

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

FORM 10-Q/A

(X) QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

() TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM _____ TO _____

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COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 0-13976

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AKORN, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

LOUISIANA
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

72-0717400
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2500 MILLBROOK DRIVE
BUFFALO GROVE, ILLINOIS
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60089
(Zip Code)

(847) 279-6100
(Issuer's telephone number)

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Indicate by check mark whether the issuer (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

At November 2, 1998 there were 18,087,114 shares of common stock, no par value, outstanding.

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The information contained in this filing, other than historical information, consists of forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in such statements. Such statements regarding the timing of acquiring, developing and financing new products, of bringing them on line and of deriving revenues and profits from them, as well as the effect of those revenues and profits on the company's margins and financial position, is uncertain because many of the factors affecting the timing of those items are beyond the company's control.

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AKORN, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS
(UNAUDITED)

	September 30, 1998	December 31, 1997 *

ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 259	\$ 2,413
Short-term investments	-	96
Accounts receivable, net	9,062	5,429
Inventory	12,690	9,955
Deferred income taxes	517	1,350
Prepaid expenses and other assets	736	390
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	23,264	19,633
PRODUCT LICENSES AND OTHER ASSETS	21,392	6,687

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET	14,359	12,395
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$59,015	\$38,715
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Short-term borrowings	\$ -	\$ 1,750
Current installments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	3,725	149
Trade accounts payable	3,060	3,447
Income taxes payable	477	462
Accrued compensation	1,160	985
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	835	1,819
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,257	8,612
LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS		
	25,007	9,003
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
	297	849
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock	17,513	16,241
Retained earnings	6,941	4,010
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TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	24,454	20,251
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*Condensed from audited consolidated financial statements.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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AKORN, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA
(UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net sales	\$ 15,138	\$ 11,058	\$ 41,177	\$ 30,102
Cost of goods sold	7,270	6,313	20,046	17,013
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GROSS PROFIT	7,868	4,745	21,131	13,089
Selling, general and administrative expenses				
	3,394	2,903	9,720	8,584
Amortization of intangibles	682	90	1,771	213
Research and development	1,187	342	3,143	1,071

Relocation charges	--	--	--	1,451
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	5,263	3,335	14,634	11,319
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OPERATING INCOME	2,605	1,410	6,497	1,770
Interest expense	(413)	(115)	(925)	(368)
Offering expenses	(350)	--	(350)	--
Interest and other income, net	35	14	33	168
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	(728)	(101)	(1,242)	(200)
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INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	1,877	1,309	5,255	1,570
Income taxes	788	484	2,018	581
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NET INCOME	\$ 1,088	\$ 825	\$ 3,237	\$ 989
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Per Share:				
NET INCOME - BASIC	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.06
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NET INCOME - DILUTED	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.06
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING - BASIC	17,948	16,606	17,829	16,599
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING - DILUTED	18,840	17,031	18,820	16,883
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See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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AKORN, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS
(UNAUDITED)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	1998	1997
	-----	-----
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 3,237	\$ 989
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,725	1,214
Building and equipment write down	--	400
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(7,334)	(242)
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NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(1,372)	2,361
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property, plant		

and equipment	(2,919)	(1,233)
Product license acquisitions	(13,017)	(4,313)
Net maturities of investments	96	192
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NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(15,840)	(5,354)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of long-term debt	(12)	(33)
Issuance of long-term debt	16,371	1,500
Proceeds from sale of stock	686	50
Reductions in capital lease obligations	(111)	(113)
Short-term borrowings, net	(1,750)	905
Debt acquisition costs	(126)	--
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NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	15,058	2,309
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,154)	(684)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,413	1,380
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 259	\$ 696
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See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

AKORN, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Akorn, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries (the Company). Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and accordingly do not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 1998 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for a full year. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes for the transition period ended December 31, 1997, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

NOTE B - NONCASH TRANSACTIONS

On June 5, 1998, a former employee exercised options for 105,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The individual tendered approximately 22,000 shares of the Company's outstanding stock as consideration for the option exercise and approximately 33,000 shares to satisfy the personal income tax withholding requirements of the transaction, all of which was recorded as treasury stock. The net effect of this transaction was to increase accrued liabilities by \$280,000, increase common stock and paid in capital by \$185,000, and increase treasury stock by \$465,000.

In July 1998, the Company financed the acquisition of four product licenses with long-term debt in the amount of \$3.332 million.

NOTE C - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On October 8, 1998, the Company closed the acquisition, effective July 1, 1998, of the trade name and other rights to Endosol Extra, a surgical irrigation solution, from Allergan, Inc. The Company paid Allergan \$1.0 million, with \$0.5 million paid upon closing and an additional \$0.5 million payable on the first anniversary of the closing date.

