## COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP

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

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of July 31, 2006 was: 18,722,172 shares.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)
COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

ASSETS:
Current assets:
Total current assets
Property, plant, and equipment, net
Goodwill and other intangibles, net
Marketable securities
Deferred taxes on income
Other assets
Total assets
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:
Current liabilities:
Notes payable to banks
Trade accounts payable
Accrued liabilities
Restructuring reserve
Current portion of long-term debt
Total current liabilities
Senior debt, less current portion
Subordinated debt
Other non-current liabilities
Total liabilities
Shareholders' equity
Common stock
Additional paid-in capital
Retained earnings
ESOP debt guarantee
Unearned restricted stock
Accumulated other comprehensive loss
Total shareholders' equity
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity
Cash and cash equivalents
Trade accounts receivable
Unbilled revenues
Inventories
Prepaid expenses
JULY 2,
2006
MARCH 31,

    2006
    (UNAUDITED)
(IN THOUSANDS)

| \$ | 19,927 | \$ | 45,598 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 97,701 |  | 95,726 |
|  | 16,292 |  | 12,061 |
|  | 81,025 |  | 74,845 |
|  | 17,623 |  | 15,676 |
|  | 232,568 |  | 243,906 |
|  | 55,661 |  | 55,132 |
|  | 187,705 |  | 187,327 |
|  | 27,342 |  | 27,596 |
|  | 43,830 |  | 46,065 |
|  | 5,569 |  | 6,018 |
| \$ | 552,675 | \$ | 566,044 |

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:
Current liabilities:
Notes payable to banks
Trade accounts payable

Accrued liabilities
Restructuring reserve
Current portion of long-term debt

Total current liabilities
Senior debt, less current portion
Other non-current liabilities

Total liabilities
Shareholders' equity
Common stock
Additional paid-in capital
ings

Unearned restricted stock
Accumulated other comprehensive loss
Total shareholders' equity

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity
$\$$
43, 674
\$ $\quad 5,798$
39,311
59,277 61,264
668
133
$\begin{array}{rr}-------- & ---------10 \\ 110,083 & 107,293\end{array}$
40,973
136,000
51,049
$---------\quad$

338,105
----------

|  | 187 |  | 185 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 172,662 |  | 170,081 |
|  | 56,724 |  | 51,152 |
|  | $(3,851)$ |  | $(3,996)$ |
|  | - |  | (22) |
|  | (11, 152) |  | (12,979) |
|  | 214,570 |  | 204,421 |
| \$ | 552,675 | \$ | 566,044 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS (UNAUDITED)

| Net sales | \$ | 146,694 | \$ | 140,877 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of products sold |  | 104,411 |  | 104,334 |
| Gross profit |  | 42,283 |  | 36,543 |
| Selling expenses |  | 15,367 |  | 13,658 |
| General and administrative expenses |  | 9,089 |  | 8,175 |
| Restructuring charges |  | 4 |  | 26 |
| Amortization of intangibles |  | 43 |  | 62 |
|  |  | 24,503 |  | 21,921 |
| Income from operations |  | 17,780 |  | 14,622 |
| Interest and debt expense |  | 4,512 |  | 6,716 |
| Other (income) and expense, net |  | 3,570 |  | (789 |
| Income before income tax expense |  | 9,698 |  | 8,695 |
| Income tax expense |  | 4,265 |  | 1,587 |
| Income from continuing operations |  | 5,433 |  | 7,108 |
| Income from discontinued operations (net of tax) |  | 139 |  | 214 |
| Net income |  | 5,572 |  | 7,322 |
| Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) - beginning of period |  | 51,152 |  | $(8,644$ |
| Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) - end of period | \$ | 56,724 | \$ | (1,322 |
| Basic income per share: |  |  |  |  |
| Income from continuing operations | \$ | 0.29 | \$ | 0.49 |
| Income from discontinued operations |  | 0.01 |  | 0.01 |
| Basic income per share | \$ | 0.30 | \$ | 0.50 |

Diluted income per share:

| Income from continuing operations | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | 0.48 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income from discontinued operations |  | 0.01 |  | 0.01 |
| Diluted income per share | \$ | 0.29 | \$ | 0.49 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

## COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

THREE MONTHS ENDED

(IN THOUSANDS)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

| Income from continuing operations | \$ | 5,433 | \$ | 7,10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adjustments to reconcile income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 2,105 |  | 2,33 |
| Deferred income taxes |  | 2,235 |  | 1,72 |
| Gain on sale of real estate/investments |  | (373) |  | ( 48 |
| Loss (gain) on early retirement of bonds |  | 3,780 |  | (1 |
| Stock compensation expense |  | 798 |  |  |
| Amortization/write-off of deferred financing costs |  | 980 |  | 32 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: |  |  |  |  |
| Trade accounts receivable and unbilled revenues |  | $(4,449)$ |  | $(3,91$ |
| Inventories |  | $(5,608)$ |  | $(2,62$ |
| Prepaid expenses |  | $(1,925)$ |  | 1 |
| Other assets |  | (248) |  | (20 |
| Trade accounts payable |  | 3,570 |  | 2,09 |
| Accrued and non-current liabilities |  | $(1,509)$ |  | 4,16 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities |  | 4,789 |  | 10,63 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Sale (purchase) of marketable securities, net |  | 47 |  | ( 68 |
| Capital expenditures |  | $(1,903)$ |  | $(1,67$ |
| Proceeds from discontinued operations note receivable - revised |  | 139 |  | 21 |
| Net cash used in investing activities |  | $(1,717)$ |  | $(2,14$ |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from stock options exercised |  | 1,725 |  |  |
| Net borrowings under revolving line-of-credit agreements |  | 11,843 |  | 4,20 |
| Repayment of debt |  | $(42,302)$ |  | $(8,18$ |
| Deferred financing costs incurred |  | (325) |  | ( 9 |


| Other |  | 145 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net cash used in financing activities |  | $(28,914)$ |
| Effect of exchange Rate changes on cash |  | 171 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents |  | $(25,671)$ |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period |  | 45,598 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ | 19,927 |



SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(IN THOUSANDS)

| Net income | \$ | 5,572 | \$ | 7,322 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment |  | 2,350 |  | $(3,145)$ |
| Unrealized loss on investments: |  |  |  |  |
| Unrealized holding (loss) gain arising during the period |  | (207) |  | 371 |
| Reclassification adjustment for gain included in net income |  | (316) |  | (450) |
|  |  | (523) |  | (79) |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss) |  | 1,827 |  | $(3,224)$ |
| Comprehensive income | \$ | 7,399 | \$ | 4,098 |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION<br>NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)<br>(DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA)<br>JULY 2, 2006

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position of Columbus McKinnon Corporation (the Company) at July 2, 2006, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the three month periods ended July 2, 2006 and July 3, 2005, have been included. Results for the period ended July 2, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended March 31, 2007. The balance sheet at March 31, 2006 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the columbus McKinnon Corporation annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ for the year ended March 31, 2006 .

The Company is a leading manufacturer and marketer of material handling products, systems and services which lift, secure, position and move material ergonomically, safely, precisely and efficiently. Key products include hoists, cranes, chain and forged attachments. The Company's material handling products are sold, domestically and internationally, principally to third party distributors through diverse distribution channels, and to a lesser extent directly to manufacturers and other end-users. The Company's integrated material handling solutions businesses deal primarily with end users and sales are concentrated, domestically and internationally (primarily Europe), in the consumer products, manufacturing, warehousing and, to a lesser extent, the steel, construction, automotive and other industrial markets.

## 2. STOCK BASED COMPENSATION

The Company maintains two stock option plans, a Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan (Non-Qualified Plan) and an Incentive Stock Option Plan (Incentive Plan). Under the Non-Qualified Plan, options may be granted to officers and other key employees of the Company as well as to non-employee directors and advisors. As of July 2, 2006, no options have been granted to non-employees. Options granted under the Non-Qualified and Incentive Plans become exercisable over a four-year period at the rate of $25 \%$ per year commencing one year from the date of grant at an exercise price of not less than $100 \%$ of the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. Any option granted under the Non-Qualified Plan may be exercised not earlier than one year from the date such option is granted. Any option granted under the Incentive Plan may be exercised not earlier than one year and not later than 10 years from the date such option is granted. As of July 2, 2006, there are 169,600 options available for grant.

Effective April 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS 123(R), "Share-Based Payment," applying the modified prospective method. This Statement requires all equity-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options,
to be recognized in the statement of earnings based on the grant date fair value of the award. Under the modified prospective method, the Company is required to record equity-based compensation expense for all awards granted after the date of adoption and for the unvested portion of previously granted awards outstanding as of the date of adoption. The adoption of SFAS 123(R) resulted in $\$ 798$ of non-deductible incentive stock option expense in the three months ended July 2, 2006. Stock compensation expense is included in cost of goods sold, selling, and general and administrative expense. The Company uses a straight-line method of attributing the value of stock-based compensation expense, subject to minimum levels of expense, based on vesting.

The fair value of stock options granted was estimated on the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. The weighted-average fair value of the options was $\$ 14.92$ for options granted during the three months ended July 2 , 2006. No options were granted during the three months ended July 3, 2005. The following table provides the weighted-average assumptions used to value stock options granted during the three months ended July 2, 2006:

# THREE MONTHS ENDED 

$$
\text { JULY 2, } 2006
$$

Assumptions:


To determine expected volatility, the Company uses historical volatility based on daily closing prices of its Common Stock over periods that correlate with the expected terms of the options granted. The risk-free rate is based on the United States Treasury yield curve at the time of grant for the appropriate term of the options granted. Expected dividends are based on the Company's history and expectation of dividend payouts. The expected term of stock options is based on vesting schedules, expected exercise patterns and contractual terms.

Prior to April 1, 2006, the Company accounted for these Plans under the recognition and measurement principles of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" (APB 25) and related Interpretations. No stock-based employee compensation cost was reflected in net income, as all options granted under these Plans had an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant and the number of options granted was fixed.

