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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 Period Ended March 31, 2004

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 0-29416

UNIFAB International, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Louisiana

72-1382998

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(State or other jurisdiction or  
incorporation or organization)

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

5007 Port Road  
New Iberia, LA

70560

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

(337) 367-8291

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not applicable

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(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 periods 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 is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934) Yes  No

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value ---- 8,226,913 shares outstanding as of May 14, 2004.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Unaudited)

Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents

Accounts receivable, net

Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts

Income tax receivable

Prepaid expenses and other assets

Total current assets

Property, plant and equipment, net

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Other assets

Total assets

Liabilities and shareholders' equity

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable

Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts

Accrued liabilities

Contract loss reserves

Notes payable to Midland

Current maturities of long-term debt

Total current liabilities

Long-term debt, less current maturities

Secured, subordinated notes payable

Secured, subordinated, convertible debenture, net of unamortized discount of \$2,800 and \$2,931, respectively

Total liabilities

Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)

Shareholders' equity:

Preferred stock, no par value, 5,000 shares authorized, no shares outstanding

Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 150,000,000 shares authorized, 8,201,899 shares outstanding

Additional paid-in capital

Accumulated deficit

Total shareholders' equity

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

See accompanying notes.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(UNAUDITED)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31	
	2004	2003
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	(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)	
Revenue .....	\$ 13,840	\$ 9,523
Cost of revenue .....	13,744	9,338
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Gross profit (loss) .....	96	185
Selling, general and administrative expense .....	964	1,158
Impairment of goodwill .....	260	--

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Loss from operations .....	(1,128)	(973)
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense .....	(539)	(461)
Interest income .....	3	4
Loss before income taxes .....	(1,664)	(1,430)
Provision for income tax .....	--	--
Net loss .....	\$ (1,664)	\$ (1,430)
Basic and diluted loss per share (a) .....	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.17)
Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding (a) .....	8,202	8,199

(a) All earnings (loss) per share amounts and weighted average number of shares outstanding have been restated to give effect to a one-for-ten reverse stock split effected on August 3, 2003

See accompanying notes.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(UNAUDITED)

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31	
	2004	2003
	(IN THOUSANDS)	
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ (155)	\$ (2,794)
Investing activities:		
Purchases of equipment	(24)	(407)
Collections on notes receivable	17	19
Net cash used in investing activities	(7)	(388)
Financing activities:		
Proceeds from notes payable to Midland	6,100	--
Payments of notes payable to Midland	(5,500)	--
Net change in other borrowings	(443)	3,280
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	157	3,280
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(5)	98
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	10	80
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 5	\$ 178

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Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Income taxes (refunded), net	\$ (21)	\$ (33)
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Interest paid, net of capitalized interest	\$ 376	\$ 40
	=====	=====

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
(UNAUDITED)

MARCH 31, 2004

1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

UNIFAB International, Inc. (the Company) fabricates and assembles jackets, decks, topside facilities, quarters buildings, drilling rigs and equipment for installation and use offshore in the production, processing and storage of oil and gas. Through a wholly-owned subsidiary, Allen Process Systems, LLC, the Company designs and manufactures specialized process systems such as oil and gas separation systems, gas dehydration and treatment systems, and oil dehydration and desalting systems, and other production equipment related to the development and production of oil and gas reserves. Compression Engineering Services, Inc. (CESI), a division of Allen Process Systems, LLC, rents compressors. The Company's main fabrication facilities are located at the Port of Iberia in New Iberia, Louisiana. Through a wholly-owned subsidiary, Rig Port Services, LLC, the Company provides repair, refurbishment and conversion services for oil and gas drilling rigs at its deep-water facility in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The operating cycle of the Company's contracts is typically less than one year, although some large contracts may exceed one year's duration. Assets and liabilities have been classified as current and noncurrent under the operating cycle concept whereby all contract-related items are regarded as current regardless of whether cash will be received within a 12-month period. At March 31, 2004, it was anticipated that substantially all contracts in progress, and receivables associated therewith, would be completed and collected within a 12-month period.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned. Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2004.

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These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and footnotes thereto for the year ended December 31, 2003 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Certain amounts previously reported have been reclassified to conform to the presentation at March 31, 2004.

### 2. CURRENT MATTERS

Prior to and since the initiation of the Midland Recapitalization and Investment Transaction in April 2002, described more fully below, the Company has been incurring losses from operations. In response to this situation, the Company has eliminated noncore businesses and excess facilities, reduced overhead and restructured its management team and operations in an effort to return to profitability. In the three-month period ended March 31, 2004, the Company incurred a net loss of \$1.7 million, including \$374,000 related to the Company's process systems fabrication facility, which was underutilized, and a charge of \$260,000 related to goodwill associated with the Company's Compression Engineering business unit. During the first quarter of 2004 and as part of the Company's ongoing evaluation and reorganization of operations, the

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Company decided to suspend engineering and maintenance operations related to compressors, including compressors being rented from the Company. Operating results for these operations are included in the Process Systems segment and are not significant to the historical operations of the Company. Also included in the net loss for the three month period ended March 31, 2004 are selling, general and administrative expenses of \$964,000 and interest expense of \$539,000. Current pricing for the Company's services and the level of utilization of the Company's main fabrication facilities have not resulted in operating profits sufficient to cover these costs.

Revenue and gross profit produced at the Company's fabrication facility in Lake Charles, Louisiana were \$3.4 million and \$0.6 million in the quarter ended March 31, 2004. Nearly all of the operating results relate to one significant project being performed at the facility. Upon the completion of this project in April 2004 and considering the lack of current backlog for this facility, management decided to temporarily idle this facility. Management is currently evaluating various business alternatives relating to this facility and the impact, if any, these alternatives would have on the carrying value of the long-lived assets (approximately \$6.2 million at March 31, 2004) related to this facility.

The Company continues to bid and win contracts and invest capital in facilities and equipment. The Company continues to review operations, facilities, costs and business opportunities in an attempt to return to profitability.

