

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

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended **September 30, 2011**.

or

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: **000-52446**

CACTUS VENTURES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

000-52446

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

123 W. Nye Lane, Suite 129

Carson City, NV

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

89706

(Zip Code)

831-770-0217

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of November 10, 2011, there were 11,155,008 shares of the issuer's common stock outstanding.

PART I-FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Cactus Ventures, Inc.
Condensed Balance Sheet
September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010

| | Unaudited 2011 | Audited 2010 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash in bank | \$ 150 | 150 |
| Total current assets | 150 | 150 |
| Total assets | \$ 150 | \$ 150 |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</u> | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 1,500 | \$ 13,694 |
| Accrued Legal Fees | 1,740 | 1,120 |
| Accrued interest | 24,839 | 21,247 |
| Total current liabilities | 28,079 | 36,061 |
| Notes payable related parties | 53,753 | 58,707 |
| Total liabilities | 81,832 | 94,768 |
| Shareholders' deficit | | |
| Preferred stock, 100,000,000 shares \$.01 par authorized, 0 outstanding | — | — |
| Common stock, 100,000,000 shares, \$.01 par authorized, 11,155,008 outstanding | 111,550 | 111,550 |
| Paid in capital | 63,885 | 63,885 |
| Retained deficit | (257,117) | (270,053) |
| Total shareholders' equity | (81,682) | (94,618) |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 150 | \$ 150 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Cactus Ventures, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Operations
For the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Sales | \$ — | \$ — |
| Cost of Goods | — | — |
| Gross profit | — | — |
| Expenses | | |
| Bank charges | — | 182 |
| Other costs | 331 | 466 |
| Professional fees | 8,140 | 18,170 |
| Total expenses | 8,471 | 18,818 |
| Net loss from operations | (8,471) | (18,818) |
| Other income (expense) | | |
| Gain on retention of deposit | 25,000 | 35,000 |
| Interest expense | (3,593) | (5,152) |
| State corporate tax expense | — | (834) |
| | 21,407 | 29,014 |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 12,936 | \$ 10,196 |
| Loss per common share | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.01) |
| Weighted average of shares outstanding | 11,155,008 | 11,155,008 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Cactus Ventures, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Cash Flows - Indirect method
For the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010

| | 2011 | 2010 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 12,936 | \$ 10,196 |
| Adjustment to reconcile net to net cash provided by operating activities | | |
| Increase (decrease) in legal fees payable | 620 | (1,130) |
| Decrease in accounts payable | (12,194) | (1,309) |
| Increase in accrued interest | 3,592 | 5,152 |
| Other | 1 | 1 |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 4,955 | 12,910 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Retire note payable | (25,000) | — |
| NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES | (25,000) | — |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Assignment of a/p to related party | 10,694 | — |
| Related party notes | 9,351 | (14,882) |
| NET CASH REALIZED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | 20,045 | (14,882) |
| INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | — | (1,972) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year | 150 | 2,122 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT YEAR END | \$ 150 | \$ 150 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Organization and basis of presentation

Basis of presentation

The accompanying interim condensed financial statements are unaudited, but in the opinion of management of Cactus Ventures, Inc. (the Company), contain all adjustments, which include normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the financial position at September 30, 2011, the results of operations and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. The balance sheet as of December 31, 2010 is derived from the Company's audited financial statements.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, although management of the Company believes that the disclosures contained in these financial statements are adequate to make the information presented therein not misleading. For further information, refer to the financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

Description of business

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada on October 6, 1997. The Company for the past several years has had no activity. The Company is a shell entity that is in the market for a merger with an appropriate company.

Net loss per share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period.

2. New accounting pronouncements

The following accounting pronouncements if implemented would have no effect on the financial statements of the Company.

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting standard update, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820), Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements. The Update would affect all entities that are required to make disclosures about recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements. The Board concluded that users will benefit from improved disclosures in this Update and that the benefits of the increased transparency in financial reporting will outweigh the costs of complying with the new requirements. The new

disclosures and clarifications of existing disclosures are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 30, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. We are currently evaluating the impact this update will have on our financial statements.

