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

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002

Commission File No. 0-12817

PERFECTDATA CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

California

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

110 West Easy Street Simi Valley, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (IRS Employer I.D. Number)

95-3087593

93065 (Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code:

(805) 581-4000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (b) of the Act:

None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (g) of the Act:

Common Stock

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days:

Yes ý No o.

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the Registrant s knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-KSB or any amendments to this Form 10-KSB. O

As of May 31, 2002, the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by nonaffiliates of the Registrant was \$8,134,030.

As of May 31, 2002, the Registrant had 6,159,530 shares of Common Stock outstanding.

PART I

Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements.

With the exception of historical information, the matters discussed in this Annual Report on Form 10-K include certain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. In connection with the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Company is hereby identifying information that is forward-looking and, accordingly, involves risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, statements regarding the Company s future financial performance, that governmental regulations will not negatively and materially impact the Company s current operations, the Company s ability to compete in the competitive environment in which the Company operates, and the results or success of discussions with other entities on mergers, acquisitions, or alliance possibilities and expansion of the Company s current product offerings. As a result, actual results may differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statement. The Company cautions that the foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement in this Report.

Item 1. Business.

<u>General</u>

PerfectData Corporation (the Company) was incorporated in the State of California on June 8, 1976. The Company was originally founded by an experienced group of engineers and data processing professionals to design and manufacture a proprietary line of magnetic media maintenance equipment - disk pack cleaners and inspectors. This line of equipment, which has since been discontinued, was originally sold to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) such as Burroughs Corporation (now Unisys Corporation), DEC (Digital Equipment Corporation), NCR Corporation and 3M Corporation. Sales of these products by such well-known companies contributed to increased user awareness as to the need for routine computer care and maintenance. It also brought credibility to the Company as a key manufacturer in the industry.

With the evolution of the computer work environment from the sterile, climate-controlled surroundings of a clean room to the mainstream office and home environments, simple preventative maintenance has become a key element in maintaining equipment efficiency and personal productivity. The Company s cleaning and maintenance products are designed to address the needs of the end users of computers and office automation equipment and by maintenance organizations as part of preventative maintenance programs to reduce equipment down time and service costs and to increase product life.

Change in Control

On March 31, 2000 (the Closing Date), Millennium Capital Corporation (Millennium), JDK & Associates Inc. (JDK) and other buyers (Millennium, JDK and these other buyers are collectively referred to herein as the Buyers) purchased from the Company, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of January 20, 2000 (the Stock Purchase Agreement) by and among the Company, Millennium, JDK and persons or entities which became Buyers pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement subsequent to its execution, an aggregate of 1,333,333 shares of the Company s Common Stock, no par value (the Common Stock), at \$2.25 per share or an aggregate purchase price of \$2,999,999.25. A copy of

the Stock Purchase Agreement is filed (by incorporation by reference) as an exhibit to this Report and is incorporated herein by this reference.

On the Closing Date, as a result of the foregoing closing, Millennium and JDK became financial advisors to the Company to seek acquisitions and financings on its behalf pursuant to a Consulting Agreement dated as of January 20, 2000 (the Consulting Agreement) by and among Millennium, JDK and the Company. For their services, Millennium and JDK are to receive a cash fee equal to five percent of the Consideration (as defined) received or paid by the Company with respect to the acquisition or the financing offering. A copy of the Consulting Agreement is filed (by incorporation by reference) as an exhibit to this Report and is incorporated herein by this reference. See also Note (7) to Financial Statements in this Report.

At a directors meeting on the Closing Date, as contemplated by the Stock Purchase Agreement, Joseph Mazin, then the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Ronald M. Chodorow resigned as directors of the Company, the number of directors was increased from three to five and Brian Maizlish, Timothy D. Morgan, Corey P. Schlossmann and Harris A. Shapiro were elected as directors to fill the vacancies. Tracie Savage continued as a director.

The shareholders approved the Stock Purchase Agreement and the related transactions at a Special Meeting of Shareholders held on March 31, 2000.

Since the change in control, the Company has been seeking acquisitions which may or may not be related to its current business. There can, of course, be no assurance that any such acquisition will be effected.

The Industry

The Company s products are sold in the computer and office equipment accessories and supplies market. This market targets small, medium and large sized businesses as well as the home environment.

This market is serviced mainly by office product catalogs, office superstores, mass merchants, consumer electronics retailers, warehouse clubs and computer superstores. The Company is organized to service all of these distribution channels. The Company believes that the market potential for its products will continue to grow and increase in size. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will realize any of this potential.

