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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

x **Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007**

or

“ **Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**Commission File No. 001-31257**

**ADVANCED MEDICAL OPTICS, INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**33-0986820**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**1700 E. St. Andrew Place, Santa Ana, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92705**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number: (714) 247-8200**

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

<b>Title of each class</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which each class registered</b>
<b>Common Stock, \$0.01 par value</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

**Preferred Stock Purchase Rights**

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15 (d) of the Exchange Act. Yes  No

Note: Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Exchange Act from their obligations under those Sections.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days Yes  No

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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 registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

The aggregate market value of the registrant's voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates is approximately \$990 million based upon the closing price on the New York Stock Exchange as of June 29, 2007.

Common Stock outstanding as of January 31, 2008: 60,691,764 shares (including 3,186 shares held in treasury).

### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Part III incorporates certain information by reference from the registrant's proxy statement for the 2008 annual meeting of stockholders, which proxy statement will be filed no later than 120 days after the close of the registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2007.

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**PART I**

**Item 1. Business**

AMO was incorporated in Delaware in October 2001 as a subsidiary of Allergan, Inc. (Allergan). Allergan spun-off our company to its stockholders by way of a distribution of all of our shares of common stock on June 29, 2002. As a result of our spin-off from Allergan, we are an independent public company, and Allergan has no continuing stock ownership in us. Unless the context requires otherwise, references to AMO, the Company, we, us or our refer to Allergan's optical medical device business for the periods prior to June 29, 2002 and to Advanced Medical Optics, Inc. and its subsidiaries for the periods on or after such date.

**Overview**

We are a global leader in the development, manufacture and marketing of medical devices for the eye. We have three major product lines: cataract / implant, laser vision correction, and eye care. In the cataract / implant market, we focus on the four key products required for cataract surgery—foldable intraocular lenses, or IOLs, implantation systems, phacoemulsification systems and viscoelastics. In the laser vision correction market, we market excimer and femtosecond laser systems, related treatment cards and disposable patient interfaces, and diagnostic devices. Our eye care product line provides a full range of contact lens care products for use with most types of contact lenses. These products include single-bottle, multi-purpose cleaning and disinfecting solutions, hydrogen peroxide-based disinfecting solutions, daily cleaners, enzymatic cleaners and contact lens rewetting drops. In 2008, we are also introducing eye drops designed to treat the symptoms of dry eye. Our products are sold in approximately 60 countries and we have direct operations in over 20 countries.

In June 2004, we completed our acquisition of Pfizer Inc.'s surgical ophthalmic business, which expanded our viscoelastic and IOL product offerings, allowing us to offer a more comprehensive portfolio of products required to perform cataract surgery. We acquired the *Healon* family of viscoelastic products and the *Tecnis* IOL brand. The addition of the *Healon* family, one of the leading viscoelastic brands, significantly expanded our viscoelastic product line. The *Tecnis* IOL brand further strengthened our position in the ophthalmic surgery market with the *Tecnis* Multifocal IOL brand further expanding our refractive IOL portfolio. We also acquired the *Baerveldt* glaucoma shunt, or drainage device, which provided an entry for us into the glaucoma market.

In May 2005, we acquired VISX, Incorporated (VISX). As a result of the VISX acquisition, we are a leader in the design and development of proprietary technologies and systems for laser vision correction of refractive vision disorders. Our products include the *VISX STAR* Excimer Laser System, which is a fully integrated ophthalmic medical device incorporating an excimer laser and a computer driven workstation; the *VISX WaveScan* System, which is a diagnostic device that uses laser beam technology to measure comprehensive refractive errors of the eye and derive comprehensive refractive information about a patient's individual optical system; and *VISX* treatment cards, which provide the user with specific access to proprietary software and are required to operate the *VISX STAR* Excimer Laser System.

In April 2007, we acquired IntraLase Corp. (IntraLase), a designer, developer and manufacturer of an ultra-fast laser for refractive and corneal surgery that creates precise corneal incisions for laser vision correction in the first step of laser assisted in-situ keratomileusis, or LASIK surgery. Our products include the *IntraLase FS* femtosecond laser system and per procedure fees (inclusive of a disposable patient interface) for each eye treated.

**Industry**

***Vision and Vision Impairment.***

*How Vision Works.* Vision is enabled by the cornea and the lens, which work together to focus light on the retina. The iris regulates the amount of light that passes through the cornea onto the retina, providing for optimal vision in different lighting conditions. The retina contains light-sensitive receptors that transmit the image through the optic nerve to the brain.

*Cataracts.* Cataracts are an irreversible progressive ophthalmic condition in which the eye's natural lens loses its usual transparency and becomes clouded and opaque. This clouding obstructs the passage of light to the retina and can eventually lead to blindness.



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**Refractive Disorders.** Refractive disorders, such as myopia, hyperopia, astigmatism and presbyopia, occur when the lens system is unable to properly focus images on the retina. For example, with myopia (nearsightedness), light rays focus in front of the retina because the curvature of the cornea is too steep for the length of the eye. With hyperopia (farsightedness), light rays focus behind the retina because the curvature of the cornea is too flat for the length of the eye. Astigmatism makes it difficult for a person to focus on any object because the otherwise uniform curvature of the cornea or lens is not symmetrical across the surface. Presbyopia is the progressive loss of flexibility of the lens and its ability to change shape to focus from far to near objects, and is presumably caused by aging of the eye's lens.

**Ophthalmic Surgical Products Market.** Ophthalmic surgical products generally are designed to correct impaired vision through minimally invasive surgical procedures. As the eye ages, the prevalence of cataracts and refractive disorders generally increases. We believe that an aging population, introduction of new technologies and increasing market acceptance present opportunities for growth in the ophthalmic surgical market.

**Cataract Treatment.** The largest segment of the ophthalmic surgical products market is the treatment of cataracts. Cataract extraction followed by IOL implantation is one of the most common surgical procedures performed in the United States and most other developed nations. As estimated by MarketScope, approximately 3 million cataract procedures were performed in the United States and over 14.6 million cataract procedures were performed worldwide in 2007. MarketScope estimates that the global cataract surgery market, which includes sales of IOLs, phacoemulsification equipment, viscoelastics and other related products, was approximately \$3.7 billion in 2007 and is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of approximately 7% from 2007 to 2012. The data in this report attributed to MarketScope is used with the permission of MarketScope.

During cataract surgery, patients are often treated using phacoemulsification, a process that uses ultrasound waves to break the natural lens into tiny fragments that can be removed from the eye. Viscoelastics are used during cataract surgery to protect the inner layer of the cornea, manage intraocular tissues and maintain space in the anterior chamber of the eye and the capsular bag (which houses the lens), allowing the eye to maintain its shape. IOLs replace the natural, clouded lens.

The following table sets forth the estimated revenues for each component of the global cataract surgery market in its various components for the year 2007 according to MarketScope (in millions):

IOLs	\$ 1,615
Viscoelastics	529
Phacoemulsification machines and accessories	700
Other	885
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,729</b>

**Refractive Vision Correction.** Another segment of the ophthalmic surgical market is the surgical treatment of refractive disorders.

**LASIK.** The most common refractive surgery procedure is laser surgery, and the most common surgical technique for treating refractive disorders is LASIK. LASIK involves the creation of a thin corneal flap, which is then gently retracted to expose the underlying tissue, which is treated using an excimer laser to achieve vision correction. The corneal flap is created with either a mechanical blade microkeratome, or with the more advanced femtosecond laser. The mechanical microkeratome uses a mechanically driven blade at a certain depth to create the flap. The femtosecond laser creates the flap using a computer controlled precision laser.

As a result of the VISX and IntraLase acquisitions, we are a leader in the design and development of proprietary technologies and systems for laser vision correction of refractive vision disorders. Laser vision correction eliminates or reduces reliance on eyeglasses or contact lenses. It employs a computerized laser that ablates, or removes, sub-micron layers of tissue from the cornea, reshaping the eye and thereby improving vision.

Standard LASIK was introduced in the mid 1990's. In performing standard LASIK, an ophthalmologist conducts a traditional eye examination to determine the prescription required to correct the patient's vision. The prescription is then programmed into the laser system, which calculates the ablation needed to make a precise corneal correction to treat nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. Unlike custom LASIK, discussed below, standard LASIK cannot identify higher order aberrations, which are additional imperfections in the optical system.





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The most advanced method of performing laser vision correction is custom LASIK. Custom LASIK employs a diagnostic evaluation of the eye that measures refractive errors in the patient's vision more precisely than previously available technology. The diagnostic device obtains comprehensive information about the imperfections, or refractive errors, of each patient's vision. Refractive errors are displayed by the diagnostic device in the form of an aberration map that offers a unique pattern for each patient's eye, similar to a fingerprint. The map displays information about refractive errors that result in nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism, as well as information about higher order aberrations that were not previously measurable by any other instrument. The information from the diagnostic device is used to generate a personalized treatment plan that is digitally transferred to the laser system. The ablation derived from this information is therefore customized to the individual's eye.

Laser vision correction can also be performed by photorefractive keratectomy (PRK). PRK does not require the use of a microkeratome, and the epithelial layer (or outer layer) of the cornea is removed before ablation. Patients may experience discomfort for approximately 24 hours and blurred vision for approximately 48 to 72 hours after the procedure. Drops to alleviate discomfort may be prescribed. Although most patients experience significant improvement in uncorrected vision (vision without the aid of eyeglasses or contact lenses) within a few days of the procedure, unlike LASIK it generally takes several months for the final correction to stabilize and for the full benefit of the procedure to be realized.

*IOLs.* Surgical implantation of IOLs also may be used to treat patients with refractive disorders. Phakic IOLs can be implanted in front or in back of the iris and work in conjunction with the patient's natural lens to treat refractive disorders. Multifocal IOLs, which replace the natural lens, address near, intermediate and distance vision and are approved for non-cataract procedures outside of the United States. Other procedures, such as replacing the patient's natural lens with an accommodating IOL for refractive vision correction, are also being developed.

*Eye Care Market.* As the use of contact lenses has increased the demand for disinfecting solutions and contact lens rewetting drops has increased. We believe that the contact lens market growth is driven by technological advancements in lens materials and designs and demographic growth in younger wearers. In response to increasing popularity of more frequently replaceable lenses and consumer interest in more convenient lens care regimens, we believe the contact lens care market continues to evolve towards greater use of single-bottle, multi-purpose solutions and away from hydrogen peroxide-based solutions. This evolution has had an unfavorable impact on the global hydrogen peroxide-based solutions market, which is concentrated in Japan and parts of Europe.

Overall, we believe that demographic trends, new lens materials and specialty lenses are fueling global increases in the number of contact lens wearers, especially in China and other Asia Pacific countries. We believe that this is contributing to overall growth in multi-purpose solutions. The exception to this positive dynamic is in Japan, where a higher than average percent of the market has moved to daily disposable contact lenses that use cleaning solutions only occasionally or not at all.

Finally, the eye care market includes artificial tear and contact lens rewetter products designed to relieve dryness associated with contact lens wear, environmental conditions and dry eye disease. We believe the global market for artificial tear products exceeds \$500 million per year.

## **Our Products**

### ***Cataract / Implant Business***

#### *Cataract Surgery*

We focus on the four key devices for the cataract surgery market:

*Foldable IOLs* Foldable IOLs are artificial lenses used to replace the human lens.

*Implantation systems* Implantation systems are designed and used specifically to implant IOLs during cataract surgery.

*Phacoemulsification systems* Phacoemulsification systems use ultrasound during small incision cataract surgery to break apart and remove the cloudy human lens prior to its replacement with an IOL.

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*Viscoelastics* Viscoelastics provide a barrier of protection for the cornea during phacoemulsification and maintain the shape of the eye during IOL insertion.

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*Intraocular Lenses.* As a leading provider of IOLs, we offer surgeons a choice of high quality, innovative foldable IOLs in both acrylic and silicone materials, together with our proprietary implantation systems, for use in minimally invasive cataract surgical procedures. We offer a selection of IOLs in both monofocal and multifocal designs. Sales of our IOLs represented approximately 29% of our net sales in 2007 and 2006, respectively, and 28% of our net sales in 2005. Our IOLs primarily include:

### *Monofocal Lenses*

*Tecnis* a family of foldable IOLs with an aspheric surface. The *Tecnis* lens is the first and the only IOL to receive FDA approval for claims of improved functional vision, which results in quicker recognition of objects in lower-light conditions. The *Tecnis* lens was the first aspheric lens designated as a new technology intraocular lens by the U.S. Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). With this designation, ambulatory surgery centers can receive \$50 in additional reimbursement when implanting the *Tecnis* IOL. The three-piece *Tecnis* lens is available globally in acrylic and silicone. The new *Tecnis* 1-piece IOL combines the *Tecnis* aspheric optic with proprietary advances in 1-piece IOL design and is available in the U.S. and Europe in an acrylic material.

*Sensar* an acrylic monofocal IOL, with the patented *OptiEdge* design, intended to reduce post-surgical posterior capsular opacification, in order to lessen the need for subsequent corrective laser procedures, and to reduce the potential for unwanted glare and reflections following implantation.

*ClariFlex* a silicone monofocal IOL, also with the *OptiEdge* design.

### *Multifocal and Refractive Lenses*

*ReZoom* an acrylic multifocal IOL with optical zones that provide near, intermediate and distance vision, reducing that patient's dependence on eyeglasses. This lens received approval from CMS to allow patients in the U.S. to pay the difference between the \$150 reimbursement rate for IOLs and the amount that is charged. The *ReZoom* IOL is also approved in Europe for the treatment of presbyopia.

*Tecnis Multifocal* a multifocal IOL, available in both silicone and acrylic, with a diffractive, aspheric lens surface is approved in Europe, Latin America and Asia Pacific for treatment of presbyopia.

*Verisyse* a phakic IOL that works in conjunction with the human lens to treat high myopia.

*VeriFlex* a foldable version of the Verisyse; a phakic IOL that works in conjunction with the human lens to treat high myopia, currently available outside of the U.S.

*Implantation Systems.* As a companion to our foldable IOLs, we market insertion systems for each of our foldable IOL models. The *Unfolder*, our proprietary series of implantation systems, which includes the *Emerald*, *Emerald AR* and *SilverT* implantation systems, is used for insertion of our foldable IOLs. These systems assist the surgeon in achieving controlled release of the intraocular lens into the capsular bag through a small incision in the eye.

*Phacoemulsification Systems.* We are a leading provider of phacoemulsification systems, and have a range of systems to meet market needs. Phacoemulsification systems use disposable or reusable packs that are necessary to operate the equipment. The majority of our phacoemulsification product sales are from sales of these packs and related accessories.

We currently market the following phacoemulsification systems:

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*WhiteStar Signature* the *WhiteStar Signature* system is our premium system and our newest to the market, launched in 2007. The *WhiteStar Signature* system combines the proven performance of proprietary *WhiteStar* technology, which creates less heat and turbulence in the ocular environment, with the safety of advanced *Fusion* fluidics to optimize patient outcomes.

*Sovereign Compact* is a mid-sized phacoemulsification system designed to meet surgeons' needs for an advanced phacoemulsification system, with the similar functionality of the *WhiteStar Signature* system, in a smaller, more portable size. The *Sovereign Compact* system is also available with *Occlusion Mode*, our proprietary fluidics system, and *WhiteStar* technology.

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*Diplomax II* is a small-sized phacoemulsification system designed for surgeons who need a less expensive and more portable machine. These systems do not include *WhiteStar* technology, but do employ *Occlusion Mode* technology.

*Viscoelastics.* We are a leading provider of viscoelastic products with the *Healon* family of viscoelastics. The different characteristics associated with each *Healon* product, *Healon*, *Healon GV* and *Healon5*, provide surgeons with a range of viscoelastic choices that combine the familiarity of the *Healon* line with advanced technologies to satisfy different surgical needs. *Healon* was the first viscoelastic introduced into the ophthalmic surgical product market and is known for its purity and ease of use. *Healon GV* is of a greater viscosity than the original *Healon* solution. *Healon5* is the first viscoadaptive agent to exhibit properties of both cohesive and dispersive viscoelastics and has the highest viscosity. Sales of our viscoelastic products represented approximately 11%, 12% and 14% of our net sales in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

*Other Cataract Surgical Related Products.* In addition to our IOLs, phacoemulsification equipment and viscoelastics, we also provide several ancillary products related to the cataract surgery market, including:

*Irrigating Solutions.* We offer irrigating solutions for use in cataract surgery to help maintain space in the eye and to aid in removing residual tissue during phacoemulsification. Irrigating solutions are balanced saline solutions that are compatible with the natural fluid of the anterior segment of the eye.

*Custom Eye Trays.* We work with partners in our local markets to offer custom eye trays to our customers. These custom eye trays typically consist of all of the ancillary items that a surgeon needs to use in a single cataract surgery, such as surgical knives, drapes, gloves and gowns. Our partners typically handle assembly, distribution and billing for the product and in most cases we receive a fee per tray from our partners.

*Capsular Tension Rings.* We also sell capsular tension rings, which are inserted into the capsular bag during cataract surgery and function to stabilize the capsular bag during placement of an IOL.

### *Other Surgical Products*

*Glaucoma Implant.* The *Baerveldt* glaucoma implant is indicated for use in patients with medically uncontrollable glaucoma and a poor surgical prognosis due to severe preexisting conditions. This can include: neovascular glaucoma, aphakic/pseudophakic glaucoma, failed conventional surgery, congenital glaucoma, and secondary glaucoma due to uveitis or epithelial down growth. *Baerveldt* glaucoma implants are available in three models, all of which feature a larger surface area plate than competing single-quadrant devices.

### ***Laser Vision Correction Business***

Our laser vision correction products include the following:

*IntraLase FS Laser System* The *IntraLase FS* laser system is an ultra-fast femtosecond laser used to create the flap of corneal tissue before LASIK treatment with an excimer laser. The femtosecond laser creates the flap by focusing its beam of light below the surface of the corneal tissue, creating a precise cut. A per procedure fee, inclusive of a disposable patient interface, is charged for each eye treated with the *IntraLase FS* laser. The *IntraLase* system is also approved for IntraLase Enabled Keratoplasty (IEK) for corneal transplants.

*VISX STAR Excimer Laser* The *VISX STAR* system is a fully integrated ophthalmic medical device incorporating an excimer laser and a computer-driven workstation. This laser is used to reshape the cornea to correct refractive errors, both for standard LASIK and custom LASIK, or our *CustomVue* procedure (described below), as well as PRK and other specialized procedures. Our Iris Registration technology, included in the *VISX STAR IR* system, is the first fully automated method of aligning custom LASIK treatments with the patient's eye to adjust for rotational eye movement.

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*VISX WaveScan System* The *WaveScan* System is a diagnostic device that uses laser beam technology to measure comprehensive refractive errors of the eye and uses complex mathematical algorithms to derive comprehensive refractive information about the patient's individual optical system. This information is then used to create a personalized treatment plan that is digitally transferred to the *VISX STAR* laser for an individualized *CustomVue* procedure.

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*VISX Treatment Cards* Our proprietary treatment cards control the use of the *VISX STAR* system. Each card provides the user with specific access to proprietary software and is required to operate the *VISX STAR* system. Types of *VISX* treatment cards include *VisionKey* Cards for performing standard LASIK procedures, which in the U.S. carries a license fee for each procedure that is purchased; *CustomVue* Cards for performing Custom LASIK, which carry a worldwide license fee for each procedure that is purchased; and Custom-CAP Cards for performing laser vision correction with a previously decentered ablation, which carry a worldwide license fee for each procedure that is purchased; and the PTK Card, which is offered to physicians at a nominal charge to treat certain types of corneal pathologies. Sales of our treatment cards and associated procedure fees represented approximately 21%, 15% and 8% of our net sales in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

### ***Eye Care Products***

In the eye care market, we focus on creating products that enhance ocular comfort and health for the general public as well as those who wear contact lenses.

Our eye care business develops, manufactures and markets a full range of contact lens care products for use with most types of contact lenses. Our comprehensive product offering includes single-bottle multi-purpose cleaning and disinfecting solutions and hydrogen peroxide-based disinfecting solutions to destroy harmful microorganisms in and on the surface of contact lenses; daily cleaners to remove undesirable film and deposits from contact lenses; enzymatic cleaners to remove protein deposits from contact lenses; and lens rewetting drops to provide added wearing comfort. In 2008, we are entering the artificial tears segment of the eye care market as well.

*Multi-Purpose Solutions.* We market our *Complete* brand single-bottle multi-purpose solutions, a convenient, one bottle chemical disinfecting system for soft contact lenses, on a worldwide basis. Sales of our multi-purpose solutions represented approximately 5%, 15% and 17% of our net sales in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

*Hydrogen Peroxide-Based Solutions.* We offer products that use hydrogen peroxide-based disinfection systems. Our leading hydrogen peroxide brands are the *Oxysept* and *Consept* solutions.

*Lens Rewetting Solutions.* We believe that dryness and discomfort are the reasons most often cited for discontinuing contact lens wear. We have introduced contact lens rewetting drops designed to provide prolonged lubrication and improved protection against dryness. Our products in this category include *Complete* and *blink* rewetting solutions. We also offer *Complete Blink-N-Clean*, a unique in-the-eye lens cleaning solution.

*Artificial Tears.* An aging population, general environmental conditions and greater computer use are among the contributors to an increase in the prevalence and awareness of dry eye. We have recently introduced *blink Tears*, a brand of lubricating eye drops designed to relieve symptoms associated with this condition.

### **Research and Development**

Our long-term success is dependent on the introduction of new and innovative products in all business segments. Our research and development strategy is to develop proprietary products for vision correction that are safe and effective and address unmet needs. As we implement this strategy, we will seek to develop new products with measurable benefits such as increased practitioner productivity, better patient outcomes and reduced costs to health care payors and providers.

Research and development activities for our cataract/implant business are focused on expanding our product portfolio. We have focused on six areas of opportunity to provide superior outcomes in cataract surgery:

*Small incision surgery* work with a variety of advanced lens materials to enable small incision surgery, which results in less induced astigmatism, rapid stabilization of the wound and faster visual rehabilitation.

*Advances in phacoemulsification* technology providing surgeons with high levels of cutting efficiency but with less heat and turbulence directed into the ocular environment enabling more effective and safer cataract extraction procedures.

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*Restoring accommodation following cataract surgery* following cataract surgery, the eye loses its ability to accommodate, or shift its field of focus. Through the development of multifocal and accommodating IOLs, we aim to provide for the full range of vision following cataract surgery.



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*Improving quality of vision* advancements in optics and optical surface designs.

*Reducing posterior capsular opacification, or PCO, following cataract surgery* PCO is a clouding of the posterior portion of the capsular bag that occurs in some patients following cataract surgery. Currently, treatment of moderate to severe PCO typically requires a laser procedure.

*Greater ease of use for practitioners* development of intraocular lens designs and advanced insertion devices, which allow for easier handling in the operating room and greater surgeon control.

In the area of laser vision correction, our research and development efforts are focused on advancements in LASIK and adjunctive technologies. Current projects include:

the development of advanced wavefront diagnostic technologies;

expanded treatment applications for custom wavefront guided LASIK, including wavefront guided treatment of presbyopia

advances in ablation and flap cutting technologies; and

accuracy and reliability in wavefront capture and intraoperative monitoring.

Our research and development efforts in the eye care business are aimed at developing proprietary systems that are effective and convenient for customers to use, which we believe will result in longer, more comfortable lens wear and a higher rate of compliance with recommended lens care procedures. Our efforts include seeking formulations that provide enhanced cleaning and disinfection without irritation, prolonged lubrication, improved ocular health and protection against dryness. Our research and development efforts have resulted in the continued development of our flagship *Complete* brand multi-purpose solution and *blink* rewetter solutions, with further advancements currently in development. We have developed and are commercializing our first over-the-counter artificial tear product in 2008, with further advancements currently in development.

We plan to supplement our research and development activities with a commitment to identifying and obtaining new technologies through in-licensing, technological collaborations and joint ventures, including the establishment of research relationships with academic institutions and individual researchers.

Total research and development expense in 2007 was \$168.8 million, including a non-cash in-process research and development charge of \$87.0 million and in 2005 was \$552.4 million, including a non-cash in-process research and development charge of \$490.8 million. We spent approximately \$81.8 million in 2007, \$66.1 million in 2006 and \$61.6 million in 2005, or 7.5%, 6.6%, and 6.7% of total net sales in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively, on research and development, excluding these in-process research and development charges. We believe that the continuing introduction of new products supplied by our research and development efforts and in-licensing opportunities are critical to our success. There are, however, inherent uncertainties associated with the research and development efforts and the regulatory process and we cannot assure you that any of our research projects will result in new products that we can commercialize.

## **Customers, Sales and Marketing**

*Customers.* Our primary customers for our cataract / implant and laser vision correction products include surgeons who perform eye surgeries, hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers, including corporate LASIK chains. The primary customers for our eye care products include optometrists, opticians, ophthalmologists, retailers and clinics that sell directly to consumers. These retailers include mass merchandisers such as Wal-Mart, drug store chains such as Walgreen, hospitals, commercial optical chains and food stores. During 2007, 2006 and 2005, no customer accounted for over 10% of our net sales.

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*Sales and Marketing.* Our sales efforts and promotional activities with respect to our cataract / implant and laser vision correction products are primarily aimed at eye care professionals such as ophthalmologists who use our products. Similarly, our sales and promotional efforts in eye care are primarily directed towards optometrists, opticians, optical shops, ophthalmologists and consumers. We often provide samples of our eye care products to practitioners to distribute to their patients to encourage trial use of our solutions. In addition, we advertise in professional journals and have a direct mail program of descriptive product literature and scientific information that we provide to specialists in the eye care field. We have also developed training modules and seminars to update physicians regarding evolving technology.

