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Form 10QSB  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-QSB

(Mark One)

X Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities  
--- Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended February 28, 2002

--- Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0 - 14188

Surge Components, Inc.

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(Exact name of small business issuer as specified in its charter)

New York

11-2602030

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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

95 Jefryn Boulevard, Deer Park, NY 11729

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(631) 595-1818

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(Issuer's telephone number, including area code)

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(Former name, former address and former fiscal year,  
if changed since last report)

Check whether the issuer: (1) filed all reports required to be filed by  
Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the 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 X No  
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APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY  
PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS

Check whether the registrant filed all documents and reports required to be  
filed by Section 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the distribution of  
securities under a plan confirmed by court.

Yes No

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APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS

State the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common equity, as of the latest practicable date: As of April 15, 2002: 9,022,448 shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share.

Transitional Small Business Disclosure Format (check one):

Yes      No    X  
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for the Period Ended February 28, 2002

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SURGE COMPONENTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

February 28,  
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ASSETS

Current assets:	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 924,000
Marketable securities - available for sale	966,000
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$40,000)	1,474,000
Due under repurchase agreement	794,000
Inventory, net	2,137,000
Prepaid expenses and income taxes	336,000
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Total current assets	6,631,000
Fixed assets - net of accumulated depreciation of \$559,000 and \$476,000	1,402,000
Other assets	8,000
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Total assets	\$8,041,000 =====

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

February 28,  
2002  
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LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 2,298,000
Accrued expenses and taxes	753,000
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Total current liabilities	3,051,000
Deferred rent	34,000
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Total liabilities	3,085,000 -----
Commitments and contingencies	
Shareholders' equity	
Preferred stock - \$.001 par value stock, 1,000,000 shares authorized:	
Series A - 260,000 shares authorized, none outstanding. Series C -	
100,000 shares authorized, 62,000 shares issued and outstanding,	
convertible, redeemable,	

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liquidation preference of \$5 per share	--
Common stock - \$.001 par value stock, 25,000,000 shares authorized, 9,022,448 shares issued and outstanding	9,000
Additional paid-in capital	23,065,000
Stock subscription receivable	(8,000)
Net unrealized loss on investment securities	(77,000)
Accumulated deficit	(18,033,000)
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Total shareholders' equity	4,956,000
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Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 8,041,000
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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SURGE COMPONENTS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

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	2002
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Net sales	\$2,794,000
Cost of goods sold	2,012,000
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Gross profit	782,000
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Operating expenses:	
General and administrative expenses	838,000
Selling and shipping expenses	234,000
Financial consulting fees	75,000
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Total operating expenses	1,147,000
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Loss from operations	(365,000)
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Other income (expense):	
Investment income	14,000
Interest expense	(4,000)
Loss on sale of marketable securities	(8,000)
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Total other income (expense)	2,000
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Loss before income taxes	(363,000)
Income taxes	5,000
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Net loss	(368,000)
Dividends on preferred stock	16,000
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Net loss available to common shareholders	\$ (384,000)
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Other comprehensive loss	
Net loss	(368,000)
Unrealized holding (loss) gain on securities arising during the period	(15,000)
Reclassification adjustment - loss on sale of securities	8,000
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Total comprehensive loss	\$ (375,000)
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Loss available to common shareholders, per share	
Basic	\$ (.04)
Diluted	\$ (.04)
Weighted average shares outstanding	
Basic	9,022,000
Diluted	9,022,000

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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	2002
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OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net loss	\$ (368,0
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	83,0
Provision for bad debts	
Loss on sale of marketable securities	8,0
Unearned compensation	
Deferred rent	5,0

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CHANGES IN OPERATING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:	
Accounts receivable	136,0
Inventory	174,0
Prepaid expenses and income taxes	(194,0
Accounts payable	(18,0
Accrued expenses and taxes	(377,0
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NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(551,0
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Collections of amounts due under repurchase agreement	261,0
Purchase of marketable securities	(12,0
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	200,0
Acquisition of fixed assets	(6,0
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NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	443,0
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FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Collections from stock subscription receivable	2,0
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	
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NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	2,0
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NET CHANGE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	(106,0
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	1,030,0
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CASH AND EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 924,0
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SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:	
Income taxes paid	\$ 5,0
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Interest paid	\$ 4,0
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Conversion of convertible debt into common stock	\$
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FEBRUARY 28, 2002

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the opinion of management, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Surge Components Inc., Challenge/Surge, Inc., Superus Holdings, Inc.