The Company renewed the Credit Agreement in November 2003, with Midland's continuing guarantee, and extended the maturity to January 31, 2005. As a result, the amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement were classified as noncurrent in the December 31, 2003 balance sheet and are classified as current in the March 31, 2004 balance sheet. Later this year, the Company expects to renew the Credit Agreement, with Midland's continuing guarantee, and extend the maturity so that the liability again can be classified as noncurrent. Under an informal arrangement with the Company, Midland has agreed from time to time to provide financial support and funding for working capital or other needs at Midland's discretion. During the year ended December 31, 2003, Midland advanced \$5.9 million to the Company for working capital, which is classified as a

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current liability at December 31, 2003. At March 31, 2004, \$6.5 million was outstanding and owed to Midland related to this informal arrangement, which was classified as a current liability. As a result of classifying the amounts outstanding related to the Credit Agreement and the informal arrangement with Midland, the Company has working capital deficits of \$10.0 million at March 31, 2004 and \$1.3 million at December 31, 2003. The liquidity afforded by these advances from Midland was necessary for the Company to meet its obligations and fund operations. At December 31, 2002, Midland provided a standby letter of credit to a customer in support of a contract, which was completed during the March 2004 quarter. The letter of credit expired in March 2004. Since that time, the Company has been awarded contracts totaling \$13.1 million, which have required a financial guarantee or letter of credit from Midland. Management believes that additional funds available from Midland under the informal arrangement described above are necessary to fund its working capital needs and planned capital expenditures for the next 12 months and that guarantees from Midland are necessary to win contract awards. However, the Company has no control over whether Midland will provide additional funding or financial guarantees in the future and does not know whether such additional funding or financial guarantees will be available from Midland as the Company requires them. If Midland does not provide such additional funding or financial guarantees to the Company when needed in the future, the Company will not be unable to satisfy its working capital requirements and meet its obligations, including obligations under the Credit Agreement, in the ordinary course of business, or could be unable to qualify for contract awards. The Company requires the continued support from Midland until such time as it has sustained profitable operations and its financial condition is stable and no longer requires this support.

If the Company is unsuccessful in its efforts to return to profitability or obtain necessary capital from Midland as needed, it will not be able to meet its obligations in the ordinary course of business. The Company must experience a marked improvement in 2004 in order to remain a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or the amounts and classification of liabilities that may result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

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### 3. MIDLAND RECAPITALIZATION AND INVESTMENT TRANSACTION

In April 2002, the Company entered into an agreement with Midland Fabricators and Process Systems, LLC ("Midland") as a result of which, among other things, Midland acquired the rights of the Company's lenders under the Company's Senior Secured Credit Agreement. On August 13, 2002, pursuant to the agreement with Midland, Midland exchanged \$24.1 million outstanding under the Company's Senior Secured Credit Agreement and \$5.6 million in acquired claims of unsecured creditors for 738 shares of preferred stock, a secured subordinated convertible debenture in the amount of \$10.7 million and two secured subordinated notes which total in the aggregate \$6.8 million. The debenture is convertible into the Company's common stock at a price of \$3.50 per share on a post reverse split basis. Midland's 738 shares of preferred stock converted automatically into a total of 7,380,000 shares of the Company's common stock on August 1, 2003, the date the shareholders authorized additional shares of common stock. The Company also recorded additional paid in capital on the transaction of \$3.7 million resulting from the discount recorded on the secured subordinated convertible debenture, and capital contributions of \$680,000 resulting from forgiveness by Midland of penalties accrued under the Senior Secured Credit Agreement and \$914,000 resulting from partial forgiveness of the unsecured creditor claims acquired by Midland. Further, \$675,000 of the amount the Company owed Midland under the Company's Senior Secured Credit Agreement was cancelled

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in exchange for the assignment to Midland of certain accounts.

4. CONTRACTS IN PROGRESS

Information pertaining to contracts in progress at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 consisted of the following:

	MARCH 31, 2004 ----	
		(In thou
Costs incurred on uncompleted contracts	\$ 38,540	
Estimated loss	(2,402)	
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	36,138	
Less billings to date	(36,175)	
	-----	
	\$ 37	
	=====	
Included in the accompanying balance sheets under the following captions:		
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts	\$ 489	
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts	(526)	
	-----	
	\$ 37	
	=====	

Accounts receivable includes unbilled receivables and retainages, respectively, of \$356,000 and \$10,000 at March 31, 2004, and of \$138,000 and \$10,000 at December 31, 2003.

The Company had contract loss reserves of \$64,000 at March 31, 2004 and \$697,000 at December 31, 2003. Included in contract loss reserves at March 31, 2004 is \$46,000 related to platform fabrication contracts, including \$16,000 recorded in the three-month period ended March 31, 2004 related to a new fixed price platform fabrication contract. The contract is 84% complete and the expected delivery is in the June 2004 quarter. The remaining reserves for platform fabrication contracts relate to contracts that were substantially complete at March 31, 2004. The reserves for these contracts at December 31, 2003 was \$688,000, substantially all of which was realized in the three-month period ended March 31, 2004.

The remaining contract loss reserve at March 31, 2004 and at December 31, 2003 relates to contracts to provide process equipment. The reserves on these contracts reflect current competitive market conditions

and increased estimated shop overhead costs due to low utilization of the Company's process system fabrication facilities. All of these contracts are expected to be completed during the June quarter of 2004.

5. CREDIT FACILITY

On November 18, 2002, the Company entered into a Commercial Business Loan



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Agreement with Whitney National Bank (the "Credit Agreement"), which provides for up to \$8.0 million in borrowings for working capital purposes, including up to \$2.0 million in letters of credit under a revolving credit facility. The Credit Agreement is guaranteed by Nassau Holding Company (an affiliate of Midland), the subsidiaries of Unifab, and the principle members of Midland, and is secured by the assets of Universal Fabricators, LLC and Allen Process Systems, LLC, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company. At March 31, 2004, the Company had \$7.9 million in borrowings and letters of credit totaling \$3,000 outstanding under the Credit Agreement. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at Libor plus 1.75% or the Prime rate (2.85% at March 31, 2004), at the Company's discretion. The Credit Agreement matures January 31, 2005.