Products

The Company designs, assembles and/or packages all of its cleaning and maintenance products which it markets and distributes. The Company sub-contracts for its components from a variety of established suppliers and manufacturers. The Company believes that there are alternative sources for these components should an existing supplier or manufacturer no longer be available on acceptable terms.

The consumable cleaning and preventative maintenance products are for home, office and computer environments. These products are designed to eliminate or minimize contamination in and around computer and office automation equipment. Use of the Company s products on a regular basis reduces equipment downtime and the need for unnecessary service and repairs.

The Company s principal selling product is the PerfectDuster EcoDuster line of compressed gas dusters. This product is offered in a variety of formulations to meet competitive pressures and buyer demand. All of these dusters are 100% CFC free and contain no ozone depleting chemicals that could damage the ozone layer in the earth s upper atmosphere.

Other products that the Company presently sells are CD and tape drive cleaners, CD player cleaners, static control products, laser and inkjet printer cleaners, fax and copy machine cleaners, and a variety of premoistened cleaning wipes for specific equipment.

Marketing

<u>Customers.</u> The Company s products are sold primarily through retail distribution under the Company s PerfectData trademark. The retail distribution channel is comprised of office product catalogs, office product distributors and dealers, stationery and computer retail stores and large warehouse/superstore type accounts.

While the Company sold products to more than 200 customers in the United States, Canada and other countries during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 (fiscal 2002), approximately 85% of the Company's net sales were accounted for by its 10 largest customers. Two customers accounted for 33% and 28%, respectively, of total sales. Sales to these customers were made pursuant to specific purchase orders and neither customer is obligated to purchase the Company's products under any other agreement. The loss of either or both of these

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customers could have an adverse effect on the Company s business. No other customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company s net sales in fiscal 2002.

Sales Organization.

Domestic Sales. Sales of products under the Company s registered trademark PerfectData are made by independent manufacturers representative groups, dealers and large distributors. Sales of the Company s products to Original Equipment Manufacturers under private label arrangements are handled by Company sales personnel located in California and, on a selected basis, by certain assigned independent manufacturers representatives. Agreements between the Company and manufacturers representatives or distributors may be terminated on short notice by either party.

International Sales. Sales of the Company s products worldwide are handled by the Company s sales personnel located in California through international distributors and customers. The Company has no agreements with foreign distributors.

<u>Customer Service and Support.</u> In order to enhance customer service, training, field support and technical support, the Company has a toll free 800 phone number.

All products are sold with a return to manufacturer warranty for replacement of damaged or defective goods only. Products are warranted for 90 days from the date of purchase. Dealers and distributors are required to perform this replacement service on behalf of the Company. All products returned for warranty replacement must receive a written return authorization receipt from the Company prior to the return of any goods. Costs incurred annually by the Company for product warranties have been insignificant.

Competition

The Company believes that neither the Company nor any of its competitors has had a dominant position in the cleaning and maintenance market. There are many competitors in this market and some of these competitors are substantially larger in size and have greater financial resources than the Company.

The Company believes that the effectiveness, quality, service and the price competitiveness of its products, along with its marketing efforts and programs, product selection and responsiveness to accounts needs, have been the principal basis on which it competes in this market.

The Company s ability to maintain or increase its market share and expand its business will depend, in large measure, on its ability to conceive, design, develop and introduce new products to its existing product lines; to continue to offer more products and marketing programs within the Company s established channels of distribution; and to enter new markets and/or open new channels of distribution with related product offerings. There can be no assurance, however, that the Company will achieve any or all of these objectives.

Materials and Supplies

The nature of the raw materials used in the Company s products are various chemicals, metals, plastics and paper goods. The Company assembles and/or packages its products in the United States from materials and supplies purchased primarily from domestic vendors and sub-contractors. Some of the assembled component parts are manufactured by vendors located in the Far East because it is more cost effective to obtain goods and fabrication expertise at significantly reduced costs when compared with purchasing the same goods domestically.

The Company believes that its established relationships with its vendors and suppliers are in good order. The Company has not experienced any significant production delays or loss of revenue due to the lack of parts or material shortages.

The Company, as a matter of standard business procedures, regularly reviews its vendor relationships and continually searches for new sources and ways to produce its products both domestically and internationally with the improvement of quality, delivery or lowered cost of goods as its goals.