NOTE D - RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 130, "Reporting Comprehensive Income," which requires all items of comprehensive income be reported in a financial statement that is displayed with the same prominence as other financial statements. Other comprehensive income may include foreign currency items, minimum pension liability adjustments and unrealized gains and losses on certain investments in debt and equity securities. The accumulated balance of other comprehensive income must be displayed separately from retained earnings and additional paid-in capital in the equity section of a statement of financial position. The Company has adopted this accounting standard January 1, 1998, as required. Currently, the Company does not have any items that qualify as "other comprehensive income." Accordingly, no separate statement has been presented herein.

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In June 1997, the FASB issued SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," which redefines how operating segments are determined and requires disclosure of certain financial and descriptive information about a company's operating segments. The Company will adopt this accounting standard as of December 31, 1998, as required. The Company expects to continue reporting on ophthalmic and injectable segments.

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AKORN, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment amends form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 1998. The cover page, Part I, items 1 and 2, Part II, item 6, and the signatory page have been changed to reflect the new guidance from the SEC in relation to (1) in-process research and development write-offs, which the Company had recorded in the third quarter of fiscal 1998 as part of the Advanced Remedies, Inc. asset acquisition and (2) disclosures regarding Year 2000 issues.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 COMPARED TO 1997

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, net sales by segment, excluding intersegment sales:

Three Months Ended
September 30,

	----- 1998 -----	----- 1997 -----
(in thousands)		

Ophthalmic division	\$ 7,392	\$ 6,535
Injectable division	7,746	4,523
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Total net sales	\$15,138	\$11,058
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Consolidated net sales increased 37% in the quarter ended September 30, 1998 compared to the same period in 1997. Ophthalmic division sales increased 13%, reflecting new product acquisitions and introductions as well as growth in the base business. Injectable division sales increased 71% compared to the same period in 1997, reflecting strong sales in the base business as well as in acquired products.

Consolidated gross profit increased 66% during the quarter ended September 30, 1998 compared to the same period in 1997, with gross margins increasing from 43% to 52%. Margins for the ophthalmic division increased from 46% to 54% during the comparable periods, primarily due to product acquisitions and a shift in sales mix to higher-margin products. Margins for the injectable division increased from 38% to 50%, primarily due to sales of acquired products.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses increased 17% during the quarter ended September 30, 1998 as compared to the same period in 1997, reflecting increased marketing and promotional expenses and provisions for contractual and management bonus obligations. The percentage of SG&A expenses to sales decreased from 26% to 22% despite the spending increases previously noted, reflecting the ability to leverage existing operations to cover incremental sales growth.

Research and development (R&D) expense increased 247% in the quarter ended September 30, 1998, to \$1,187,000 from \$342,000 for the same period in 1997. The increase reflects an increased number of proprietary products under development. Improved gross profits have allowed the Company to devote substantially greater resources to developing patented products as part of its long-term growth strategy.

In July 1998, the Company acquired certain assets of Advanced Remedies, Inc. (ARI) for approximately \$3,750,000. The purchase price included, in addition to capital equipment, all Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) for any product previously approved for ARI or under review by the FDA. The purchase price also included regulatory files for products under development by ARI but not yet filed with

the FDA. The total purchase price was allocated to ANDAs, \$3,000,000 with amortization over 15 years, and tangible assets, \$750,000 with asset depreciation up to ten years.

Interest expense of \$413,000 was higher than the prior-year quarter's \$115,000, primarily due to higher average outstanding debt balances.

The Company incurred approximately \$350,000 in expenses associated with a proposed offering of 5.5 million shares of common stock. Market conditions led the Company to request withdrawal of the registration statement, and the related accounting, legal and printing fees were charged to expense in the quarter ended September 30, 1998.

The Company's effective tax rate for the quarter ended September 30, 1998 was 42% compared to 37% for the prior-year period, resulting primarily from changes in the state tax provision. The Company reported net income of \$1,088,000 or \$0.06 per diluted share for the three months ended September 30, 1998. Net income for the comparable prior-year period was \$825,000.

NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 COMPARED TO 1997

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, net sales by segment, excluding intersegment sales:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	1998	1997
	(in thousands)	
Ophthalmic division	\$ 21,206	\$ 18,160
Injectable division	19,971	11,942
Total net sales	\$ 41,177	\$ 30,102

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FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY

Working capital at September 30, 1998 was \$14.5 million compared to \$11.0 million at December 31, 1997. The Company amended its bank credit facilities in July 1998 to allow for additional financing. The Company borrowed \$6.0 million under its line of credit in July 1998 to finance acquisitions. At September 30, 1998 the Company had \$1.9 million of financing available under its line of credit. Management believes that existing cash, cash flows from operations and available bank credit are sufficient to handle the Company's requirements for the immediate future.

