

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

FORM 8-K

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) July 17, 2003

Cass Information Systems, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Missouri

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

2-80070

43-1265338

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

13001 Hollenberg Drive, Bridgeton, Missouri

63044

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(314) 506-5500

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release dated July 17, 2003, issued by Cass Information Systems, Inc. (the Registrant)

Item 9. Information Furnished Under Item 12 - Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The information in this report is furnished pursuant to Item 12, "Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition."

On July 17, 2003, the registrant issued a press release announcing its preliminary results of operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby incorporated by reference. The information in this Form 8-K is being furnished under Item 12 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of such section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Cass Information Systems, Inc.

July 17, 2003

By: /s/ Lawrence A. Collett

Lawrence A. Collett
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

July 17, 2003

By: /s/ Eric H. Brunngraber

Eric H. Brunngraber
Vice President-Secretary
(Chief Financial and Accounting Officer)

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Cass Information Systems Reports
2nd Quarter 2003 Earnings

ST. LOUIS - Cass Information Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ: CASS), the nation's leading provider of freight and utility invoice payment, rating, auditing and information services, reported second quarter earnings of 66 cents per fully diluted share matching the results of the same period last year. Total net income for the quarter was \$2,239,000, compared to \$2,231,000 in 2002.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2003, the company generated \$1.11 fully diluted earnings per share, a 5% increase over the \$1.06 fully diluted earnings per share reported for the first half of 2002. Net income was \$3,757,000, compared to \$3,577,000 in 2002.

The results for the second quarter included a 15%, or \$2,211,000, increase in revenue. Despite a lethargic economy, the addition of new customers enabled Cass to boost utility transaction volume by 32% and transportation transaction volume by 9% in the quarter. On a year-to-date basis, these levels have increased 34% and 12% respectively.

Revenues also increased as a result of Cass consolidating the operating results of a software subsidiary, Government e-Management Solutions (GEMS). The subsidiary, which markets integrated financial, property and human resource management systems to the public sector, generated second quarter revenues of \$1,829,000.

Offsetting the boost in information revenue was a \$949,000 decrease in net investment income. The continuing effects of a low interest rate environment caused the decrease. Partially offsetting the decrease in interest income were additional gains of \$418,000 on the sales of securities compared to the second quarter of 2002.

Operating expenses rose 18% in the quarter, attributable mainly to the GEMS' consolidation. Prior to Dec. 31, 2002, GEMS was accounted for as an asset held for sale and its operating results were not consolidated with those of the company. Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No.144, adopted by the company in 2002, now requires that GEMS be reclassified as an asset held and used. Consequently, Cass reclassified the entity's net assets and consolidated its operations with the parent company on Jan.1, 2003.

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Excluding the effect of the consolidation, second quarter operating expenses were 3% higher than those reported in the same period of 2002. The increase is mainly attributable to increased salaries and benefits expenses related to higher processing volume.

"The prevailing low interest rate environment continues to adversely affect revenue," commented Lawrence A. Collett, chief executive officer and chairman of the board. "To date, we have successfully mitigated some of the effect by capitalizing on gains in our securities portfolio and by increasing processing volumes and associated revenues. We remain confident in our ability to grow our information processing businesses. If current interest rate levels linger it could negatively affect the results of such growth."

Selected Consolidated Financial Data

The following table presents selected unaudited consolidated financial data (in thousands, except share and per share data) for the periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2002.

	Quarter Ended 6/30/03	Quarter Ended 6/30/02	Six Months Ended 6/30/03	Six Months Ended 6/30/02
Transportation Invoice Volume	5,810	5,316	11,476	10,275
Transportation Dollar Volume	\$2,154,256	\$1,886,067	\$4,208,168	\$3,727,704
Utility Transaction Volume	1,116	845	2,149	1,607

Utility Dollar Volume	\$ 788,714	\$ 589,295	\$1,614,075	\$1,193,662
Payment and Processing Fees	\$ 6,870	\$ 6,122	\$ 13,839	\$ 11,673
Software Revenue	1,829	--	3,607	--
Net Investment Income	6,485	7,434	13,074	14,712
Gain on Sale of Debt Securities	1,362	944	1,362	944
Other	601	436	1,156	889
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Total Revenues	\$ 17,147	\$ 14,936	\$ 33,038	\$ 28,218
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 9,400	\$ 7,897	\$ 18,752	\$ 15,503
Occupancy	457	384	893	748
Equipment	1,121	1,115	2,282	2,204
Other	2,893	2,317	5,721	4,582
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Total Operating Expenses	\$ 13,871	\$ 11,713	\$ 27,648	\$ 23,037
Income before Income Taxes	\$ 3,276	\$ 3,223	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,181
Provision for Income Taxes	\$ 1,037	\$ 992	\$ 1,633	\$ 1,604
Net Income	\$ 2,239	\$ 2,231	\$ 3,757	\$ 3,577
Average Earning Assets	\$ 534,810	\$ 543,006	\$ 534,564	\$ 539,930
Net Interest Margin	5.02%	5.84%	5.15%	5.78%
Allowance for Loan Losses to Loans	1.22%	1.24%	1.22%	1.24%
Non-performing Loans to Total Loans	.39%	.16%	.39%	.16%
Net Loan Charge-offs to Loans	--	.02%	--	.02%
Provision for Loan Losses	\$ --	\$ 180	\$ 90	\$ 270
Non-performing Loans	\$ 1,728	\$ 650	\$ 1,728	\$ 650
Basic Earnings per Share	\$.67	\$.67	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.07
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$.66	\$.66	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.06

About Cass Information Systems

Cass has been a leading provider of payables services and information support systems to companies throughout North America since 1956. The company pays over \$10 billion annually in freight and utility invoices on behalf of its customers from processing centers in St. Louis, Mo., Columbus, Ohio and Boston, Mass. The support of its bank subsidiary, Cass Commercial Bank, founded in 1906, makes Cass Information Systems unique in the industry.

Note to Investors

Certain matters set forth in this news release may contain forward-looking statements that are provided to assist in the understanding of anticipated future financial performance. However, such performance involves risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those in such statements. For a discussion of certain factors that may cause such forward-looking statements to differ materially from the company's actual results, see the company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002.