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The Company does not believe that federal, state and local provisions which have been enacted or adopted regulating the discharge of material into the environment, or otherwise relating to the protection of the environment, have had, or will have, any material effect on its capital expenditures, its potential earnings or its competitive position.

Employees

At March 31, 2002, the Company employed 10 persons, of whom 4 were engaged in assembly and testing, 2 in marketing and sales, and 4 in general management and administration.

The Company believes that its relations with its employees are good. The Company has never had a work stoppage and none of its employees are represented by a labor union. The expansion of the Company s current operations will be dependent, in part, on its ability to attract and retain highly qualified employees. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in these efforts.

Terminated Acquisition

From October 2001 to February 2002, the Company was engaged in negotiations pursuant to which the shareholders of GraphCo Technologies, Inc. (GraphCo) would acquire a majority interest in, and control of the Board of, the Company. GraphCo is a technologies, software and systems development company providing advanced security solutions for biometric identification, secure access, surveillance and secure law enforcement incident management. The negotiations were mutually terminated on February 19, 2002.

Item 2. <u>Properties.</u>

The Company is subject to a long-term lease for a building constructed in Simi Valley for the specific needs of the Company. The modern industrial building, comprising approximately 24,500 square feet, was completed during June 1993. The lease is for a term of ten years and includes an option to purchase. During September 2001, the Company sublet approximately 6,700 square feet of its facility to another company for use as warehousing pursuant to a 20-month sublease.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

As of March 31, 2002, there were no material pending legal proceedings to which the Company was a party or of which any of its property was the subject.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

None.

PART II

Item 5. Market for the Registrant s Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters.

Market Information

The Common Stock of the Company is traded on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market under the symbol PERF. The following table sets forth the range of high and low sales prices per share of the Common Stock for the indicated quarters of fiscal 2002 and the fiscal year ended March 31, 2001 (fiscal 2001) as reported by Nasdaq.

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		Sales Price				
	1	High		Low		
2002						
First Quarter	\$	1.70	\$.88		
Second Quarter	\$	1.59	\$.57		
Third Quarter	\$	4.10	\$	1.00		
Fourth Quarter	\$	3.25	\$.68		
2001						
First Quarter	\$	19.06	\$	3.12		
Second Quarter	\$	5.94	\$	2.25		
Third Quarter	\$	4.31	\$.91		
Fourth Quarter	\$	3.00	\$	1.00		

Holders

The approximate number of shareholders at March 31, 2002 was 1,800 determined by security position listings.

Dividends

Because of its losses from operations, the Company has not paid any cash dividends on the Common Stock and, until profitability is restored, as to which and when there can be no assurance, the Company does not intend to pay any cash dividends.

Item 6. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Critical Accounting Policies

Management believes that the following discussion addresses the Company s most critical accounting policies, which are those that are most important to the portrayal of the Company s financial condition and results, and require the most difficult, subjective and complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:

The Company evaluates the collectibility of its accounts receivable and provides an allowance for estimated losses that may result from customers inability to pay. The amount of the reserve is determined by analyzing known uncollectible accounts, aged receivables and customers credit-worthiness. Amounts later determined and specifically identified to be uncollectible are written off against the allowance.

Valuation of Inventory:

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Market value is dependent primarily on consumer demand and competitor product offerings. The Company reviews inventories and records adjustments for any decline in its value below cost. Adjustments are primarily determined by identifying excess and slow-moving products based upon prior sales, estimating values for such items, and providing for any losses in value based upon those estimates.

Results of Operations

Net sales in fiscal 2002 were \$1,716,000, a decrease of \$447,000, or 21%, from net sales of \$2,163,000 in fiscal 2001.

The Company believes that this decline in net sales in fiscal 2002 primarily related to the condition of the general economy and the economic slowdown being experienced in the computer and office products industries, rather than being due to competitive conditions or that the Company had lost customers.

Included in fiscal 2001 were \$154,000 of sales related to the Silkyboard ⁽ keyboard and screen protector accessory product. In October 2000, the Company had entered into an interim license agreement to market 50,000 units of the Silkyboard keyboard and screen protector accessory for use with the Palm computing platform and other PDAs. The Company 's option to acquire a permanent worldwide license with respect to the Silkyboard product, or to acquire all rights thereto, expired unexercised on December 22, 2000. The Company's interim license expired on February 1, 2001, and the Company had until October 27, 2001 to sell its remaining inventory of Silkyboard products. In fiscal 2002, sales of this product were less than \$2,000. The virtual absence of sales of this product in fiscal 2002 accounted for more than 30% of the decline in sales from fiscal 2001.