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("Superus"), Mail Acquisition Corp. ("Mail") and SolaWorks, Inc. contain all adjustments necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position as of February 28, 2002 and the related statements of operations and comprehensive loss and cash flows for the three months ended February 28, 2002 and 2001.

The consolidated results of operations for the three months ended February 28, 2002 and 2001 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

The accounting policies followed by the Company are set forth in Note B to the Company's financial statements included in its Annual Report on Form 10-KSB, for the year ended November 30, 2001.

### NOTE 2 - SUPERUS BANKRUPTCY

In March 2002, Superus filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy code.

### NOTE 3 - SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

In April 2002, in connection with a Mutual Release, Settlement, Standstill and Non-Disparagement Agreement by and among the Company and Equilink Capital Partners, LLC, Robert DePalo, Old Oak Fund Inc. and Kenneth Orr (collectively, the "Investors"), the Investors transferred back to the Company 252,000 shares of common stock, 19,300 shares of Series C preferred stock, and certain warrants, representing all of the Company's securities held by the Investors, and agreed to, among other things, not to purchase any securities of the Company and not to disparage the Company in any manner, in exchange for \$225,000 (\$100,000 paid upon signing of the agreement and two payments of \$62,500 due on July 1, 2002 and November 1, 2002), in settlement of potential claims relating to services provided by the Investors. The shares are being held in escrow until the final payment has been made. In addition, the Company and the Investors mutually agreed to release each other from all claims each party had, now has, or in the future might have against the other. The Company will record a charge of approximately \$200,000 to income during the quarter ending May 31, 2002 in connection with the settlement.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FEBRUARY 28, 2002

### NOTE 4 - DUE UNDER REPURCHASE AGREEMENT

In September 2001, the Company entered into an agreement with a subsidiary ("Maple Chase") of Invensys Plc pursuant to which the Company paid approximately \$1,250,000 for certain inventory held by Maple Chase who agreed to repay the Company, in non-interest bearing installments over 12 months for such inventory (the "Repurchase Agreement"). For accounting purpose, the amount paid by the Company under the Repurchase Agreement is being treated as a one-year financing. As of February 28, 2002, the Company had received approximately \$461,000. In April 2002, the Company received the third scheduled payment of approximately \$323,000.

### NOTE 5 - PREFERRED DIVIDENDS

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The dividends on the Non-Voting Redeemable Convertible Series C Preferred Stock totaling \$15,500 for the semiannual period ended December 31, 2001 have not been paid. The Company has accrued these dividends.

### NOTE 6 - SEC INVESTIGATION

During the year ended November 30, 2000 and the quarter ended February 28, 2001, the Company made certain questionable payments of approximately \$2,137,000 and \$774,000, respectively. These payments are currently the subject of an investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The recipient of these payments repaid \$1 million in cash to the Company in the quarter ending May 31, 2001 which was included in other income. There can be no assurance that the questionable payments and related investigation will not lead to other proceedings.

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### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis or Plan of Operation

Statements contained in this report include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of such term in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual financial or operating results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements not to occur or be realized. Such forward-looking statements generally are based on our best estimates of future results, performance or achievements, based upon current conditions and the most recent results of the companies involved and their respective industries. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "project," "expect," "believe," "estimate," "anticipate," "intends," "continue," "potential," "opportunity" or similar terms, variations of those terms or the negative of those terms or other variations of those terms or comparable words or expressions. Potential risks and uncertainties include, among other things, such factors as:

- o our business strategies and future plans of operations,
- o general economic conditions in the United States and elsewhere, as well as the economic conditions affecting the industries in which we operate,
- o political and regulatory matters affecting the foreign countries in which we operate or purchase goods and materials,
- o the market acceptance and amount of sales of our products and services,
- o the extent that our distribution network and marketing programs achieve satisfactory response rates,
- o the effect of the current surplus of electronic component parts in the broker distributor market on sales by our Challenge subsidiary,
- o our historical losses,
- o the competitive environment within the electronic components



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industry,

- o our ability to raise additional capital, if and as needed,
- o the cost-effectiveness of our product development activities,
- o the effect of the delisting of our common stock from The Nasdaq Stock Market,
- o the extent of any further investigations or proceedings with respect to the questionable payments.