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Recognizing the importance of our sales force's expertise, we invest significant time and expense to provide training in such areas as product features and benefits. Training for our ophthalmic surgical products sales force focuses on providing sales personnel with technical knowledge regarding the scope and characteristics of the products they are selling and developing skills in presenting and demonstrating those products. In addition to providing product knowledge for communication to eye care practitioners, our eye care products sales force focuses on developing the necessary skills to sell to buyers for mass merchandisers and large drug store chains. This sales force also seeks to develop relationships with eye care professionals who may purchase our products and recommend them to their patients.

Each of our products is marketed under its brand name and our corporate name. We have a worldwide marketing organization which helps us to set overall marketing direction, promote consistent global brand positioning and allocate marketing resources to products and regions offering the greatest return. In order to remain sensitive to cultural differences and varying health care systems throughout the world, tactical execution of marketing programs and all sales activities are carried out at the regional level.

We also use third-party distributors for the distribution of our products in smaller geographic markets. No individual agent or distributor accounted for more than 10% of our net sales for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005.

Traditionally, we have realized a seasonal trend in our sales, with the smallest portion of our cataract / implant business sales being realized in the first quarter and with sales gradually increasing from the second to fourth quarter. This has been driven predominantly by seasonality in the sales of capital equipment when customers increase spending as they reach their year end and are able to spend the remainder of their annual budgeted amounts. In the laser vision correction business, the seasonal trend favors the highest portion of sales in the first quarter.

## **Manufacturing, Operations and Facilities**

We manufacture eye care products at our facilities in Hangzhou, China, and Alcobendas, Spain. We manufacture LVC surgical products at our facilities in Santa Clara, California, Irvine, California and Albuquerque, New Mexico, and we manufacture cataract/implant surgical products at our facilities in Añasco, Puerto Rico, Groningen, Netherlands and Uppsala, Sweden.

In November 2003, we entered into an agreement with Nicholas Piramal India Limited for the supply of neutralizing tablets primarily used with our hydrogen peroxide-based lens care products and unit dose solutions. Nicholas Piramal is a sole-source supplier of these products. If supply of these products were interrupted, we cannot assure you that we would be able to obtain replacement products, and our eye care product sales may be negatively impacted in a material manner.

Our *Sovereign Compact* system is manufactured by Sanmina-SCI under a manufacturing and supply agreement, which terminates on January 1, 2009. If Sanmina-SCI were to cease manufacturing for any reason, we cannot assure you that we would be able to replace them on terms favorable to us, or at all.

The manufacturing of *VISX STAR*, *WaveScan*, *IntraLase*, and *Signature Whitestar* systems are manufactured in facilities located in Santa Clara, California, and Irvine, California, where these instruments are assembled, programmed, and tested. In 2008 we will be relocating our Santa Clara and Irvine manufacturing operations to our new Milpitas, California facility. We are dependent on obtaining certain regulatory approvals and permits in order to manufacture and ship these products from our Milpitas, California facility. Failure to receive or delay in receiving these regulatory approvals and permits could impair our ability to maintain a sufficient supply of these systems.

We purchase all of the components used in the manufacture and assembly of our product offering from outside vendors. A portion of components used in our products are made by sole source vendors. Although these components constitute only a portion of the total components in our product offering, these components are integral to our products and as a result our success is tied to our continuing ability to obtain supplies of these components. Please see our risk factors for a discussion of the risks related to our reliance on single and limited source vendors.

## **Governmental Regulation**

*United States.* Our products and operations are subject to extensive and rigorous regulation by the FDA. The FDA regulates the research, testing, manufacturing, safety, labeling, storage, recordkeeping, advertising, promotion, distribution and production of medical devices in the United States to provide reasonable assurance that medical products are safe and effective for their intended uses. The Federal Trade Commission also regulates the advertising and promotion of our products.

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Under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, medical devices are classified into one of three classes – Class I, Class II or Class III depending on the degree of risk associated with each medical device and the extent of control needed to provide a reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness. Our current products are Class I, II and III medical devices. Examples of Class II devices include the femtosecond laser and phacoemulsification systems. Examples of Class III devices include IOLs and excimer lasers for vision correction.

Class I devices are those for which safety and effectiveness can be reasonably assured by adherence to FDA guidelines and regulations, including compliance with the applicable portions of the FDA’s regulations governing quality systems, facility registration and product listing, reporting of adverse medical events, and appropriate, truthful and non-misleading labeling, advertising, and promotional materials, referred to as the general controls. Some Class I, also called Class I reserved, devices also require premarket clearance by the FDA through the 510(k) premarket notification process described below. Many Class I products are exempt from the premarket notification requirements.

Class II devices are those which are subject to the general controls and may require adherence to certain performance standards or other special controls (as specified by the FDA) and premarket clearance by the FDA. Premarket review and clearance by the FDA for these devices is accomplished through the 510(k) premarket notification procedure. For most Class II devices, the manufacturer must submit a premarket notification to the FDA demonstrating that the device is substantially equivalent to a legally marketed predicate device.

If the FDA agrees that the device is substantially equivalent, it will grant clearance to commercially market the device. By regulation, the FDA is required to complete its review of a 510(k) within 90 days of submission of the notification. Clearance may take longer as the Agency can request additional information about the device. For example, the FDA may require clinical data to make a determination regarding substantial equivalence. If the FDA determines that the device, or its intended use, is not substantially equivalent, the FDA will place the device, or the particular use of the device, into Class III, and the device sponsor must then fulfill much more rigorous premarketing requirements, known as premarket approval.

A Class III product is a product that has a new intended use or that uses advanced technology that is not substantially equivalent to a use or technology established in a legally marketed device, or for which there is not sufficient information to establish performance standards or special controls to provide reasonable assurance of the device’s safety and effectiveness. Class III includes products for use in supporting or sustaining human life or for a use that is of substantial importance in preventing impairment of human health or presents a potential unreasonable risk of illness or injury. The safety and effectiveness of Class III devices cannot be reasonably assured solely by the general controls and the other requirements described above. Therefore, these devices almost always require clinical studies to demonstrate safety and effectiveness.

FDA approval of a premarket approval application is required before marketing a Class III product. The premarket approval application process is much more demanding than the 510(k) premarket notification process. A premarket approval application, which is intended to provide reasonable assurance that the device is safe and effective, must be supported by extensive data, including data from engineering studies, preclinical evaluations and human clinical trials and published research material. The premarket approval application must contain a full description of the device and its components, a full description of the methods, facilities and controls used for manufacturing and testing, and proposed labeling. Following receipt of a premarket approval application, once the FDA determines that the application is sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review, the FDA will formally accept the application for review. The FDA, by statute and by regulation, has 180 days to review a filed premarket approval application, although the review of an application more often occurs over a significantly longer period of time as there are typically multiple rounds of questions and requests for clarification. A maximum time of 360 days is allowed to respond to deficiencies.

In approving a premarket approval application or clearing a 510(k) notification, the FDA may also require some form of postmarket surveillance, whereby the manufacturer follows certain patient groups for a number of years and makes periodic reports to the FDA on the clinical status of those patients when necessary to protect the public health or to provide additional safety and effectiveness data for the device.

When FDA approval of a device requires human clinical trials, and if the clinical trial presents a significant risk (as defined by the FDA) to human health, the device sponsor is required to file an investigational device exemption, or IDE, application with the FDA and obtain IDE approval prior to commencing the human clinical trial. If the clinical trial is considered a nonsignificant risk, IDE submission to the FDA is not required. Instead, only approval from the Institutional Review Board overseeing the clinical trial is required, although the study is still subject to FDA oversight under other provisions of the IDE regulation. Human clinical studies are generally required in connection with approval of Class III devices and to a much lesser extent for Class I and II devices. Clinical trials conducted abroad for FDA approval must comply with both local and FDA regulations and guidance.

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*Continuing Food and Drug Administration Regulation.* After the FDA permits a device to enter commercial distribution, numerous regulatory requirements apply. These include:

the registration and listing regulation, which requires manufacturers to register all manufacturing facilities and list all medical devices placed into commercial distribution;

the Quality System Regulation, which requires manufacturers to follow elaborate design, testing, control, documentation and other quality assurance procedures during the manufacturing process;

labeling regulations that prescribe the FDA's general prohibition against promoting products for unapproved or off-label uses;

the Medical Device Reporting regulation, which requires that manufacturers report to the FDA if their device may have caused or contributed to a death or serious injury or malfunctioned in a way that would likely cause or contribute to a death or serious injury if it were to recur;

Regulations for the field correction and removal (recall) of medical devices that fail to conform to specifications and standards and that may pose a hazard to health;

Device tracking requirements; and

Post market surveillance requirements.

Failure to comply with the applicable U.S. medical device regulatory requirements could result in, among other things, warning letters, fines, injunctions, civil penalties, repairs, replacements, refunds, recalls or seizures of products, total or partial suspension of production, the FDA's refusal to grant future premarket clearances or approvals, withdrawals or suspensions of current product applications, and criminal prosecution.

*Governmental Reimbursement.* In the United States, a significant percentage of the patients who receive our IOLs are covered by the federal Medicare program. When a cataract extraction with IOL implantation is performed in an ambulatory surgical center, Medicare provides the ambulatory surgical center with a fixed facility fee that includes the cost of the IOL. After the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly the Health Care Financing Administration), awarded new technology intraocular lens status to our *Tecnis* IOL in 2006, the reimbursement rate for *Tecnis* IOLs implanted in ambulatory surgical centers increased an additional \$50 until February 2011. When the procedure is performed in a hospital outpatient department, the hospital's reimbursement is based on a prospective payment that includes payment for the IOL. The allowance is the same for all IOLs.

Effective January 1, 2008, Medicare established a new payment system for services performed in ambulatory surgery centers. This new system will be phased in over a four year period, indexing ambulatory surgery center payments to payments established for like procedures performed in hospital outpatient departments. For 2008, ambulatory surgery center payments have effectively remained unchanged. At this time, it is not possible to determine the long-term effect of this new payment system on our revenues or financial condition. In addition, if implemented, price controls or other cost-containment measures could materially and adversely affect our revenues and financial condition.

We cannot predict the likelihood or pace of any other significant legislative or regulatory action in these areas, nor can we predict whether or in what form health care legislation being formulated by various governments will be passed. Medicare reimbursement rates are subject to change at any time. We also cannot predict with precision what effect such governmental measures would have if they were ultimately enacted into law.

*International Regulation.* Internationally, the regulation of medical devices is also complex. In Europe, our products are subject to extensive regulatory requirements. The regulatory regime in the European Union for medical devices became mandatory in June 1998. It requires that medical devices may only be placed on the market if they do not compromise safety and health when properly installed, maintained and used in

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accordance with their intended purpose. National laws conforming to the European Union's legislation regulate our IOLs and eye care products under the medical devices regulatory system. Although the more variable national requirements under which medical devices were formerly regulated have been substantially replaced by the EU Medical Devices Directive, individual nations can still impose unique requirements that may require supplemental submissions. The European Union medical device laws require manufacturers to declare that their products conform to the essential regulatory requirements after which the products may be placed on the market bearing the CE Mark. Manufacturers' quality systems for products in all but the lowest risk classification are also subject to certification and audit by an independent notified body. In Europe, particular emphasis is being placed on more sophisticated and faster procedures for the reporting of adverse events to the competent authorities.

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In Japan, premarket approval and clinical studies are required, as is governmental pricing approval for medical devices. Clinical studies are subject to a stringent Good Clinical Practices standard. Approval time frames from the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) vary from simple notifications to review periods of one or more years, depending on the complexity and risk level of the device. In addition, importation into Japan of medical devices is subject to Good Import Practices regulations. As with any highly regulated market, significant changes in the regulatory environment could adversely affect future sales.

In many of the other foreign countries in which we market our products, we may be subject to regulations affecting, among other things:

product standards and specifications;

packaging requirements;

labeling requirements;

quality system requirements;

import restrictions;

tariff regulations;

duties; and

tax requirements.

Many of the regulations applicable to our devices and products in these countries are similar to those of the FDA. In some regions, the level of government regulation of medical devices is increasing, which can lengthen time to market and increase registration and approval costs. In many countries, the national health or social security organizations require our products to be qualified before they can be marketed with the benefit of reimbursement eligibility.

*Fraud and Abuse.* We are subject to various federal and state laws pertaining to health care fraud and abuse, including anti-kickback laws, physician self-referral laws, and false claims laws. Violations of these laws are punishable by criminal and/or civil sanctions, including, in some instances, imprisonment and exclusion from participation in federal and state health care programs including Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Administration (VA) health programs and TRICARE. Although we believe that our operations are in material compliance with such laws, and we strive to achieve and maintain compliance, we cannot provide complete assurance as these laws are far-reaching and their interpretation is subject to change. As a result, we could be required to alter one or more of our practices to remain in compliance with these laws. The occurrence of one or more violations of these laws could result in a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

*Anti-Kickback Laws.* Our operations are subject to federal and state anti-kickback laws. Provisions of the Social Security Act, commonly known as the Anti-Kickback Law, prohibit entities, such as our company, from knowingly and willfully offering, paying, soliciting or receiving any form of remuneration in return for, or to induce:

the referral of persons eligible for benefits under a federal health care program, including Medicare, Medicaid, the VA health programs and TRICARE, or a state health program; or

the recommendation, purchase, lease or order of items or services that are covered, in whole or in part, by a federal health care program or state health programs.

The Anti-Kickback Law may be violated when even one purpose, as opposed to a primary or sole purpose, of a payment is to induce referrals or other business. Federal regulations create a small number of safe harbors. Practices which meet all the criteria of an applicable safe harbor will not be deemed to violate the statute; practices that do not satisfy all elements of a safe harbor do not necessarily violate the statute, although such practices may be subject to scrutiny by enforcement agencies.



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Violation of the Anti-Kickback Law is a felony, punishable by substantial fines and (for individuals) imprisonment. In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services may impose civil penalties and exclude violators from participation in federal or state health care programs (including Medicare, Medicaid, VA health programs, and TRICARE); if a manufacturer is excluded, its products are not eligible for reimbursement by these programs. Many states have adopted similar anti-kickback laws, which vary in scope and may extend to payments intended to induce the recommendation, purchase, or order of products reimbursed by private payors as well as federal or state health care programs.

## **Employee Relations**

At December 31, 2007, we employed approximately 4,100 persons throughout the world, including approximately 1,400 in the United States. None of our U.S.-based employees are represented by unions. We consider our relations with our employees to be good.

## **Global Sales**

Net sales in the United States were approximately \$458.7 million, \$416.4 million and \$302.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, or 42% of total net sales in 2007 and 2006, and 33% of total net sales in 2005. Our international sales represented approximately \$632.1 million, \$581.1 million and \$618.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, or 58% of total net sales in 2007 and 2006, and 67% of total net sales in 2005. Sales in Japan were approximately \$145.4 million, \$138.7 million and \$174.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Our products are sold in over 60 countries. Sales are attributed to the country where the customer resides. Marketing activities are coordinated on a worldwide basis, and local management teams provide leadership and infrastructure for introduction of new products in the local markets. For additional geographic area information, see Note 14 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## **Raw Materials**

We use a diverse and broad range of raw materials in the design, development and manufacturing of our products. While we do fabricate or formulate some of our materials at our manufacturing facilities, we purchase most of the materials and components used in manufacturing of our products from external suppliers. In addition, we purchase some supplies from single sources for reasons of quality assurance, sole source availability, cost effectiveness or constraints resulting from regulatory requirements. Several of our materials are sole sourced, including the source of hyaluronic acid used in manufacturing our *Healon* family of products. However, we work closely with our suppliers to assure continuity of supply while maintaining high quality and reliability. Where we buy a material from one source and other sources are available, alternative supplier options are generally considered and identified, although we do not typically pursue regulatory qualification of alternative sources due to the strength of our existing supplier relationships and the time and expense associated with the regulatory process. A change in suppliers could require significant effort or investment by us in circumstances where the items supplied are integral to the performance of our products or incorporate unique technology.

## **Environmental Matters**

Our facilities and operations are subject to federal, state and local environmental and occupational health and safety requirements of the United States and foreign countries, including those relating to discharges of substances to the air, water and land, the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes and the cleanup of properties affected by pollutants. We believe we are currently in material compliance with such requirements and do not currently anticipate any material adverse effect on our business or financial condition as a result of our efforts to comply with such requirements.

In the future, federal, state or local governments in the United States or foreign countries could enact new or more stringent laws or issue new or more stringent regulations concerning environmental and worker health and safety matters that could affect our operations. Also, in the future, contamination may be found to exist at our current or former facilities or off-site locations where we have sent wastes. We could be held liable for such newly-discovered contamination which could have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition. In addition, changes in environmental and worker health and safety requirements could have a material effect on our business or financial condition.

## **Competition**

The markets for our products are intensely competitive and are subject to significant technological change. Companies within the cataract / implant and laser vision correction markets compete on technological leadership and innovation, quality and efficacy of products, relationships with eye care professionals and health care providers, breadth and depth of product







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are available as soon as reasonably practicable after we have filed or furnished these documents to the SEC ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)). Our Code of Ethics, which applies to all employees, is available on our website. Our Code of Ethics is also available in print to any stockholder who requests it from our Investor Relations department, (714) 247-8348. Any changes to the Code of Ethics or waivers granted to our chief executive officer, chief financial officer or controller by our board of directors will be publicized on our website.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

You should carefully consider the following risks and other information. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones we face. Others that we do not know about now, or that we do not now think are important, may also impair our business. The risks described in this section could cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated.

#### **Risks Relating to Our Business**

*We may not successfully make or integrate acquisitions or enter into strategic alliances.*

As part of our business strategy, we intend to pursue selected acquisitions and strategic alliances and partnerships. We compete with other ophthalmic surgical product and eye care companies, among others, for these opportunities and we cannot assure you that we will be able to effect strategic alliances, partnerships or acquisitions on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Even if we do enter into these transactions, we may experience:

delays in realizing the benefits we anticipate, or we may not realize the benefits we anticipate at all;

difficulties in integrating any acquired companies and products into our existing business;

attrition of key personnel from acquired businesses;

costs or charges to expand the operations of these acquired entities or otherwise for which such investment may not provide an adequate return;

difficulties or delays in obtaining regulatory approvals;

the expenditure of significant and material monies to complete integration work for these acquired entities as well as significantly higher costs of integration than we anticipated; or

unforeseen operating difficulties that require significant financial and managerial resources that would otherwise be available for the ongoing development or expansion of our existing operations.

Consummating these transactions could also result in the incurrence of additional debt and related interest expense, as well as unforeseen contingent liabilities, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We may also issue additional equity in connection with these transactions, which may dilute our existing stockholders.

*We conduct a significant amount of our sales and operations outside of the United States, which subjects us to additional business risks that may cause our profitability to decline.*

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Because we manufacture and sell a significant portion of our products in a number of foreign countries, our business is subject to risks associated with doing business internationally. In particular, our products are sold in over 60 countries, and most of our manufacturing facilities are located outside the continental United States, in Añasco, Puerto Rico; Alcobendas, Spain; Hangzhou, China; Uppsala, Sweden; and Groningen, Netherlands. In 2007, on an historical basis, we derived approximately \$632.1 million, or 58%, of our net sales, from sales of our products outside of the United States, including 13% of our net sales in Japan. We intend to continue to pursue growth opportunities in sales internationally, which could expose us to greater risks associated with international sales and operations. Our international operations are, and will continue to be, subject to a number of risks and potential costs, including:

unexpected changes in foreign regulatory requirements;

differing local product preferences and product requirements;

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fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;

political and economic instability;

cultural differences;

changes in foreign medical reimbursement and coverage policies and programs;

diminished protection of intellectual property in some countries outside of the United States;

trade protection measures and import or export licensing requirements;

difficulty in staffing and managing foreign operations, where turnover tends to be higher;

difficulty in coordinating foreign management and aligning business practices;

differing labor regulations; and

potentially negative consequences from changes in tax laws.

Any of these factors may, individually or as a group, have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

As we expand our existing international operations, we may encounter new risks. For example, as we focus on building our international sales and distribution networks in new geographic regions, we must continue to develop relationships with qualified local distributors and trading companies. If we are not successful in developing these relationships, we may not be able to grow sales in these geographic regions. These or other similar risks could adversely affect our revenue and profitability.

***We are exposed to foreign currency risks from our international operations that could adversely affect our financial results.***

A significant portion of our sales and operating costs are, and from time to time a portion of our indebtedness may be, denominated in foreign currencies. We are therefore exposed to fluctuations in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the currencies in which our foreign operations receive revenues and pay expenses, including debt service. Our consolidated financial results are denominated in U.S. dollars and therefore, during times of a strengthening U.S. dollar, our reported international sales and earnings will be reduced because the local currency will translate into fewer U.S. dollars. In addition, the assets and liabilities of our non-U.S. subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars at the weighted average exchange rate for the period. Translation adjustments arising from the use of differing exchange rates from period to period are included in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in Stockholders' equity. Gains and losses resulting from foreign currency fluctuations and remeasurements relating to foreign operations deemed to be operating in U.S. dollar functional currency are included in Other, net in our consolidated statements of operations. Accordingly, changes in currency exchange rates will cause our net earnings and stockholders' equity to fluctuate. We use hedging methods on a regular basis to manage the foreign exchange risk. This has historically been accomplished through the use of options and forward contracts.

***If we do not introduce new commercially successful products in a timely manner, our products may become obsolete over time, customers may not buy our products and our revenue and profitability may decline.***

Demand for our products may change in ways we may not anticipate because of:

evolving customer needs;

the introduction of new products and technologies;

evolving surgical practices; and



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evolving industry standards.

Without the timely introduction of new commercially successful products and enhancements, our products may become obsolete over time, in which case our sales and operating results would suffer. The success of our new product offerings will depend on several factors, including our ability to:

properly identify and anticipate customer needs;

commercialize new products in a cost-effective and timely manner;

manufacture and deliver products in sufficient volumes on time;

obtain and maintain regulatory approval for such new products;

differentiate our offerings from competitors' offerings;

achieve positive clinical outcomes;

satisfy the increased demands by health care payors, providers and patients for lower-cost procedures;

innovate and develop new materials, product designs and surgical techniques; and

provide adequate medical and/or consumer education relating to new products.

Moreover, innovations generally will require a substantial investment in research and development before we can determine the commercial viability of these innovations and we may not have the financial resources necessary to fund these innovations. In addition, even if we are able to successfully develop enhancements or new generations of our products, these enhancements or new generations of products may not produce revenue in excess of the costs of development and they may be quickly rendered obsolete by changing customer preferences or the introduction by our competitors of products embodying new technologies or features.

***We rely on certain suppliers and manufacturers for raw materials and other products and are vulnerable to fluctuations in the availability and price of such products and services.***

We purchase certain raw materials and other products from third-party suppliers and vendors, sometimes from limited sources. Our suppliers and vendors may not provide the raw materials or other products needed by us in the quantities requested, in a timely manner, or at a price we are willing to pay. In the event any of our third-party suppliers or vendors were to become unable or unwilling to continue to provide important raw materials and third-party products in the required volumes and quality levels or in a timely manner, or if regulations affecting raw materials such as animal-based products were to change, we would be required to identify and obtain acceptable replacement supply sources. We may not be able to obtain alternative suppliers and vendors on a timely basis, or at all, which could result in lost sales because of our inability to manufacture products containing such raw materials or deliver products we sell from certain suppliers. In addition, we also rely on certain manufacturers for some of our products. If we were unable to renew our third-party manufacturing agreements, or if the manufacturers were to cease manufacturing any of these products for us for any reason, we may not be able to find alternative manufacturers on terms favorable to us, in a timely manner, or at all. If any of these events should occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

***Our manufacturing capacity may not be adequate to meet the demands of our business.***

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If our sales increase substantially, we may need to increase our production capacity. We cannot assure you that if we choose to scale-up our manufacturing operations, we will be able to obtain regulatory approvals in a timely fashion, which could affect our ability to meet product demand or result in additional costs.

***We generally manufacture our cataract/implant and laser vision correction products at single sites, creating a potential for a material business interruption should any of these sites be affected by a natural disaster or plant shutdown.***

We manufacture phacoemulsification and excimer laser systems in Santa Clara, California (moving to Milpitas, California in 2008). We manufacture femtosecond laser systems in Irvine, California (also moving to Milpitas, California in

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2008). We manufacture our IOLs in Añasco, Puerto Rico and our viscoelastics in Uppsala, Sweden. If any of these facilities were affected by a natural disaster or plant shutdown, or if our transition to the Milpitas facility is delayed, our supply of products could be interrupted. We may not be able to identify and validate alternative sources for the affected products in a timely manner, given the substantial regulatory requirements required for such validations. Any prolonged disruption in the operation of our manufacturing facilities or those of our third-party manufacturers could materially harm our business.

***We face intense competition, and our failure to compete effectively could have a material adverse effect on our profitability and results of operations.***

We face intense competition in the markets for our ophthalmic surgical and eye care products and these markets are subject to rapid and significant technological change. We have numerous competitors in the United States and abroad, including, among others, large companies such as Alcon, Inc., a publicly traded subsidiary of Nestle S.A.; Bausch & Lomb; CIBA Vision Corporation, a unit of Novartis, and Zeiss-Meditech, among others. Many of our competitors have substantially more resources and a greater marketing scale than we do. We may not be able to sustain our current levels of profitability and growth as competitive pressures, including pricing pressure from competitors, increase. In addition, if we are unable to develop and produce or market our products to effectively compete against our competitors, our operating results will materially suffer. We also compete against a large number of providers of alternative vision correction solutions, some of which may have greater financial resources than us. New or different methods of vision correction are continually being introduced. Any of these competitive pressures could result in significantly decreased demand for our products.