### 6. INCOME TAXES

The Company provides for income taxes using the liability method in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. As of March 31, 2004, the Company recorded deferred tax assets of \$19.6 million, including \$19.0 million related to net operating loss carryforwards which, if not used, expire in years 2020 through 2024. The ability of the Company to utilize net operating loss carryforwards is limited on an annual basis because the Midland transaction resulted in a change in control under the current tax regulations. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance of \$16.3 million to offset the deferred tax asset related to the net operating loss carryforward and other deferred tax assets that exceed deferred tax liabilities because the Company believes that it is more likely than not that these deferred tax assets will not be utilized.

### 7. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

#### EARNINGS PER SHARE

In April 2002, the Company entered into an agreement with Midland Fabricators and Process Systems, LLC ("Midland") as a result of which, among other things, Midland acquired the rights of the Company's lenders under the Company's Senior Secured Credit Agreement. On August 13, 2002, pursuant to the agreement with Midland, Midland exchanged \$24.1 million outstanding under the Company's Senior Secured Credit Agreement and \$5.6 million in acquired claims of unsecured creditors for 738 shares of our preferred stock, a secured subordinated convertible debenture in the amount of \$10.7 million and two secured subordinated notes which total in the aggregate \$6.8 million. The debenture is convertible into the Company's common stock at a price of \$3.50 per share on a post reverse split basis. Midland's 738 shares of preferred stock converted automatically into a total of 73,800,000 shares of the Company's common stock on August 1, 2003, the date the shareholders authorized additional shares of common stock. The Company also recorded additional paid in capital on the transaction of \$3.7 million resulting from the discount recorded on the secured subordinated convertible debenture, and capital contributions of \$680,000 resulting from forgiveness by Midland of penalties accrued under the Senior Secured Credit Agreement and \$914,000 resulting from partial forgiveness of the unsecured creditor claims acquired by Midland. Further, \$675,000 of the amount the Company owed Midland under the Company's Senior Secured Credit Agreement was cancelled in exchange for the assignment to Midland of certain accounts.

On August 1, 2003, the Company's shareholders approved a one-for-ten reverse stock split of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock, to be effective immediately after the conversion of Midland's Series A preferred shares. Accordingly, on August 1, 2003, each share of series A preferred stock was converted into 100,000 shares of Unifab common stock and the one-for-ten reverse stock split was effected resulting in Midland holding a total of 7,380,000 common shares after the reverse stock split.

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The denominator in the table below includes the common shares related to these Series A Preferred Shares as if they had been converted into shares of common stock on August 13, 2002, the date of the

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Midland Investment and Recapitalization Transaction. All prior periods weighted average share and option amounts have been restated for the effect of the reverse stock split. Midland's \$10,652,000 convertible debenture is convertible into Unifab common stock at a conversion price of \$3.50 per share on a post reverse split basis, for a total of 3,043,400 shares of common stock. Since the conversion price is "out-of-the-money," these shares are anti-dilutive and are not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share during periods when the Company incurs a loss.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share giving retroactive effect to the assumed conversion of Midland's 738 shares as of August 13, 2002 and giving effect to the one-for-ten reverse stock split:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,	
	2004	2003
<b>Numerator:</b>		
Net loss	\$ (1,664)	\$ (1,430)
<b>Denominator:</b>		
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	8,202	819
Effect of issuance of convertible preferred stock on weighted average shares of common stock	--	7,380
Denominator for basic and diluted earnings per share - weighted average shares	8,202	8,199
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.17)

Options with an exercise price greater than the average market price of the Company's common stock for the year and options outstanding during years where the Company incurs a net loss are anti-dilutive and, therefore, not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share. During the period ended March 31, 2004, 75,000 options and 6,000 warrants outstanding were anti-dilutive due to the net loss incurred by the Company. During the period ended March 31, 2003, 133,500 options and 6,000 warrants outstanding were anti-dilutive due to the net loss incurred by the Company.

### STOCK BASED COMPENSATION

The Company uses the intrinsic value method of accounting for employee-based compensation prescribed by Accounting Principles Board ("APB") Opinion No. 25 and, accordingly, follows the disclosure-only provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." SFAS No. 123 encourages the use of fair value based method of accounting for compensation expense associated with stock option and

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similar plans. However, SFAS No. 123 permits the continued use of the intrinsic value based method prescribed by Opinion No. 25 but requires additional disclosures, including pro forma calculations of net earnings and earnings per share as if the fair value method of accounting prescribed by SFAS No. 123 had been applied.

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Had compensation cost for the Company's stock plans been determined based on the fair value at the grant dates consistent with the method of SFAS No. 123, the Company's net income and net income per share amounts would have approximated the following pro forma amounts (in thousands, except per share data):

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004	2003
	-----	-----
Net loss, as reported	\$ (1,664)	\$ (1,430)
Add: Total stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net loss, net of related tax effects	--	--
Deduct: Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	--	(8)
	-----	-----
Pro forma net loss	\$ (1,664)	\$ (1,438)
	=====	=====
Loss per share		
Basic and diluted, as reported	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.17)
	=====	=====
Basic and diluted, pro forma	\$ (0.20)	\$ (0.18)
	=====	=====
Weighted average fair value of grants	\$ --	\$ --
	=====	=====

Black-Scholes option pricing model assumptions:

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004	2003
	----	----
Risk-free interest rate	N/A	1.82%
Volatility factor of the expected market price of UNIFAB stock	N/A	1.072
Weighted average expected life of the option	N/A	2 years
Expected dividend yield	--	--

### 8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### LEGAL MATTERS

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In addition to the matters described below, the Company is a party to various routine legal proceedings primarily involving commercial claims, workers' compensation claims, and claims for personal injury under the General Maritime Laws of the United States. A number of the Company's vendors have sued the Company to collect amounts of money allegedly due to them. These vendors are, in each case, unsecured creditors of the Company. While the outcome of these lawsuits, legal proceedings and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the outcome of such proceedings is not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In a lawsuit filed against the Company in the 14th Judicial Court in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, Professional Industrial Maintenance, L.L.C., Don E. Spano and Kimberly Spano alleged multiple claims for breach of contract, breach of specific performance, a request for injunction, request for damages, and a request for treble damages and attorney fees for violations of the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices Act. Mr. Spano was the managing member of Professional Industrial Maintenance, LLC, the company whose assets we acquired in January 1998. The Company filed a counterclaim for recovery of certain amounts paid on behalf of Professional Industrial Maintenance, LLC and Mr. Spano as a result of the transaction. In January 2004, the parties agreed to settle the disputes subject of the lawsuit with full and final releases for all claims in exchange for a cash payment to the plaintiffs in the amount of \$300,000;

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however, as of the filing of this report, the details of the settlement agreement and release have not been finalized.