The Company's net income and earnings per share as if the fair value based method had been applied to all outstanding and unvested awards for the three months ended July 3, 2005 is as follows:

Net income, as reported \$ 7,322
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects
(346)

Net income, pro forma

Basic income per share:
As reported \$ 0.50

| Pro forma | \$ | 0.48 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diluted income per share: |  |  |
| As reported | \$ | 0.49 |
| Pro forma | \$ | 0.46 |

The following table summarizes stock option activity related to the Company's plans for the three months ended July 2, 2006:

|  | SHARES | WEIGHTED-AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE | WEIGHTED-AVERAGE <br> REMAINING <br> CONTRACTUAL LIFE <br> (IN YEARS) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding at March 31, 2006 | 1,132,118 | \$ 11.28 |  |
| Granted | 30,000 | 25.74 |  |
| Exercised | $(144,218)$ | 11.96 |  |
| Cancelled | $(27,500)$ | 7.76 |  |
| Outstanding at July 2, 2006 | 990,400 | \$ 11.72 | 6.4 |
| Exercisable at July 2, 2006 | 607,275 | \$ 12.70 | 5.2 |

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We calculated intrinsic value for those options that had an exercise price lower than the market price of our common shares as of July 2, 2006. The aggregate intrinsic value of outstanding options as of July 2, 2006 is calculated as the difference between the exercise price of the underlying options and the market price of our common shares for the 940,300 options that were in-the-money at that date. The aggregate intrinsic value of exercisable options as of July 2 , 2006 is calculated as the difference between the exercise price of the underlying options and the market price of our common shares for the 587,175 exercisable options that were in-the-money at that date. The Company's closing stock price was $\$ 21.74$ as of July 2, 2006 . The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the first quarter of fiscal 2007 was $\$ 2,206$ (\$201 for fiscal 2006).

Cash received from option exercises under all share-based payment arrangements for the quarter ended July 2, 2006 was $\$ 1,725$. Proceeds from the exercise of stock options under stock option plans are credited to common stock at par value and the excess is credited to additional paid-in capital.

As of July 2, 2006, $\$ 1,300$ of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 3 years.

In November 2005, the FASB issued FSP No. FAS 123(R)-3, Transition Election Related to Accounting for the Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards. This FSP provides an elective alternative simplified method for calculating the pool
of excess tax benefits available to absorb tax deficiencies recognized subsequent to the adoption of SFAS No. $123(\mathrm{R})$ and reported in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Companies may take up to one year from the effective date of the FSP to evaluate the available transition alternatives and make a one-time election as to which method to adopt. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the alternative methods of calculating the pool of excess tax benefits.

## 3. INVENTORIES

Inventories consisted of the following:


An actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method can be made only at the end of each year based on the inventory levels and costs at that time. Accordingly, interim LIFO calculations must necessarily be based on management's estimates of expected year-end inventory levels and costs. Because these are subject to many forces beyond management's control, interim results are subject to the final year-end LIFO inventory valuation.

## 4. RESTRUCTURING CHARGES

During the first three-months of fiscal 2007 , the Company recorded restructuring costs of $\$ 4$ for severance which are expensed on an as incurred basis in accordance with SFAS No. 146 "Accounting for Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities." All of these costs are related to the Products segment. The liability as of July 2,2006 consists primarily of environmental remediation costs accrued in accordance with SFAS No. 143 and costs associated with the preparation and maintenance of non-operating facilities prior to disposal which were accrued prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 146.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the activity related to restructuring reserves:

|  | EMPLOYEE |  | FACILITY |  | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reserve at March 31, 2006 | \$ | 59 | \$ | 734 | \$ | 793 |
| Fiscal 2007 first quarter restructuring charges |  | 4 |  | - |  | 4 |
| Cash payments |  | (51) |  | (78) |  | (129) |
| Reserve at July 2, 2006 | \$ | 12 | \$ | 656 | \$ | 668 |

## 5. NET PERIODIC BENEFIT COST

The following table sets forth the components of net periodic pension cost for the Company's defined benefit pension plans:

|  | THREE MONTHS ENDED |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | JULY 2, | 2006 |

For additional information on the Company's defined benefit pension plans, refer to Note 11 in the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ for the year ended March 31, 2006.

The following table sets forth the components of net periodic postretirement benefit cost for the Company's defined benefit postretirement plans:


For additional information on the Company's defined benefit postretirement benefit plans, refer to Note 13 in the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ for the year ended March 31, 2006.

## 6. INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense as a percentage of income from continuing operations before income tax expense was $44.0 \%$ and $18.3 \%$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively. The fiscal 2007 percentage varies from the U.S. statutory rate due to $\$ 798$ of non-deductible stock option expense. The fiscal 2006 percentage varies from the U.S. statutory rate due to the utilization of domestic net operating loss carry-forwards that had been fully reserved and jurisdictional mix. Therefore, income tax expense primarily resulted from non-U.S. taxable income and state taxes on U.S. taxable income. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006, as a result of the increased operating performance of the Company over the past several years, the Company reevaluated the certainty as to whether the Company's remaining net operating loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets may ultimately be realized. As a result of the determination that it is more likely than not that nearly all of the remaining deferred tax assets will be realized, a significant portion of the remaining valuation allowance was reversed.


#### Abstract

1. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:


|  | THREE MONTHS ENDED |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { JULY 2, } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { JULY 3, } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |
| Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share: |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 5,572 | \$ | 7,322 |
| Denominators: |  |  |  |  |
| Weighted-average common stock outstanding - |  |  |  |  |
| Effect of dilutive employee stock options |  | 530 |  | 357 |
| Adjusted weighted-average common stock |  |  |  |  |
| outstanding and assumed conversions - |  |  |  |  |
| denominator for diluted EPS |  | 18,961 |  | 15,029 |

During the third quarter of fiscal 2006 , the Company registered an additional $3,350,000$ shares of its common stock which were sold at $\$ 20.00$ per share. The number of shares offered by the Company was 3,000,000 and 350,000 were offered by a selling shareholder. The Company did not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares by the selling shareholder.