Because of our leading market position in the laser vision correction business, all of our competitors target our market share in order to grow their own revenues. We can give no assurance that we will be able to maintain or grow our existing market share and we may be required to incur considerable expenditures in order to maintain or increase that market share. Should our procedure market share decline, it would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, and results of operations.

***Trends in the contact lens care market may negatively impact our eye care business.***

Our eye care business is impacted by trends in the contact lens care market such as more simplified disinfection systems and technological and medical advances in surgical techniques for the correction of vision impairment. Less expensive one-bottle chemical disinfection systems have gained popularity among soft contact lens wearers instead of peroxide-based lens care products. Also, the growing use and acceptance of daily, frequent replacement and extended wear contact lenses and laser correction procedures, along with the other factors above, could have the effect of continuing to reduce demand for lens care products generally. Our marketing and sales plans may not be appropriate or sufficient to mitigate the effect of these trends on our eye care business and, as a result, our eye care business may suffer.

***If we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights, our business and prospects may be harmed.***

Our ability to compete effectively is dependent upon our ability to protect and preserve the proprietary aspects of the designs, processes, technologies and materials owned by, used by or licensed to us. We have numerous U.S. patents and corresponding foreign patents that are expected to expire by their own terms at various dates and have additional patent applications pending that may not result in issued patents. Our failure to secure these patents may limit our ability to protect the intellectual property rights that these applications were intended to cover. Although we have attempted to protect our proprietary property, technologies and processes both in the United States and in foreign countries through a combination of patent law, trade secrets and non-disclosure agreements, these may be insufficient. Competitors may be able to design around our patents to compete effectively with our products. We also may not be able to prevent third parties from using our technology without our authorization, breaching any non-disclosure agreements with us, or independently developing technology that is similar to ours. The use of our technology or similar technology by others could reduce or eliminate any competitive advantage we have developed, cause us to lose sales or otherwise harm our business. If it became necessary for us to resort to litigation to protect these rights, any proceedings could be costly and we may not prevail. Further, we may not be able to obtain patents or other protections on our future innovations. In addition, because of the differences in foreign patent and other laws concerning proprietary rights, our products may not receive the same degree of protection in foreign countries as they would in the United States. We cannot assure you that:

pending patent applications will result in issued patents;

patents issued to or licensed by us will not be challenged by third parties; or



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our patents will be found to be valid or sufficiently broad to protect our technology or provide us with a competitive advantage. ***We may be subject to intellectual property litigation and infringement claims, which could cause us to incur significant expenses or prevent us from selling our products.***

There is a substantial amount of litigation over patent and other intellectual property rights in the ophthalmic industry. The fact that we have patents issued to us for our products does not mean that we will always be able to successfully defend our patents and proprietary rights against challenges or claims of infringement by our competitors. A successful claim of patent or other intellectual property infringement or misappropriation against us could adversely affect our growth and profitability, in some cases materially. We cannot assure you that our products do not and will not infringe issued patents or other intellectual property rights of third parties. From time to time, in the ordinary course of business, we receive notices from third parties alleging infringement or misappropriation of the patent, trademark and other intellectual property rights of third parties by us or our consumers in connection with the use of our products. We may be unaware of intellectual property rights of others that may cover some of our technology. If someone claims that our products infringe their intellectual property rights, whether or not such claims are meritorious, any resulting litigation could be costly and time consuming and would divert the attention of our management and personnel from other business issues. The complexity of the technology involved and the uncertainty of intellectual property litigation increase these risks. Claims of intellectual property infringement also might require us to enter into costly royalty or license agreements (if available on acceptable terms or at all). We also may be subject to significant damages or an injunction preventing us from manufacturing, selling or using some or some aspect of our products. We may also need to redesign some of our products or processes to avoid future infringement liability. Any of these adverse consequences could have a material adverse effect on our business and profitability.

***We could experience losses due to product liability claims, product recalls or corrections.***

We have in the past been, and continue to be, subject to product liability claims. In connection with our spin-off from Allergan, we assumed the defense of any litigation involving claims related to our business and agreed to indemnify Allergan for all related losses, costs and expenses. As part of our risk management policy, we have obtained third-party product liability insurance coverage. Product liability claims against us may exceed the coverage limits of our insurance policies or cause us to record a self-insured loss. A product liability claim in excess of applicable insurance could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Even if any product liability loss is covered by an insurance policy, these policies have substantial retentions or deductibles that provide that we will not receive insurance proceeds until the losses incurred exceed the amount of those retentions or deductibles. To the extent that any losses are below these retentions or deductibles, we will be responsible for paying these losses. The payment of retentions or deductibles for a significant amount of claims could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, we are subject to medical device reporting regulations that require us to report to the FDA or similar governmental authorities in other countries if our products cause or contribute to a death or serious injury or malfunction in a way that would be reasonably likely to contribute to death or serious injury if the malfunction were to recur. The FDA and similar governmental authorities in other countries have the authority to require the recall of our products in the event of material deficiencies or defects in design or manufacturing. A government mandated or voluntary recall by us could occur as a result of manufacturing errors or design defects, including defects in labeling. We have undertaken voluntary recalls of our products in the past.

Any product liability claim or recall would divert managerial and financial resources and could harm our reputation with customers. We cannot assure you that we will not have product liability claims or recalls in the future or that such claims or recalls would not have a material adverse effect on our business.

In November 2006 and May 2007, we commenced voluntary recalls of eye care solutions, which resulted in substantial product returns, a material decrease in eye care sales and increased costs associated with the recalls and the necessary corrective measures. We cannot assure you that we have fully anticipated the impact of these recalls on our eye care business, including litigation exposure, or that we will be able to regain our prior market position. Our inability to regain market share reasonably close to our pre-recall levels would have a material affect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

***We could experience losses and increased expenses due to legal proceedings.***

We and certain of our subsidiaries are involved in various product liability, consumer, commercial, employment and securities litigations and claims and other legal proceedings that arise from time to time. Litigation is inherently

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unpredictable. Although we believe we have substantial defenses in these matters, we could in the future incur significant expenses and judgments or enter into settlements of claims that could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flows in any particular period.

*If we fail to maintain our relationships with health care providers, customers may not buy our products and our revenue and profitability may decline.*

We market our products to numerous health care providers, including eye care professionals, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, corporate optometry and LASIK chains and group purchasing organizations. We have developed and strive to maintain close relationships with members of each of these groups who assist in product research and development and advise us on how to satisfy the full range of surgeon and patient needs. We rely on these groups to recommend our products to their patients and to other members of their organizations. The failure of our existing products and any new products we may introduce to retain the support of these various groups could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

*We generally do not have long-term contracts with our customers, and our revenues with LASIK customers are concentrated.*

We generally do not enter into long-term contracts with our customers. As a result, we are exposed to volatility in the market for our products and loss of our customers. A significant percentage of our LASIK sales are to corporate LASIK chains, particularly in the U.S., Japan and parts of Europe. We anticipate that these chains will continue to garner more of the LASIK procedure market in these areas. This concentration has the potential to affect our sales, should any one or more of these corporate chains move to a competitor's technology. The concentration could also negatively impact our ability to collect payments should any one or more of these chains experience financial difficulties. As a result of these factors, we may not be able to maintain our level of profitability or collect cash that is due to us. If we are unable to market our products on terms we find acceptable or collect monies owed to us, our financial condition and results of operations could suffer materially.

*Our business is subject to extensive government regulation.*

Our products and operations are subject to extensive regulation in the United States by the FDA and various other federal and state regulatory agencies, including with respect to regulatory clearance or approval of our products, clinical and pre-clinical testing, product marketing, sales and distributions, adverse event reporting, prohibitions on fraud and abuse, submission of false claims, kickbacks and rebates, and relationships with physicians and other referral sources. Additionally, in many foreign countries in which we market our products, we are subject to similar regulations.

Before a new medical device or new use of, or claim for, or modification to an existing product can be marketed in the United States, a company may have to apply for and receive either 510(k) clearance or premarket approval. Either process can be expensive, lengthy and unpredictable. Also, the identification or increased frequency of safety or effectiveness concerns could result in product recall or withdrawal or rescission of our FDA clearance or premarket approval. Compliance with these regulations is expensive and time-consuming. We, our subcontractors, and third-party manufacturers are subject to periodic and unannounced inspections by FDA and governmental authorities to assess compliance. If we fail to comply, the FDA and state or other regulatory agencies have broad enforcement powers, including any of the following sanctions:

warning letters, fines, injunctions, consent decrees, civil penalties and exclusion from participation in federal and state health care programs;

repair, replacement, recall or seizure of our products;

operating restrictions, partial suspension or total shutdown of production;

refusal of our requests for 510(k) clearance or premarket approval of new products, new intended uses or modifications to existing products;

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withdrawal of 510(k) clearance or premarket approvals that have already been granted;

suspension of sales to the Veterans Administration; and

criminal prosecution and penalties.

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Product sales, introductions or modifications may be delayed or canceled as a result of U.S. or foreign regulatory processes, which could cause our sales to decline. Failure to obtain regulatory clearance or approvals of new products or product modifications we develop, any limitations imposed by regulatory agencies on new product uses or the costs of obtaining regulatory clearance or approvals could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We, our subcontractors, and third-party manufacturers are also subject to similar state requirements and licenses. We, our subcontractors, and third-party manufacturers must comply with extensive recordkeeping and reporting requirements and must make available our manufacturing facilities and records for unannounced and periodic inspections by governmental agencies, including FDA, state authorities and comparable agencies in other countries.

Health care initiatives and other cost-containment pressures could cause us to sell our products at lower prices, resulting in less revenue to us. In the United States, a significant percentage of the patients who receive our intraocular lenses are covered by the federal Medicare program. Changes in coverage or coding policies or reductions in Medicare reimbursement rates and the implementation of other price controls could adversely affect our revenues and financial condition. In addition, changes in existing regulatory requirements or adoption of new requirements could hurt our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The clinical trial process required to obtain regulatory approvals is costly and uncertain, and could result in delays in new product introductions or even an inability to release a product.***

The clinical trials required to obtain regulatory approvals for some of our products are complex and expensive, and their outcomes are uncertain. We incur substantial expense for, and devote significant time to, clinical trials, but we cannot be certain that the trials will ever result in the commercial sale of a product. We may suffer significant setbacks in clinical trials, even after earlier clinical trials showed promising results. Any of our products may produce undesirable side effects that could cause us or regulatory authorities to interrupt, delay or halt clinical trials of a product candidate. We, the FDA, or another regulatory authority may suspend or terminate clinical trials at any time if they or we believe the trial participants face unacceptable health risks.

***Our business is subject to environmental regulations.***

Our facilities and operations are subject to federal, state and local environmental and occupational health and safety requirements of the United States and foreign countries, including those relating to discharges of substances to the air, water and land, the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes and the cleanup of properties affected by pollutants. Failure to maintain compliance with these regulations could have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

In the future, federal, state or local governments in the United States or foreign countries could enact new or more stringent laws or issue new or more stringent regulations concerning environmental and worker health and safety matters that could affect our operations. Regulations limiting the use in medical devices of certain materials considered harmful to the environment could increase the cost and limit the availability of components that are critical to the safety and effectiveness of our devices. In addition, the research, development, procurement and product approvals associated with any required changes to components could result in unanticipated increases in product cost. Also, in the future, contamination may be found to exist at our current or former facilities or off-site locations where we have sent wastes. We could be held liable for such newly discovered contamination which could have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition. In addition, changes in environmental and worker health and safety requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

***If we fail to attract, hire and retain qualified personnel, we may not be able to design, develop, market or sell our products or successfully manage our business.***

Our ability to attract new customers, retain existing customers and pursue our strategic objectives depends on the continued services of our current management, sales, product development and technical personnel and our ability to identify, attract, train and retain similar personnel. Competition for top management personnel is intense and we may not be able to recruit and retain the personnel we need. The loss of any one of our management personnel, or our inability to identify, attract, retain and integrate additional qualified management personnel, could make it difficult for us to manage our business successfully and pursue our strategic objectives. Similarly, competition for skilled sales, product development and technical personnel is intense and we may not be able to recruit and retain the personnel we need. The loss of services of a number of key sales, product development and technical personnel, or our inability to hire new personnel with the requisite skills, could restrict our ability to develop new products or enhance existing products in a timely manner, sell products to our customers or manage our business effectively.





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We may not be able to hire or retain qualified personnel if we are unable to offer competitive salaries and benefits. If our stock does not perform well, we may have to increase our salaries and benefits, which would increase our expenses and reduce our profitability.

*We may be required to satisfy certain indemnification obligations to Allergan, and we may not be able to collect on indemnification rights from Allergan.*

Under the terms of our contribution and distribution agreement with Allergan, we and Allergan have each agreed to indemnify each other from and after our spin-off with respect to the debt, liabilities and obligations retained by our respective companies. These indemnification obligations could be significant. The ability to satisfy these indemnities, if called upon to do so, will depend upon the future financial strength of each of our respective companies. We cannot determine whether we will have to indemnify Allergan for any substantial obligations, and we may not have control over the settlement of certain claims and lawsuits that may require partial indemnification by us. We also cannot assure you that, if Allergan is required to indemnify us for any substantial obligations, Allergan will have the ability to satisfy those obligations.

*If laser vision correction is not broadly accepted by both doctors and patients, our business, financial position and results of operations would be materially and adversely impacted.*

Our business depends upon broad market acceptance of laser vision correction by both doctors and patients in the United States and key international markets. Our profitability and growth will be largely dependent on increasing levels of market acceptance and procedure growth, especially with regard to our higher-priced *CustomVue* procedure. Potential complications and side effects of laser vision correction include: post-operative discomfort, corneal haze (an increase in the light scattering properties of the cornea) during healing, glare/halos (undesirable visual sensations produced by bright lights), decreases in contrast sensitivity, temporary increases in intraocular pressure in reaction to procedure medication, modest fluctuations in refractive capabilities during healing, modest decrease in best corrected vision (i.e., with corrective eyewear), unintended over- or under-corrections, regression of effect, disorders of corneal healing, corneal scars, corneal ulcers, and induced astigmatism (which may result in blurred or double vision and/or shadow images). In addition to the potential side effects and complications associated with LASIK generally, some LASIK surgeons have observed incidents of transient light sensitivity with use of a femtosecond laser to create a flap, although this has affected only a small percentage of patients and appears to resolve quickly with treatment. Some consumers may choose not to undergo laser vision correction because of these complications or more general concerns relating to its safety and efficacy or a resistance to surgery in general. Alternatively, some consumers may elect to delay undergoing laser vision correction surgery because they believe improved technology or methods of treatment will be available in the near future. Should either the ophthalmic community or the general population turn away from laser vision correction as an alternative to existing methods of treating refractive vision disorders, or if future technologies replace laser vision correction, these developments could delay or prevent market acceptance of laser vision correction, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

*The possibility of long-term side effects and adverse publicity regarding laser correction surgery could seriously harm our business.*

Compared with medical devices such as intraocular lenses, there is less long-term follow up experience with devices like our *IntraLase FS* laser and *VISX* excimer laser systems. Consequently there are no long-term follow up data that might reveal unknown side effects or complications associated specifically with this technique. The possibility of unfavorable side effects, and any concomitant adverse publicity, could seriously harm our business. Any future reported adverse outcomes or pattern of side effects involving the use of our lasers specifically, or with respect to LASIK procedures generally, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

*Adoption of our femtosecond laser product offering may be slower than anticipated.*

LASIK surgeons may adopt our femtosecond laser technology at a slower rate than we have anticipated, unless they determine, based on experience, clinical data and studies and published journal articles, including peer review articles, that our product offering provides significant benefits or an attractive alternative over the traditional method of creating the corneal flap using the microkeratome. In order for the adoption rate of our technology to meet our expectations, patients must also continue to be willing to pay for LASIK surgery using our femtosecond product offering despite its being more expensive than LASIK surgery with the microkeratome. LASIK surgeons typically receive more income per eye when using our product offering instead of the traditional microkeratome.

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### ***Measures we take to ensure collection of laser per procedure charges may be inadequate.***

Generating per procedure revenues from our installed base of femtosecond and excimer lasers is a key aspect of our business. We generally charge our customers per procedure fees for each eye treated. For the femtosecond laser, this fee is inclusive of a disposable patient interface, which is intended to be used on a single eye and discarded. We typically charge our customers procedure fees based on our shipments to them of per procedure disposable interfaces. We believe that a small percentage of our customers, in an effort to avoid procedure fees, have in the past used a single patient interface to treat multiple eyes. For the excimer laser, our customers may devise means to avoid the need for treatment cards. We have multiple features and measures to detect and address these practices to avoid per procedure fees. If these practices with respect to our excimer or femtosecond laser products (or other fee avoidance practices such as counterfeiting) were to continue or to proliferate, it could have a material adverse effect on our business.

### ***General economic conditions could have a negative impact on our business, financial position, and results of operations.***

Because laser vision correction is not subject to reimbursement from third-party payors such as insurance companies or government programs, the cost of laser vision correction is typically borne by individuals directly. Accordingly, weak or uncertain economic conditions may cause individuals to be less willing to incur the procedure cost associated with laser vision correction as was evidenced by VISX's decline in revenues from 2002 compared to 2001 and from 2001 compared to 2000. A decline in economic conditions, especially in the United States, could result in a decline in the number of laser vision correction procedures performed and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

### ***While we devote significant resources to research and development, our research and development may not lead to new products that achieve commercial success.***

Our research and development process is expensive, prolonged, and entails considerable uncertainty. Because of the complexities and uncertainties associated with ophthalmic research and development, products we are currently developing may not complete the development process or obtain the regulatory approvals required to market such products successfully. The products currently in our development pipeline may not be approved by regulatory entities and may not be commercially successful, and our current and planned products could be surpassed by more effective or advanced products.

### ***Any failure by third-party financing entities to satisfy their obligations to us would negatively impact our financial condition.***

We have relationships with third-party financing entities that purchase our products directly and subsequently lease and/or sell these products to end-user customers, or provide financing directly to customers who purchase products directly from us. Should any third-party financing entity or entities fail or refuse to pay us in a timely manner or at all, it could negatively affect our cash flows and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

### ***If any of our employees, consultants or others breach their proprietary information agreements, our competitive position could be harmed.***

We protect our proprietary technology, in part, through proprietary information and inventions agreements with employees, consultants and other parties. These agreements with employees and consultants generally contain standard provisions requiring those individuals to assign to us, without additional consideration, inventions conceived or reduced to practice by them while employed or retained by us, subject to customary exceptions. If any of our employees, consultants or others breach these agreements, our competitors may learn of our trade secrets.

## **Risks Relating to Our Indebtedness and Our Common Stock**

### ***We have a significant amount of debt. Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and our ability to meet our payment obligations under our debt.***

We have a significant amount of debt and substantial debt service requirements. As of December 31, 2007, we had \$1,607.7 million of outstanding debt. Our revolving line of credit included outstanding cash borrowings of \$60.0 million and commitments to support letters of credit totaling \$8.6 million issued on our behalf for normal operating purposes which resulted in an available balance of \$231.4 million.

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This level of debt could have significant consequences on our future operations, including:

making it more difficult for us to meet our payment and other obligations under our outstanding debt;

resulting in an event of default if we fail to comply with the financial and other restrictive covenants contained in our debt agreements, which event of default could result in all of our debt becoming immediately due and payable;

reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes, and limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for these purposes;

subjecting us to the risk of increased sensitivity to interest rate increases on our indebtedness with variable interest rates, including borrowings under our senior credit facility;

limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, and increasing our vulnerability to, changes in our business, the industry in which we operate and the general economy; and

placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt or are less leveraged.

Any of the above-listed factors could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations and our ability to meet our payment obligations under the notes and our other debt.

***To service our indebtedness, we will require a significant amount of cash. Our ability to generate cash flow depends on many factors beyond our control.***

Our ability to meet our payment and other obligations under our debt depends on our ability to generate significant cash flow in the future. This, to some extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative and regulatory factors as well as other factors that are beyond our control. We cannot assure debt holders that our business will generate cash flow from operations, or that future borrowings will be available to us under our senior credit facility or otherwise, in an amount sufficient to enable us to meet our payment obligations under our debt and to fund other liquidity needs. We made an irrevocable election to satisfy in cash our conversion obligation with respect to the principal amount of any of our 2 1/2% convertible senior subordinated notes due 2024 (Existing 2 1/2% Convertible Notes) converted after December 15, 2004, with any remaining amount of the conversion obligation to be satisfied in shares of our common stock, in each case, calculated as set forth in the indenture governing the Existing 2 1/2% Convertible Notes. In addition, because we made this election, the indenture provides that we must satisfy in cash our obligations to repurchase any Existing 2 1/2% Convertible Notes that holders put to us on January 15, 2010, July 15, 2014 and July 15, 2019.

If the Existing 2 1/2% Convertible Notes become convertible pursuant to their terms and the holders elect to convert or if holders elect to put their notes to us on the specified repurchase dates, we may not have sufficient cash to satisfy our obligations. In addition, our 1.375% and 3.25% convertible senior subordinated notes due 2025 and 2026, respectively, contain similar provisions. We may be unable to repurchase the notes for cash when required by the holders, including following a fundamental change, or to pay the portion of the conversion value upon conversion of any notes by the holders. Our repurchase of any such notes may be prohibited by our other debt instruments, which could cause defaults and cross-defaults under our other debt agreements. If we are not able to generate sufficient cash flow to service our debt obligations, we may need to refinance or restructure our debt, sell assets, reduce or delay capital investments, or seek to raise additional capital. If we are unable to implement one or more of these alternatives, we may not be able to meet our payment obligations under the notes and our other debt and our liquidity and financial position could be materially adversely affected.

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*Some of our debt agreements contain covenant restrictions that may limit our ability to operate our business.*

The agreements governing our senior credit facility contain covenant restrictions that limit our ability to operate our business, including restrictions on our ability to:

incur additional debt or issue guarantees;

create liens;

make certain investments, including acquisitions;

enter into transactions with our affiliates;

sell certain assets;

redeem capital stock or make other restricted payments;

declare or pay dividends or make other distributions to stockholders; and

consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

Our senior credit facility requires us to maintain specific leverage, fixed charge coverage and interest coverage ratios. Our ability to comply with these covenants is dependent on our future performance, which will be subject to many factors, some of which are beyond our control, including prevailing economic conditions. Our failure to comply with these obligations would prevent us from borrowing additional money under the facility and could result in a default under it. If a default occurs under any of our senior indebtedness, the relevant lenders could elect to declare the indebtedness, together with accrued interest and other fees, to be immediately due and payable and proceed against substantially all of our assets, which will serve as collateral securing the indebtedness. Moreover, if the lenders under a facility or other agreement in default were to accelerate the indebtedness outstanding under that facility, it could result in a default under other indebtedness. If all or any part of our indebtedness were to be accelerated, we may not have or be able to obtain sufficient funds to repay it. In addition, we may incur other indebtedness in the future that may contain financial or other covenants that are more restrictive than those contained in our current indentures.

As a result of these covenants, our ability to respond to changes in business and economic conditions and to obtain additional financing, if needed, may be significantly restricted, and we may be prevented from engaging in transactions that might otherwise be beneficial to us. In addition, our failure to comply with these covenants could result in a default under our debt, which could permit the holders to accelerate such debt. If any of our debt is accelerated, we may not have sufficient funds available to repay such debt. As of December 31, 2007, we were in compliance with our financial and other covenants.

***Despite our and our subsidiaries' current levels of indebtedness, we may incur substantially more debt, which could further exacerbate the risks associated with our substantial indebtedness.***

Although certain of our debt agreements contain restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and exceptions, and the indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. Also, these restrictions do not prevent us from incurring obligations that do not constitute indebtedness as defined in the relevant agreement. If new debt is added to our current debt levels, the related risks that we now face could intensify.

***Our stock price may fluctuate as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control. These factors include:***

quarterly variations in our operating results;

operating results that vary from the expectations of management, securities analysts and investors;

changes in expectations as to our future financial performance;

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announcements of innovations, new products, strategic developments, significant contracts, acquisitions and other material events by us or our competitors;

the operating and securities price performance of other companies that investors believe are comparable to us;

future sales of our equity or equity-related securities;

changes in general conditions in our industry and in the economy, the financial markets and the domestic or international political situation;

developments or disputes (including lawsuits) concerning proprietary rights or other legal matters;

developments in the insurance market, which may limit the amount of insurance coverage available to us;

recalls or significant quality issues;

departures of key personnel; and

regulatory considerations.

In addition, in recent years, the stock market in general has experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. This volatility has had a significant effect on the market price of securities issued by many companies for reasons often unrelated to their operating performance. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect our stock price, regardless of our operating results.

***Our stockholder rights plan, amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as well as provisions of Delaware law, could make it difficult for a third party to acquire our company.***

We have a stockholder rights plan that may have the effect of discouraging unsolicited takeover proposals. The rights issued under the stockholder rights plan would cause substantial dilution to a person or group that attempts to acquire us on terms not approved in advance by our board of directors. In addition, Delaware corporate law and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that could delay, deter or prevent a change in control of our company or our management. These provisions could also discourage proxy contests and make it more difficult for our stockholders to elect directors and take other corporate actions without the concurrence of our management or board of directors. These provisions:

authorize our board of directors to issue blank check preferred stock, which is preferred stock that can be created and issued by our board of directors, without stockholder approval, with rights senior to those of common stock;

provide for a staggered board of directors and three-year terms for directors, so that no more than one-third of our directors could be replaced at any annual meeting;

provide that directors may be removed only for cause;

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provide that stockholder action may be taken only at a special or regular meeting and not by written consent;

provide for super-majority voting requirements for some provisions of our charter; and

establish advance notice requirements for submitting nominations for election to the board of directors and for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at a meeting.