### LETTERS OF CREDIT

In the normal course of its business activities, the Company is required to provide letters of credit to secure performance. At March 31, 2004, cash deposits totaling \$115,000 secured outstanding letters of credit totaling \$110,000. In addition, at March 31, 2004, letters of credit totaling \$3,000 were outstanding under the Credit Agreement.

### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

The Company has an employment agreement with one of its former officers. This agreement terminates on August 18, 2006. The minimum annual compensation commitment by the Company under this agreement is \$60,000.

### LEASES

The Company leases land, upon which portions of its structural fabrication and process equipment fabrication facilities in New Iberia are located, under noncancelable operating leases. The leases expire in 2013 for the structural fabrication facility with one 10-year renewal options, and in 2009 for the process equipment facilities with one 10-year renewal option. The Company also leases its facility in Lake Charles under a noncancelable operating lease. The lease expires in 2005 and has two five-year renewal options. At March 31, 2004, the Company had approximately \$10.6 million in aggregate lease commitments under operating leases, of which \$0.7 million is payable during the next twelve months.

### 9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Under an informal arrangement with the Company, Midland has agreed to provide financial support and funding for working capital or other needs at Midland's discretion, from time to time. During the three month period ended

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March 31, 2004, Midland advanced amounts to the Company for working capital, which were repaid and readvanced from time to time as needed. At March 31, 2004, \$6,500,000 is outstanding and owed to Midland. The liquidity afforded by these advances from Midland was necessary for the Company to meet its obligations and fund operations. However, the Company has no control over whether Midland will provide additional funding in the future and does not know whether such additional funding will be available from Midland as the Company requires it. If Midland does not make available such additional funding to the Company when needed in the future, the Company would not be able to meet its obligations, including obligations under the Credit Agreement, in the ordinary course of business. The Company requires the continued support from Midland until such time as it has sustained profitable operations and its financial condition is stable and no longer requires this support.

The Company provides health care benefits to its employees under a plan that covers the employees of companies owned by Nassau Holding Company, an affiliate of Midland ("Nassau"), including the employees of Nassau. In the three-month period ended March 31, 2004, the Company incurred costs of approximately \$645,000 for coverage under this plan.

Midland provides accounting information system and reporting services to the Company, including maintaining computer hardware and software to process financial information and produce management reports, processing data associated with those reports, assisting in report design and preparation, processing operating and payroll checks, consulting assistance with the design and implementation of financial reporting systems, and other related services. Included in general and administrative expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 are \$45,000, respectively, related to these services. At March 31, 2004, all amounts relative to these services had been paid.

In the three-month period ended March 31, 2004, the Company had no contracts with any affiliates of Midland and had no uncollected receivables related prior contract activity with any affiliates of Midland. In

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the three-month period ended March 31, 2003, the Company executed several contracts with Ridgelake Energy, Inc. to fabricate a platform and design and manufacture process equipment. The total value of these contracts is \$3.0 million. Included in revenue and gross profit in the three-month period ended March 31, 2003, are \$1,949,000 and \$302,000, respectively, related to these contracts. At March 31, 2003, the Company had \$1,166,000 receivable from Ridgelake Energy, Inc. related to these contracts. Ridgelake Energy, Inc. is owned and controlled by Mr. William A. Hines, Chairman of our Board of Directors, and his family.

### 10. INDUSTRY SEGMENT INFORMATION

Effective January 1, 2003, as a result of the Midland Recapitalization and Investment transaction, management has evaluated the changed organizational and reporting structure and has concluded that the Company operates three reportable segments: the platform fabrication segment, the process systems segment and the drilling rig fabrication segment. The platform fabrication segment fabricates and assembles platforms and platform components for installation and use offshore in the production, processing and storage of oil and gas. The process systems segment designs and manufactures specialized process systems and equipment related to the development and production of oil and gas reserves. The drilling rig fabrication segment provides fabrication services for new construction and repair of drilling rigs. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies, except that income taxes are accounted for on a

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consolidated basis and deferred tax assets are managed as corporate assets and are not recorded in the operating segments. The Company evaluates performance based on segment income, which is defined as revenue less cost of revenue and selling, general and administrative expense allocated to the operating segment. The Company does not allocate interest expense to the operating segments. Unallocated overhead consists primarily of corporate general and administrative costs that the Company does not allocate to the operating segments. The Company accounts for intersegment sales at fixed labor rates and at cost for materials and other costs. Intersegment sales are not intended to represent current market prices for the services provided.

The following tables show information about the revenue, profit or loss, depreciation and amortization, assets and expenditures for long-lived assets of each of the Company's reportable segments for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003. Segment assets do not include intersegment receivable balances as the Company believes inclusion of such assets would not be meaningful. Segment assets are determined by their location at period end. Some assets that pertain to the segment operations are recorded on corporate books, such as prepaid insurance. These assets have been allocated to the segment in a manner that is consistent with the methodology used in recording the segment's expense.