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Shareholders and others reading this report should carefully consider such risks, uncertainties and other information, disclosures and discussions which contain cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those provided in the forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Readers are urged to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by the Company in this Report and the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended November 30, 2001, both of which have been filed with the Commission. These reports attempt to advise interested parties of the risks and factors that may affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations and prospects.

### Recent Developments

On April 12, 2002, Surge entered into a Mutual Release, Settlement, Standstill and Non-Disparagement Agreement with Equilink Capital Partners, LLC, Robert DePalo, Old Oak Fund Inc. and Kenneth Orr (collectively, the "Investors"). Pursuant to such agreement, the Investors transferred back to Surge 252,000 shares of common stock, 19,300 shares of Series C preferred stock, and certain warrants, representing all of Surge's securities held by the Investors, and agreed to, among other things, not to purchase any securities of Surge and not to disparage the Company in any manner, in exchange for \$225,000 (\$100,000 paid upon signing of the agreement and two payments of \$62,500 due on July 1, 2002 and November 1, 2002), in settlement of potential claims relating to services provided by the Investors. The shares are being held in escrow until the final payment has been made. In addition, the Company and the Investors mutually agreed to release each other from all claims each party had, now has, or in the future might have against the other. The Company will record a charge of approximately \$200,000 to income during the quarter ending May 31, 2002 in connection with the settlement.

### Results of Operations

Consolidated net sales for the three months ended February 28, 2002 decreased by approximately \$3,776,000, or 57%, to approximately \$2,794,000 as compared to net sales of approximately \$6,570,000 for the three months ended February 28, 2001. The net sales for the three months ended February 28, 2002 for Surge without Challenge/Surge, Inc. ("Challenge"), one of the Company's subsidiaries, decreased by approximately \$857,000, or 33% when compared to the three months ended February 28, 2001. The Company had lower sales during the current year as a result of a slowdown in the electronics industry.

The net sales for the three months ended February 28, 2002 for Challenge decreased by approximately \$2,919,000, or 73% when compared to the three months

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ended February 28, 2001. Challenge is experiencing a decline in sales due to a slowdown in manufacturing among computer, telecommunications and phone manufacturers. This slowdown is expected to exist through the second half of 2002. Any future improvements in sales and possible profitability is expected to be based on future demand and supply for Challenge's product mix.

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Our gross profit for the three months ended February 28, 2002 decreased by approximately \$782,000 or 50%, as compared to the three months ended February 28, 2001. Gross margin as a percentage of net sales, however, increased from 23.8% for the three months ended February 28, 2001 to 28% for the three months ended February 28, 2002. This increase is due primarily to a change in our product mix.

General and administrative expenses for the three months ended February 28, 2002 decreased by approximately \$1,253,000, or 60%, as compared to the three months ended February 28, 2001. The decrease is primarily due to costs associated with funding the operations of MailEncrypt, which was unwound during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended November 30, 2001, and overhead attributable to Superus, which was inactive since the second quarter of 2001 and has subsequently filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Superus incurred approximately \$557,000 of expenses relating to salaries, rent, professional fees, public relations and consulting fees for the three months ended February 28, 2001.

Selling and shipping expenses for the three months ended February 28, 2002 decreased by approximately \$144,000, or 38%, as compared to the three months ended February 28, 2001. This decrease is primarily due to the decreased sales commissions resulting from the lower sales in the current three-month period.

Financial consulting fees and expenses for the three months ended February 28, 2001 were approximately \$1,129,000, based on the amortization of unearned compensation recorded during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2000 for work to be performed by the Company's investment banker in 2001. During the three months ended February 28, 2002, the Company paid \$75,000 to its investment banker for work performed during the current quarter.