## 8. BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

As a result of the way the Company manages the business, its reportable segments are strategic business units that offer products with different characteristics. The most defining characteristic is the extent of customized engineering required on a per-order basis. In addition, the segments serve different customer bases through differing methods of distribution. The Company has two reportable segments: Products and Solutions. The Company's Products segment sells hoists, industrial cranes, chain, attachments, and other material handling products principally to third party distributors through diverse distribution channels, and to a lesser extent directly to end-users. The Solutions segment sells engineered material handling systems such as conveyors and lift tables primarily to end-users in the consumer products, manufacturing, warehousing, and, to a lesser extent, the steel, construction, automotive, and other industrial markets. Intersegment sales are not significant. The Company evaluates performance based on operating income of the respective business units.

Segment information as of and for the three months ended July 2, 2006 and July 3, 2005, is as follows:

THREE MONTHS ENDED JULY 2, 2006

|  | PRODUCTS | SOLUTIONS |  | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales to external customers........... \$ | 128,139 | \$ | 18,555 | \$ | 146,694 |
| Income from operations | 16,809 |  | 971 |  | 17,780 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,889 |  | 216 |  | 2,105 |
| Total assets..... | 514,909 |  | 37,766 |  | 552,675 |

THREE MONTHS ENDED JULY 3, 2005

|  | PRODUCTS | SOLUTIONS |  | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales to external customers........... \$ | 123,881 | \$ | 16,996 | \$ | 140,877 |
| Income from operations | 14,128 |  | 494 |  | 14,622 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,035 |  | 297 |  | 2,332 |
| Total assets.. | 452,810 |  | 33,451 |  | 486,261 |

## 9. SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following information sets forth the condensed consolidating summary financial information of the parent and guarantors, which guarantee the 10\% Senior Secured Notes and the $87 / 8 \%$ Senior Subordinated Notes, and the nonguarantors. The guarantors are wholly owned and the guarantees are full, unconditional, joint and several.

AS OF JULY 2, 2006
Current assets:
Cash and cash equivalents
Trade accounts receivable and unbilled revenues
Inventories
Other current assets
Total current assets
Property, plant, and equipment, net
Goodwill and other intangibles, net
Intercompany
Other assets
Total assets

[^0]| \$ | (501) | \$ | $(1,164)$ | \$ | 21,592 | \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 62,869 |  | 272 |  | 50,852 |  |
|  | 36,220 |  | 20,335 |  | 26,985 |  |
|  | 5,597 |  | 1,417 |  | 10,609 |  |
|  | 104,185 |  | 20,860 |  | 110,038 |  |
|  | 24,462 |  | 11,515 |  | 19,684 |  |
|  | 89,827 |  | 58,035 |  | 39,843 |  |
|  | 87,177 |  | $(88,931)$ |  | $(72,890)$ |  |
|  | 93,674 |  | 197,328 |  | 25,875 |  |
| \$ | 399,325 | \$ | 198,807 | \$ | 122,550 | \$ |


| $\$ 4,065$ | $\$$ | 18,358 | $\$$ | 48,102 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 176,468 | - | 505 |  |  |
| 15,765 | 8,623 | 26,661 |  |  |
|  |  | 26,981 | 75,268 |  |

Shareholders' equity

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

|  | 163,027 |  | 171,826 | 47,282 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | 399,325 | \$ | 198,807 | \$ | 122,550 | \$ |


| \$ | $\begin{aligned} & 71,491 \\ & 52,145 \end{aligned}$ | \$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42,498 \\ & 31,521 \end{aligned}$ | \$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45,254 \\ & 33,144 \end{aligned}$ | \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19,346 |  | 10,977 |  | 12,110 |  |
|  | 11,276 |  | 4,286 |  | 8,894 |  |
|  | 4 |  | - |  | - |  |
|  | 25 |  | 1 |  | 17 |  |
|  | 11,305 |  | 4,287 |  | 8,911 |  |
|  | 8,041 |  | 6,690 |  | 3,199 |  |
|  | 4,717 |  | (293) |  | 88 |  |
|  | 4,363 |  | (7) |  | (786) |  |
|  | (1,039) |  | 6,990 |  | 3,897 |  |
|  | 144 |  | 2,784 |  | 1,337 |  |
|  | $(1,183)$ |  | 4,206 |  | 2,560 |  |
|  | 139 |  | - |  | - |  |
| \$ | (1,044) | \$ | 4,206 | \$ | 2,560 | \$ |



Parent Guarantors Nonguarantors Elimi
$\$ \quad 2,021 \quad \$ \quad 527 \quad \$ \quad 2,241 \quad \$$


FINANCING ACTIVITIES:
Proceeds from stock options exercised Net borrowings under revolving line-of-credit agreements
Repayment of debt
Deferred financing costs incurred
Other
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED JULY 2, 2006
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:
Net cash provided by operating activities

INVESTING ACTIVITIES:
Sale of marketable securities, net
Capital expenditures
Proceeds from discontinued operations note receivable - revised

Net cash used by investing activities

1,725

11,632
211
$(42,328)$
-
26
(325) - -

145

Net cash (used) provided by financing activities EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH