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2004	2003
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	(IN THOUSANDS)	
Segment revenue from external customers:		
Platform fabrication	\$ 8,562	\$ 5,727
Process systems	1,855	3,692
Drilling rig fabrication	3,423	104
Intersegment eliminations	--	--
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	\$ 13,840	\$ 9,523
	=====	=====
Segment income (loss):		
Platform fabrication	\$ (181)	\$ 8
Process systems	(600)	(189)
Drilling rig fabrication	300	(68)
Other	--	--
	-----	-----
	(481)	(249)
Interest expense	(540)	(461)
Unallocated corporate overhead	(643)	(720)
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Loss before income tax	\$ (1,664)	\$ (1,430)
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Total assets of the Company by segment is as follows as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003:

MARCH 31, 2004	DECEMBER 31, 2003
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(IN THOUSANDS)	

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Segment assets at end of period:

Platform fabrication	\$ 21,539	\$ 21,846
Process systems	5,764	6,742
Drilling rig fabrication	7,346	9,229
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	34,649	37,817
Corporate	1,000	2,402
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	\$ 35,649	\$ 40,219
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### 11. COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The following is a summary of the Company's comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003.

	THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31,	
	2004	2003
	-----	-----
	(IN THOUSANDS)	
Net loss	\$ (1,664)	\$ (1,430)
Currency translation adjustment	--	(24)
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	\$ (1,664)	\$ (1,454)
	=====	=====

### 12. SHUT DOWN OF ALLEN PROCESS SYSTEMS LIMITED

On June 12, 2003, at a meeting of the creditors of Allen Process Systems Limited, Mr. Tony Freeman of TonyFreeman & Company, New Maxdov House, Manchester, England was appointed as Liquidator of Allen Process Systems Limited ("APS Limited"), located in London, England, for the purposes of ceasing and voluntarily winding up operations of that company. The Company, as the sole shareholder of APS Limited, ratified Mr. Freeman's appointment. APS Limited was acquired by the Company in June 1998 and has provided engineering and project management services for process systems mainly to Europe and the Middle East. Allen Process Systems, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company will provide these services in the future. The Company does not expect that ceasing and winding up operations of APS Limited will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

### 13. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2003, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" ("FIN 46"). FIN 46 requires that companies that control another entity through interests other than voting interests should consolidate the controlled entity. FIN 46 applies to variable interest entities created after January 31, 2003, and to variable interest entities in which an enterprise obtains an interest after that date. In December 2003 the FASB issued modifications to FIN 46 ("FIN 46R") resulting in multiple effective dates based on the nature as well as the creation date of a variable interest entity. The adoption of FIN 46 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations because the Company does not believe that the Company has interests that would be considered variable interest entities under FIN 46.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF  
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

GENERAL

The following discussion presents management's discussion and analysis of the Company's financial condition and results of operations and should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements.

SUMMARY

During the three month period ended March 31, 2004:

- Since the Midland Transaction, Midland has provided financial, operational, and management support to the Company. During the three month period ended March 31, 2004, the Company funded operations and capital expenditures through advances from Midland. At March 31, 2004, the Company had \$6.5 million in advances from Midland and \$7.9 million outstanding under its line of credit, which is guaranteed by Midland. The liquidity afforded by these advances from Midland was necessary for the Company to meet its obligations and fund operations. However, the Company has no control over whether Midland will provide additional funding in the future and does not know whether such additional funding will be available from Midland as the Company requires it. If Midland does not provide such additional funding in the future as the Company requires it, the Company will be unable to meet its obligations, including obligations under its line of credit, in the ordinary course of business.
- Revenue for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004 increased over the same period last year by 45% to \$13.8 million. This was largely due to the stability afforded the Company by the Midland Investment and Recapitalization transaction, which was completed on August 13, 2002;
- Cost of sales for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004 increased over the same period last year by 47% to \$13.7 million and as a percentage of revenue was 99% in the March 2004 quarter and 98% in the March 2003 quarter.
- Selling, general and administrative expenses were reduced by approximately 22% in 2004. This was achieved mainly by reducing administrative personnel and other administrative costs over the period.
- The Company recorded a charge of \$260,000 related to goodwill associated with the Company's Compression Engineering business unit. During the first quarter of 2004 and as part of the Company's ongoing evaluation and reorganization of operations, the Company decided to suspend engineering and maintenance operations related to compressors, including compressors being rented from the Company.
- On August 1, 2003 the shareholders of the Company approved the increase in the number of shares of authorized common stock to 150,000,000 shares. This increase allowed Midland to convert the 738 shares of preferred stock issued in relation to the



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Midland Investment and Recapitalization transaction into 73,800,000 shares of common stock. The shareholders also approved a one-for-ten reverse stock split, which was effected on August 3, 2003. After giving effect to the one-for-ten reverse stock split, the number of shares of common stock held by Midland was 7,380,000. All earnings (loss) per share amounts and weighted average number of shares outstanding have been restated to give effect to the one-for-ten reverse stock split effected on August 3, 2003.

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### MIDLAND SUPPORT

Since the Midland Transaction, Midland has provided financial, operational, and management support to the Company. Nassau Holding Company (an affiliate of Midland) has guaranteed the Company's Senior Secured Credit Agreement with the Whitney National Bank. Under an informal arrangement with the Company, Midland has agreed to provide financial support and funding for working capital or other needs at Midland's discretion, from time to time. Through March 31, 2004, Midland advanced \$6.5 million to the Company for working capital, which was outstanding at March 31, 2004. From time to time as needed, Midland provides financial guarantees, including letters of credit, in support of contract awards to the Company. Midland provides accounting information system and reporting services to the Company, including maintaining computer hardware and software to process financial information and produce management reports, processing data associated with those reports, assisting in report design and preparation, processing operating and payroll checks, consulting assistance with the design and implementation of financial reporting systems, and other related services. Included in general and administrative expenses for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 are \$45,000, respectively, related to these services. This support was necessary to stabilize the financial position and operations of the Company. The Company requires the continued support from Midland until such time as it has sustained profitable operations and its financial condition is stable and no longer requires this support.