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting standard update to address implementation issues related to the changes in ownership provisions in the Consolidation-Overall Subtopic (Subtopic 810-10) of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification, originally issued as FASB Statement No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements. Subtopic 810-10 establishes the accounting and reporting guidance for noncontrolling interests and changes in ownership interests of a subsidiary. An entity is required to deconsolidate a subsidiary when the entity ceases to have a controlling financial interest in the subsidiary. Upon deconsolidation of a subsidiary, an entity recognizes a gain or loss on the transaction and measures any retained investment in the subsidiary at fair value. The gain or loss includes any gain or loss associated with the difference between the fair value of the retained investment in the subsidiary and its carrying amount at the date the subsidiary is deconsolidated. In contrast, an entity is required to account for a decrease in its ownership interest of a subsidiary that does not result in a change of control of the subsidiary as an equity transaction.

In December 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting standard update for improvements to financial reporting by enterprises involved with Variable Interest Entities. The subsections clarify the application of the General Subsections to certain legal entities in which equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or do not have sufficient equity at risk for the legal entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support [FIN 46(R), paragraph 1, sequence 55.1] or, as a group, the holders of the equity investment at risk lack any one of the following three characteristics: [FIN 46(R), paragraph 1, sequence 55.2]:

- a. The power, through voting rights or similar rights, to direct the activities of a legal entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance [FIN 46(R), paragraph 1, sequence 55.2.1];
- b. The obligation to absorb the expected losses of the legal entity [FIN 46(R), paragraph 1, sequence 55.2.2];
- c. The right to receive the expected residual returns of the legal entity. [FIN 46(R), paragraph 1, sequence 55.2.3].

The amendments in this update to the Accounting Standards Codification are the result of FASB Statement No. 167, Amendments to FASB Interpretation No. 46(R). The adoption of this update to improving the financial reporting by enterprises involved with Variable Interest Entities, as codified in ASC 810, did not have any impact on the Company's financial statements.

In May 2011, the FASB issued new authoritative guidance to provide a consistent definition of fair value and ensure that fair value measurements and disclosure requirements are similar between GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. This guidance changes certain fair value measurement principles and enhances the disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. This guidance is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and is applied prospectively. The Company does not expect that the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on its financial statements.

Cactus Ventures, Inc.
Footnotes to the Condensed Financial Statements
September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2010

Other accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies that do not require adoption until a future date are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements upon adoption.

3. Related party transaction

Various founders of the Company have performed consulting services for which the Company has paid them consulting fees as voted on during the initial board of directors meeting. There were \$0 and \$5,000 paid to a related party for continuous maintenance of records during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

The Company borrowed \$9,351 and \$17,228 from various related parties and shareholders of the Company for working capital purposes as of September 30, 2011 and 2010 respectively. The Company repaid \$25,000 and \$24,231 in notes payable to related parties as of September 30, 2011 and 2010 respectively.

In addition, related parties assumed \$10,694 in accounts payable as of September 30, 2011.

4. Three Month Data – Second Quarter 2011 and 2010

| | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue | \$ — | \$ — |
| Expense | <u>(2,430)</u> | <u>(8,124)</u> |
| Operating Loss | (2,430) | (8,124) |
| Other Revenue and Expense | <u>(1,084)</u> | <u>(1,555)</u> |
| Three Month Loss | <u>\$ (3,514)</u> | <u>\$ (9,679)</u> |

5. Going concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates the realization of assets and the settlement of liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. As reflected in the accompanying financial statements, the company has a negative working capital deficiency of \$27,929 and a stockholders' deficiency of \$81,682. These factors raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The ability to the Company to continue as a going concern is dependent on the company's ability to raise additional funds and implement its business plan. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the company is unable to continue as a going concern.