We are also subject to anti-takeover provisions under Delaware law, which could also delay or prevent a change of control. Together, these provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws, Delaware law and our stockholder rights plan may discourage transactions that otherwise could provide for the payment of a premium over prevailing market prices of our common stock and, possibly and also could limit the price that investors are willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock.



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**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

We believe there are no material unresolved written comments from the Commission.

**Item 2. Properties**

Our principal executive offices and research facilities are located in Santa Ana, California, in a facility subleased by us through July 2015. We also have an administrative, research and development and manufacturing facility in Milpitas, California, the lease for which expires in June 2017. The Milpitas site is new and is a relocation of the existing operations in Santa Clara, California and Irvine, California. The lease for the Santa Clara facility expires in May 2008. We have a customer service location in Irvine, California, with a lease through June 2009 and an additional manufacturing and R&D location in Irvine, California with a lease through August 2015, through the acquisition of IntraLase in 2007. We plan to close this facility, move operations to current AMO facilities or smaller leased space, and sublet the space.

We have an administrative, research and development, and manufacturing facility through the acquisition of WaveFront Sciences in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a lease through September 2008. We conduct our global operations in facilities that we own or lease. Material facilities include administrative facilities in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Singapore, Ireland, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom. We also have facilities in Japan used for administration, sales and research and development, and for distribution and warehousing. We lease all of these facilities. In addition, we operate five manufacturing facilities: one in Añasco, Puerto Rico, where we lease the land and the facility, one in Alcobendas, Spain, where we own the land and the facility, one in Hangzhou, China, where we own the facility but lease the land, one in Uppsala, Sweden, where we own the land and the facility, and one in Groningen, Netherlands, where we own the land and the facility. We believe these facilities are adequate for the current needs of our business.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

On August 24, 2007 and September 13, 2007, two purported class action complaints were filed by Scott Kairalla and Barry Galison (Galison case), respectively, in the U.S. District Court of the Central District of California on behalf of purchasers of our securities between January 4 and May 25, 2007. The Galison case was dismissed without prejudice on November 20, 2007. An amended consolidated complaint was filed on January 18, 2008 (Consolidated Complaint). The Consolidated Complaint alleges claims under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 against us and certain of our officers and directors. The Consolidated Complaint alleges that we made material misrepresentations concerning our *Complete MoisturePlus* product. We do not believe that the complaint has merit and intend to defend ourselves vigorously. We may incur substantial expenses in defending against the allegations. In the event of a determination adverse to us or our officers and directors, we may incur substantial monetary liability which could have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

As of December 31, 2007, we have been served or are aware that we have been named as a defendant in approximately 73 product liability lawsuits pending in various state and federal courts within the U.S. as well as certain jurisdictions outside the U.S. in relation to the May 25, 2007 recall of *Complete MoisturePlus* Multi-Purpose Solution. These suits involve allegations of personal injury to 82 consumers. Of these 73 cases, 62 have been filed in various U.S. courts, nine in Canada and two in jurisdictions outside North America. None of the U.S. personal injury actions have been filed as purported class actions; however, four of the Canadian personal injury matters seek class action status. In addition to personal injury suits, three U.S. and four Canadian matters have been filed as purported class actions by uninjured consumers seeking reimbursement for discarded product pursuant to various consumer protection statutes.

These cases involve complex medical and scientific issues relating to both liability and damages and are currently at a very early stage. Moreover, most of the plaintiffs seek unspecified damages. Because of this, and because these types of suits are inherently unpredictable, we are unable at this time to predict the outcome of these matters or to provide a reasonable estimate of potential losses. At this time, we have not recorded any provisions for potential liability related to the 2007 Recall. We intend to vigorously defend ourselves in these matters; however, we could in future periods enter into settlements or incur judgments that, individually or in the aggregate, could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition in any such period.

While we are involved from time to time in litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, including product liability claims, we are not currently aware of any other actions against us or Allergan relating to the optical medical device

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business that we believe would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. We may be subject to future litigation and infringement claims, which could cause us to incur significant expenses or prevent us from selling our products. We operate in an industry susceptible to significant product liability claims. Product liability claims may be asserted against us in the future arising out of the 2007 Recall and/or events not known to us at the present time. Under the terms of the contribution and distribution agreement effecting the spin-off, Allergan agreed to assume responsibility for, and to indemnify us against, all current and future litigation relating to its retained businesses and we agreed to assume responsibility for and to indemnify Allergan against, all current and future litigation related to the optical medical device business.

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

We did not submit any matter during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year covered by this report to a vote of security holders, through the solicitation of proxies or otherwise.

**PART II****Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

*Dividends.* We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock or any of our securities. We do not expect to pay cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future. We intend to retain our future earnings to continue to fund the development and growth of our business as well as repay long-term debt. In addition, our amended and restated senior credit facility prohibits us from paying cash dividends.

*Market Information.* The following table shows the quarterly price range of our common stock during the periods listed.

Calendar Quarter	2007		2006	
	Low	High	Low	High
First	\$ 33.99	\$ 38.97	\$ 41.11	\$ 47.23
Second	33.48	42.90	43.97	50.70
Third	26.95	35.96	38.75	52.04
Fourth	23.82	32.05	34.77	41.94

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and is traded under the symbol EYE. The closing price of our common stock was \$23.16 on February 26, 2008.

The approximate number of stockholders of record was 4,475 as of February 26, 2008.

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The following sets forth shares purchased from employees to pay taxes related to our equity incentive plan:

**ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

<b>Period</b>	<b>(a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased(1)</b>	<b>(b) Average Price Paid per Share (or unit)</b>	<b>(c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</b>	<b>(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</b>
September 28, 2007 to October 31, 2007		\$		
November 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007		\$		
December 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007	187	\$ 25.58		
Total	187	\$ 25.58		

(1) Represents shares purchased from employees to pay taxes related to an employee benefit plan.

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The following table sets forth selected financial data as of and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2007, which has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements.

	2007(d)	For the Year Ended December 31,			2003
		2006(c)	2005(b)	2004(a)	
		(in thousands, except per share data)			
<b>Statement of Operations:</b>					
Net sales	\$ 1,090,846	\$ 997,496	\$ 920,673	\$ 742,099	\$ 601,453
Cost of sales	474,974	379,325	353,325	306,164	227,811
Gross profit	615,872	618,171	567,348	435,935	373,642
Selling, general and administrative	547,112	404,802	396,599	329,197	276,695
Research and development	81,832	66,099	61,646	45,616	37,413
In-process research and development	86,980		490,750	28,100	
Business repositioning		46,417	29,680		
Net gain on legal contingencies		(96,896)			
Operating (loss) income	(100,052)	197,749	(411,327)	33,022	59,534
Interest expense	70,536	30,272	29,332	26,933	24,224
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments	6,127	1,290	(2,563)	403	246
Loss due to early retirement of Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes		18,783	1,885	116,282	
Other, net	3,238	2,588	316	10,620	17,802
(Loss) earnings before income taxes	(179,953)	144,816	(440,297)	(121,216)	17,262
Provision for income taxes	12,996	65,345	12,900	8,154	6,905
Net (loss) earnings	\$ (192,949)	\$ 79,471	\$ (453,197)	\$ (129,370)	\$ 10,357
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$ (3.22)	\$ 1.25	\$ (8.28)	\$ (3.89)	\$ 0.36
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (3.22)	\$ 1.21	\$ (8.28)	\$ (3.89)	\$ 0.35

- (a) Includes results of the acquired Pfizer Inc. Surgical Ophthalmic Business since June 26, 2004 (date of acquisition).  
(b) Includes results of the acquired VISX business since May 27, 2005 (date of acquisition).  
(c) In 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, Share-Based Payment.  
(d) Includes results of the acquired IntraLase business since April 2, 2007 (date of acquisition). In 2007, we adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109.

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	2007	2006	As of December 31, 2005 (in thousands)	2004	2003
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
Cash and equivalents	\$ 34,525	\$ 34,522	\$ 40,826	\$ 49,455	\$ 46,104
Current assets	523,111	478,143	479,005	376,825	252,492
Total assets	2,748,336	2,013,897	1,980,722	1,076,534	461,345
Current liabilities	342,594	217,453	260,116	193,923	115,301
Long term debt, net of current portion and short-term borrowings	1,543,230	851,105	500,000	550,643	233,611

**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following discussion and analysis presents the factors that had a material effect on AMO's results of operations and cash flows during each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007, and the Company's financial position at that date. Except for the historical information contained herein, the following discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ significantly from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in the section entitled Risk Factors. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the historical consolidated financial statements of AMO and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

**Overview**

We are a global leader in the development, manufacture and marketing of medical devices for the eye. Our reportable segments are represented by our three business units: cataract/implant, laser vision correction (LVC) and eye care. Our cataract/implant business focuses on the four key products required for cataract surgery – foldable intraocular lenses, or IOLs, implantation systems, phacoemulsification systems and viscoelastics. Our LVC business markets excimer and femtosecond laser systems, diagnostic devices, excimer laser treatment cards and femtosecond laser patient interfaces for use in laser eye surgery. Our eye care business provides a full range of contact lens care products for use with most types of contact lenses. These products include single-bottle, multi-purpose cleaning and disinfecting solutions, hydrogen peroxide-based disinfecting solutions, daily cleaners, enzymatic cleaners and contact lens rewetting drops.

We have operations in approximately 20 countries and sell our products in approximately 60 countries in the following four regions:

Americas (North and South America);

Europe, Africa and Middle East;

Japan; and

Asia Pacific (excluding Japan, but including Australia and New Zealand).

**IntraLase Acquisition**

On April 2, 2007, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (Merger Agreement), dated as of January 5, 2007, by and among AMO, Ironman Merger Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of AMO, and IntraLase Corp. (IntraLase), we completed the acquisition of IntraLase (IntraLase acquisition) for total consideration of approximately \$822 million in cash. IntraLase, a designer, developer and manufacturer of an ultra-fast laser for refractive and corneal surgery that creates precise corneal incisions for laser vision correction in the first step of LASIK surgery.

The IntraLase acquisition has been accounted for as a purchase business combination. Under the purchase method of accounting, the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at the date of acquisition at their respective fair values. The results of operations of IntraLase have been included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations from the acquisition date. The impact of purchase accounting resulted

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in non-cash pre-tax charges of \$85.4 million for in-process research and development and \$7.7 million for step-up of inventory to fair value in the second quarter of 2007. We expensed other acquisition and integration related pre-tax charges of \$21.9 million in the year ended December 31, 2007.

**Table of Contents***Eye Care Recalls*

In May 2007, we initiated a global recall of the MoisturePlus multipurpose formulation (2007 Recall) after being informed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of an association of this product with Acanthamoeba keratitis. The 2007 Recall resulted in a provision for sales returns of \$41.5 million and charges totaling \$67.5 million, which comprised \$37.5 million in costs of goods sold for impairment of inventory and distribution costs, \$29.7 million in selling, general and administrative costs associated with public relations, communication, investigation, processing and handling of distributor and end-customer reimbursements and \$0.3 million in research and development costs. As of December 31, 2007, we had approximately \$7.3 million in accrued liabilities and \$5.3 million in accrued sales returns associated with the 2007 Recall.

In November 2006, we voluntarily recalled certain eye care product lots caused by a production-line issue at our manufacturing plant in China (2006 Recall). The 2006 Recall resulted in a provision for sales returns of \$9.5 million and charges totaling \$15.4 million, which comprised \$9.5 million in cost of goods sold for impairment of inventory, distribution and disposal costs and \$5.9 million in selling, general and administrative costs associated with public relations, communication, investigation, processing and handling of distributor and end-customer reimbursements in 2006. In fiscal 2007, we recorded a provision for sales returns of \$0.2 million and charges totaling \$4.5 million, which comprised \$2.1 million in costs of goods sold for impairment of inventory, distribution and disposal costs, \$2.1 million in selling, general and administrative costs associated with public relations, communication, investigation, and processing and handling of distributor and end-customer reimbursements and \$0.3 million in non-operating expenses. As of December 31, 2006, we had approximately \$4.5 million in accrued liabilities and \$6.7 million in accrued sales returns associated with the 2006 Recall. As of December 31, 2007, management did not expect any further significant spending impact from the 2006 Recall.

Management continues to review its estimates of the overall recall costs which could result in additional charges in the future.

*Restructuring Plan*

After our acquisition of IntraLase Corp. in the second quarter of 2007, we continued femtosecond laser manufacturing operations in Irvine, California (Irvine Plant). As part of the overall integration of IntraLase, on December 13, 2007, we committed to a plan to relocate the femtosecond laser manufacturing operations from the Irvine Plant to our excimer laser and phacoemulsification manufacturing facility in Milpitas, California (Milpitas Plant), in order to consolidate equipment manufacturing in one location and to maximize opportunities to leverage core strengths. We also intend to move the assembly of IntraLase disposable patient interfaces from the Irvine Plant to our facility in Puerto Rico in order to obtain additional synergies.

As a continuation of our commitment to further enhance our global competitiveness, operating leverage and cash flow, our Board of Directors on February 12, 2008 committed to an additional plan to reduce our fixed costs. The additional plan includes a net workforce reduction of approximately 150 positions, or about 4% of our global workforce. In addition, we plan to consolidate certain operations, including the relocation of all non-manufacturing related activities at the Irvine Plant, to improve our overall facility utilization.

These plans include workforce reductions and transfers, outplacement assistance, relocation of certain employees, facilities-related costs, accelerated amortization of certain long-lived assets and termination of redundant supplier contracts. These plans also include anticipated start-up costs such as expenses for moving, incremental travel, recruiting and duplicate personnel associated with hiring staff during ramp-up, as well as incremental costs associated with capacity underutilization of the Milpitas Plant during the ramp-up period.

We expect to complete these activities in 2008 and estimate the total non-recurring pre-tax charges resulting from these plans to be in the range of \$36 million to \$43 million, substantially all of which are expected to be cash expenditures. We incurred severance and retention bonus charges of \$0.4 million in 2007. An estimated breakdown of the total charges is as follows:

Severance, retention bonuses, employee relocation and other one-time termination benefits	\$20 million - \$24 million
Facilities-related and other costs	\$10 million - \$13 million
Termination of redundant supplier contracts and relocation of equipment and inventory	\$2 million
Incremental costs for transition and start-up activities at the Milpitas Plant	\$4 million

Expected annualized cost savings from these restructuring actions are expected to range from \$12 million to \$16 million. Actual cost savings could be significantly different from the estimated range if any unforeseen events or changes occur.





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### *2005 Product Rationalization and Repositioning Plan*

On October 31, 2005, our Board of Directors approved a product rationalization and repositioning plan covering the discontinuation of non-strategic cataract surgical and eye care products and the elimination or redeployment of resources that support these product lines. The plan also included organizational changes and potential reductions in force in manufacturing, sales and marketing associated with these product lines, as well as organizational changes in research and development and other corporate functions designed to align the organization with our strategy and strategic business unit organization. Product rationalization covered the discontinuation of non-strategic cataract surgical and eye care products and the elimination or redeployment of resources that supported these product lines. This impacted the scope of our business by eliminating future sales from discontinued products. Business repositioning covered changes in our business strategy and business unit organization. A key driver of the change was our acquisition of VISX in May 2005 which added laser vision correction to our product portfolio. This action, along with other considerations, resulted in many changes, including the movement from a regional organizational structure to a global business unit structure focused by major product categories, strategic and tactical alignment of our business units around common customers and distribution channels and how we market and sell our products to these customers. These changes necessitated organizational shifts as well as workforce reductions in manufacturing, research and development and other corporate functions. Given all the above, the breadth and depth of these changes created a fundamental reorganization that affected the nature and focus of operations.

We incurred charges for such items as organizational changes, brand repositioning, productivity initiatives and sales and marketing. Charges incurred for organizational changes resulted from the reorganization of our management structure from a regional structure to a business unit structure. In connection with the change in management structure, we incurred costs to redefine our strategic planning process, financial reporting processes, realignment and redeployment of customer support and administrative functions and related changes to the underlying infrastructure. Charges incurred for brand repositioning resulted from the reorganization to a business unit structure. We incurred costs to implement a new strategy to link our various product offerings to common customers and distribution channels among our three business units which impacted the manner in which our business is conducted. Charges incurred for productivity initiatives and sales and marketing resulted from our identification of opportunities to make improvements in manufacturing, customer service, information technology, administrative functions and customer and distributor education to support the reorganization to a business unit structure.

Severance, relocation and related costs were incurred for worldwide workforce reductions due to our discontinuation of certain non-core products and infrastructure and process improvements associated with our productivity initiatives. The majority of these costs occurred in the United States, Japan and Europe. Net asset gains resulted from disposals of long-lived assets from certain discontinued non-core products and relocation of certain facilities, offset by asset write-downs which resulted from the impairment and disposal of long-lived assets from the reduction in expected future cash flows. The fair values of impaired assets were based on probability weighted expected cash flows as determined in accordance with SFAS 144.

The plan further called for increasing our investment in key growth opportunities, specifically our refractive implant product line and international laser vision correction business, and accelerating the implementation of productivity initiatives.

In 2006, we incurred \$62.7 million of pre-tax charges, which included \$16.3 million for inventory, manufacturing related and other charges included in cost of sales and \$46.4 million included in operating expenses for severance, relocation and other one-time termination benefits of \$13.7 million, productivity and brand repositioning costs of \$37.6 million, offset by net asset disposal gains of \$2.8 million and a net credit from settlement of contractual obligations of \$2.1 million. In 2005, we incurred \$42.3 million in pre-tax charges which included \$12.6 million for inventory related charges included in cost of sales and \$29.7 million included in operating expenses for severance, relocation and other one-time termination benefits of \$14.0 million, asset write-downs of \$9.2 million, contractual obligations of \$2.7 million and accelerated productivity and brand repositioning costs of \$3.8 million. The plan was completed in 2006. We do not expect to incur additional charges associated with this plan. The cumulative charges incurred of \$105.0 million were within the range previously announced.

### *Acquisition of VISX, Incorporated*

On May 27, 2005, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (Merger Agreement) dated as of November 9, 2004, as amended, by and among Advanced Medical Optics, Inc. (AMO), Vault Merger Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of AMO, and VISX, Incorporated (VISX), we completed our acquisition of VISX for total consideration of approximately \$1.4 billion, consisting of approximately 27.8 million shares of AMO common stock, the fair value of VISX stock options converted to AMO stock options and approximately \$176.2 million in cash (VISX acquisition). VISX products include the VISX STAR Excimer Laser System, the VISX WaveScan System and VISX treatment cards.

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The VISX acquisition has been accounted for as a purchase business combination. Under the purchase method of accounting, the assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at the date of acquisition at their respective fair values. Our reported financial position and results of operations after May 27, 2005 include VISX and the impact of purchase accounting. Purchase accounting applied to the VISX acquisition resulted in a non-cash in-process research and development charge of \$488.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2005.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

#### *Revenue Recognition and Accounts Receivable*

We recognize revenue when it is realized or realizable in accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, *Revenue Recognition*, which requires that four basic criteria must be met before revenue can be recognized: (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (2) delivery has occurred and title and the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the customer or services have been rendered; (3) the price is fixed or determinable; and (4) collectability is reasonably assured. We record revenue from eye care and cataract/implant product sales when title and risk of ownership have been transferred to the customer, which is typically upon delivery to the customer, with the exception of intraocular lenses distributed on a consignment basis, which is upon notification of implantation in a patient. We use judgment when determining whether collection is reasonably assured and we rely on a number of factors, including past transaction history with the customer and management evaluations of the credit worthiness of the customer. When we determine that collection is not reasonably assured, we defer revenue until such time that collection is reasonably assured.

We sell our laser vision correction products to customers under contractual arrangements which contain multiple deliverables. We evaluate whether the separate deliverables in each arrangement can be unbundled. These contractual arrangements typically include a laser system, a license and related per procedure fees associated with disposables (treatment key cards or patient interfaces) and training. For these sales, we apply the residual value method in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force ( EITF ) Issue No. 00-21, *Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*, which requires the allocation of the total arrangement consideration less the fair value of the undelivered elements. Systems sold to direct customers include installation and system revenue from such sales is recognized after the installation has been completed. We also utilize third-party distributors who are responsible for all marketing, sales, installation, training and warranty labor costs. Accordingly, revenue associated with sales to distributors is recognized when title and risk of loss has been transferred to the distributor in accordance with the terms of the related distribution agreement. We recognize revenues from the sale of disposables to all customers upon shipment as we have no continuing obligations or involvement subsequent to shipment.

We also offer extended warranty contracts, which are separately sold to non-distributor customers. Revenue is recorded on a straight-line basis over the period of the extended contracts, which is generally one year.

Some customers finance the purchase or rental of their equipment directly from us over periods ranging from one to four years. These financing agreements are classified as either rental or operating leases or sales type leases as prescribed by SFAS No. 13, *Accounting for Leases*. Under sales type leases, equipment revenues are recognized based on the net present value of the expected cash flow after installation. Under rental or operating lease arrangements, rental revenue is recognized over the term of the agreement.

We generally permit returns of eye care and cataract/implant products if an item is returned in a timely matter, in good condition, and through the normal channels of distribution. However, we do not accept returns of laser vision correction products and do not provide rights of return or exchange, price protection or stock rotation rights to any laser vision correction product distributor. Eye care and cataract/implant product return policies in certain international markets can be more stringent and are based on the terms of contractual agreements with the customers. Allowances for returns are provided for based upon an analysis of our historical patterns of returns. To date, historical product returns have been within our estimates.

When we recognize revenue from the sale of products, certain allowances known and estimable at time of sale are recorded as a reduction to sales. These items include cash discounts, allowances and rebates. These items are reflected as a reduction to accounts receivable to the extent the customer will or is expected to reduce its payment on the related invoice amounts. In addition, certain items such as rebates provided to customers that meet certain buying targets are paid to the customer subsequent to customer payment. In these cases, such amounts are recorded as accrued liabilities. These provisions are estimated based on historical payment experience, historical relationship to revenues and estimated customer inventory levels. To date, historical sales allowances have been within our estimates.

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The allowance for doubtful accounts is determined by analyzing specific customer accounts and assessing the risk of uncollectibility based on insolvency, disputes, current economic trends, changes in customer payment trends or other collection issues. Account balances are charged-off against the allowance when it is probable the receivable will not be recovered.

### *Goodwill and Long-Lived Assets*

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, goodwill is subject to a periodic impairment review. We perform this review during the second quarter of each fiscal year. In a business combination, goodwill is allocated to our various reporting units based on relative fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. We review the recoverability of goodwill by comparing each unit's fair value to the net book value of its assets. If the book value of the reporting unit's assets exceeds its fair value, the goodwill is written down to its implied fair value.

Additionally, we review the carrying amount of goodwill whenever events and circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of goodwill may not be recoverable. Impairment indicators include, among other conditions, cash flow deficits, historic or anticipated declines in revenue or operating profit and adverse legal or regulatory developments. If it is determined such indicators are present and the review indicates goodwill will not be fully recoverable, based upon discounted estimated cash flows, the carrying value is reduced to implied fair value.

Goodwill and acquired intangible assets are specifically identified to each reportable unit. Since each manufacturing plant is dedicated to a specific product category that corresponds to our reportable segments, assets and liabilities related to manufacturing operations are specifically identified to each reportable unit. Assets and liabilities of our commercial operations are not specifically identified since these amounts benefit multiple business units. Management uses revenue as a key measure in evaluating the performance of each business unit and the determination of resources to be dedicated to each business unit. Therefore, we believe that revenue generated by each reporting unit provides a reasonable measure to use as a basis to apply a consistent allocation methodology. Accordingly, assets and liabilities for our commercial operations have been assigned to the reporting units based on revenues generated by each reporting unit.

In the second quarters of 2007, 2006 and 2005, we performed the annual impairment tests of goodwill and non-amortizable intangible assets, and no impairment was indicated based on these tests. Effective January 1, 2006, our operating segments consist of three businesses: cataract/implant, LVC and eye care. Accordingly, the annual impairment review in the second quarter of 2007 and 2006 was based on reporting units that are aligned with the current operating segments.

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-lived Assets*, we assess potential impairment to our long-lived assets when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully recoverable. If required, an impairment loss is recognized as the difference between the carrying value and the fair value of the assets.

### *Income Taxes*

We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method, whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. We evaluate the need to establish a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets based upon the amount of existing temporary differences, the period in which they are expected to be recovered and expected levels of taxable income. A valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets is established when it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

Effective January 1, 2007, we adopted Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes* (An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48)), which requires income tax positions to meet a more-likely-than-not recognition threshold to be recognized in the financial statements. Under FIN 48, tax positions that previously failed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold should be recognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is met. Previously recognized tax positions that no longer meet the more-likely-than-not threshold should be derecognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is no longer met. As a multinational corporation, we are subject to taxation in many jurisdictions, our income tax returns in several locations are being examined

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by the local tax authorities and the calculation of our tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws and regulations in various tax jurisdictions. The application of tax laws and regulations is subject to legal and factual interpretation, judgment and uncertainty. Tax laws and regulations themselves are subject to change as a result of changes in fiscal policy, changes in legislation, evolution of regulations and court rulings. Therefore, the actual liability for U.S. or foreign taxes may be materially different from our estimates, which could result in the need to record additional tax liabilities or potentially to reverse previously recorded tax liabilities.