### IDENTIFICATION OF OPERATING SEGMENTS

Effective January 1, 2003, as a result of the Midland Recapitalization and Investment transaction, management has evaluated the changed organizational and reporting structure and has concluded that the Company operates three reportable segments: the platform fabrication segment, the process systems segment and the drilling rig fabrication segment. The platform fabrication segment fabricates and assembles platforms and platform components for installation and use offshore in the production, processing and storage of oil and gas. The process systems segment designs and manufactures specialized process systems and equipment related to the development and production of oil and gas reserves. The drilling rig fabrication segment provides fabrication services for new construction and repair of drilling rigs.

### THE MIDLAND TRANSACTION

On August 13, 2002, the Company and Midland Fabricators and Process Systems, LLC closed a transaction under which Midland exchanged \$24.1 million outstanding under the Company's Senior Secured Credit Agreement and \$5.6 million in claims of unsecured creditors for 738 shares of preferred stock, a secured subordinated debenture and two secured subordinated notes in the aggregate amount of \$17.5 million. The debenture, valued at \$10.7 million, is convertible into the Company's common stock at a price of \$3.50 per share on a post-reverse split basis. Midland's preferred stock was converted into a total of 7,380,000 shares of the Company's common stock on August 1, 2003. The Company also

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recorded additional capital contributions on the transaction of \$3.7 million resulting from the discount recorded on the convertible debenture, \$680,000 resulting from forgiveness by Midland of penalties accrued under the Senior Secured Credit Agreement, and \$914,000 resulting from partial forgiveness of unsecured creditor claims acquired by Midland. On November 18, 2002, the Company entered into a Senior Secured Credit Agreement with the Whitney National Bank, which is guaranteed by Nassau Holding Company (an affiliate of Midland), the subsidiaries of Unifab, and the principle members of Midland, in accordance with the terms of the Midland transaction.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2004 increased 45% to \$13.8 million from \$9.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. Revenue increased for the Company's platform fabrication segment and drilling rig fabrication segment. Decreased revenues from the Company's process systems segment in part offset this increase. Backlog was approximately \$1.6 million and \$7.6 million at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. Since March 31, 2004, the Company has been awarded contracts totaling approximately \$13.1 million, which are expected to be completed in the next 12 months. Midland has provided financial guarantees on many of these contracts.

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Total direct labor hours worked increased 69% overall from the levels experienced in the same period last year. Direct labor hours worked at the Company's platform fabrication and drilling rig fabrication facilities increased by 107% from the same period last year. This increase was partially offset by a reduction of approximately 41% to direct labor hours incurred at the Company's process systems facility.

Cost of revenue was \$13.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004, compared to \$9.3 million for the same period last year. Cost of revenue consists of costs associated with the fabrication process, including direct costs (such as direct labor costs and raw materials) and indirect costs that can be specifically allocated to projects (such as supervisory labor, utilities, welding supplies and equipment costs). These costs were approximately the same relative to revenue in both periods.

Gross profit (loss) for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$96,000 compared to \$185,000 for the same period last year. Gross profit generated at the Company's drilling rig fabrication facility was offset in part by increased costs per manhour at the Company's platform fabrication facility and process system fabrication facility. During the quarter ended March 31, 2004, approximately 42% of the manhours incurred on platform fabrication projects related to the buoyancy can project and did not generate any gross profit to the March 31, 2004 quarter.

Selling, general and administrative expense decreased to \$0.9 million in the three months ended March 31, 2004, compared to \$1.2 million in the three months ended March 31, 2003. This decrease is mainly due to reduced general and administrative expenses associated with closing underutilized facilities and overall reductions in administrative overhead and employees. The Company's selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of revenue decreased to 7% in the three months ended March 31, 2004 from 12% in the same period last year.

In the three-month period ended March 31, 2004 the Company recorded an impairment charge of \$260,000 related to goodwill associated with the Company's Compression Engineering business unit. During the first quarter of 2004 and as part of the Company's ongoing evaluation and reorganization of operations, the

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Company decided to suspend engineering and maintenance operations related to compressors, including compressors being rented from the Company. Operating results for these operations are included in the Process Systems segment and are not significant to the historical operations of the Company.

Interest expense for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was 17% higher than the same period in 2003 due to the higher levels of indebtedness maintained during 2004. Amortization of the discount on the secured, subordinated debenture, is being recorded as interest expense. In each of the three-month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company recorded \$130,000 interest expense related to amortization of the discount on the secured subordinated debenture.

No net income tax benefit was recognized on the net loss recorded in the three-month periods ended March 31, 2004 and 2003. In accordance with FAS 109, the Company considered that it had a cumulative pre-tax loss for recent years, which must be carried forward and used to offset future taxable income. The ability of the Company to utilize net operating loss carryforwards is also limited on an annual basis because the transaction with Midland resulted in a change in control under tax regulations. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance to offset the deferred tax asset related to the net operating loss carryforward and other deferred tax assets that exceed net deferred tax liabilities of the Company at March 31, 2004. The valuation allowance reflects the Company's judgment that it is more likely than not that these deferred tax assets will not be realized. Management will continue to assess the adequacy of the valuation allowance on a quarterly basis.

### SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has identified three reportable segments as required by SFAS No. 131. The following discusses the results of operations for each of those reportable segments during the quarters ended March 31, 2004 and 2003.

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#### PLATFORM FABRICATION SEGMENT

Revenue for the platform fabrication segment increased 50%, or \$2.8 million, to \$8.6 million in the quarter ended March 31, 2004 from \$5.7 million in the same quarter in 2003. Direct manhours in the March 2004 quarter increased 40% over the March 2003 quarter. Segment income (loss) decreased to a loss of \$181,000 in the March 31, 2004 quarter from \$8,000 in the March 31, 2003 quarter. Fabrication activity has increased over last year, although bidding for projects in this segment has remained competitive, causing lower profit margins. Approximately 42% of the manhours incurred in this segment related to the completion of a buoyancy can project and generated no gross profit. In the March 2003 quarter, segment income was reduced by \$292,000 related to the repair of the roof on the Company's main fabrication building. Savings from the reduction of administrative staff and the shifting of general and administrative functions to corporate reduced segment loss in the March 2004 quarter.