6. Letter of Intent

In February 2010, the company signed a non-binding letter of intent (LOI) with a British Virgin Islands company, with respect to a possible share exchange transaction. In good faith, a trust agent received deposits of \$15,000 on February 8, 2010 and \$10,000 on February 26, 2010 with associated bank costs of \$81.67 from the British Virgin Islands company. On April 2, 2010 the trust agent received an additional deposit of \$10,000 with associated bank costs of \$28. In April 2010, the Letter of Intent expired and the deposits became non-refundable.

On April 29th, 2011, the Company signed a non-binding confidential letter of intent (LOI) with a private company with respect to a possible share exchange transaction, pending continued discussions, negotiations and completion of due diligence. In good faith, a trust agent received a deposit of \$25,000. On May 16, 2011, the deposits became non-refundable in accordance with the specifications of the LOI. On June 15, 2011, the Company signed Addendum 1 to the Confidential Letter of Intent (CLOI) which amended the closing date no later than July 31, 2011.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENT NOTICE

This Form 10-Q contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. For this purpose any statements contained in this Form 10-Q that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, words such as "may," "will," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "estimate" or "continue" or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially depending on a variety of factors, many of which are not within our control. These factors include but are not limited to economic conditions generally and in the industries in which we may participate; competition within our chosen industry, including competition from much larger competitors; technological advances and failure to successfully develop business relationships.

We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and assumptions about us that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to our ability to raise additional capital, the absence of any operating history or revenue, our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, general economic conditions, as well as other factors set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and "Item 2 - Management's Discussions and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation" below.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing. Except as required by law, we assume no duty to update or revise our forward-looking statements.

Description of Business.

We were formed as a Nevada corporation on October 6, 1997 under the name Zurich U.S.A., Inc. On July 10, 2006, we changed our name to Cactus Ventures, Inc. and began pursuing our business of marketing sunglasses. The Company encountered numerous problems with various vendors and ceased its operations. The Company has now focused its efforts on seeking a business opportunity. The Company will attempt to locate and negotiate with a business entity for the merger of that target company into the Company. In certain instances, a target company may wish to become a subsidiary of the Company or may wish to contribute assets to the Company rather than merge. No assurances can be given that the Company will be successful in locating or negotiating with any target company. The Company will provide a method for a foreign or domestic private company to become a public reporting company whose securities are qualified for trading in the United States secondary market. We are now considered a "blank check" company.

The selection of a business opportunity in which to participate is complex and extremely risky and will be made by management in the exercise of its business judgment. There is no assurance that we will be able to identify and acquire any business opportunity which will ultimately prove to be beneficial to our company and shareholders.

Because we have no specific business plan or expertise, our activities are subject to several significant risks. In particular, any business acquisition or participation we pursue will likely be based on the decision of management without the consent, vote, or approval of our shareholders.

Sources of Opportunities

We anticipate that business opportunities may arise from various sources, including officers and directors, professional advisers, securities broker-dealers, venture capitalists, members of the financial community, and others who may present unsolicited proposals.

We will seek potential business opportunities from all known sources, but will rely principally on the personal contacts of our officers and directors as well as indirect associations between them and other business and professional people. Although we do not anticipate engaging professional firms specializing in business acquisitions or reorganizations, we may retain such firms if management deems it in our best interests. In some instances, we may publish notices or advertisements seeking a potential business opportunity in financial or trade publications.

Criteria

We will not restrict our search to any particular business, industry or geographical location. We may acquire a business opportunity in any stage of development. This includes opportunities involving “start up” or new companies. In seeking a business venture, management will base their decisions on the business objective of seeking long-term capital appreciation in the real value of our company. We will not be controlled by an attempt to take advantage of an anticipated or perceived appeal of a specific industry, management group, or product.

In analyzing prospective business opportunities, management will consider the following factors:

- available technical, financial and managerial resources;
- working capital and other financial requirements;
- the history of operations, if any;
- prospects for the future;
- the nature of present and expected competition;
- the quality and experience of management services which may be available and the depth of the management;
- the potential for further research, development or exploration;
- the potential for growth and expansion;
- the potential for profit; and
- the perceived public recognition or acceptance of products, services, trade or service marks, name identification; and other relevant factors.