Net change in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period

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AS OF MARCH 31, 2006
Current assets:
    Cash and cash equivalents
    Trade accounts receivable and unbilled revenues
    Inventories
    Other current assets
    Total current assets
    Property, plant, and equipment, net
    Goodwill and other intangibles, net
    Intercompany
    Other assets
    Total assets
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Current liabilities
Long-term debt, less current portion
Other non-current liabilities
Total liabilities
Shareholders' equity
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity
- 12 -
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED JULY 2, 2005
Net sales
Cost of products sold
Gross profit
Selling, general and administrative expenses
Restructuring charges
Amortization of intangibles
Income (loss) from operations

| \$ | 48,146 | \$ | 15,368 | \$ 43,306 | \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 203,384 |  | - | 457 |  |
|  | 16,305 |  | 8,676 | 25,508 |  |
|  | 267,835 |  | 24,044 | 69,271 |  |
|  | 161,321 |  | 167,705 | 42,810 |  |
| \$ | 429,156 | \$ | 191,749 | \$112,081 | \$ |

Parent Guarantors Nonguarantors Elimi
$\left.\begin{array}{cccc}67,049 & \$ & 37,922 & \$ \\ 49,881 & 28,790 & 42,193 \\ 31,495\end{array}\right) \$$

| 10,295 | 3,966 | 7,660 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6,873 | 5,166 | 3,038 |

Interest and debt expense
Other (income) and expense, net
Income (loss) before income tax expense
Income tax expense
Income (loss) from continuing operations
Income from discontinued operations
Net income (loss)

FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED JULY 2, 2005
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities

INVESTING ACTIVITIES:
Purchase of marketable securities, net
Capital expenditures, net
Proceeds from discontinued operations note receivable - revised

Net cash used by investing activities

FINANCING ACTIVITIES:
Proceeds from issuance of common stock
Net borrowings under revolving
line-of-credit agreements
Repayment of debt
Deferred financing costs incurred
Other

Net cash (used) provided by financing activities EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH

Net change in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period

$===============================================$
$\$ \quad 6,655 \quad \$ \quad(160) \quad \$ \quad 4,142 \quad \$$

| (1, 069 ) | (151) | (928) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |



## 10. LOSS CONTINGENCIES

Like many industrial manufacturers, the Company is involved in asbestos-related litigation. In continually evaluating costs relating to its estimated asbestos-related liability, the Company reviews, among other things, the incidence of past and recent claims, the historical case dismissal rate, the mix of the claimed illnesses and occupations of the plaintiffs, its recent and historical resolution of the cases, the number of cases pending against it, the status and results of broad-based settlement discussions, and the number of years such activity might continue. Based on this review, the company has estimated its share of liability to defend and resolve probable asbestos-related personal injury claims. This estimate is highly uncertain due to the limitations

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of the available data and the difficulty of forecasting with any certainty the numerous variables that can affect the range of the liability. The Company will continue to study the variables in light of additional information in order to identify trends that may become evident and to assess their impact on the range of liability that is probable and estimable.

Based on actuarial information, the Company has estimated its asbestos-related aggregate liability through March 31, 2031 and March 31, 2082 to range between $\$ 5,500$ and $\$ 19,000$ using actuarial parameters of continued claims for a period of 25 to 76 years. The Company's estimation of its asbestos-related aggregate liability that is probable and estimable, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, is through March 31, 2031 and ranges from $\$ 5,500$ to $\$ 6,500$ as of July 2,2006 . The range of probable and estimable liability reflects uncertainty in the number of future claims that will be filed and the cost to resolve those claims, which may be influenced by a number of factors, including the outcome of the ongoing broad-based settlement negotiations, defensive strategies, and the cost to resolve claims outside the broad-based settlement program. Based on the underlying actuarial information, the Company has reflected $\$ 6,300$ as a liability in the consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The recorded liability does not consider the impact of any potential favorable federal legislation such as the "FAIR Act". Of this amount, management expects to incur asbestos liability payments of approximately $\$ 250$ over the next 12 months. Because payment of the liability is likely to extend over many years, management believes that the potential additional costs for claims will not have a material after-tax effect on the financial condition of the Company or its liquidity, although the net after-tax effect of any future liabilities recorded could be material to earnings in a future period.
11. OTHER (INCOME) AND EXPENSE, NET

The following table sets forth the components of other (income) and expense, net:


## 12. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes". FIN 48 is an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 "Accounting for Income Taxes" and must be adopted by the Company no later than April 1, 2007. FIN 48 prescribes a comprehensive model for recognizing, measuring, presenting, and disclosing in the financial statements uncertain tax positions that the company has taken or expects to take in its tax returns. The Company is evaluating the impact of adopting FIN 48.

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Item 2.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION (DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

## EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

We are a leading manufacturer and marketer of hoists, cranes, chain, conveyors, material handling systems, lift tables and component parts serving a wide variety of commercial and industrial end-user markets. Our products are used to efficiently and ergonomically move, lift, position or secure objects and loads. Our Products segment sells a wide variety of powered and manually operated wire rope and chain hoists, industrial crane systems, chain, hooks and attachments, actuators and rotary unions. Our Solutions segment designs, manufactures, and installs application-specific material handling systems and solutions for end-users to improve work station and facility-wide work flow.

