Company"), in compliance with Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2003 (the "Report") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

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

/s/ Thomas W. Gantt

Thomas W. Gantt
CEO and President
March 24, 2004

A signed copy of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Spherix Incorporated and will be retained by Spherix Incorporated and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Spherix Incorporated**Certification of
Chief Financial Officer****Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Richard C. Levin, Chief Financial Officer of Spherix Incorporated (the "Company"), in compliance with Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2003 (the "Report") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

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

/s/ Richard C. Levin

Richard C. Levin

CFO and Executive VP

March 24, 2004

A signed copy of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Spherix Incorporated and will be retained by Spherix Incorporated and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.