Generally, our management will analyze all available factors and make a determination based upon a composite of available facts, without relying on any single factor.

Methods of Participation of Acquisition

Management will review specific business and then select the most suitable opportunities based on legal structure or method of participation. Such structures and methods may include, but are not limited to, leases, purchase and sale agreements, licenses, joint ventures, other contractual arrangements, and may involve a reorganization, merger or consolidation transactions. Management may act directly or indirectly through an interest in a partnership, corporation, or other form of organization.

Procedures

As part of our investigation of business opportunities, officers and directors may meet personally with management and key personnel of the firm sponsoring the business opportunity. We may visit and inspect material facilities, obtain independent analysis or verification of certain information provided, check references of management and key personnel, and conduct other reasonable measures.

We will generally ask to be provided with written materials regarding the business opportunity. These materials may include the following:

- descriptions of product, service and company history; management resumes;
- financial information;
- available projections with related assumptions upon which they are based;
- an explanation of proprietary products and services;
- evidence of existing patents, trademarks or service marks or rights thereto;
- present and proposed forms of compensation to management;
- a description of transactions between the prospective entity and its affiliates;
- relevant analysis of risks and competitive conditions;
- a financial plan of operation and estimated capital requirements; and
- other information deemed relevant.

Competition

We expect to encounter substantial competition in our efforts to acquire a business opportunity. The primary competition is from other companies organized and funded for similar purposes, small venture capital partnerships and corporations, small business investment companies and wealthy individuals.

Employees

We do not currently have any employees but rely upon the efforts of our officer and director to conduct our business. We do not have any employment or compensation agreements in place with our officers and directors although they are reimbursed for expenditures advanced on our behalf.

Plan of Operation

The Company is seeking to acquire assets or shares of an entity actively engaged in business which generates revenues. The Company has no particular acquisitions in mind and has not entered into any negotiations regarding such an acquisition. None of the Company's officers, directors, promoters or affiliates have engaged in any substantive contact or discussions with any representative of any other company regarding the possibility of an acquisition or merger between the Company and such other company as of the date of this annual report. The Board of Directors intends to obtain certain assurances of value of the target entity's assets prior to consummating such a transaction. Any business combination or transaction will likely result in a significant issuance of shares and substantial dilution to present stockholders of the Company.

The Company's current operating plan is to continue searching for potential businesses, products, technologies and companies for acquisition and to handle the administrative and reporting requirements of a public company. To demonstrate our commitment to maintaining ethical reporting and business practices, we adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct.

The Company has, and will continue to have, no capital with which to provide the owners of business opportunities with any significant cash or other assets. However, management believes the Company will be able to offer owners of acquisition candidates the opportunity to acquire a controlling ownership interest in a publicly registered company without incurring the cost and time required to conduct an initial public offering. The owners of the acquisition candidate will, however, incur significant legal and accounting costs in connection with the acquisition of a business opportunity.

Results of Operations - Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 Compared to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010

We have \$150 cash on hand and have experienced operating losses since inception. We did not generate any revenues from operations during the periods ended September 30, 2011 and 2010. Expenses during the period ended September 30, 2011 were \$8,471 with interest expense of \$3,593 and a gain on retention of deposit of \$25,000 compared

to expenses of \$18,818 with interest expense of \$5,152, state corporate tax expense of \$834 and \$35,000 gain on retention of deposit for the period ended September 30, 2010. Expenses for both periods consisted entirely of general and administrative expenses. These expenses were due to professional, legal and accounting fees relating to our reporting requirements.