Cost of goods sold (Costs) as a percentage of net sales was 73% for fiscal 2002, as compared to 82% for fiscal 2001. The decrease in Costs in fiscal 2002 directly related to a reduction in the write-down of certain inventories for products that the Company was either deeply discounting or discontinuing. In fiscal 2002, these costs aggregated \$55,000, of which \$7,000 related to the Company s remaining inventory value of Silkyboard products. In fiscal 2001, these costs aggregated \$196,000, of which \$136,000 was related to the Company s inventory of Silkyboard products. Also included in fiscal 2001 Costs were royalties of \$46,000 related to Silkyboard product sales.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses (Expenses) for fiscal 2002 and 2001 were \$1,310,000 and \$1,815,000, respectively.

The decrease in Expenses of \$505,000, or 28%, in fiscal 2002 primarily related to cost-cutting measures implemented by the Company at the close of the first fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2001. This included, among others, a reduction in personnel, closing the acquisition and merger office and a reduction in legal fees.

Included in fiscal 2002 Expenses were costs related to the negotiations with Graphco. (See the paragraph Terminated Acquisition under Item 1. Business). These expenses aggregated approximately \$88,000.

The Board continues to seek potential acquisitions, including those in businesses not related to the Company's current operations, as the Company's long-term turn around strategy. Although the Company has performed significant due diligence with respect to certain other potential acquisitions proposed to management, as of this date, there has been no potential acquisition which, after such investigation, has been deemed attractive enough for the Board to authorize preparation of a definitive agreement. The directors believe that the volatility of the stock market in 2001 and 2002 has adversely affected the Company's search. The Board has, accordingly, concluded that it may take longer to close a suitable acquisition than initially contemplated, but remains confident that this objective can be achieved over time. There can, of course, be no assurance as to when and if a suitable acquisition will be consummated.

Critical Accounting Policies

Other Income for fiscal 2002 was primarily dividend income of \$93,000 net of a loss on securities of \$37,000. Other Income for fiscal 2001 was primarily dividend income of \$216,000, net of a loss on impairment of assets from securities of \$37,000 and a loss on securities of \$14,000.

The decreased net loss in fiscal 2002 from that in fiscal 2001 was primarily related to the decline in Costs and Expenses as described above. The Board believes that profitability will not be obtained absent the acquisition of a new business or businesses and or new products. The Company is currently pursuing both alternatives. However, there can be no assurance as to when such pursuits will be successful or as to when profitability will be achieved, if at all.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company s cash decreased \$419,000 in fiscal 2002. The decrease resulted from cash used in operating activities of \$590,000 offset by the cash provided from the sale of marketable securities of \$171,000. The cash used in operating activities was primarily the result of the net loss of \$795,000 as well as a decrease in accounts payable, partially offset by decreases in inventories and accounts receivable.

The Company had a current ratio of better than 8 to 1 at fiscal year end and no long-term debt.

As a result of the continuing negative cash flows from operations, the Company is dependent on the invested proceeds from its March 2000 private placement in order to meet its payable requirements. Long term, as indicated above, the Company must seek a new line of business, whether through acquisition or otherwise.

The Company believes that, as a result of the cash described in the preceding paragraph, its working capital is adequate to fund the Company s operations and its requirements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003. See Note 2 to Financial Statements for a description of the concentration of credit risk which the Company has by keeping these funds only in three banks.

At March 31, 2002, the Company had net operating loss and general business tax credit carry forwards for income tax purposes of approximately \$5,885,000 and \$12,000 respectively, available to reduce future potential Federal income taxes.

Item 7. Financial Statements.

The information required by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to the financial statements listed in Item 13 of Part III of this Report.

Item 8. Changes in and Disagreements on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

PART III

Item 9. Directors and Executive Officers.

Directors and Executive Officers

The following table contains certain information relating to the directors and executive officers of the Company as of May 31, 2002.

Age	Position
66	Chief Executive Officer, Director and Chairman of the Board
40	Director
47	Director
39	Director
47	Director
57	Vice President Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary
	66 40 47 39 47

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Business History

Mr. Harris A. Shapiro was elected as a director of the Company and Chairman of the Board on March 31, 2000. On September 7, 2000, he was designated Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Shapiro has been the President of Millennium Capital Corporation, a consulting firm specializing in mergers and acquisitions, since 1994. He was Senior Vice President Corporate Finance of Gilford Securities Incorporated, a registered broker-dealer, from January 1, 1999 to March 29, 2000. Prior to Gilford Securities, he was a Managing Director of Whale Securities Co., L.P., then a registered broker-dealer, from June 1993 until December 1998.