*Stock-Based Compensation*

Effective January 1, 2006, we began accounting for stock options and employee stock purchase plan (ESPP) shares under the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, Share-Based Payment (SFAS 123R). SFAS 123R requires entities to recognize the cost of employee services received in exchange for awards of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of those awards. The fair value of stock options and ESPP purchase rights are estimated using a Black-Scholes option valuation model. This model requires the input of subjective assumptions, including expected stock price volatility, estimated life and estimated forfeitures of each award. The fair value of equity-based awards is amortized over the vesting period of the award, and we have elected to use the straight-line method. We make quarterly assessments of the adequacy of the tax credit pool to determine if there are any deficiencies which require recognition in the consolidated statement of operations. Prior to the implementation of SFAS 123R, we accounted for stock options and ESPP shares under the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and made pro forma disclosures as required by SFAS No. 148, Accounting For Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure, which amended SFAS No. 123, Accounting For Stock-Based Compensation. Pro forma net loss and pro forma net loss per share disclosed in the footnotes to the consolidated financial statements were estimated using a Black-Scholes option valuation model. The fair value of restricted stock and restricted stock units was calculated based upon the fair market value of our common stock at the date of grant.

We also have an annual performance stock incentive program which provides the opportunity for certain executives to earn long-term incentive compensation awards based upon specified market performance measures. Awards are to be settled in a number of restricted stock shares or units equal to the value of the award amount divided by the fair market value of our common stock on the date the performance criteria is deemed to have been met. The fair value of the awards on the grant date is estimated using a lattice-based valuation model. The associated expense, if any, is recognized on a straight-line basis over the period which starts from the date the annual program is approved by the Board of Directors through the end of the expected vesting period of the restricted stock awards.

*Acquired In-Process Research and Development*

Costs to acquire in-process research and development (IPR&D) projects and technologies which have no alternative future use and which have not reached technological feasibility at the date of acquisition are expensed as incurred. The fair value of IPR&D projects and technologies is estimated based upon management's assumptions such as projected regulatory approval dates, estimated future revenues and cost of goods sold of the products under development and expected sales and marketing costs. The major risks and uncertainties associated with the timely and successful completion of these projects consist of the ability to confirm the safety and efficacy of the technology based on the data from clinical trials and obtaining necessary regulatory approvals. In addition, no assurance can be given that the underlying assumptions used to forecast the cash flows or the timely and successful completion of such projects will materialize, as estimated. For these reasons, among others, actual results may vary from the estimated results.

**Comparing Fiscal Years Ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**

The following table presents net sales and operating income by operating segment for 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively:

(In thousands)	Net Sales			Operating Income (Loss)		
	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005
Cataract/Implant	\$ 552,027	\$ 519,016	\$ 497,191	\$ 302,841	\$ 255,427	\$ 212,879
Laser Vision Correction	367,777	216,885	122,615	211,666	144,342	66,375
Eye Care	171,042	261,595	300,867	(399)	103,073	106,023
Total operating segments	\$ 1,090,846	\$ 997,496	\$ 920,673	\$ 514,108	\$ 502,842	\$ 385,277



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Net sales for 2007 increased by \$93.4 million, or 9.4%, to \$1,090.8 million in 2007 from \$997.5 million in 2006. The increase in 2007 was primarily the result of the IntraLase and WaveFront Sciences acquisitions and organic growth in cataract/implant and laser vision corrections sales, which were partially offset by the negative impact of the eye care recalls. Net sales also included an estimated favorable foreign currency impact of 2.9% in 2007. Our sales and earnings in future periods may be impacted during times of a strengthening or weakening U.S. dollar.

Net sales from our cataract/implant segment increased by 6.4% in 2007 compared with 2006. This increase was driven largely by sales of intraocular lenses (IOLs) and phacoemulsification systems. Total IOL sales increased by 8.8% to \$317.2 million compared with last year, driven by our proprietary *Tecnis* aspheric monofocal IOL and our refractive implant portfolio. Monofocal IOL sales increased 8.5% to \$262.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2007, compared with 2006, reflecting continued strong growth of the *Tecnis* IOL franchise, partially offset by sales declines in older technology products. Our refractive IOL sales increased 10.5% to \$54.4 million compared to a year ago, reflecting demand for our *ReZoom* and *Tecnis* Multifocal IOLs. Net sales from phacoemulsification systems were up 3.7% to \$90.7 million due to surgical pack sales and system sales driven by strong growth in our established phacoemulsification franchise and the mid-2007 launch of our *WhiteStar Signature* system. Sales of viscoelastic products in 2007 were slightly above 2006.

Cataract/implant sales growth in 2007 in the U.S. and Other Americas was 6.2% and was driven by strong demand for our *Tecnis* IOL products, partially offset by decreases in sales of older-technology intraocular lenses and viscoelastics. Sales in Europe/Africa/Middle East increased by 11.6% and in Asia Pacific by 2.4% in 2007, primarily due to continued strong IOL sales driven by our proprietary *Tecnis* aspheric monofocal IOL and our refractive implant portfolio. Sales in Japan declined by 4.2% in 2007, reflecting competitive pricing for acrylic intraocular lenses and decreases in sales of phacoemulsification systems and older-technology intraocular lenses. Net sales in our cataract/implant business reflect an estimated favorable foreign currency impact of 4.0% in 2007, largely from fluctuations of the euro and Japanese yen versus the U.S. dollar.

Net sales from our LVC segment increased 69.6% in 2007 compared with 2006. The increase is primarily due to the IntraLase acquisition. Sales of acquired IntraLase products were \$137.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2007. The increase also reflects higher demand for our *CustomVue* procedures and strong international system sales. While we believe the global sales of LVC products will continue to grow due to international expansion and market penetration of acquired IntraLase products, we have also seen a softening of demand in the U.S. in early 2008 which we expect to have a negative impact.

LVC net sales increased 44.9% in the U.S. and Other Americas in 2007, compared with 2006, due to the IntraLase acquisition, higher excimer laser procedural volume and a favorable shift toward *CustomVue* procedures. Net sales increased 230.9%, 460.5% and 56.7% in Europe/Africa/Middle East, Japan and Asia Pacific, due to the IntraLase acquisition and as a result of our international expansion strategy for the LVC business. The foreign currency impact on LVC sales in 2007 was not material.

Net sales from our eye care segment decreased by 34.6% in 2007 compared with 2006. The sales decreases of \$90.6 million in the year ended December 31, 2007 primarily reflect the impact of the 2007 Recall, which includes returns of \$41.5 million year to date. We also saw decreased sales of hydrogen peroxide-based products, principally in Europe and Japan, where the migration to single-bottle cleaning regimens continues.

Eye care net sales decreased significantly in every region in 2007, compared with 2006, primarily as a result of the 2007 Recall. The foreign currency impact on eye care sales in 2007 was not material.

Net sales in the U.S. represented 42.1%, 41.7%, and 32.9% of total net sales in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Additionally, sales in Japan represented 13.3%, 13.9%, and 18.9% of total net sales in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. No other country, or any single customer, generated over 10% of total net sales in any of these years.

Net sales for 2006 increased by \$76.8 million, or 8.3%, to \$997.5 million in 2006 from \$920.7 million in 2005. The increase in 2006 was primarily the result of full year sales of products acquired in the VISX acquisition in May 2005, subsequent international expansion of our LVC business, as well as increased sales of technologically advanced products due to continued market acceptance of the products offset by the negative impact of the 2006 Recall and our business rationalization efforts. The unfavorable impact from foreign currency fluctuations on net sales was \$2.2 million in 2006. Our net sales and earnings in future periods may be negatively impacted during times of a strengthening U.S. dollar.

Net sales from our cataract/implant segment increased by 4.4% in 2006 compared with 2005. This increase was driven largely by increased sales of our branded promoted products, including the *Tecnis* and *ReZoom* intraocular lenses and increased sales of phacoemulsification products. Net sales were negatively impacted by decreased sales of non-promoted older-technology intraocular lenses and non-promoted viscoelastics.



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Net sales from our LVC segment increased 76.9% in 2006 compared with 2005, reflecting the full year benefit of the May 2005 VISX acquisition, growth in *CustomVue* procedures and strong international system sales. Net sales of acquired VISX products approximated \$206.2 million in 2006 compared with approximately \$111.1 million in 2005.

Net sales from our eye care segment decreased by 13.1% in 2006 compared with 2005 primarily due to the impact of the 2006 Recall, decreased sales of hydrogen peroxide-based products, principally in Europe and Japan, where the migration to single-bottle cleaning regimens continued, and decreased sales of multipurpose solutions in Japan due to an increase in the market for daily disposable lenses.

*Income and expenses.* The following table sets forth certain statement of operations items as a percentage of net sales:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	43.5	38.0	38.4
Gross margin	56.5	62.0	61.6
Other operating costs and expenses:			
Selling, general and administrative	50.2	40.6	43.1
Research and development	7.5	6.6	6.7
In-process research and development	8.0		53.3
Business repositioning		4.7	3.2
Net gain on legal contingencies		(9.7)	
Operating (loss) income	(9.2)	19.8	(44.7)
Interest expense	6.5	3.0	3.2
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments	0.6	0.1	(0.3)
Loss due to early retirement of convertible senior subordinated notes		1.9	0.2
Other non-operating expense, net	0.3	0.3	
(Loss) earnings before income taxes	(16.5)%	14.5%	(47.8)%
Net (loss) earnings	(17.7)%	8.0%	(49.2)%

*Gross margin and gross profit.* Our gross margin percentage decreased as a percentage of net sales by 5.5 percentage points to 56.5% in 2007 from 62.0% in 2006. The decrease in gross margin was largely driven by the negative impact of the 2007 Recall, partially offset by the favorable impact of the IntraLase acquisition. Gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2007 included a \$78.0 million negative impact from the 2007 Recall and a \$2.3 million negative impact from the 2006 Recall associated with sales returns and product-related costs, which had a combined 7.3 percentage point impact on gross margin. Gross profit for 2007 also included approximately \$8.6 million in acquisition and integration charges, which included a \$7.7 million non-cash charge for the step-up of inventory to fair value in connection with the IntraLase acquisition and a \$4.7 million charge to discontinue the Amadeus microkeratome distributor agreement in the first quarter of 2007, which had a combined 1.2 percentage point impact on gross margin. Our gross margin percentage increased as a percentage of net sales by 0.4 percentage points to 62.0% in 2006 from 61.6% in 2005. The increase in gross margin was largely driven by sales growth in the higher margin *Healon* family of viscoelastics and sales of acquired VISX products. Gross profit for 2006 included a charge of \$16.3 million, or a 1.6 percentage point impact on gross margin, for inventory provisions associated with our product rationalization and business repositioning plan. The 2006 Recall also had a negative impact of \$19.0 million from sales returns, inventory provisions and other charges, or a 1.9 percentage point impact on gross margin. Gross profit for 2005 included a charge of \$12.6 million, or a 1.4 percentage point impact on gross margin, for inventory provisions associated with our product rationalization and business repositioning plan.

*Selling, general and administrative.* Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales was 50.2% in 2007, compared to 40.6% in 2006. Selling, general and administrative expenses in 2007 include approximately \$29.6 million in acquisition and integration-related charges, amortization expense of \$60.6 million related to acquired intangible assets and \$17.4 million related to the 2007 Recall. Stock-based compensation expense under SFAS 123R included in selling, general and administrative expenses was \$16.1 million in 2007. Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased as a percent of net sales by 2.5 percentage points to 40.6% in 2006 from 43.1% in 2005. Selling, general and administrative expenses in 2006 include approximately \$1.8 million in acquisition and integration-related charges, amortization expense of



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\$40.0 million related to acquired intangible assets and \$5.9 million related to the 2006 Recall. Selling, general and administrative expenses in 2006 also include a \$1.5 million charge associated with the termination of a

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distributor agreement in India that we had with our former parent, Allergan. Stock-based compensation expense under SFAS 123R included in selling, general and administrative expenses was \$14.8 million in 2006. Selling, general and administrative expenses in 2005 include approximately \$14.6 million in acquisition and integration-related charges and amortization expense of \$26.7 million related to acquired intangible assets. Selling, general and administrative expenses in 2005 also include an \$8.6 million charge associated with the termination of a distributor agreement in India that we had with our former parent, Allergan. In addition, selling, general and administrative expenses in 2005 were impacted by selling costs associated with acquired *VISX* products of \$16.2 million.

*Research and development.* Research and development expenditures as a percentage of net sales in 2007 increased by 0.9 percentage points as compared to 2006. The increase primarily reflects incremental operating expenses from the IntraLase acquisition. We recognized an impairment charge of \$1.0 million in the first quarter of 2007 in connection with a research and development licensing arrangement. Research and development expenditures as a percentage of net sales remained relatively constant in 2006 as compared to 2005. Our research and development strategy is to develop proprietary products for vision correction that are safe and effective and address unmet needs. We are currently focusing on new advancements that build on our *Tecnis*, *Healon* and phacoemulsification technologies, corneal and lens-based solutions to presbyopia, projects from the acquisitions of WaveFront Sciences, Inc. (WFSI) and IntraLase, and dry eye products.

*In-process research and development.* In the second quarter of 2007, we recorded \$1.6 million and \$85.4 million in-process research and development (IPR&D) charges related to the WFSI acquisition and IntraLase acquisition, respectively.

IntraLase had two development projects in-process as of the acquisition date. The first project involves technology advancements to reduce the pulse energy and provide smoother, more precise dissections, and enables thinner flaps with the femtosecond laser. The fair value assigned to this project was \$81.3 million. The second project involved the development of technologies to allow for ease of transport of femtosecond lasers from one location to another. The fair value assigned to this project was \$4.1 million. Subsequent to the acquisition date, management of AMO decided to cancel the second project.

The allocation of the purchase price assigned to IPR&D represented the estimated fair value of projects that, as of the acquisition date, had not reached technological feasibility and had no alternative future use. The fair value of these IPR&D projects was estimated by performing a discounted cash flow analysis using the income approach. Net cash flows attributable to the projects were discounted to their present values at a rate commensurate with the perceived risk, which for these projects was estimated between 14-16%. The following assumptions underlie the projected cash flows.

An enhanced procedure to cut corneal flaps with the femtosecond laser was forecast to be approved for sale in the U.S. in 2011.

Further development of therapeutic applications in the IntraLase Enabled Keratoplasty (IEK) was forecast to be approved for sale in the U.S. in 2007. This procedure uses the IntraLase laser for corneal transplant surgery, which involves replacing a diseased or scarred cornea with a donor cornea.

Other ancillary femtosecond laser technologies were forecast to be approved for sale in the U.S. in 2008.

In addition, solely for the purposes of estimating the fair value of the IPR&D projects, the following assumptions were estimated:

Revenue that is reasonably likely to result from the approved and unapproved potential uses of identifiable intangible assets that includes the estimated number of units to be sold, estimated selling prices, estimated market penetration and estimated market share and year-over-year growth rates over the product cycles;

Remaining development and sustaining engineering expenses once commercialized were also estimated by management according to internal planning estimates; and

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The cost structure was assumed to be similar to that for existing products within IntraLase as well as similar assets previously acquired and those observed in the market.

The major risks and uncertainties associated with the timely and successful completion of the first project consist of the ability to confirm the safety and efficacy of the technology based on the data from clinical trials and obtaining necessary regulatory approvals. In addition, no assurance can be given that the underlying assumptions used to forecast the cash flows or the timely and successful completion of this project will materialize, as estimated. For these reasons, among others, actual results may vary significantly from the estimated results.

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As of December 31, 2007, the first project was still in process. Activities completed to date include refinement of prototypes, ongoing clinical evaluation and 510k submission to the FDA. The project is currently on track and to date, and except for ongoing costs to develop the project has not impacted our expected investment return, results of operations and financial condition. Additional research and development expenses for this project are expected to range from \$28 million to \$30 million. This range represented management's best estimate as to the additional research and development expenses required to bring the technology to market in the U.S. beginning in 2008.

In 2005, we incurred an IPR&D charge of \$488.5 million related to the VISX acquisition. This charge represented the estimated fair value of projects that, as of the acquisition date, had not reached technological feasibility and had no alternative future use. The fair value assigned to IPR&D comprised the following projects: High Myopia for *CustomVue* \$14.7 million, Excimer Laser Improvements \$56.2 million and Presbyopia \$417.6 million. The fair value of these projects was determined by performing a discounted cash flow analysis using the income approach. Net cash flows attributable to these projects were discounted to their present values at a rate commensurate with the perceived risk, which for these projects ranged from 19.0 to 21.0 percent. High myopia for *CustomVue* was forecasted to be approved for sale in the U.S. in late 2005. A procedure to treat presbyopia was forecasted to be approved for sale in the U.S. in mid-2007. This procedure, *CustomVue* Monovision, is expected to be commercially available in 2008. Additional research and development expenses in the range of \$25 million to \$30 million represent management's best estimate as to the additional research and development expenses to bring excimer laser system improvements and presbyopia procedures to market. Forecasted discounted cash flows for each product once launched include estimates for normal sustaining engineering and maintenance R&D. These projects are currently on track for the expected availability dates. However, the major risks and uncertainties associated with the timely and successful completion of these projects consist of the ability to confirm the safety and efficacy of the technology based on the data from clinical trials and obtaining the necessary approvals. We can provide no assurance that the approvals will be received on this schedule or at all.

*Net gain on legal contingencies.* We recognized a net gain on legal contingencies of \$96.9 million in 2006, primarily from settlement of pending patent litigation, net of costs incurred. On July 7, 2006, we entered into a settlement agreement with Alcon, Inc., Alcon Laboratories, Inc., and Alcon Manufacturing Ltd. (collectively, Alcon) regarding all pending patent litigation between us and Alcon. The settlement required Alcon to pay us a lump-sum payment of \$121 million which was received in July 2006 and was accounted for in the third quarter of 2006. The parties agreed to dismiss all pending patent litigation in Delaware and Texas, agreed not to sue each other regarding the patents at issue in those cases, and cross-licensed patents covering existing features of commercially available phacoemulsification products.

*Operating (loss) income.* Operating (loss) income was \$(100.1) million, \$197.7 million and \$(411.3) million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Operating loss as a percentage of net sales, or operating margin, was 9.2% in the year ended December 31, 2007. Our 2007 operating loss reflects a \$20.4 million charge for stock-based compensation expense under SFAS 123R and amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets of \$60.6 million. Operating loss in 2007 was negatively impacted by \$107.8 million related to the 2007 Recall and \$125.2 million in charges associated with acquisition and integration activities. Operating income as a percentage of net sales, or operating margin, was 19.8% in the year ended December 31, 2006. Operating income in 2006 reflects a \$19.2 million charge for stock-based compensation expense under SFAS 123R and \$24.9 million in charges related to the 2006 Recall. Our 2006 operating income was impacted by a \$96.9 million net gain related to the settlement of legal matters discussed above, \$19.0 million from the 2006 recall and an aggregate \$66.0 million in net charges associated with rationalization and repositioning initiatives, acquisitions, integrations, and termination of a distributor contract. The \$411.3 million operating loss in 2005 reflected the impact of \$536.9 million in charges related primarily to acquisitions, recapitalizations, and product rationalizations and repositioning actions.

Operating income from our cataract/implant business increased by \$47.4 million in the year ended December 31, 2007, due to the increase in net sales and favorable mix of higher margin products, partially offset by declines of older technology products. Operating income from our LVC business increased by \$67.3 million in the year ended December 31, 2007, primarily due to sales of products acquired from IntraLase in April 2007. Operating income from our eye care business decreased by \$103.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2007, primarily due to the recalls and ongoing declines in the market for hydrogen peroxide-based products.

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Operating income from our cataract/implant business increased by \$42.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2006, due to the increase in net sales and favorable mix of higher margin products, along with the favorable impact of cost containment measures taken in connection with our business repositioning plan. Operating income from our LVC business increased by \$78.0 million in the year ended December 31, 2006, due to sales of products acquired from VISX in May 2005. Operating income from our eye care business decreased by \$2.9 million in the year ended December 31, 2006, primarily due to the 2006 Recall and ongoing declines in the market for hydrogen peroxide-based products, partially offset by lower selling and promotional costs attributable to discontinued products and cost savings from business repositioning actions.

*Non-operating expense.* Interest expense was \$70.5 million, \$30.3 million and \$29.3 million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The increase was due to the issuance of \$700 million in debt in April 2007 in connection with the acquisition of IntraLase. Interest expense in 2007 also includes a \$1.3 million deferred financing cost write-off associated with the IntraLase acquisition. Interest expense in 2006 includes a pro-rata write-off of debt issuance costs of \$3.3 million primarily associated with the termination of a term loan. Interest expense in 2005 includes a pro-rata write-off of debt issuance costs of \$5.8 million primarily associated with the termination of a term loan, partially offset by the recognition of a realized gain on interest rate swaps of \$0.8 million.

We recorded an unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments of \$6.1 million, \$1.3 million and \$(2.6) million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. We record as unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments the mark-to-market adjustments on the outstanding foreign currency options and forward contracts into which we entered in order to reduce the volatility of expected earnings in currencies other than the U.S. dollar.

During the year ended December 31, 2006, we entered into an accelerated share repurchase arrangement with a third party to use the proceeds from the issuance of the 3.25% notes to purchase \$500.0 million of AMO common stock at a volume weighted price per share over the term of the agreement. During 2006, the third-party had delivered to us in the aggregate 10.5 million shares of AMO common stock. The impact of the shares repurchased under this arrangement in 2006 reduced stockholders' equity by \$500.0 million, which included \$0.1 million for the par value of common stock, additional paid-in capital of \$247.2 million and accumulated deficit of \$252.7 million. Repurchased shares were retired upon delivery to us. In addition, during 2006, we repurchased \$148.9 million of aggregate principal amount of convertible senior subordinated notes (\$103.9 million of the principal amount of the 2 1/2% notes and \$45.0 million of the principal amount of the 1.375% notes) utilizing borrowings under our senior credit facility. We incurred a loss on debt extinguishment of \$18.8 million, and wrote off debt issuance costs of \$3.3 million in 2006 in conjunction with the note repurchases.

Other net non-operating expense was \$3.2 million, \$2.6 million and \$0.3 million for 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

*Income taxes.* In 2007, we recorded a provision for income taxes of \$13.0 million on a pre-tax loss of \$179.9 million. The 2007 Recall continued to impact lower-tax foreign jurisdictions and resulted in a reduced tax benefit for the year. The tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2007 was negatively impacted by the 2007 Recall, including the related impact on utilization of foreign tax credits as described below. The results for the year ended December 31, 2007 included \$87.0 million of IPR&D charges related to the purchase of IntraLase and WFSI for which no tax benefits were recorded and a \$31.3 million deferred tax expense associated with the integration of IntraLase.

The 2007 Recall is expected to impact our ability to utilize existing and expected deferred tax assets related to foreign tax credits and benefits that result from our repatriation policy. As such, management determined that it is no longer more likely than not that \$9.5 million of existing foreign tax benefits and \$17.5 million of foreign tax benefits previously expected to be generated are realizable. Accordingly, during the year ended December 31, 2007, management established a valuation allowance for these items. In addition, \$9.3 million of previously expected deferred tax liabilities associated with future utilization of foreign tax credits and benefits were reversed during the year as a result of the impact of the 2007 Recall. The total amount of valuation allowance increased for the year by \$33.5 million to \$42.1 million, primarily related to the valuation allowance of foreign tax benefit items described above. Additionally, we recorded a deferred tax benefit of \$5.9 million from stock-based compensation of \$20.4 million under SFAS 123R.

Income taxes are provided on taxable income at the statutory rates applicable to such income and we have provided for U.S. federal income taxes and anticipated foreign withholding taxes on the undistributed earnings of non-U.S. subsidiaries.

In 2006, we recorded a provision for income taxes of \$65.3 million on pre-tax income of \$144.8 million. The pre-tax income in 2006 included a net gain on legal contingencies of \$96.9 million, for which we recorded income tax expense of \$39.9 million, and charges of \$18.8 million associated with the repurchase of convertible notes, which resulted in the recognition of partial deferred tax benefit of \$3.9 million. Additionally, we recorded a deferred tax benefit of \$6.3 million from stock-based compensation of \$19.2 million under SFAS 123R. We provided a tax provision at 41.5% on the remaining pre-tax income. The increase in the tax rate on remaining pre-tax income was due to the impact of the recall, repositioning



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and the related impact on realization of foreign tax credits. Income taxes are provided on taxable income at the statutory rates applicable to such income and we have provided for U.S. federal income taxes and anticipated foreign withholding taxes on the undistributed earnings of non-U.S. subsidiaries.

In 2005, we recorded a provision for income taxes of \$12.9 million on a pre-tax loss of \$440.3 million. The pre-tax loss in 2005 included an IPR&D charge of \$490.8 million and a charge of \$8.6 million associated with the termination of a distribution agreement in India with Allergan, for which no tax benefit was provided. We provided a tax provision at 33% on the remaining income, which was partially offset by tax benefits from the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 and final adjustments with Allergan.

We believe our future effective income tax rate may vary depending on our mix of domestic and international taxable income or loss and the various tax and treasury methodologies we implement, including our policy regarding repatriation of future accumulated foreign earnings.