YEAR 2000 ISSUES

The Company faces exposure to Year 2000 issues in its information technology systems, embedded systems in its manufacturing equipment and facilities, and in the systems utilized by its customers and suppliers. A discussion of each of these exposures follows. The Company does not expect Year 2000 issues to have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

The Company utilizes information technology systems to store and process its business transactions. Lack of Year 2000 compliance in any of these systems could result in disruption of routine accounts payable, accounts receivable and inventory transactions which could in turn effect operating cash flows. The Company utilizes commercially available financial software, and has no internally developed programming which would require modification. To become Year 2000 compliant, the Company's information technology systems required upgrading the server software at its Decatur location and the installation of Year 2000 compliant financial software in its Buffalo Grove location. The Company is dependent upon the representations of its hardware and software vendors to ensure Year 2000 compliance, and has received such representations. The Company currently has a substantial number of inventory items with product expiration dates in the year 2000 and beyond and has experienced no problems with system misclassification of such products as expired. The cost of the required software upgrade and conversion is

estimated at \$600,000, of which approximately \$400,000 had been incurred through September 30, 1998.

The Company utilizes various automated production equipment and facilities components such as telecommunications systems, alarms and sprinkling systems in the course of normal operations. Lack of Year 2000 compliance in any of these embedded systems could result in business interruptions relating to production delays and disruption of customer service and telesales functions, which could in turn effect operating profits and cash flows from operations. The Company is dependent upon the representations of its vendors to ensure Year 2000 compliance, and is in the process of receiving such representations.

The Company's customers utilize various systems to process transactions in the normal course of business. Smaller customers tend to utilize manual accounting systems and therefore present less risk. Wholesalers and other larger customers tend to rely on automated processing systems for inventory control and accounts payable. Lack of Year 2000 compliance in these customer systems could result in erroneous product returns for short-dated product and disruption of payments of outstanding invoices, which would in turn effect operating cash flows. The Company is dependent upon representations of its customers to ensure Year 2000 compliance, and is in the process of receiving such representations. The Company has already sold a substantial amount of product with expiration dates in the

year 2000 and beyond and has experienced no problems with erroneous returns of such product for short-dating.

The Company's vendors and suppliers utilize various systems to process transactions in the normal course of business. Lack of Year 2000 compliance in these vendor systems could result in shortages of required components and raw materials due to misclassification of ship dates or expiration dates as well as disruption of supply or service due to misclassification of invoices as past due, which would in turn effect operating profits and cash flows from operations. The Company is dependent upon the representations of its vendors and suppliers to ensure Year 2000 compliance, and is in the process of receiving such representations. The Company has already purchased a substantial amount of raw material with expiration dates in the year 2000 and beyond and has experienced no apparent shortages of materials due to erroneous expiration dates.

The Company's utilities and freight suppliers use various automated systems to route power and telecommunications signals and to schedule shipments and deliveries. Lack of Year 2000 compliance in these suppliers' systems could result in business interruptions due to production delays and disruption of customer service, telesales and distribution functions, which could in turn effect operating profits and cash from operations. The Company is dependent upon the representations of its suppliers to ensure Year 2000 compliance, and is in the process of receiving such representations.

The Company has completed installation of its Year 2000 compliant financial system in the Buffalo Grove location, and has concluded parallel processing in the fourth quarter of 1998. Conversion to the live compliant system began in January 1999, and is expected to be completed by June 1999. Upgrade of the server in the Decatur location is expected to be completed by June 30, 1999. Surveys of

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ORIGINAL MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Certain legal proceedings in which the registrant, Akorn, Inc. (the "Company"), is involved are described in Item 3 to the Company's Form 10-K for the transition period ended December 31, 1997 and in Note P to the consolidated financial statements included in that report.

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

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) Exhibits

(11.1) Computation of Earnings (Loss) per Share
(27) Financial Data Schedule

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

None.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AKORN, INC.

/s/ Rita J. McConville

Rita J. McConville
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
(Duly Authorized and Principal Financial Officer)

Date: March 10, 1999

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AKORN, INC.
EXHIBIT 11.1

COMPUTATION OF NET INCOME PER SHARE
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	1998	1997	1998	1997
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Earnings:				
Income applicable to common stock	\$ 1,088	\$ 825	\$ 3,237	\$ 989
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Weighted average number of shares outstanding	17,948	16,606	17,829	16,599
Net income per share - basic	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.06
Additional shares assuming conversion of options and warrants	892	425	991	284
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Pro forma shares	18,840	17,031	18,820	16,883
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Net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.06
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