Founded in 1875, we have grown to our current size and leadership position through organic growth and the acquisition of 14 businesses between February 1994 and April 1999. We have developed our leading market position over our 131-year history by emphasizing technological innovation, manufacturing excellence and superior after-sale service. In addition, the acquisitions significantly broadened our product lines and services and expanded our geographic reach, end-user markets and customer base. Integration of the operations of the acquired businesses with our previously existing businesses is substantially complete. Ongoing integration of these businesses includes improving our productivity, further reducing our excess manufacturing capacity and extending our sales activities to the European and Asian marketplaces. We are executing those initiatives through our Lean Manufacturing efforts, facility rationalization program, new product development and expanded sales activities. Shareholder value will be enhanced through continued emphasis on the improvement of the fundamentals including manufacturing efficiency, cost containment, efficient capital investment, market expansion and renewed customer focus.

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We maintain a strong domestic market share with significant leading North American market positions in hoists, lifting and sling chain, and forged attachments. To broaden our product offering in markets where we have a strong competitive position as well as to facilitate penetration into new geographic markets, we have heightened our new product development activities. This includes development of hoist lines in accordance with international standards, to complement our current offering of hoist products designed in accordance with U.S. standards. To further expand our global sales, we are introducing certain of our products that historically have been distributed only in North America and also introducing new products through our existing European distribution network. Furthermore, we are working to build a distribution network in China to capture an anticipated growing demand for material handling products as that economy continues to industrialize. These investments in international markets and new products are part of our focus on our greatest opportunities for growth. Our overall order growth rate of approximately 9\% for the first quarter of fiscal 2007 compared to fiscal 2006 was a combination of increasing domestic organic sales growth and increasing global sales as a result of our expanding presence in emerging and existing international markets. Management monitors such indicators as U.S. Industrial Capacity Utilization, which has been increasing since July 2003. In addition, we continue to monitor the potential impact of global and domestic trends, including rising energy costs, steel price fluctuations, rising interest rates and uncertainty in some end-user markets around the globe.

Our Lean Manufacturing efforts continue to fundamentally change our manufacturing processes to be more responsive to customer demand and improve on-time delivery and productivity. From 2001 to 2004 under our facility rationalization program, we closed 13 facilities and consolidated several product lines, with potential opportunity for further rationalization. These activities are driving our operating leverage. In furtherance of our facility rationalization projects, we completed the sale of several excess properties during fiscal 2006, generating $\$ 2,100$ from real estate sales which has been, and will continue to be used to repay our outstanding debt. We will continue to sell surplus real estate resulting from our facility rationalization projects and those sales will result in gains or losses.

We keep a close watch on the costs for fringe benefits such as health insurance, workers compensation insurance and pension. Combined, those benefits cost us over $\$ 35,000$ in fiscal 2006 and we work diligently to balance cost control with the need to provide competitive employee benefits packages for our associates. Another cost area of focus is steel. We utilize approximately $\$ 38,000$ to $\$ 43,000$ of steel annually in a variety of forms including rod, wire, bar, structural and others. With increases in worldwide demand for steel and fluctuating scrap steel prices, we experienced fluctuations in our costs that we reflected as price increases to our customers. We will continue to monitor our costs and reevaluate our pricing policies. We continue to operate in a highly competitive business environment in the markets and geographies served. Our performance will be impacted by our ability to address a variety of challenges and opportunities in those markets and geographies, including trends towards increased utilization of the global labor force and the expansion of market opportunities in Asia and other emerging markets.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

THREE MONTHS ENDED JULY 2, 2006 AND JULY 3, 2005
Net sales in the fiscal 2007 quarter ended July 2, 2006 were $\$ 146,694$, up $\$ 5,817$
or 4.1\% from the fiscal 2006 quarter ended July 3, 2005. Sales in the Products segment increased by $\$ 4,258$ or $3.4 \%$ from the previous year's quarter. These increases are due to the continued strength of the U.S. and European industrial markets, as well as the impact of price increases of $\$ 2,300$ in the quarter ended July 2, 2006. Translation of foreign currencies, particularly the Euro and Canadian dollar, into U.S. dollars contributed $\$ 1,100$ toward the Products segment increase in sales for the quarter ended July 2, 2006. Sales in the Solutions segment increased $9.2 \%$ or $\$ 1,559$ for the quarter ended July 2, 2006 when compared to the same period in the prior year. The increase in this segment for the quarter ended July 2, 2006 is primarily due to improvement in our tire shredder business. Translation of foreign currencies into U.S. dollars reduced sales in the Solutions segment by $\$ 200$ for the quarter ended July 2, 2006. Sales in the segments are summarized as follows:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { JULY 2, } \\ 2006 \end{gathered}$ |  | THREE MONTHS ENDED |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { JULY 3, } \\ 2005 \end{gathered}$ |  | CHANGE |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | OUNT | \% |
| Products | \$ | 128,139 |  |  | \$ | 123,881 | \$ | 4,258 | 3.4 |
| Solutions. |  | 18,555 |  | 16,996 |  | 1,559 | 9.2 |
| Net sales. | \$ | 146,694 | \$ | 140,877 | \$ | 5,817 | 4.1 |

Gross profit and gross profit margins by operating segment are summarized as follows:


The increase in the gross profit margin for the Products segment is the result of product mix, the realization of operational leverage at increased sales volumes and previous cost containment activities. The Solutions segment gross profit margin was impacted by product mix.