*Net (loss) earnings.* Net (loss) earnings was \$(192.9) million, \$79.5 million and \$(453.2) million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Net loss in 2007 was primarily due to acquisition and integration related charges, including IPR&D, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets and the negative impact of the recalls, partially offset by sales of acquired products from the IntraLase acquisition. Net earnings in 2006 was primarily due to the full year of operating results attributable to the VISX acquisition, the net gain on legal contingencies, partially offset by business repositioning costs, stock-based compensation expense under SFAS 123R and net charges incurred for the early retirement of convertible senior subordinated debt. The net loss in 2005 included an aggregate after-tax charge of \$536.9 million, primarily due to IPR&D for the VISX acquisition, business repositioning costs, integration related costs, termination of a distributor agreement in India, write-off of debt issuance costs and exchange of the 3 1/2% convertible senior subordinated notes, partially offset by tax benefits from the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 and final adjustments with Allergan.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We assess our liquidity by our ability to generate cash to fund operations. Significant factors in the management of liquidity are: funds generated by operations; levels and changes in accounts receivable, inventories, accounts payable and capital expenditures; adequate lines of credit; and financial flexibility to attract long-term capital on satisfactory terms. As of December 31, 2007, we had cash and equivalents of \$34.5 million.

Historically, we have generated cash from operations in excess of working capital requirements, and we expect to do so in the future. Net cash provided by operating activities in 2007 was \$52.2 million compared to \$224.8 million in 2006 and \$20.8 million in 2005. Operating cash flow declined in 2007 compared to 2006 largely from the negative impact of the eye care recalls and interest payments on long-term debt associated with the acquisition of IntraLase, partially offset by favorable timing of changes in accounts receivable, other current assets, accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities, and income taxes. Operating cash flow improved in 2006 compared to 2005 largely as a result of settlement of legal contingencies, the non-cash impact of stock-based compensation, depreciation and amortization and loss on exchange of convertible notes. Other improvements included timing of collections on trade receivables and payments for interest on outstanding debt and income taxes, as well as the favorable impact of the VISX acquisition. These improvements were partially offset by an increase in cash payments to finalize business repositioning actions in 2006 and recall costs.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$801.0 million, \$40.4 million, and \$79.9 million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The 2007 cash expenditures include \$738.5 million net cash paid primarily for the acquisitions of IntraLase and WaveFront Sciences. The 2007 capital expenditures were largely for manufacturing upgrades at our eye care facilities in Hangzhou, China, and Alcobendas, Spain, upgrades at our cataract/implant facilities in Uppsala, Sweden and Añasco, Puerto Rico, and costs associated with our new facility in Milpitas, California. The majority of 2006 capital expenditures were for the Uppsala, Sweden manufacturing facility to separate the facility from existing Pfizer operations and related upgrades, and for upgrades to our eye care product manufacturing facility in Alcobendas, Spain. The 2005 capital expenditures were primarily comprised of expenditures to upgrade our viscoelastics manufacturing facility in Uppsala, Sweden. The 2005 net cash used in investing activities amount includes \$36.9 million net cash paid primarily for the acquisition of VISX. Expenditures for property, plant and equipment totaled \$45.8 million, \$29.0 million, and \$23.1 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. Expenditures for demonstration (demo) and bundled equipment, primarily phacoemulsification and microkeratome surgical equipment, were \$9.5 million, \$10.8 million, and \$11.1 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. We maintain demo and bundled equipment to facilitate future sales of similar equipment and related products to our customers. Expenditures for capitalized internal-use software were \$8.3 million, \$3.2 million, and \$8.8 million in 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. We capitalize internal-use software costs after technical feasibility has been established.

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In 2008, we expect to invest approximately \$45.0 million to \$55.0 million in property, plant and equipment, demo and bundled equipment, and capitalized software as part of the overall expansion of our business.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$762.1 million in 2007, which primarily comprised \$22.1 million from the sale of stock to employees, proceeds of \$700.0 million from the issuance of the 7 1/2% senior subordinated notes and term loan and \$60.0 million of borrowings under the senior revolving credit facility, offset by \$3.4 million of debt repayments and financing related costs of \$16.5 million.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$189.8 million in 2006, which primarily comprised \$227.7 million of debt repayments and financing related costs of \$11.1 million, offset by \$42.2 million from the sale of stock to employees and \$6.7 million of excess tax benefits. Proceeds of \$500.0 million from the issuance of the 3.25% convertible senior subordinated notes were used to repurchase 10.5 million shares of AMO common stock.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$54.0 million in 2005, which comprised \$150.0 million of proceeds from the issuance of the 1.375% convertible senior subordinated notes, \$60.0 million of borrowings primarily under the senior revolving credit facility, \$45.8 million of proceeds from the sale of stock to employees and \$0.8 million proceeds received after settling an interest rate swap agreement, reduced by \$194.2 million of debt repayments and \$8.4 million of financing-related costs.

Concurrent with the IntraLase acquisition in April 2007, we issued \$250 million of 7 1/2% Senior Subordinated Notes due May 1, 2017 (7 1/2% Notes). Interest on the 7 1/2% Notes is payable on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing on November 1, 2007. The 7 1/2% Notes are redeemable at our option, in whole or in part, at any time on or after May 1, 2012 at various redemption prices, together with accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, to the redemption date. In addition, at any time on or before May 1, 2010, we may, at our option and subject to certain requirements, use the cash proceeds from one or more qualified equity offerings by us to redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 7 1/2% Notes issued under the Indenture at a redemption price equal to 107.5% of the principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to the redemption date.

On April 2, 2007, we replaced our existing \$300 million senior revolving credit facility with a new senior credit facility. This new senior credit facility consists of a \$300 million revolving line of credit maturing April 2, 2013 and a \$450 million term loan maturing on April 2, 2014 (collectively the Credit Facility). As of December 31, 2007, the revolving line of credit included outstanding cash borrowings of approximately \$60.0 million and commitments to support letters of credit totaling \$8.6 million issued on our behalf for normal operating purposes which resulted in an available balance of \$231.4 million.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility, if any, bear interest at current market rates plus a margin based upon our ratio of debt to EBITDA, as defined. The incremental interest margin on borrowings under the Credit Facility decreases as our ratio of debt to EBITDA decreases to specified levels. During 2007, this interest margin was 1.75% over the applicable LIBOR rate. Additionally, we can borrow on the prevailing prime rate of interest plus an interest margin of 0.50%. The average rate of interest during 2007, inclusive of incremental margin, was 7.40% and 7.08% for the revolving credit facility and term loan, respectively. Under the Credit Facility, certain transactions may trigger mandatory prepayment of borrowings, if any. Such transactions may include equity or debt offerings, certain asset sales and extraordinary receipts. We pay a quarterly fee (1.95% per annum at December 31, 2007) on the average balance of outstanding letters of credit and a quarterly commitment fee (0.50% per annum at December 31, 2007) on the average unused portion of the revolving credit facility. In addition, we make mandatory quarterly amortization payments (1.0% per annum at December 31, 2007) on the outstanding balance of the term loan. The revolver component of the Credit Facility provides that we maintain certain financial and operating covenants which include, among other provisions, maintaining specific leverage and coverage ratios. Certain covenants under the revolving credit facility may limit the incurrence of additional indebtedness. Our revolving credit facility prohibits dividend payments by us. On October 5, 2007, as a result of the 2007 Recall, we amended the Credit Facility. The amendment changed the Maximum Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio for certain quarterly periods. Additionally, for purposes of calculating this ratio as well as the Minimum Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio, we were permitted to exclude certain recall-related costs. We were in compliance with these covenants at December 31, 2007. The Credit Facility is collateralized by a first priority perfected lien on, and pledge of, all of our combined present and future property and assets (subject to certain exclusions), 100% of the stock of the domestic subsidiaries, 66% of the stock of foreign subsidiaries and all present and future intercompany debts.

Our cash position includes amounts denominated in foreign currencies, and the repatriation of those cash balances from some of our non-U.S. subsidiaries may result in additional tax costs. However, these cash balances are generally available without legal restriction to fund ordinary business operations.

We believe that the net cash provided by our operating activities, supplemented as necessary with borrowings available under our revolving credit facility and existing cash and equivalents, will provide sufficient resources to fund the expected 2008 capital expenditures, and meet our working capital requirements, debt service and other cash needs over the next year. This belief assumes continued recovery of our eye care operations from the 2007 Recall as 2008 progresses and also assumes that our laser vision correction business is not significantly affected by



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economic weakness beyond our current expectations. Should one or both of these assumptions differ materially from our expectation, our operating results, financial condition and liquidity could be materially adversely affected.

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We are partially dependent upon the reimbursement policies of government and private health insurance companies. Government and private sector initiatives to limit the growth of health care costs, including price regulation and competitive pricing, are continuing in many countries where we do business. As a result of these changes, the marketplace has placed increased emphasis on the delivery of more cost-effective medical therapies. While we have been unaware of significant price resistance resulting from the trend toward cost containment, changes in reimbursement policies and other reimbursement methodologies and payment levels could have an adverse effect on our pricing flexibility.

Additionally, the current trend among U.S. hospitals and other customers of medical device manufacturers is to consolidate into larger purchasing groups to enhance purchasing power. The enhanced purchasing power of these larger customers may also increase the pressure on product pricing, although we are unable to estimate the potential impact at this time.

*Inflation.* Although at reduced levels in recent years, inflation may cause upward pressure on the cost of goods and services used by us. The competitive and regulatory environments in many markets substantially limit our ability to fully recover these higher costs through increased selling prices. We continually seek to mitigate the adverse effects of inflation through cost containment and improved productivity and manufacturing processes.

*Foreign currency fluctuations.* Approximately 58% of our revenues in the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and approximately 67% of our revenues in the year ended December 31, 2005, were derived from operations outside the United States, and a significant portion of our cost structure is denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, primarily the Japanese yen and the euro. Therefore, we are subject to fluctuations in sales and earnings reported in U.S. dollars as a result of changing currency exchange rates.

*Contractual obligations.* The following represents a list of our material contractual obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2007:

	Payments Due by Period				Total
	2008	2009-2010	2011-2012	Thereafter	
	(in millions)				
Long-term debt, principal amount	\$ 64.5	\$ 9.0	\$ 9.0	\$ 1,525.2	\$ 1,607.7
Cash commitments for interest payments	67.8	132.3	133.4	421.3	754.8
Operating lease obligations	18.3	25.2	17.8	39.3	100.6
IT services	5.0	9.4	8.1		22.5
Other purchase obligations, primarily purchases of inventory and capital equipment	126.0	44.1			170.1

As of December 31, 2007, we had a liability for unrecognized tax benefits, including interest and penalties of \$37.5 million. We are unable to determine when cash settlement with tax authorities may occur.

*Off-balance sheet arrangements.* We had no off-balance sheet arrangements at December 31, 2007.

**New Accounting Standards**

We adopted the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48), on January 1, 2007 and recorded an increase in accumulated deficit of \$0.3 million related to the cumulative effect of adoption. The components of the cumulative effect of adoption included an increase of \$1.8 million in the gross liability for unrecognized tax benefits, an increase in gross deferred tax assets of \$3.5 million and a decrease in goodwill of \$1.4 million.

As of the adoption date, we had unrecognized tax benefits of \$30.1 million of which \$20.2 million, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate. As of December 31, 2007, we had unrecognized tax benefits of \$46.4 million of which \$29.4 million, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate. The difference primarily relates to timing differences and amounts arising from business combinations which, if recognized, would be recorded to goodwill.

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We conduct business globally and, as a result, we or one or more of our subsidiaries files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state and foreign jurisdictions. In the normal course of business we are subject to examination by taxing authorities throughout the world, including such major jurisdictions as the United States, Ireland, Japan, Germany, China, and Netherlands. With few exceptions, we are no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations for years before 1999.

We anticipate that the total amount of liability for unrecognized tax benefits may change due to the settlement of audits and the expiration of statute of limitations in the next 12 months. Quantification of such change cannot be estimated at this time.

We recognize potential accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. As of the date of adoption, we had a liability for interest and penalties of \$1.4 million (net of tax benefit of \$0.8 million). As of December 31, 2007, we had a liability for interest and penalties of \$2.4 million (net of tax benefit of \$1.3 million).

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurement. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement does not require any new fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. During 2007, the FASB became aware of numerous implementation issues as companies worked to prepare to adopt FAS 157. Accordingly, the FASB agreed in February 2008 to a one-year deferral of the effective date for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, e.g., those measured at fair value in a business combination. We are currently assessing the impact of SFAS No. 157 on our financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 (SFAS No. 159). SFAS No. 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. This Statement is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. We are currently assessing the impact (if any) of SFAS No. 159 on our financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), Business Combinations, and SFAS No. 160, Accounting and Reporting of Noncontrolling interest in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51 (SFAS No. 160). These new standards will significantly change the financial accounting and reporting of business combination transactions and noncontrolling (or minority) interests in consolidated financial statements. We will be required to adopt SFAS No. 141(R) and SFAS No. 160 on or after December 15, 2008. We have not yet determined the effect, if any, that the adoption of SFAS No. 141(R) and SFAS No. 160 will have on our consolidated financial statements.

### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We routinely monitor the risks associated with fluctuations in currency exchange rates and interest rates. We address these risks through controlled risk management that may include the use of derivative financial instruments to economically hedge or reduce these exposures. We do not expect to enter into financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

Given the inherent limitations of forecasting and the anticipatory nature of the exposures intended to be hedged, there can be no assurance that such programs will offset more than a portion of the adverse financial impact resulting from unfavorable movements in either interest or foreign exchange rates. In addition, the timing of the accounting for recognition of gains and losses related to mark-to-market instruments for any given period may not coincide with the timing of gains and losses related to the underlying economic exposures and, therefore, may adversely affect our operating results and financial position.

To ensure the adequacy and effectiveness of our interest rate and foreign exchange hedge positions, we continually monitor, from an accounting and economic perspective, our interest rate swap positions and foreign exchange forward and option positions, when applicable, both on a stand-alone basis and in conjunction with our underlying interest rate and foreign currency exposures.

*Interest rate risk.* At December 31, 2007, our debt comprises domestic borrowings of \$1,101.1 million of fixed rate debt and \$506.6 million of variable rate debt. If the interest rates on our variable rate debt were to increase or decrease by 1% for the year, annual interest expense would increase or decrease by approximately \$5.1 million based on the amount of outstanding variable rate debt at December 31, 2007.

In July 2004, we entered into an interest rate swap agreement, which effectively converted the interest rate on \$125.0 million of term loan borrowings from a floating rate to a fixed rate. This interest rate swap qualified as a cash flow hedge and would have matured in July 2006. In April 2005, we terminated the interest rate swap. Upon termination, we received approximately \$0.8 million and included the related gain of

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approximately \$0.5 million, which includes the accrued but unpaid net amount between us and the swap counterparty, as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income in the second quarter of 2005. As a result of the repayment of the term loan in July 2005, the gain on the interest rate swap of \$0.8 million was fully recognized as a reduction to the interest expense in the third quarter of 2005.

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The tables below present information about our debt obligations and interest rate derivatives for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006:

**December 31, 2007**

	2008	2009	Maturing in			Thereafter	Total	Fair Market Value
			2010	2011	2012			
	(in thousands, except interest rates)							
<b>LIABILITIES</b>								
<b>Debt Obligations:</b>								
Fixed Rate	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 246,105	\$ 246,105	\$ 226,038
Weighted Average Interest Rate						2.50%	2.50%	
Fixed Rate	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 92,400
Weighted Average Interest Rate						1.375%	1.375%	
Fixed Rate	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 400,425
Weighted Average Interest Rate						3.25%	3.25%	
Fixed Rate	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 230,000
Weighted Average Interest Rate						7.50%	7.50%	
Variable Rate	\$ 60,000	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Weighted Average Interest Rate	5.00%						5.00%	
Variable Rate	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 424,125	\$ 446,625	\$ 446,625
Weighted Average Interest Rate	5.00%	5.25%	5.50%	5.50%	5.75%	5.75%	5.50%	
Total Debt Obligations	\$ 64,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 1,525,230	\$ 1,607,730	\$ 1,455,488
Weighted Average Interest Rate	5.00%	5.25%	5.50%	5.50%	5.75%	4.39%	4.36%	

**December 31, 2006**

	2007	2008	Maturing in			Thereafter	Total	Fair Market Value
			2009	2010	2011			
	(in thousands, except interest rates)							
<b>LIABILITIES</b>								
<b>Debt Obligations:</b>								
Fixed Rate	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 246,105	\$ 246,105	\$ 238,722
Weighted Average Interest Rate						2.50%	2.50%	
Fixed Rate	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 99,554
Weighted Average Interest Rate						1.375%	1.375%	
Fixed Rate	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 455,950
Weighted Average Interest Rate						3.25%	3.25%	
Total Debt Obligations	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 851,105	\$ 851,105	\$ 794,226
Weighted Average Interest Rate						2.80%	2.80%	

*Foreign currency risk.* Overall, we are a net recipient of currencies other than the U.S. dollar and, as such, we benefit from a weaker dollar and are adversely affected by a stronger dollar relative to major currencies worldwide. Accordingly, changes in exchange rates, and in particular a strengthening of the U.S. dollar, may negatively affect our consolidated net sales and gross profit as expressed in U.S. dollars.

We may enter into foreign exchange option and forward contracts to reduce earnings and cash flow volatility associated with foreign exchange rate changes to allow management to focus its attention on its core business operations. Accordingly, we enter into contracts which change in value as foreign exchange rates change to economically offset the effect of changes in value of foreign currency assets and liabilities, commitments and anticipated foreign currency denominated sales and operating expenses. We enter into foreign exchange option and forward contracts in amounts between minimum and maximum anticipated foreign exchange exposures, generally for periods not to exceed one year. We do not enter into foreign exchange option and forward contracts for trading purpose.

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We use foreign currency option contracts, which provide for the sale of foreign currencies to offset foreign currency exposures expected to arise in the normal course of our business. While these instruments are subject to fluctuations in value, such fluctuations are anticipated to offset changes in the value of the underlying exposures. The principal currencies subject to this process are the Japanese yen and the euro. The foreign exchange forward contracts are entered into to protect the value of foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities and the changes in the fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts were economically designed to offset the changes in the revaluation of the foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities. These forward contracts are denominated in currencies which represent material exposures. The changes in the fair value of foreign currency option and forward contracts are recorded through earnings as Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments while any realized gains or losses on expired contracts are recorded through earnings as Other, net in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Any premium cost of purchased foreign exchange option contracts are recorded in Other current assets and amortized over the life of the options.

At December 31, 2007, there are no outstanding interest rate swaps.

The following tables provide information about our foreign currency derivative financial instruments outstanding as of December 31, 2007 and 2006. The information is provided in U.S. dollar amounts, as presented in our consolidated financial statements.

	December 31, 2007		December 31, 2006	
	Notional	Average	Notional	Average
	Amount	Contract	Amount	Contract
	(in \$ millions)	or Strike	(in \$ millions)	or Strike
		Rate		Rate
<b>Foreign currency forward contracts:</b>				
<b>Receive US\$/Pay Foreign Currency:</b>				
Swedish Krona	\$ 24.9	6.42	\$ 8.8	6.85
Canadian Dollar	9.1	0.99	9.5	1.16
Australia Dollar	3.5	1.14	7.1	1.27
Japanese Yen	16.8	112.90	7.1	118.80
<b>Pay US\$/Receive Foreign Currency:</b>				
U.K. Pound	17.9	0.50		
Danish Krone	1.4	5.11		
Swiss Franc	4.4	1.13	3.7	1.22
Norwegian Krone	0.8	5.44		
<b>Total Notional</b>	<b>\$ 78.8</b>		<b>\$ 36.2</b>	
<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>	<b>\$ (0.2)</b>		<b>\$</b>	
<b>Foreign currency purchased put options:</b>				
Japanese Yen	\$ 35.8	119.02	\$ 72.0	118.00
Euro	46.0	1.32	50.8	1.24
<b>Foreign currency sold call options:</b>				
Japanese Yen	29.3	114.97	81.3	104.50
Euro	46.0	1.32	53.1	1.29
<b>Total Notional</b>	<b>\$ 157.1</b>		<b>\$ 257.2</b>	
<b>Estimated Fair Value</b>	<b>\$ (6.1)</b>		<b>\$ (0.6)</b>	

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The notional principal amount provides one measure of the transaction volume outstanding as of the end of the period, and does not represent the amount of our exposure to market loss. The estimate of fair value is based on applicable and commonly used prevailing financial market information as of December 31, 2007 and 2006. The amounts ultimately realized upon settlement of these financial instruments, together with the gains and losses on the underlying exposures, will depend on actual market conditions during the remaining life of the instruments.

The impact of foreign exchange risk management transactions on income was a net realized (loss) gain of \$(4.0) million, \$2.3 million and \$(2.0) million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, which are recorded in Other, net on the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

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	As of December 31,	
	2007	2006
	(In thousands, except share data)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 34,525	\$ 34,522
Trade receivables, net	250,018	232,408
Inventories	160,267	127,532
Deferred income taxes	42,227	41,698
Income tax receivable	10,569	15,045
Other current assets	25,505	26,938
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>523,111</b>	<b>478,143</b>
Property, plant and equipment, net	177,675	132,756
Deferred income taxes	14,111	13,260
Other assets	94,949	69,365
Intangible assets, net	649,369	471,664
Goodwill	1,289,121	848,709
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,748,336</b>	<b>\$ 2,013,897</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt and short-term borrowings	\$ 64,500	\$
Accounts payable	88,432	53,897
Accrued compensation	54,410	41,896
Other accrued expenses	128,833	120,384
Deferred income taxes	6,419	1,276
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>342,594</b>	<b>217,453</b>
Long-term debt, net of current portion	1,543,230	851,105
Deferred income taxes	198,333	185,844
Other liabilities	65,443	43,504
Commitments and contingencies (note 13)		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized, none issued		
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 240,000,000 shares authorized; 60,647,394 and 59,512,106 shares issued	606	595
Additional paid-in capital	1,451,961	1,409,475
Accumulated deficit	(923,469)	(730,800)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	69,726	36,745
Less treasury stock, at cost (3,186 and 1,397 shares)	(88)	(24)
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>598,736</b>	<b>715,991</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,748,336</b>	<b>\$ 2,013,897</b>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.