As a result of the foregoing factors, we realized a net income of \$12,936 for the period ended September 30, 2011, compared to a net income of \$10,196 for the period ended September 30, 2010. Our net income for both periods was due to a gain on retention of deposits.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's balance sheet as of September 30, 2011, reflects total assets of \$150 in cash. As of September 30, 2011, our liabilities were \$81,832 which included \$1,500 in accounts payable, \$53,753 in notes payable to related parties, \$1,740 in accrued legal fees, and \$24,839 in accrued interest. The Company borrowed \$9,351 and \$17,228 from various related parties and shareholders of the Company for working capital purposes as of September 30, 2011 and 2010 respectively. We repaid \$25,000 and \$24,231 in notes payable to related parties as of September 30, 2011 and 2010 respectively. In addition, related parties assumed \$10,694 in accounts payable as of September 30, 2011.

Various founders of the Company have performed consulting services for which the Company has paid them consulting fees as voted on during the initial board of directors meeting. There were \$0 and \$5,000 paid to a related party for continuous maintenance of records during the nine months ended September 30, 2011 and 2010.

We anticipate our expenses for the next twelve months will be approximately \$20,000. In the past we have relied on advances from our president to cover our operating costs. Management anticipates that we will receive sufficient advances from our president to meet our needs through the next 12 months. However, there can be no assurances to that effect. Our need for capital may change dramatically if we acquire an interest in a business opportunity during that period. At present, we have no understandings, commitments or agreements with respect to the acquisition of any business venture, and there can be no assurance that we will identify a business venture suitable for acquisition in the future. Further, we cannot assure that we will be successful in consummating any acquisition on favorable terms or that we will be able to profitably manage any business venture we acquire. Should we require additional capital, we may seek additional advances from officers, sell common stock or find other forms of debt financing.

The Company has no other assets or line of credit, other than that which present management may agree to extend to or invest in the Company, nor does it expect to have one before a merger is effected. The Company will carry out its business plan as discussed above. The Company cannot predict to what extent its liquidity and capital resources will be diminished prior to the consummation of a business combination or whether its capital will be further depleted by the operating losses (if any) of the business entity which the Company may eventually acquire.

Our current operating plan is to continue searching for potential businesses, products, technologies and companies for acquisition and to handle the administrative and reporting requirements of a public company.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK.

Not required by smaller reporting companies.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) *Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.* We carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based upon our evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective, as of September 30, 2011, in ensuring that material information that we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

(b) *Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting.* There were no changes in our system of internal controls over financial reporting during the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

None.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

N/A

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS.

None.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES.

None

ITEM 4. [REMOVED AND RESERVED.]

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.

None

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

(a) Exhibits

Copies of the following documents are included as exhibits to this report pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K.

| Exhibit No. | Title of Document | Location |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 31.1* | Certification of the Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | Attached |
| 32.1* | Certification of the Principal Executive Officer/ Principal Financial Officer pursuant to U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | Attached |
| 101.INS** | XBRL Instance Document | Attached |
| 101.SCH** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document | Attached |
| 101.CAL** | XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document | Attached |
| 101.DEF** | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document | Attached |
| 101.LAB** | XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document | Attached |
| 101.PRE** | XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document | Attached |

* Filed herewith

** Furnished and not filed herewith

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.

CACTUS VENTURES, INC.

Date: November 14, 2011

By: /s/ Diane S. Button

Diane S. Button, President and Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 31.1

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
PURSUANT TO RULES 13a-14a AND 15d-14a
OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Diane S. Button, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, of Cactus Ventures, Inc. for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2011;

2. Based on my knowledge, this 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 report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this 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 report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) 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) and internal control over financial reportings (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) 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 report is being prepared;

(b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

(c) 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

(d) 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 the 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 controls 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.

November 14, 2011

/s/ Diane S. Button

Diane S. Button
President, Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION OF
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
OF CACTUS VENTURES, INC.
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Cactus Ventures, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended September 30, 2011, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Diane S. Button, President, Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that to my knowledge:

- (1) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, of the Company for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2011 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m or 78 o(d)); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

November 14, 2011

/s/ Diane S. Button
Diane S. Button
President and Chief Executive Officer
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act has been furnished to Cactus Ventures, Inc. and will be retained by Cactus Ventures, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.