Customer Concentration LifeMark Health's revenue is dependent in part on contracts from certain governmental agencies. The loss of any such contract would have a significant adverse effect on LifeMark Health.

Confidentiality of Personal & Health Information

The collection, use and disclosure of patient personal and health information are subject to substantial regulation by the federal and, in most cases, provincial governments. These laws provide that an individual's consent is required prior to the collection, use and disclosure of information collected from them (with limited prescribed exceptions), that the collected information be protected with reasonable security measures and that the individual have access to the information so collected in order to ensure its accuracy. In addition, future legislation may affect the dissemination of health information that is not individually identifiable. Physicians and other persons providing patient information to LifeMark Health are also required to comply with these laws and regulations. If a client's privacy is violated or if LifeMark Health is found to have violated any law or regulation, it could be liable for damages or for criminal fines or penalties.

Risks Relating Specifically to LMS

Steel Pricing Risks

The world steel markets in which LMS operates can be extremely volatile and cyclical. Up to approximately 60% of LMS's variable costs can be attributed to the price of steel. A failure of LMS to anticipate and appropriately respond in a timely fashion to steel pricing trends in the purchasing and selling of steel products may have a material adverse effect on LMS's results.

Reinforcing steel products are typically sold by means of fixed price contracts, where the reinforcing steel is provided to the customer over a period of time which may range from several weeks to several years. At any point in time, therefore, LMS is contractually obligated to supply significant quantities of steel at a predetermined price. LMS does not hold inventory in quantities to match these obligations. The proportion of inventory to outstanding contractual obligations varies according to management's anticipation of steel pricing trends, but in any event, a material portion of the contractual obligations will always be exposed to future steel purchase pricing risk. If contractual obligations have to be fulfilled by steel purchased at higher costs, then LMS will incur lower realization on those contracts which will have an adverse effect on LMS's results.

LMS's other steel products are sold and shipped within a very short timeframe. These sales are often supported with large inventories of raw materials. During a period of falling prices for raw materials such as what occurred in late 2008, LMS would normally expect price realization on shipments of LMS's finished products to deteriorate, producing inferior returns during the period when older inventories are being sold.

General Economic Conditions Affecting LMS

Market events and conditions beginning in 2008, including disruptions in the international credit markets and other financial systems resulted in a deterioration of global economic conditions and had a negative effect on LMS' operations. Specifically, LMS experienced a dramatic shift in its business late in its fiscal 2008 year that included projects being cancelled and others being significantly delayed due to the unprecedented economic conditions that formed at that time. The end result was that LMS incurred material bad debt expenses for the first time in its operating history that