Selling expenses were $\$ 15,367$ and $\$ 13,658$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively. The changes in expense dollars were impacted by increased investment in new markets (\$450), increased salaries and fringe benefits (\$380), stock based and discretionary compensation expense (\$225), increased travel, catalog, advertising and promotional expenses (\$175), translation from changes in foreign exchange rates (\$200) and increased variable selling costs as a result of higher sales volume. As a percentage of consolidated net sales, selling expenses were $10.5 \%$ and $9.7 \%$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively.

General and administrative expenses were $\$ 9,089$ and $\$ 8,175$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively. The increase is primarily the result of stock based compensation expense (\$425), increased research and development (\$200),
increased training, recruiting and relocation expenses (\$200). As a percentage of consolidated net sales, general and administrative expenses were $6.2 \%$ and 5.8\% in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively.

Restructuring charges were $\$ 4$ and $\$ 26$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively.

Amortization of intangibles was $\$ 43$ and $\$ 62$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively.

Interest and debt expense was $\$ 4,512$ and $\$ 6,716$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively. The decrease is the result of lower debt levels. As a percentage of consolidated net sales, interest and debt expense was $3.1 \%$ and $4.8 \%$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively.

Other (income) and expense, net was $\$ 3,570$ and $\$(789)$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively. The 2007 quarter expense consisted primarily of a $\$ 4,583$ loss on early extinguishment of debt, offset by $\$ 474$ of realized gains and investment income on investments within our captive insurance company portfolio and $\$ 402$ of interest income. The 2006 quarter income consisted primarily of $\$ 576$ of realized gains and investment income on investments within our captive insurance company portfolio.

Income tax expense as a percentage of income from continuing operations before income tax expense was $44.0 \%$ and $18.3 \%$ in the fiscal 2007 and 2006 quarters, respectively. The fiscal 2007 percentage varies from the U.S. statutory rate due to $\$ 798$ of non-deductible stock option expense. The fiscal 2006 percentage varies from the U.S. statutory rate due to the utilization of domestic net operating loss carry-forwards that had been fully reserved and jurisdictional mix. Therefore, income tax expense primarily resulted from non-U.S. taxable income and state taxes on U.S. taxable income. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2006, as a result of the increased operating performance of the company over the past several years, the company reevaluated the certainty as to whether the Company's remaining net operating loss carryforwards and other deferred tax assets may ultimately be realized. As a result of the determination that it is more likely than not that nearly all of the remaining deferred tax assets will be realized, a significant portion of the remaining valuation allowance was reversed.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's Revolving Credit Facility provides availability up to a maximum of $\$ 75,000$. Provided there is no default, the Company may request an increase in the availability of the Revolving Credit Facility by an amount not exceeding $\$ 50,000$ if all Senior Secured $10 \%$ Notes (10\% Notes) have been repaid in full or will be repaid in full contemporaneously with such increase, or $\$ 25,000$ in the event that any $10 \%$ Notes remain outstanding. The unused portion totaled $\$ 52,632$, net of outstanding borrowings of $\$ 11,632$ and outstanding letters of credit of $\$ 10,736$ as of July 2, 2006. Interest is payable at varying Eurodollar rates based on LIBOR or prime plus spreads determined by our leverage ratio, amounting to 100 or 0 basis points applied to each, respectively. The Revolving Credit Facility is secured by all domestic inventory, receivables, equipment, real property, subsidiary stock (limited to 65\% for foreign subsidiaries) and intellectual property. The corresponding credit agreement associated with the Revolving Credit Facility places certain debt covenant restrictions on us, including certain financial requirements and a restriction on dividend payments.

The Senior Subordinated $87 / 8 \%$ Notes ( $87 / 8 \%$ Notes) issued on September 2 , 2005 amounted to $\$ 136,000$ and are due November 1, 2013. Provisions of the $87 / 8 \%$ Notes include, without limitation, restrictions on indebtedness, asset sales, and dividends and other restricted payments. Until November 1, 2008, we may redeem up to $35 \%$ of the outstanding notes at a redemption price of $108.875 \%$ with

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the proceeds of equity offerings, subject to certain restrictions. On or after November 1, 2009, the $87 / 8 \%$ Notes are redeemable at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at prices declining annually from the 104.438\% to 100\% on and after November 1, 2011. In the event of a Change of Control (as defined in the indenture for such notes), each holder of the $87 / 8 \%$ Notes may require us to repurchase all or a portion of such holder's $87 / 8 \%$ Notes at a purchase price equal to $101 \%$ of the principal amount thereof. The $87 / 8 \%$ Notes are guaranteed by certain existing and future domestic subsidiaries and are not subject to any sinking fund requirements.

The $10 \%$ Notes issued on July 22, 2003 amounted to $\$ 28,836$ as of July 2 , 2006 and are due August 1, 2010. Provisions of the $10 \%$ Notes include, without limitation, restrictions on indebtedness, restricted payments, asset and subsidiary stock sales, liens, and other restricted transactions. The remaining $10 \%$ Notes are not entitled to redemption at our option, prior to August 1, 2007. On and after August 1, 2007, they are redeemable at prices declining annually to $100 \%$ on and after August 1, 2009. In the event of a Change of Control (as defined in the indenture for such notes), each holder of the $10 \%$ Notes may require us to repurchase all or a portion of such holder's $10 \%$ Notes at a purchase price equal to $101 \%$ of the principal amount thereof. The $10 \%$ Notes are secured by a second-priority interest in all domestic inventory, receivables, equipment, real property, subsidiary stock (limited to 65\% for foreign subsidiaries) and intellectual property. The $10 \%$ Notes are guaranteed by certain existing and future domestic subsidiaries and are not subject to any sinking fund requirements.