#### PROCESS SYSTEMS SEGMENT

Revenue for the process systems segment was \$1.9 million in the three-month period ended March 31, 2004 compared to \$3.7 million in the same quarter last year. In the quarter ended March 31, 2004, direct manhours decreased 41% from the March 2003 quarter. Due to this low level of activity and the increase in cost per manhour that resulted from it, segment loss increased in the March 31, 2004 quarter to \$0.6 million from \$0.2 million in the same quarter in 2003. Savings from the reduction of administrative staff and the shifting of general and administrative functions to corporate decreased the

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segment loss in the March 31, 2004 but were offset by a charge of \$0.3 related to goodwill associated with the Company's Compression Engineering business unit. Included in segment loss for the March 31, 2003 quarter were contract loss reserves of \$170,000, including \$117,000 recorded because of delays encountered on contracts to provide process equipment that are being manufactured overseas.

### DRILLING RIG FABRICATION SEGMENT

Revenue for the drilling rig fabrication segment increased to \$3.4 million in the quarter ended March 31, 2004 from \$104,000 in the quarter ended March 31, 2003. In the March 31, 2004 quarter, the segment produced income of \$300,000 compared to a segment loss of \$68,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. Nearly all of the operating results in this segment relate to one significant project being performed at the Company's fabrication facility in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Upon the completion of this project in April 2004 and considering the lack of current backlog for this facility, management decided to temporarily idle this facility. Management is currently evaluating various business alternatives relating to this facility and the impact, if any, these alternatives would have on the carrying value of the long-lived assets (approximately \$6.2 million at March 31, 2004) related to this facility.

### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Historically the Company has funded its business activities through funds generated from operations, short - term borrowings on its revolving credit facilities for working capital needs and individual financing arrangements for equipment, facilities improvements, insurance premiums, and long-term needs. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2004, the Company's available funds and \$157,000 generated from financing activities together funded cash used in operations of \$155,000 and investing activities of \$7,000, primarily capital expenditures.

Under an informal arrangement with the Company, Midland has agreed from time to time to provide financial support and funding for working capital or other needs at Midland's discretion. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2004, Midland advanced \$600,000, which the Company used for working capital during the period. At March 31, 2004, \$6.5 million was outstanding and owed to Midland related to this informal arrangement. The liquidity afforded by these advances from Midland was necessary for the Company to meet its obligations and fund operations. At December 31, 2002, Midland provided a standby letter of credit to a customer in support of a contract, which was completed during the March 2004 quarter. The letter of credit expired in March 2004. Since that time, the Company has been awarded contracts totaling \$13.1 million, which have required a financial guarantee or letter of credit from Midland. Management believes that additional funds available from Midland under the informal arrangement

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described above are necessary to fund its working capital needs and planned capital expenditures for the next 12 months and that guarantees from Midland are necessary to win contract awards. However, the Company has no control over whether Midland will provide additional funding or financial guarantees in the future and does not know whether such additional funding or financial guarantees will be available from Midland as the Company requires them. If Midland does not provide such additional funding or financial guarantees when needed in the future, the Company will not be able to satisfy its working capital requirements and meet its obligations, including obligations under the Credit Agreement, in the ordinary course of business. The Company requires the continued support from Midland until such time as it has sustained profitable operations and its financial condition is stable and no longer requires this support

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On November 18, 2002, the Company entered into a Commercial Business Loan with Whitney National Bank (the "Credit Agreement"), guaranteed by Nassau Holding Company, an affiliate of Midland, the subsidiaries of Unifab, and the principle members of Midland and secured by all of the assets of the Company, which provides for up to \$8.0 million in borrowings for working capital purposes, including up to \$2.0 million in letters of credit under a revolving credit facility. At December 31, 2003, the Company had \$7.9 million in borrowings and letters of credit totaling \$3,000 outstanding under the revolving credit facility. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at Libor plus 1.75% or the Prime rate (2.85% at March 31, 2004), at the Company's discretion. The Credit Agreement matures January 31, 2005. At March 31, 2004, the Company had other letters of credit outstanding totaling \$110,000, which were secured by cash deposits totaling \$115,000.

Management believes that additional funds available from Midland under the informal arrangement described above are necessary to fund its working capital needs and planned capital expenditures for the next 12 months. However, Management has no control over whether Midland will provide additional funding in the future and does not know whether such additional funding will be available from Midland as the Company requires it. If Midland does not provide such additional funding in the future as the Company requires it, the Company will not be able to meet its obligations, including obligations under the Credit Agreement, in the ordinary course of business.

### NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

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### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The Company's discussion and analysis of its financial condition and results of operations are based upon the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, including those related to revenue recognition and long-lived assets. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The Company believes the following critical accounting policies affect its more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements.

Revenue from construction contracts, which are typically of short duration, are recognized on the

percentage-of-completion method, measured by relating actual labor hours for work performed to date to the estimated total labor hours of the respective contract. Contract costs include all direct material and labor costs and those indirect costs related to contract performance, such as indirect labor, supplies, and repairs. Provisions for estimated losses, if any, on uncompleted contracts are made in the period in which such losses are determined. Significant changes in cost estimates due to adverse market conditions or poor contract performance could affect estimated gross profit, possibly resulting in a contract loss.

The Company's customers are principally major and large independent oil and gas companies and drilling companies. These concentrations of customers may impact our overall exposure to credit risk, either positively or negatively, in that our customers may be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions. Reserves for uncollectible accounts receivable are evaluated periodically against specific accounts that are known to be uncollectible. Increases in the reserves for uncollectible accounts are charged to operating results in the period they are identified. Receivables are generally not collateralized. Significant adverse changes in the economic environment of the oil and gas industry could result in materially lower collectibility of recorded receivables and could require a charge for uncollectible accounts in the future.

Long-lived assets held and used by the Company are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. The Company assesses the recoverability of long-lived assets by determining whether the carrying values can be recovered through projected net cash flows undiscounted, based on expected operating results over their remaining lives. If impairment is indicated, the asset is written down to its fair market value, or if fair market value is not readily determinable, to its estimated discounted net cash flows. Future adverse market conditions or poor operating results could result in the inability to recover the current carrying value of the long-lived asset, thereby possibly requiring an impairment charge in the future.