Interest expense decreased approximately \$86,000 or 95% for the three months ended February 28, 2002 as compared to the three months ended February 28, 2001. This decrease primarily is related to our conversion of our private placement notes as of December 31, 2000. In July 2001, in order to avoid disputes, we decided to accrue additional interest on the convertible notes through the dates the notes were converted. Previously interest was accrued only to December 31, 2000.

Investment income for the three months ended February 28, 2002 decreased by approximately \$56,000, or 80%, as compared to the three months ended February 28, 2001. This decrease is primarily related to our use of cash and cash equivalents to fund losses and the reduction of interest rates.

As result of the foregoing, the Company on a consolidated basis had a net loss of approximately \$368,000 for the three months ended February 28, 2002, as compared to approximately \$2,093,000 for the three months ended February 28, 2001.

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### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Working capital decreased by \$316,000 during the three months ended February 28, 2002 from \$3,896,000 at November 30, 2001, to \$3,580,000, at February 28, 2002. This decrease resulted primarily from the decrease in inventory and amounts due under a repurchase agreement as partially offset by a decrease in accrued expenses. Our current ratio increased from 2.1:1 at November 30, 2001, to 2.2:1 at February 28, 2002. Inventory turned 0.90 times during the three months ended February 28, 2002 as compared to 1.86 times during the three months ended February 28, 2001. The average number of days to collect receivables decreased from 54 days to 50 days. We believe that working capital levels are adequate to meet the current operating requirements of the Company.

At February 28, 2002, we had no existing lines of credit. The Company is negotiating a \$1 million line of credit from an asset based lender.

We continue to incur substantial operating costs. These costs principally consist of rent, payroll, professional fees and marketing related charges. Our ability to operate profitably in the future depends on increasing sales levels and decreasing our expenses. To accomplish this goal, we continue to streamline our operations by reducing payroll and are reviewing other possible reductions.

During the three months ended February 28, 2002, we had net cash used in operating activities of approximately \$535,000 as compared to approximately \$89,000 in the three months ended February 28, 2001. The increase in cash used in operating activities resulted from the Company's net loss, a decrease in accrued expenses and an increase in prepaid expenses and income taxes, partially offset by a decrease in inventory.

We had net cash provided by investing activities of \$443,000 for the three months ended February 28, 2002, as compared to \$103,000 used in investing activities for the three months ended February 28, 2001. The net cash provided by investing activities during the three months ended February 28, 2002 resulted primarily from the sale of marketable securities and collection of amounts due under a repurchase agreement (\$261,000).

We anticipate that with our current cash position, marketable securities available for sale and collections due under Repurchase Agreement will be sufficient to meet our current financial requirements over at least the next twelve months.

We had net cash provided by financing activities of approximately \$2,000 for the three months ended February 28, 2002, as compared to net cash provided by financing activities of approximately \$36,000 for the three months ended February 28, 2001. The cash provided by financing activities during the quarter ended February 28, 2001 was a result of the proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

As a result of the foregoing, the Company had a net decrease in cash and equivalents of approximately \$106,000 during the three months ended February 28, 2002, as compared to approximately \$156,000 for the three months ended February 28, 2001.

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### Inflation And Increasing Interest Rates

In the past two fiscal years, inflation has not had a significant impact on our business. We have generally been able to offset the impact of rising costs through purchase price reductions and increases in selling prices. However, any significant increase in inflation and interest rates could have a significant effect on the economy in general and, thereby, could affect our future operating results.

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### Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

#### (a) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
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10.1	(a) Mutual Release, Settlement, Standstill and Non-Disparagement Agreement, dated as of April 12, 2002, by and among Surge Components, Inc. and Equilink Capital Partners, LLC, Robert DePalo, Old Oak Fund Inc. and Kenneth Orr.
	(b) Reports on Form 8K
	None.

### SIGNATURES

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

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By: /s/ Steven J Lubman

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Steven J. Lubman  
Vice President, Principal  
Financial Officer, Secretary and  
Director

Dated: April 22, 2002