Mr. Bryan Maizlish was elected as a director of the Company on March 31, 2000. Since August 2000, he has been serving as a director for Lockheed Martin. Prior thereto, he served as the Executive Vice President, Chief Strategy Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Magnet Interactive Noor Group Ltd., a private company furnishing engineering comprehensive interactive services. Prior thereto, he held various managerial positions for over a decade with companies in the media communications industry, such as MCA, Inc., Gulf & Western Corporation and Gene Roddenberry s Norway Corporation. Mr. Maizlish serves on the Architecture Committee, Service Provider Group and Marketing Counsels at Sun Microsystems for the SunTone Certification program.

Mr. Timothy D. Morgan was elected as a director of the Company on March 31, 2000. He has, since October 1997, been a consultant on matters of business strategies, taxation, finance and asset protection techniques, and providing interim Chief Financial Officer and Controller services. From 1980 through October 1997, he was a principal of Abacus Tax and Financial Services, a firm specializing in tax compliance and pension plan administration. Prior to 1982, Mr. Morgan was manager of purchasing and accounting departments for various companies, including Dennison Eastman Corporation, Syntel Cavitron, Incorporated, and Contempo Casuals, Incorporated.

Ms. Tracie Savage was elected in July 1995 as a director of the Company. She is currently a main news Anchor for KFWB Radio in Los Angeles. She previously worked for the Los Angeles television subsidiary of the National Broadcasting Company, Inc. (NBC). From March 1994 to March 2001, Ms. Savage was the co-anchor of NBC Channel 4 s Today in L.A.: Weekend. From 1991 to 1994, she was a general assignment reporter for the independent Los Angeles station, KCAL. Ms. Savage has been in broadcast journalism for more than 16 years and has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors in her field.

Mr. Corey P. Schlossmann was elected as a director of the Company on March 31, 2000. Mr. Schlossmann has been Chief Executive Officer since October 1999, and Chief Financial Officer since January 1999, of Nationwide Auction Systems. Since January 1996, he also serves as a partner of Gordon, Fishburn & Schlossmann, a management consulting and accounting firm. Mr. Schlossmann was a partner of Hankin & Co., a consulting firm, from 1988 until 1995.

Ms. Irene J. Marino originally joined the Company in March 1982 and rejoined the Company in September 1987 after a leave of approximately four months. Ms. Marino was promoted to Manager of Finance and Administration in March 1983 and to Controller and Assistant Secretary in March 1986. Upon rejoining the Company in September 1987, Ms. Marino assumed the positions of Controller, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of the Company. She was appointed Vice President of Finance in August 1989, and has more than 35 years experience in finance, accounting and administration.

Other Directorships

Since October 1999, Corey P. Schlossmann has served as a director of Entrade, Inc., a New York Stock Exchange holding company whose online subsidiaries (including Nationwide Auction Systems of which he is an executive officer as indicated in the preceding section Business History) provide auction and asset disposition services to the utility and manufacturing industries, among others.

No other director of the Company serves as a director of a company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or any company registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

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Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act

Based solely on a review of Forms 3 and 4 furnished to the Company under Rule 16a-3(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act, with respect to fiscal 2002, the Company is not aware of any director or executive officer of the Company who failed to file on a timely basis, as disclosed in such forms, reports required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act during fiscal 2002.

As of March 31, 2002, <u>i.e.</u>, the end of fiscal 2002, there were no beneficial owners of 10% or more of the Common Stock known to the Company other than Joseph Mazin who was, until July 27, 2000, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and, until March 31, 2000, a director of the company. Mr. Mazin has advised the Company that he timely filed all reports required by Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act during fiscal 2002.

Item 10. Executive Compensation.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table provides certain summary information concerning the compensation earned for services rendered in all capacities to the Company during each of the last three fiscal years by the Company s Chief Executive Officer as of the end of the last fiscal year. No other executive officer of the Company earned in excess of \$100,000:

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and	Annual Compensation		Long-Term Compensation Securities Underlying	Other Compensation (\$)
Principal Position	Year	Salary	Options	
		(\$)		
Harris A. Shapiro (1)	2002	118,125		1,750(2)
Chief Executive Officer and	2001	87,500	25,000	2,750(2)
Chairman of the Board				