We believe that our cash on hand, cash flows, and borrowing capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility will be sufficient to fund our ongoing operations and budgeted capital expenditures for at least the next twelve months. This belief is dependent upon a steady economy and successful execution of our current business plan which includes focus on cash generation for debt repayment. The business plan includes continued implementation of new market penetration, new product development, lean manufacturing, improving working capital utilization, and divestiture of excess facilities.

Net cash provided by operating activities was $\$ 4,789$ for the quarter ended July 2,2006 compared to $\$ 10,637$ for the quarter ended July 3, 2005. The $\$ 5,848$ decrease is the result of stronger operating performance $\$ 3,966$ being offset by changes in net working capital components, primarily increased accounts receivable, inventories, prepaid expenses and accounts payable, and decreased accrued liabilities.

Net cash used in investing activities was $\$ 1,717$ for the quarter ended July 2 , 2006 compared to $\$ 2,148$ for the quarter ended July 3, 2005. The $\$ 431$ decrease in cash used is the result of sales of marketable equity securities of $\$ 47$ in fiscal 2007 compared to the purchase of marketable securities of $\$ 688$ in fiscal 2006. This decrease in net cash used in investing activities was offset by an increase in capital expenditures to $\$ 1,903$ in fiscal 2007 compared with $\$ 1,674$ in fiscal 2006.

Net cash used in financing activities was $\$ 28,914$ for the quarter ended July 2 , 2006 compared to $\$ 3,993$ for the quarter ended July 3, 2005. The $\$ 24,921$ increase is the result of $\$ 34,116$ increase in debt repayment, offset by an increase of $\$ 7,278$ in net borrowings under revolving line of credit agreements and $\$ 1,724$ of proceeds from stock options exercised.

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In addition to keeping our current equipment and plants properly maintained, we are committed to replacing, enhancing, and upgrading our property, plant, and equipment to support new product development, reduce production costs, increase flexibility to respond effectively to market fluctuations and changes, meet environmental requirements, enhance safety, and promote ergonomically correct work stations. Consolidated capital expenditures for the three months ended July 2, 2006 and July 3, 2005 were $\$ 1,903$ and $\$ 1,674$, respectively. We expect capital spending for fiscal 2007 to be in the range of $\$ 9$ to $\$ 10$ million compared with $\$ 8.4$ million in fiscal 2006. Anticipated higher capital expenditures for fiscal 2007 will be primarily directed toward new product development and productivity improvement.

## INFLATION AND OTHER MARKET CONDITIONS

Our costs are affected by inflation in the U.S. economy and, to a lesser extent, in foreign economies including those of Europe, Canada, Mexico, and the Pacific Rim. We do not believe that general inflation has had a material effect on results of operations over the periods presented primarily due to overall low inflation levels over such periods and the ability to generally pass on rising costs through price increases. However, we have been impacted by fluctuations in steel costs, which vary by type of steel and we continue to monitor them. In addition, U.S. employee benefits costs such as health insurance, workers compensation insurance, pensions as well as energy and business insurance have exceeded general inflation levels. We generally incorporate those cost increases into our sales price increases as well as surcharges on certain products, as determined necessary. In the future, we may be further affected by inflation that we may not be able to pass on as price increases or surcharges.

## SEASONALITY AND QUARTERLY RESULTS

Quarterly results may be materially affected by the timing of large customer orders, periods of high vacation and holiday concentrations, gain or loss on early retirement of bonds, restructuring charges and other costs attributable to our facility rationalization program, divestitures, acquisitions and the magnitude of rationalization integration costs. Therefore, the operating results for any particular fiscal quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for any subsequent fiscal quarter or for the full fiscal year.

EFFECTS OF NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

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SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

This report may include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the results expressed or implied by such statements, including general economic and business conditions, conditions affecting the industries served by us and our subsidiaries, conditions affecting our customers and suppliers, competitor responses to our products and services, the overall market acceptance of such products and services, the integration of acquisitions and other factors disclosed in our periodic reports filed with the Commission. Consequently such forward-looking statements should be regarded as our current plans, estimates and beliefs. We do not undertake and specifically decline any obligation to publicly release the results of any revisions to these forward-looking statements that may be made to reflect any future events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There have been no material changes in the market risks since the end of Fiscal 2006.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of July 2, 2006, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of July 2, 2006. There were no changes in the Company's internal controls or in other factors during our first quarter ended July 2, 2006.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings - none.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

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            No material changes from risk factors as previously disclosed in the
            Company's Form 10-K for the year ended March 31, 2006.
Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds - none.
Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities - none.
Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders - none.
Item 5. Other Information - none.
Item 6. Exhibits
(a) Exhibits:
Exhibit 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to
                                    Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act
                                    of 1934; as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the
                                    Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
Exhibit 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to
                                    Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act
                                    of 1934; as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the
                                    Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
Exhibit 32 Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as
        adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley
                        Act of 2002.
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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.

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: AUGUST 11, 2006
/S/ KAREN L. HOWARD
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Karen L. Howard
Vice President and Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal
Financial Officer)


[^0]:    Current liabilities
    Long-term debt, less current portion Other non-current liabilities

    Total liabilities