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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
	(In thousands, except per share data)		
Net sales	\$ 1,090,846	\$ 997,496	\$ 920,673
Cost of sales	474,974	379,325	353,325
Gross profit	615,872	618,171	567,348
Selling, general and administrative	547,112	404,802	396,599
Research and development	81,832	66,099	61,646
In-process research and development	86,980		490,750
Business repositioning		46,417	29,680
Net gain on legal contingencies		(96,896)	
Operating (loss) income	(100,052)	197,749	(411,327)
Non-operating expense (income):			
Interest expense	70,536	30,272	29,332
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivative instruments	6,127	1,290	(2,563)
Loss due to early retirement of Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes (note 6)		18,783	1,885
Other, net	3,238	2,588	316
	79,901	52,933	28,970
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	(179,953)	144,816	(440,297)
Provision for income taxes	12,996	65,345	12,900
Net (loss) earnings	\$ (192,949)	\$ 79,471	\$ (453,197)
Net (loss) earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ (3.22)	\$ 1.25	\$ (8.28)
Diluted	\$ (3.22)	\$ 1.21	\$ (8.28)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:			
Basic	59,991	63,383	54,764
Diluted	59,991	65,571	54,764

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In In Capital	Unearned Compensation	Retained	Accumulated	Treasury Stock		Total
	Shares	Par Value			(Accumulated Deficit)	Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Shares	Amount	
<b>Balance at December 31, 2004</b>	37,069	\$ 371	\$ 310,547	\$ (110)	\$ (104,389)	\$ 69,874	(1)	\$ (23)	\$ 276,270
Comprehensive loss									
Net loss					(453,197)				(453,197)
Foreign currency translation adjustments						(89,537)			(89,537)
Reclassification adjustment for realized gain on derivative instrument qualifying as cash flow hedge, net of \$112 of tax						(207)			(207)
Total comprehensive loss									\$ (542,941)
Issuance of common stock in connection with convertible note exchanges	453	4	10,126						10,130
Issuance of common stock under stock option plan	2,305	23	41,388						41,411
Issuance of common stock under stock purchase plans	144	1	4,429						4,430
Issuance of restricted stock	74	1	4,008	(4,008)					1
Cancellation of restricted stock			(49)	49					
Issuance of common stock under VISX acquisition	27,787	278	1,202,907						1,203,185
Expense of compensation plan				1,245					1,245
Tax benefits from employee stock plans			16,332						16,332
Transfer of restricted stock to treasury stock							(1)		(1)
<b>Balance at December 31, 2005</b>	67,832	\$ 678	\$ 1,589,688	\$ (2,824)	\$ (557,586)	\$ (19,870)	(1)	\$ (24)	\$ 1,010,062
Comprehensive income									
Net earnings					79,471				79,471
Foreign currency translation adjustments						58,036			58,036
Total comprehensive income									\$ 137,507
Adjustment for initial adoption of FAS 158, net of taxes						(1,421)			(1,421)
Issuance of common stock under stock option plan	1,799	18	37,276						37,294
Issuance of common stock under stock purchase plans	154	2	4,927						4,929
Issuance of restricted stock	225	2	(2)						
Cancellation of restricted stock	(7)								
Stock repurchase	(10,491)	(105)	(247,210)		(252,685)				(500,000)
Reclassification of unearned compensation balance			(2,824)	2,824					

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Tax benefits from employee stock plans					8,386					8,386
Stock-based compensation expense					19,234					19,234

<b>Balance at December 31, 2006</b>	59,512	\$ 595	\$ 1,409,475	\$	\$ (730,800)	\$ 36,745	(1)	\$ (24)	\$	715,991
Comprehensive income										
Net loss					(192,949)					(192,949)
Foreign currency translation adjustments						30,980				30,980
Pension obligation						2,001				2,001
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>										\$ (159,968)

Cumulative effect of adoption of FIN 48					280					280
Issuance of common stock under stock option plan	948	9	16,570							16,579
Issuance of common stock under stock purchase plans	201	2	5,539							5,541
Issuance of restricted stock	8		(1)							(1)
Cancellation of restricted stock	(22)		1							1
Treasury stock							(2)	(64)		(64)
Stock-based compensation expense			20,377							20,377

<b>Balance at December 31, 2007</b>	60,647	\$ 606	\$ 1,451,961	\$	\$ (923,469)	\$ 69,726	(3)	\$ (88)	\$	598,736
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	Year Ended December 31,		
	2007	2006	2005
	(in thousands)		
<b>Cash flows provided by operating activities</b>			
Net (loss) earnings:	\$ (192,949)	\$ 79,471	\$ (453,197)
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Amortization and write-off of original issue discount and debt issuance costs	6,336	7,051	9,284
Amortization and write-off of net realized gain on interest rate swaps			(773)
Depreciation and amortization	99,248	70,598	51,588
Deferred income taxes	(16,518)	29,985	(5,104)
In-process research and development	86,980		490,750
Loss on exchange of convertible senior subordinated notes		18,783	1,670
Loss on investments and assets	4,981	2,204	13,165
Unrealized loss (gain) on derivatives	6,127	1,290	(2,563)
Stock based compensation expense	20,377	19,234	1,245
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:			
Trade receivables	23,615	13,918	(27,780)
Inventories	(611)	(20,378)	(14,720)
Other current assets	6,230	(6,190)	(7,170)
Accounts payable	13,842	(11,823)	(27,328)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(12,854)	27,647	6,684
Income taxes	11,925	(6,880)	(16,802)
Other non-current assets	(4,558)	(116)	1,887
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>52,171</b>	<b>224,794</b>	<b>20,836</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Acquisitions of businesses, net of cash acquired	(738,452)		(36,867)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(45,754)	(29,023)	(23,097)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	1,054	2,609	48
Additions to capitalized internal-use software	(8,345)	(3,191)	(8,816)
Additions to demonstration and bundled equipment	(9,484)	(10,756)	(11,135)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(800,981)</b>	<b>(40,361)</b>	<b>(79,867)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	60,000	(60,000)	60,000
Repayment of long-term debt	(3,375)	(167,678)	(194,166)
Financing related costs	(16,537)	(11,063)	(8,459)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	700,000	500,000	150,000
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	22,120	42,223	45,841
Repurchase and retirement of common stock		(500,000)	
Purchase of treasury stock	(64)		
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation		6,718	
Other			773
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>	<b>762,144</b>	<b>(189,800)</b>	<b>53,989</b>
Effect of exchange rates on cash and equivalents	(13,331)	(937)	(3,587)
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(6,304)</b>	<b>(8,629)</b>

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Cash and equivalents at beginning of year	34,522	40,826	49,455
Cash and equivalents at end of year	\$ 34,525	\$ 34,522	\$ 40,826

**Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information**

Cash paid during the year for:

Interest	\$ 61,400	\$ 14,781	\$ 22,005
Income taxes	10,674	25,675	34,805

Supplemental non-cash investing and financing activities:

Exchange of convertible notes into common stock	\$	\$	\$ 8,600
Acquisition of VISX, Incorporated (note 3)			1,203,185

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**ADVANCED MEDICAL OPTICS, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**

**Note 1: Description of Business**

Advanced Medical Optics, Inc. (AMO or the Company) develops, manufactures and markets medical devices for the eyes. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company's reportable segments are represented by three business units: cataract/implant, laser vision correction (LVC) and eye care. The cataract/implant business focuses on the four key products required for cataract surgery—foldable intraocular lenses, or IOLs, implantation systems, phacoemulsification systems and viscoelastics. The LVC business markets laser systems, diagnostic devices, treatment cards and patient interfaces for use in laser eye surgery. The eye care business provides a full range of contact lens care products for use with most types of contact lenses. These products include single-bottle, multi-purpose cleaning and disinfecting solutions, hydrogen peroxide-based disinfecting solutions, daily cleaners, enzymatic cleaners, contact lens rewetting drops. The Company sells its products in approximately 60 countries and has direct operations in approximately 20 countries.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

This summary of significant accounting policies is presented to assist the reader in understanding and evaluating the consolidated financial statements. These policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and have been applied consistently in all material respects. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, and related disclosures. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

***Basis of Presentation***

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of AMO and all of its subsidiaries. All significant transactions among the consolidated entities have been eliminated from the consolidated financial statements.

***Foreign Currency Translation***

The financial position and results of AMO's foreign operations are generally determined using local currency as the functional currency. Assets and liabilities of these operations are translated at the exchange rate in effect at each year-end. Income statement amounts are translated at the average rate of exchange prevailing during the year. Translation adjustments arising from the use of differing exchange rates from period to period are included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity. Gains and losses resulting from foreign currency transactions and remeasurements relating to foreign operations deemed to be operating in U.S. dollar functional currency are included in Other, net in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

***Cash and Equivalents***

The Company considers cash and equivalents to include cash in banks, money market mutual funds and time deposits with financial institutions with original maturities of 90 days or less.

***Investments***

The Company has non-marketable equity investments in conjunction with its various collaboration arrangements. The non-marketable equity investments are recorded at cost and are evaluated periodically for other than temporary declines in fair value. The Company uses the following criteria to determine if such a decline should be considered other than temporary:

the duration and extent to which the market value has been less than cost;

the financial condition and near-term prospects of the investee;

the reasons for the decline in market value;



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the investee's performance against product development milestones; and

the Company's ability and intent to hold the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in market value.

If it is determined that a decline of any investment is other than temporary, then the carrying value would be written down to fair value, and the write-down would be included in earnings as a loss. There have been no such impairments in any period presented.

### ***Inventories***

Inventories are valued at the lower of first-in, first-out cost or market. On a regular basis, the Company evaluates its inventory balances for excess quantities and obsolescence by analyzing demand, inventory on hand, sales levels and other information. Based on these evaluations, inventory balances are written down, if necessary.

### ***Concentration of Suppliers***

The Company depends on a limited number of suppliers, which typically include contract manufacturers, subcontractors and third-party vendors, for raw materials, packaging, components, assemblies and certain finished goods. These items are normally purchased through standard purchase orders or short-term supply agreements. The Company's business, results of operations and cash flows could be adversely affected by events including, but not limited to, an unforeseen delay of supply, work stoppage, product design changes, regulatory changes, deterioration of quality of procured items or circumstances that limit the Company's ability to negotiate competitive pricing on its purchases. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to successfully maintain a sufficient safety stock of its products or to guard against supply disruptions if an adverse event were to occur.

### ***Property, Plant and Equipment***

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Additions, major renewals and improvements are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs are expensed. For financial reporting purposes, depreciation is generally provided on the straight-line method over the useful lives of the related assets, which are 20 to 40 years for buildings and improvements and from 2 to 15 years for machinery and equipment. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the life of the related facility lease or the asset, whichever is shorter. Accelerated depreciation methods are generally used for income tax purposes.

### ***Goodwill and Long-Lived Assets***

Goodwill represents the excess of acquisition costs over the fair value of net assets of purchased businesses. Intangible assets include patents, licensing agreements, customer relationships and technology rights, which are amortized utilizing a straight-line method over their estimated useful lives ranging from 3 to 19 years, and non-amortizable trademarks.

Goodwill and non-amortizable intangible assets are not amortized, but instead are subject to a periodic impairment review performed during the second quarter of each fiscal year. In a business combination, goodwill is allocated to the Company's various reporting units, which are the same as the Company's reportable segments, based on relative fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The Company reviews the recoverability of its goodwill and non-amortizable intangible assets on an annual basis by comparing each unit's fair value to the net book value of its assets. If the book value of the reporting unit's assets exceeds its fair value, the goodwill is written down to its implied fair value.

Goodwill and acquired intangible assets are specifically identified to each reportable unit. Since each manufacturing plant is dedicated to a specific product category that corresponds to our reportable segments, assets and liabilities related to manufacturing operations are specifically identified to each reportable unit. Assets and liabilities of our commercial operations are not specifically identified since these amounts benefit multiple business units. The Company uses revenue as a key measure in evaluating the performance of each business unit and the determination of resources to be dedicated to each business unit. Therefore, the Company believes that revenue generated by each reporting unit provides a reasonable measure to use as a basis to apply a consistent allocation methodology. Accordingly, assets and liabilities for our commercial operations have been assigned to the reporting units based on revenues generated by each reporting unit.

In the second quarters of 2007, 2006 and 2005, the Company performed its annual impairment tests of its goodwill and non-amortizable intangible assets, and no impairment was indicated based on these tests.

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Additionally, the Company reviews the carrying amount of goodwill whenever events and circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of goodwill may not be recoverable. Impairment indicators include, among other conditions, cash flow deficits, historic or anticipated declines in revenue or operating profit and adverse legal or regulatory developments. If it is determined such indicators are present and the review indicates goodwill will not be fully recoverable, based upon discounted estimated cash flows, the carrying value is reduced to implied fair value.

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-lived Assets (SFAS 144), the Company assesses potential impairment to its long-lived assets when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully recoverable. If required, an impairment loss is recognized as the difference between the carrying value and the fair value of the assets.

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### ***Capitalized Software***

The Company capitalizes certain internal-use computer software costs in accordance with SOP 98-1, *Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software Developed or Obtained for Internal Use*. These capitalized costs are amortized utilizing the straight-line method over their estimated economic life not to exceed three years.

### ***Demonstration (Demo) and Bundled Equipment***

In the normal course of business, the Company maintains demo and bundled equipment, primarily phacoemulsification equipment, for the purpose and intent of selling similar equipment or related products to the customer in the future. Demo and bundled equipment are not held for sale and are recorded as other non-current assets. The assets are amortized utilizing the straight-line method over their estimated economic life not to exceed three years.

### ***Revenue Recognition and Accounts Receivable***

The Company recognizes revenue when it is realized or realizable in accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, *Revenue Recognition*, which requires that four basic criteria must be met before revenue can be recognized: (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (2) delivery has occurred and title and the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the customer or services have been rendered; (3) the price is fixed or determinable; and (4) collectability is reasonably assured. The Company records revenue from eye care and cataract/implant product sales when title and risk of ownership have been transferred to the customer, which is typically upon delivery to the customer, with the exception of intraocular lenses distributed on a consignment basis, which is upon notification of implantation in a patient. The Company uses judgment when determining whether collection is reasonably assured and relies on a number of factors, including past transaction history with the customer and management evaluations of the credit worthiness of the customer. When the Company determines that collection is not reasonably assured, it defers revenue until such time that collection is reasonably assured.

The Company sells its laser vision correction products to customers under contractual arrangements which contain multiple deliverables. The Company evaluates whether the separate deliverables in each arrangement can be unbundled. These contractual arrangements typically include a laser system, a license and related per procedure fees associated with disposables (treatment key cards or patient interfaces) and training. For these sales, the Company applies the residual value method in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 00-21, *Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*, which requires the allocation of the total arrangement consideration less the fair value of the undelivered elements. Systems sold to direct customers include installation and system revenue from such sales is recognized after the installation has been completed. The Company also utilizes third-party distributors who are responsible for all marketing, sales, installation, training and warranty labor costs. Accordingly, revenue associated with sales to distributors is recognized when title and risk of loss has been transferred to the distributor in accordance with the terms of the related distribution agreement. The Company recognizes revenues from the sale of disposables to all customers upon shipment as it has no continuing obligations or involvement subsequent to shipment.

The Company also offers extended warranty contracts, which are separately sold to non-distributor customers. Revenue is recorded on a straight-line basis over the period of the extended contracts, which is generally one year.

Some customers finance the purchase or rental of their equipment directly from the Company over periods ranging from one to four years. These financing agreements are classified as either rental or operating leases or sales type leases as prescribed by SFAS No. 13, *Accounting for Leases*. Under sales type leases, equipment revenues are recognized based on the net present value of the expected cash flow after installation. Under rental or operating lease arrangements, rental revenue is recognized over the term of the agreement.

The Company generally permits returns of eye care and cataract/implant products if an item is returned in a timely matter, in good condition, and through the normal channels of distribution. However, the Company does not accept returns of laser vision correction products and do not provide rights of return or exchange, price protection or stock rotation rights to any laser vision correction product distributor. Eye care and cataract/implant product return policies in certain international markets can be more stringent and are based on the terms of contractual agreements with the customers. Allowances for returns are provided for based upon an analysis of the Company's historical patterns of returns. To date, historical product returns have been within the Company's estimates.

When the Company recognizes revenue from the sale of products, certain allowances known and estimable at time of sale are recorded as a reduction to sales. These items include cash discounts, allowances and rebates. These items are reflected as a reduction to accounts receivable to the extent the customer will or is expected to reduce its payment on the



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related invoice amounts. In addition, certain items such as rebates provided to customers that meet certain buying targets are paid to the customer subsequent to customer payment. In these cases, such amounts are recorded as accrued liabilities. These provisions are estimated based on historical payment experience, historical relationship to revenues and estimated customer inventory levels. To date, historical sales allowances have been within the Company's estimates.

The allowance for doubtful accounts is determined by analyzing specific customer accounts and assessing the risk of uncollectibility based on insolvency, disputes, current economic trends, changes in customer payment trends or other collection issues. Account balances are charged-off against the allowance when it is probable the receivable will not be recovered.

### ***Concentration of Credit Risk***

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk principally consist of trade receivables. Wholesale distributors, major retail chains, corporate LASIK chains and managed care organizations account for a substantial portion of trade receivables. This risk is limited due to the large number of customers comprising the Company's customer base, and their geographic dispersion. Ongoing credit evaluations of customers' financial condition are performed and, generally, no collateral is required. The Company maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not exceeded management's expectations.

### ***Income Taxes***

The Company records income taxes under the asset and liability method, whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases, and for operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. Management evaluates the need to establish a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets based upon the amount of existing temporary differences, the period in which they are expected to be recovered and expected levels of taxable income. A valuation allowance to reduce deferred tax assets is established when it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

In preparing its consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to estimate its income taxes in each jurisdiction in which it operates. This process involves estimating the current liability as well as assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and financial accounting purposes. Significant management judgment is required in determining the provision for income taxes and deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*—An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48), which requires income tax positions to meet a more-likely-than-not recognition threshold to be recognized in the financial statements. Under FIN 48, tax positions that previously failed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold should be recognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is met. Previously recognized tax positions that no longer meet the more-likely-than-not threshold should be derecognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is no longer met. As a multinational corporation, the Company is subject to taxation in many jurisdictions, its income tax returns in several locations are being examined by the local taxation authorities and the calculation of its tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws and regulations in various tax jurisdictions. The application of tax laws and regulations is subject to legal and factual interpretation, judgment and uncertainty. Tax laws and regulations themselves are subject to change as a result of changes in fiscal policy, changes in legislation, evolution of regulations and court rulings. Therefore, the actual liability for U.S. or foreign taxes may be materially different from our estimates, which could result in the need to record additional tax liabilities or potentially to reverse previously recorded tax liabilities.

### ***Stock Based Compensation***

Prior to January 1, 2006, the Company's stock-based compensation plans were accounted for under the recognition and measurement provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* (APB 25) and the disclosure only provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (SFAS 123). Accordingly, no compensation expense was recorded for stock options granted with exercise prices greater than or equal to the fair value of the underlying common stock at the option grant date. The fair value, as determined on the date of grant, of restricted stock awards was recognized as compensation expense ratably over the respective vesting period. Additionally, the employee stock purchase plan (ESPP) qualified as a non-compensatory plan under APB 25; therefore, no compensation cost was recorded in relation to the discount offered to employees for purchases made under the ESPP.



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On January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123R, requiring recognition of expenses equivalent to the fair value of stock-based compensation awards. The Company has elected to use the modified prospective application transition method as permitted by SFAS 123R and therefore has not restated the financial results reported in prior periods. Under this transition method, stock-based compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 includes compensation expense for all stock-based compensation awards granted prior to, but not yet vested as of January 1, 2006, based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS 123, as adjusted for estimated forfeitures. Compensation expense for all stock-based compensation awards granted subsequent to January 1, 2006 is based on the grant-date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS 123R. In addition, the Company's unearned compensation balance at January 1, 2006 was reclassified to additional paid-in capital upon the adoption of SFAS 123R.

Additionally, under SFAS 123R, the ESPP is considered a compensatory plan and requires recognition of compensation expense for purchases of common stock made under the ESPP. The Company recognizes compensation expense for stock option and ESPP awards on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. Compensation expense related to the restricted stock and restricted stock units is recognized over the requisite service periods of the awards, consistent with the Company's practices under SFAS 123 prior to January 1, 2006.

**Research and Development**

Research and development costs are charged to expense when incurred.

**Acquired In-Process Research and Development**

Costs to acquire in-process research and development (IPR&D) projects and technologies which have no alternative future use and which have not reached technological feasibility at the date of acquisition are expensed as incurred (see Note 3).

**Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

Comprehensive income (loss) encompasses all changes in equity other than those with stockholders and consists of net earnings (loss), foreign currency translation adjustments, unrealized gains/losses on derivative instruments and pension obligations, if applicable.

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) were as follows:

(in millions)	Foreign currency translation adjustment	Change in net unrealized holding gains / losses on derivatives	Pension-related unrecognized losses and prior service cost, net	Total accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)
Balance as of December 31, 2004	\$ 69,667	\$ 207	\$	\$ 69,874
Net change during the year	(89,537)	(207)		(89,744)
Balance as of December 31, 2005	(19,870)			(19,870)
Net change during the year	58,036			58,036
Adoption of SFAS No. 158			(1,421)	(1,421)
Balance as of December 31, 2006	38,166		(1,421)	36,745
Net change during the year	30,980		2,001	32,981
Balance as of December 31, 2007	\$ 69,146	\$	\$ 580	\$ 69,726

**Recently Adopted and Issued Accounting Standards**

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurement. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement does not require any new fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and interim periods within those fiscal years. During 2007, the FASB became aware of numerous implementation issues as companies worked to prepare to adopt FAS 157. Accordingly, the FASB agreed in February 2008 to a one-year deferral of the effective date for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that

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are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a nonrecurring basis, e.g., those measured at fair value in a business combination. The Company is currently assessing the impact of SFAS No. 157 on its financial statements.



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In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, *The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 115* (SFAS No. 159). SFAS No. 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. This Statement is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company is currently assessing the impact (if any) of SFAS No. 159 on its financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141(R), *Business Combinations* (SFAS No. 141R), and SFAS No. 160, *Accounting and Reporting of Noncontrolling interest in Consolidated Financial Statements*, an amendment of ARB No. 51 (SFAS No. 160). These new standards will significantly change the financial accounting and reporting of business combination transactions and noncontrolling (or minority) interests in consolidated financial statements. The Company will be required to adopt SFAS No. 141R and SFAS No. 160 on or after December 15, 2008. The Company has not yet determined the effect, if any, that the adoption of SFAS No. 141R and SFAS No. 160 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

**Note 3: Acquisitions***IntraLase Corp.*

On April 2, 2007, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (Merger Agreement) dated as of January 5, 2007, by and among AMO, Ironman Merger Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of AMO, and IntraLase Corp. (IntraLase), the Company completed its acquisition of IntraLase (IntraLase acquisition), for total consideration of approximately \$822 million in cash. IntraLase, a designer, developer and manufacturer of an ultra-fast laser for refractive and corneal surgery that creates precise corneal incisions for laser vision correction in the first step of LASIK surgery.

The IntraLase acquisition has been accounted for as a purchase business combination. Under the purchase method of accounting, the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at the date of acquisition at their respective fair values.

The results of operations of IntraLase have been included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations from the acquisition date. The total purchase price of the IntraLase acquisition was as follows (in thousands):

Cash consideration to IntraLase stockholders	\$ 741,652
Cash payment for vested IntraLase stock options	71,166
Estimated direct transaction fees and expenses	8,686
Total purchase price	\$ 821,504

The above purchase price has been allocated based on the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

The purchase price has been allocated as follows (in thousands):

Cash and marketable securities	\$ 97,715
Inventories (includes \$7,655 step-up to fair value)	24,624
Accounts receivable	28,269
Other current assets	13,850
Property, plant and equipment	14,642
Other non-current assets	9,933
Intangible assets	224,200
In-process research and development	85,400

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Goodwill	414,853
Accounts payable	(11,437)
Other liabilities	(41,132)
Non-current deferred tax liability, primarily related to intangible assets	(39,413)
Net assets acquired	\$ 821,504

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The valuation of acquired intangible assets and in-process research and development was based on the actual net assets of IntraLase that existed as of the date of the completion of the acquisition. Of the \$224.2 million of acquired intangible assets, \$170.2 million was assigned to developed technology rights that have a weighted-average useful life of approximately 7 years, \$10.1 million was assigned to customer relationships with a useful life of 5 years and \$43.9 million was assigned to the IntraLase tradename with an indefinite useful life. The amounts assigned to intangible assets were based on management's estimate of the fair value. Developed technology rights recorded in connection with the acquisition of IntraLase were established as intangible assets under paragraph 39 of SFAS 141 as the underlying technologies are legally protected by patents covering the femtosecond laser and approved applications of the laser received from regulatory authorities in the United States and international locations. The developed technology rights are both transferable and separable from the acquired entity.

Identification and allocation of value to the identified intangible assets was based on the provisions of SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations (SFAS No. 141). The fair value of the identified intangible assets was estimated by performing a discounted cash flow analysis using the income approach. This method includes a forecast of direct revenues and costs associated with the respective intangible assets and charges for economic returns on tangible and intangible assets utilized in cash flow generation. Net cash flows attributable to the identified intangible assets are discounted to their present value at a rate commensurate with the perceived risk. The projected cash flow assumptions considered contractual relationships, customer attrition, eventual development of new technologies and market competition.

The estimates of expected useful lives were based on guidance from SFAS No. 141 and take into consideration the effects of competition, regulatory changes and possible obsolescence. The useful lives of technology rights were based on the number of years in which net cash flows have been projected. The useful lives of customer relationships were estimated based upon the length of the contracts currently in place, probability based estimates of contract renewals in the future and natural growth and diversification of other potential customers, which were considered insignificant. Management considers the IntraLase tradename to be a leading name in laser vision correction procedures. Management intends to maintain and continue to market existing and new products under the IntraLase tradename. As management intends to continue to use the IntraLase tradename indefinitely, an indefinite life was assigned.

Assumptions used in forecasting cash flows for each of the identified intangible assets included consideration of the following:

IntraLase historical operating margins

Number of procedures and devices IntraLase has developed and were approved by the FDA

IntraLase market share

Contractual and non-contractual relationships with large groups of surgeons and

Patents and exclusive licenses held.

A history of operating margins and profitability, a strong scientific, service and manufacturing employee base and a leading presence in the laser market were among the factors that contributed to a purchase price resulting in the recognition of goodwill. The acquired goodwill, which is not deductible for tax purposes, has been allocated to the Company's LVC segment.

### *In-process research and development (IPR&D)*

IntraLase had two development projects in-process as of the acquisition date. The first project involves technology advancements to reduce the pulse energy and provide smoother, more precise dissections, and enables thinner flaps with the femtosecond laser. The fair value assigned to this project was \$81.3 million. The second project involved the development of technologies to allow for ease of transport of femtosecond lasers from one location to another. The fair value assigned to this project was \$4.1 million. Subsequent to the acquisition date, management of AMO decided to cancel the second project.



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The allocation of the purchase price assigned to IPR&D represented the estimated fair value of projects that, as of the acquisition date, had not reached technological feasibility and had no alternative future use. The fair value of these IPR&D projects was estimated by performing a discounted cash flow analysis using the income approach. Net cash flows attributable to the projects were discounted to their present values at a rate commensurate with the perceived risk, which for these projects was estimated between 14-16%. The following assumptions underlie the projected cash flows as of the IntraLase acquisition date.

An enhanced procedure to cut corneal flaps with the femtosecond laser was forecast to be approved for sale in the U.S. in 2011.

Further development of therapeutic applications in the IntraLase Enabled Keratoplasty (IEK) was forecast to be approved for sale in the U.S. in 2007. This procedure uses the IntraLase laser for corneal transplant surgery, which involves replacing a diseased or scarred cornea with a donor cornea.

Other ancillary femtosecond laser technologies were forecast to be approved for sale in the U.S. in 2008.

In addition, solely for the purposes of estimating the fair value of the IPR&D projects, the following assumptions were made:

Revenue that is reasonably likely to result from the approved and unapproved potential uses of identifiable intangible assets that includes the estimated number of units to be sold, estimated selling prices, estimated market penetration and estimated market share and year-over-year growth rates over the product cycles;

Remaining development and sustaining engineering expenses once commercialized were also estimated by management according to internal planning estimates; and

The cost structure was assumed to be similar to that for existing products within IntraLase as well as similar assets previously acquired and those observed in the market.

The major risks and uncertainties associated with the timely and successful completion of the first project consist of the ability to confirm the safety and efficacy of the technology based on the data from clinical trials and obtaining necessary regulatory approvals. In addition, no assurance can be given that the underlying assumptions used to forecast the cash flows or the timely and successful completion of this project will materialize, as estimated. For these reasons, among others, actual results may vary significantly from the estimated results.