Income taxes have been provided using the liability method. Deferred income taxes reflect the net effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. The amount of future income tax assets recognized is limited to the amount of benefit that is more likely than not to be realized. In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or the entire deferred tax asset will not be realized. The ultimate realization of the deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversals of deferred tax liabilities, the likelihood of future taxable income and tax planning strategies when making this assessment. Based on this assessment, the Company records a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets that are more likely than not unrealizable. The amount of the deferred tax asset considered realizable, however, could be reduced in the future if taxable income is not available to allow for the deduction of the deferred tax assets.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

The Company is exposed to the risk of changing interest rates and foreign currency exchange rate risks. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments to hedge the interest or currency risks. Interest on approximately \$29.6 million, substantially all of the Company's debt, was variable, based on short-term interest rates. A general increase of 1.0% short-term market interest

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rates would result in additional interest cost of \$296,000 per year if the Company were to maintain the same debt level and structure.

The Company has a subsidiary located in the United Kingdom for which the functional currency is the British Pound. The subsidiary is being liquidated, and therefore there are no operations at March 31, 2004. However, the liquidation proceeds are held in British Pounds pending the resolution of the liquidation and final distribution of the proceeds, if any. The Company typically does not hedge its foreign currency exposure. Historically, fluctuations in British Pound/US Dollar exchange rates have not had a material effect on the Company. Future changes in the exchange rate of the US Dollar to the British Pound may positively or negatively impact the final amount distributed; however, the Company does not anticipate its exposure to foreign currency rate fluctuations to be material in 2004.

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While the Company does not currently use derivative financial instruments, it may use them in the future if deemed appropriate.

### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain statements included in this report and in oral statements made from time to time by management of the Company that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. In this report, forward-looking statements are included primarily in the sections entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." The words "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "estimate," "predict," and similar expressions often identify forward-looking statements. Such statements may involve risks and uncertainties and include, among other things, information as to possible future increases in oil and gas prices and drilling activity and the effect of current and future levels of prices and drilling activity on demand for products and services of the Company, on the prices the Company can obtain for its products and services and on the profitability of the Company. All such statements are subject to factors that could cause actual results and outcomes to differ materially from the results and outcomes predicted in the statements, and investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance upon them. Those factors include, but are not limited to, the risks, contingencies and uncertainties described immediately below:

- advances and financial guarantees from Midland have been necessary for the Company to meet its obligations and fund operations and for contract awards. However, the Company has no control over whether Midland will provide additional funding or financial guarantees in the future and does not know whether such additional funding or financial guarantees will be available from Midland as the Company requires them. If Midland does not provide such additional funding or financial guarantees in the future as the Company requires it them, the Company will not be able to meet its obligations, including obligations under the Credit Agreement, in the ordinary course of business. The Company requires the continued support from Midland until such time as it has sustained profitable operations and its financial condition is stable and no longer requires this support;
- general economic and business conditions and industry trends;
- the economic strength of our customers and potential customers;
- decisions about offshore developments to be made by oil and gas companies;

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- the highly competitive nature of our businesses;
- our future financial performance, including availability, terms and deployment of capital;
- the continued availability of qualified personnel;
- changes in, or our failure or inability to comply with, government regulations and adverse outcomes from legal and regulatory proceedings;
- changes in existing environmental regulatory matters;
- rapid technological changes;
- realization of deferred tax assets;
- consequences of significant changes in interest rates and currency exchange rates;
- difficulties we may encounter in obtaining regulatory or other necessary approvals of any strategic transactions;
- social, political and economic situations in foreign countries where we do business, including among others, countries in the Middle East;
- effects of asserted and unasserted claims;
- our ability to obtain surety bonds and letters of credit; and
- our ability to maintain builder's risk, liability and property insurance in amounts we consider adequate at rates that we consider economical, particularly after the impact on the insurance industry of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation under the supervision of and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief

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Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and implementation of its disclosure controls and procedures. Based on and as of the date of that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting them to material information relating to the Company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, required to be included in reports the Company files with or submits to the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1934.

There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting or in other factors during the first quarter of fiscal year 2004 that have materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II



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### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

In addition to the matters described below, the Company is a party to various routine legal proceedings primarily involving commercial claims, workers' compensation claims, and claims for personal injury under the General Maritime Laws of the United States. A number of the Company's vendors have sued the Company to collect amounts of money allegedly due to them. These vendors are, in each case, unsecured creditors of the Company. While the outcome of these lawsuits, legal proceedings and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes that the outcome of such proceedings is not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In a lawsuit filed against the Company in the 14th Judicial Court in the Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana, Professional Industrial Maintenance, L.L.C., Don E. Spano and Kimberly Spano alleged multiple claims for breach of contract, breach of specific performance, a request for injunction, request for damages, and a request for treble damages and attorney fees for violations of the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices Act. Mr. Spano was the managing member of Professional Industrial Maintenance, LLC, the company whose assets we acquired in January 1998. The Company filed a counterclaim for recovery of certain amounts paid on behalf of Professional Industrial Maintenance, LLC and Mr. Spano as a result of the transaction. In January 2004, the parties agreed to settle the disputes subject of the lawsuit with full and final releases for all claims in exchange for a cash payment to the plaintiffs in the amount of \$300,000; however, as of the filing of this report, the details of the settlement agreement and release have not been finalized.

### ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

This report on Form 10-Q is accompanied by a statement of the Principal Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the registrant making certain certifications as to the contents hereof, as required by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

### ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

#### (a) Exhibits

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
31.1	Certification pursuant to Exchange Act 13a-15 and 15d-15(e) accompanying and furnished with this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the three-month period ended March 31, 2004
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32.2	Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the

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(b) Reports on form 8-K

None

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### SIGNATURES

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

UNIFAB International, Inc.

Date May 14, 2004

/s/ Peter J. Roman

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Peter J. Roman  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

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