The following unaudited pro forma information assumes the IntraLase acquisition occurred at the beginning of each period presented below. These unaudited pro forma results have been prepared for informational purposes only and do not purport to represent what the results of operations would have been had the IntraLase acquisition occurred as of the date indicated, nor of future results of operations. The unaudited pro forma results for years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 were as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	Year Ended December 31, 2007	Year Ended December 31, 2006
Net sales	\$ 1,130,166	\$ 1,129,423
Net loss	(205,144)(1)	(6,569)(2)
Loss per share:		
Basic	\$ (3.42)	\$ (0.10)
Diluted	\$ (3.42)	\$ (0.10)

- (1) The unaudited pro forma information for the year ended December 31, 2007 includes the following non-recurring charges related to the IntraLase acquisition: an \$85.4 million in-process research and development charge and a \$7.7 million inventory step-up charge. The unaudited pro forma information also reflects a \$6.8 million increase in amortization related to management's estimate of the fair value of intangible assets acquired as the result of the IntraLase acquisition, a \$14.8 million increase in interest expense resulting from additional borrowings incurred to fund the cash portion of the IntraLase acquisition and related costs and amortization of deferred financing costs, a \$1.4 million decrease representing the elimination of IntraLase's interest income relating to the marketable securities which were liquidated, and an \$9.2 million decrease reflecting the pro forma tax effect of the adjustments at an estimated combined effective tax rate of 40%.



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- (2) The unaudited pro forma information for the year ended December 31, 2006 includes the following non-recurring charges related to the IntraLase acquisition: an \$85.4 million in-process research and development charge and a \$7.7 million inventory step-up charge. The unaudited pro forma information also reflects a \$27.1 million increase in amortization related to management's estimate of the fair value of intangible assets acquired as the result of the IntraLase acquisition, a \$59.0 million increase in interest expense resulting from additional borrowings incurred to fund the cash portion of the IntraLase acquisition and related costs and amortization of deferred financing costs, respectively, a \$4.7 million decrease representing the elimination of IntraLase's interest income relating to the marketable securities which were liquidated, and a \$73.6 million decrease reflecting the pro forma tax effect of the adjustments at an estimated combined effective tax rate of 40%.

WaveFront Sciences, Inc. (WFSI)

In January 2007, the Company acquired WFSI, an optical medical device research and development company, for approximately \$14 million, excluding future contingent consideration discussed below. The purchase price included \$1.6 million of IPR&D which was expensed in the quarter ended March 30, 2007, as it represented the fair value of projects that had not reached technological feasibility and had no alternative future use at the date of acquisition. The purchase agreement provides for additional future payments of approximately \$6 million that are contingent on successful achievement of certain milestones, \$1.6 million of which has been paid through December 31, 2007. The acquisition of WFSI was not material to the historical consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

VISX, Incorporated (VISX)

On May 27, 2005, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (Merger Agreement) dated as of November 9, 2004, as amended, by and among AMO, Vault Merger Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of AMO, and VISX, AMO completed its acquisition of VISX for total consideration of approximately \$1.4 billion, consisting of approximately 27.8 million shares of AMO common stock, the fair value of VISX stock options converted to AMO stock options and approximately \$176.2 million in cash (VISX acquisition). VISX products include the VISX STAR Excimer Laser System, the VISX WaveScan System and VISX treatment cards. As a result of the VISX acquisition, the Company became the leader in the design and development of proprietary technologies and systems for laser vision correction of refractive vision disorders. The VISX acquisition has been accounted for as a purchase business combination. The results of operations of the VISX acquisition have been included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations from the date of the VISX acquisition.

Cash consideration to VISX stockholders	\$ 176,167
Fair value of AMO shares issued to VISX stockholders	1,136,605
Fair value of vested VISX stock options	66,580
Direct transaction fees and expenses	15,765
Cash and cash equivalents acquired	(156,765)
 Total purchase price	 \$ 1,238,352

The above purchase price has been allocated based on the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and has been allocated as follows (in thousands):

Inventories	\$ 11,918
Accounts receivable, net	39,353
Other current assets	22,129
Property, plant and equipment	3,350
Other non-current assets	8,038
Intangible assets	402,300
In-process research and development	488,500
Goodwill	479,016
Accounts payable	(16,032)
Other current liabilities	(43,957)
Non-current deferred tax liability, primarily related to intangible assets	(156,263)
 Net assets acquired	 \$ 1,238,352

Of the \$402.3 million of acquired intangible assets, \$239.5 million was assigned to developed technology rights that have a weighted-average useful life of approximately 10.1 years, \$22.4 million was assigned to customer relationships with a useful life of 5 years and \$140.4 million was assigned to the VISX trade name with an indefinite useful life. The amounts assigned to intangible assets were based on management's estimate of the fair value.



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Identification and allocation of value to the identified intangible assets was based on the provisions of SFAS No. 141, Business Combinations (SFAS No. 141). The fair value of the identified intangible assets was estimated by performing a discounted cash flow analysis using the income approach. This method includes a forecast of direct revenues and costs associated with the respective intangible assets and charges for economic returns on tangible and intangible assets utilized in cash flow generation. Net cash flows attributable to the identified intangible assets are discounted to their present value at a rate commensurate with the perceived risk. The projected cash flow assumptions considered contractual relationships, customer attrition, eventual development of new technologies and market competition.

The estimates of expected useful lives are based on guidance from SFAS No. 141 and take into consideration the effects of competition, regulatory changes and possible obsolescence. The useful lives of technology rights are based on the number of years in which net cash flows have been projected. The useful lives of customer relationships was estimated based upon the length of the contracts currently in place, probability based estimates of contract renewals in the future and natural growth and diversification of other potential customers, which were considered insignificant. Management considers the VISX tradename to be the leading name in excimer laser vision correction procedures. VISX's estimated market share of 60 percent demonstrates its commercial success. Management intends to maintain and continue to market existing and new products under the VISX tradename. As management intends to continue to use the VISX tradename indefinitely, an indefinite life was assigned.

Assumptions used in forecasting cash flows for each of the identified intangible assets included consideration of the following:

VISX historical operating margins

Number of procedures and devices VISX has developed and had approved by the FDA

VISX market share

Contractual and non-contractual relationships with large groups of surgeons and

Patents and exclusive licenses held.

A history of operating margins and profitability, a strong scientific, service and manufacturing employee base and a leading presence in the excimer laser market were among the factors that contributed to a purchase price resulting in the recognition of goodwill. The acquired goodwill, which is not deductible for tax purposes, has been allocated to the laser vision correction segment.

*In-process research and development (IPR&D)*

Approximately \$488.5 million of the purchase price represents the estimated fair value of projects that, as of the VISX acquisition date, had not reached technological feasibility and had no alternative future use. The Company recorded \$449.2 million of this amount in the second quarter of 2005 and \$39.3 million in the third quarter of 2005. The additional charge in the third quarter of 2005 resulted primarily from the completion of the IPR&D valuation. The fair value assigned to IPR&D comprised the following projects (in thousands):

	<b>Value of IPR&amp;D Acquired</b>
High Myopia for <i>CustomVue</i>	\$ 14,700
Excimer Laser Improvements	56,200
Presbyopia	417,600
Total	\$ 488,500

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The fair value of these projects was determined by performing a discounted cash flow analysis using the income approach. Net cash flows attributable to these projects were discounted to their present values at a rate commensurate with the perceived risk, which for these projects ranged from 19.0 to 21.0 percent. The following assumptions underlie the projected cash flows as of the VISX acquisition date:

A high myopia procedure for *CustomVue* was forecasted to be approved for sale in the U.S. in late 2005. A procedure to treat presbyopia is forecasted to be approved for sale in the U.S. in mid-2007. Additional research

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and development expenses will be incurred prior to expected FDA approval for these procedures. Forecasted discounted cash flows for each product once launched include estimates for normal sustaining engineering and maintenance R&D;

Additional research and development expenses will be incurred to bring excimer laser system improvements to market. Like the other IPR&D projects, maintenance R&D and sustaining engineering costs were allocated to the forecasted cash flows once commercialized;

Revenue that is reasonably likely to result from the approved and unapproved potential uses of identifiable intangible assets that includes the estimated number of units to be sold, estimated selling prices, estimated market penetration and estimated market share and year-over-year growth rates over the product cycles. These estimates were based on management's consideration of life cycles for similar products VISX has previously launched, the competitive landscape, and previous success in working with the FDA; and

The cost structure was assumed to be similar to that for existing products.

The major risks and uncertainties associated with the timely and successful completion of these projects consist of the ability to confirm the safety and efficacy of the technology based on the data from clinical trials and obtaining necessary regulatory approvals. In addition, no assurance can be given that the underlying assumptions used to forecast the cash flows or the timely and successful completion of such projects will materialize, as estimated. For these reasons, among others, actual results may vary significantly from the estimated results.

The following unaudited pro forma information assumes the VISX acquisition occurred on January 1, 2005. These unaudited pro forma results have been prepared for informational purposes only and do not purport to represent what the results of operations would have been had the VISX acquisition occurred as of the date indicated, nor of future results of operations. The unaudited pro forma results for year ended December 31, 2005 is as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2005</b>
Net sales	\$ 1,000,842
Net loss	(451,123)(1)
Loss per share:	
Basic and diluted (2)	\$ (6.84)

- (1) The unaudited pro forma information for the year ended December 31, 2005 includes the following non-recurring charges related to the VISX acquisition: a \$488.5 million in-process research and development charge and a \$2.0 million charge for the amortization and write-off of debt issuance costs. The unaudited pro forma information also reflects an \$11.7 million increase in amortization related to management's estimate of the fair value of intangible assets acquired as the result of the VISX acquisition and a \$4.7 million increase in interest expense resulting from additional borrowings incurred to fund the cash portion of the VISX acquisition and related costs and amortization of deferred financing costs. Approximately \$11.0 million of merger charges incurred by VISX are not excluded from the unaudited pro forma information for the year ended December 31, 2005.
- (2) The weighted average number of shares outstanding used for the computation of basic earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2005 reflects the issuance of 27.8 million shares of AMO's common stock to VISX stockholders less the 16.6 million weighted average shares related to the VISX acquisition already included in basic shares outstanding.

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After its acquisition of IntraLase in the second quarter of 2007, the Company continued femtosecond laser manufacturing operations in Irvine, California (the Irvine Plant). As part of the overall integration of IntraLase, on December 13, 2007, AMO management committed to a plan to relocate the femtosecond laser manufacturing operations from the Irvine Plant to its excimer laser and phacoemulsification manufacturing facility in Milpitas, California (the Milpitas Plant), in order to consolidate equipment manufacturing in one location and to maximize opportunities to leverage core strengths. Also included was the movement of the assembly of IntraLase disposable patient interfaces from the Irvine Plant to AMO's facility in Puerto Rico in order to obtain additional synergies.

As a continuation of AMO's commitment to further enhance its global competitiveness, operating leverage and cash flow, the Board of Directors of AMO on February 12, 2008 committed to an additional plan to reduce its fixed costs. The additional plan includes a net workforce reduction of approximately 150 positions, or about 4% of the company's global workforce. In addition, AMO plans to consolidate certain operations, including the relocation of all activities at the Irvine Plant, to improve its overall facility utilization.

These plans include workforce reductions and transfers, outplacement assistance, relocation of certain employees, facilities-related costs, accelerated amortization of certain long-lived assets and termination of redundant supplier contracts. These plans also include anticipated start-up costs such as expenses for moving, incremental travel, recruiting and duplicate personnel associated with hiring staff during ramp-up, as well as incremental costs associated with capacity underutilization of the Milpitas Plant during the ramp-up period.

AMO expects to complete these activities in 2008 and estimates the total non-recurring pre-tax charges resulting from these plans to be in the range of \$36 million to \$43 million, substantially all of which are expected to be cash expenditures. The Company incurred severance and retention bonus charges of \$0.4 million under the plan in 2007. An estimated breakdown of the total charges is as follows:

Severance, retention bonuses, employee relocation and other one-time termination benefits	\$20 million - \$24 million
Facilities related and other costs	\$10 million - \$13 million
Termination of redundant supplier contracts and relocation of equipment and inventory	\$2 million
Incremental costs for transition and start-up activities at the Milpitas Plant	\$4 million

*2005 Product Rationalization and Business Repositioning Plan*

On October 31, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors approved a product rationalization and repositioning plan covering the discontinuation of non-strategic cataract surgical and eye care products and the elimination or redeployment of resources that support these product lines. The plan also included organizational changes and potential reductions in force in manufacturing, sales and marketing associated with these product lines, as well as organizational changes in research and development and other corporate functions designed to align the organization with our strategy and strategic business unit organization. Product rationalization covered the discontinuation of non-strategic cataract surgical and eye care products and the elimination or redeployment of resources that supported these product lines. This impacted the scope of our business by eliminating future sales from discontinued products. Business repositioning covered changes in our business strategy and business unit organization. A key driver of the change was our acquisition of VISX in May 2005 which added laser vision correction to our product portfolio. This action, along with other considerations, resulted in many changes, including the movement from a regional organizational structure to a global business unit structure focused by major product categories, strategic and tactical alignment of our business units around common customers and distribution channels and how we market and sell our products to these customers. These changes necessitated organizational shifts as well as workforce reductions in manufacturing, research and development and other corporate functions. Given all the above, the breadth and depth of these changes created a fundamental reorganization that affected the nature and focus of operations.

We incurred charges for such items as organizational changes, brand repositioning, productivity initiatives and sales and marketing. Charges incurred for organizational changes resulted from the reorganization of our management structure from a regional structure to a business unit structure. In connection with the change in management structure, we incurred costs to redefine our strategic planning process, financial reporting processes, realignment and redeployment of customer

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support and administrative functions and related changes to the underlying infrastructure. Charges incurred for brand repositioning resulted from the reorganization to a business unit structure. We incurred costs to implement a new strategy to link our various product offerings to common customers and distribution channels among our three business units which impacted the manner in which our business is conducted. Charges incurred for productivity initiatives and sales and marketing resulted from our identification of opportunities to make improvements in manufacturing, customer service, information technology, administrative functions and customer and distributor education to support the reorganization to a business unit structure.

Severance, relocation and related costs were incurred for worldwide workforce reductions due to the Company's discontinuation of certain non-core products and infrastructure and process improvements associated with the Company's productivity initiatives. The majority of these costs occurred in the United States, Japan and Europe. Net asset gains resulted from disposals of long-lived assets from certain discontinued non-core products and relocation of certain facilities, offset by asset write-downs which resulted from the impairment and disposal of long-lived assets from the reduction in expected future cash flows. The fair values of impaired assets were based on probability weighted expected cash flows as determined in accordance with SFAS 144. The net credit from contractual obligations primarily resulted from the settlement with a vendor during the third quarter of 2006.

The plan further called for increasing our investment in key growth opportunities, specifically our refractive implant product line and international laser vision correction business, and accelerating the implementation of productivity initiatives.

In 2006, we incurred \$62.7 million of pre-tax charges, which included \$16.3 million for inventory, manufacturing related and other charges included in cost of sales and \$46.4 million included in operating expenses with severance, relocation and other one-time termination benefits of \$13.7 million, productivity and brand repositioning costs of \$37.6 million, offset by net asset disposal gains of \$2.8 million and a net credit from settlement of contractual obligations of \$2.1 million. In 2005, we incurred \$42.3 million in pre-tax charges which included \$12.6 million for inventory related charges included in cost of sales and \$29.7 million included in operating expenses with severance, relocation and other one-time termination benefits of \$14.0 million, asset write-downs of \$9.2 million, contractual obligations of \$2.7 million and accelerated productivity and brand repositioning costs of \$3.8 million. The plan was completed in 2006. We do not expect to incur additional charges associated with this plan. The cumulative charges incurred of \$105.0 million were within the range previously announced.

Business repositioning charges and related activity in the accrual balances during the year ended December 31, 2007 were as follows (in thousands):

	Balance at December 31, 2006	Costs Incurred	Cash Payments	Balance at December 31, 2007
<b>Business Repositioning Costs Reported In:</b>				
Operating Expenses				
Severance, relocation and related costs	\$ 11,399	\$	\$ (10,704)	\$ 695
Contractual obligations	248		(248)	
Productivity initiatives and brand repositioning costs	1,188		(514)	674
	\$ 12,835	\$	\$ (11,466)	\$ 1,369

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Business repositioning charges and related activity in the accrual balances during the year ended December 31, 2006 were as follows (in thousands):

	Balance at December 31, 2005	Costs Incurred	Cash Payments	Non-Cash Adjustments	Balance at December 31, 2006
<b>Business Repositioning Costs Reported In:</b>					
Cost of sales					
Inventory, manufacturing and other charges	\$	\$ 16,244	\$	\$ (16,244)	\$
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Severance, relocation and related costs	8,779	13,700	(11,080)		11,399
Net gain on asset disposals		(2,777)		2,777	
Contractual obligations	2,641	(2,106)	(287)		248
Productivity initiatives and brand repositioning costs	883	37,600	(37,295)		1,188
	12,303	46,417	(48,662)	2,777	12,835
	\$ 12,303	\$ 62,661	\$ (48,662)	\$ (13,467)	\$ 12,835

**Note 5: Composition of Certain Financial Statement Captions**

	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
	(in thousands)	
<b>Trade receivables, net:</b>		
Trade receivables	\$ 264,663	\$ 244,725
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	14,645	12,317
	\$ 250,018	\$ 232,408
<b>Inventories:</b>		
Finished products, including consignment inventory of \$7,712 and \$9,740 in 2007 and 2006, respectively	\$ 93,503	\$ 83,358
Work in process	16,562	13,538
Raw materials	50,202	30,636
	\$ 160,267	\$ 127,532
<b>Property, plant and equipment, net</b>		
Land	\$ 11,055	\$ 9,566
Buildings and leasehold improvements	119,935	93,575
Machinery, equipment and furniture	154,599	115,447
	285,589	218,588
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	107,914	85,832
	\$ 177,675	\$ 132,756

**Intangible assets, net:**

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(In thousands)	Useful Life (Years)	December 31, 2007		December 31, 2006	
		Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization
<b>Amortizing Intangible Assets:</b>					
Patent	17	\$ 431	\$ (26)	\$	\$
Licensing	3 - 5	4,590	(4,373)	4,590	(4,243)
Technology rights	5 - 19	549,737	(117,699)	364,219	(61,997)
Trademarks	13.5	17,899	(5,064)	16,933	(3,545)
Customer relationships	5 10	32,680	(13,106)	22,400	(7,093)
		605,337	(140,268)	408,142	(76,878)
Nonamortizing Tradename (VISX)	Indefinite	140,400		140,400	
Nonamortizing Tradename (IntraLase)	Indefinite	43,900			
		\$ 789,637	\$ (140,268)	\$ 548,542	\$ (76,878)

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The intangible assets balance increased due to the acquisition of IntraLase and WFSI and foreign currency fluctuation. Amortization expense was \$60.8 million, \$40.0 million and \$26.9 million in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and is recorded in selling, general and administrative in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Amortization expense is expected to be approximately \$68 million in 2008 and 2009, \$65 million in 2010, \$64 million in 2011, \$59 million in 2012 and \$142 million thereafter. Actual amortization expense may vary due to the impact of foreign currency fluctuations.

**Goodwill**

(In thousands)	Balance at December 31, 2006	Foreign Currency Adjustments	WaveFront Acquisition	IntraLase Acquisition	FIN 48 Adjustments	Balance at December 31, 2007
Goodwill:						
Eye Care	\$ 28,540	\$ 1,642	\$	\$	\$	\$ 30,182
Cataract/Implant	349,347	16,438				365,785
Laser Vision Correction (LVC)	470,822		8,879	414,853	(1,400)	893,154
	\$ 848,709	\$ 18,080	\$ 8,879	\$ 414,853	\$ (1,400)	\$ 1,289,121

The change in goodwill during the year ended December 31, 2007 included an increase of \$18.1 million from foreign currency fluctuations in the eye care and cataract/implant segments. On April 2, 2007, the Company recorded \$414.9 million of goodwill from the acquisition of IntraLase, which is included in the LVC segment. In addition, the Company recorded \$8.9 million from the acquisition of WFSI, also included in the LVC segment. As a result of the adoption of FIN 48, the Company decreased goodwill by \$1.4 million as a result of a reduction in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits accounted for in connection with the VISX acquisition.

The Company performed its annual impairment test of goodwill during the second quarter of 2007 and determined there was no impairment. Effective January 1, 2006, the Company's operating segments consist of three businesses: cataract/implant, laser vision correction and eye care. Accordingly, the annual impairment review in the second quarter of 2007 and 2006 was based on reporting units that are aligned with the current operating segments. Goodwill and acquired intangible assets are specifically identified to each reporting unit. Since each manufacturing plant is dedicated to a specific product category that corresponds to the Company's operating segments, assets and liabilities related to manufacturing operations, including inventory, are specifically identified to each reporting unit. Assets and liabilities associated with sales and distribution activities, such as trade accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, property, plant and equipment, vendor accounts payable and accrued liabilities, are not specifically identified since these amounts benefit multiple reporting units. Management uses revenue as a key measure in evaluating the performance of each segment and the determination of resources to be dedicated to each segment. Accordingly, assets and liabilities associated with our sales and distribution activities have been assigned to the reporting units based on actual revenues generated by each reporting unit.

**Note 6: Debt**

(In thousands)	Average Rate of Interest	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2024 ( 2/2% Notes ), with put dates of January 15, 2010, July 15, 2014 and July 15, 2019	2.500%	\$ 246,105	\$ 246,105
Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2025 ( 1.375% Notes ), with put dates of July 1, 2011, July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2021	1.375%	105,000	105,000
Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2026 ( 3.25% Notes ), with put dates of August 1, 2014, August 1, 2017 and August 1, 2021	3.250%	500,000	500,000
Senior Subordinated Notes due 2017 ( 7/2% Notes ), with put dates of May 1, 2010 and May 1, 2012	7.500%	250,000	





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(In thousands)	Average Rate of Interest	December 31, 2007	December 31, 2006
Term Loan due 2014 (Term Loan)	7.080%	446,625	
Senior revolving credit facility (Credit Facility)	7.400%	60,000	
		1,607,730	851,105
Less current portion		64,500	
Total long-term debt		\$ 1,543,230	\$ 851,105

**Senior Credit Facility**

As of December 31, 2006, the Company had a \$300 million senior revolving credit facility. On April 2, 2007, the Company replaced this credit facility with a new \$300 million revolving line of credit maturing April 2, 2013 and a \$450 million term loan maturing on April 2, 2014 (collectively the Credit Facility). As of December 31, 2007, the revolving line of credit included outstanding cash borrowings of \$60.0 million and commitments to support letters of credit totaling \$8.6 million issued on behalf of the Company for normal operating purposes which resulted in an available balance of \$231.4 million.

Borrowings under the Credit Facility, if any, bear interest at current market rates plus a margin based upon the Company's ratio of debt to EBITDA, as defined. The incremental interest margin on borrowings under the Credit Facility decreases as the Company's ratio of debt to EBITDA decreases to specified levels. During 2007, this interest margin was 1.75% over the applicable LIBOR rate. Additionally, the Company can borrow on the prevailing prime rate of interest plus an interest margin of 0.50%. The average rate of interest during 2007, inclusive of incremental margin, was 7.40% and 7.08% for the revolving credit facility and term loan, respectively. Under the Credit Facility, certain transactions may trigger mandatory prepayment of borrowings, if any. Such transactions may include equity or debt offerings, certain asset sales and extraordinary receipts. The Company pays a quarterly fee (1.95% per annum at December 31, 2007) on the average balance of outstanding letters of credit and a quarterly commitment fee (0.50% per annum at December 31, 2007) on the average unused portion of the revolving credit facility. In addition, the Company makes mandatory quarterly amortization payments (1.0% per annum at December 31, 2007) on the outstanding balance of the term loan. The revolver component of the Credit Facility provides that the Company will maintain certain financial and operating covenants which include, among other provisions, maintaining specific leverage and coverage ratios. Certain covenants under the revolving credit facility may limit the incurrence of additional indebtedness. The revolving credit facility prohibits dividend payments by the Company. On October 5, 2007, as a result of the 2007 Recall, the Company amended the Credit Facility. The amendment changed the Maximum Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio for certain quarterly periods. Additionally, for purposes of calculating this ratio as well as the Minimum Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio, the Company was permitted to exclude certain recall-related costs. The Company was in compliance with these covenants at December 31, 2007. The Credit Facility is collateralized by a first priority perfected lien on, and pledge of, all of the combined company's present and future property and assets (subject to certain exclusions), 100% of the stock of the domestic subsidiaries, 66% of the stock of foreign subsidiaries and all present and future intercompany debts.

During 2006, the Company repurchased \$148.9 million of aggregate principal amount of convertible senior subordinated notes (\$103.9 million of the principal amount of the 2 1/2% Notes and \$45.0 million of the principal amount of the 1.375% Notes) utilizing borrowings under its senior credit facility. The Company incurred a loss on debt extinguishment of \$18.8 million, and wrote off debt issuance costs of \$3.3 million in 2006 in conjunction with the note repurchases.

**7 1/2% Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2017 (7 1/2% Notes)**

In April 2007, the Company issued \$250 million of 7 1/2% Senior Subordinated Notes due May 1, 2017. Interest on the 7 1/2% Notes is payable on May 1 and November 1 of each year, commencing on November 1, 2007. The 7 1/2% Notes are redeemable at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at any time on or after May 1, 2012 at various redemption prices, together with accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, to the redemption date. In addition, at any time on or before May 1, 2010, the Company may, at its option and subject to certain requirements, use the cash proceeds from one or more qualified equity offerings by the Company to redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 7 1/2% Notes issued under the Indenture at a redemption price equal to 107.5% of the principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to the redemption date.

**3.25% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2026 (3.25% Notes)**

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In June 2006, the Company completed a private placement of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of its 3.25% Notes due August 1, 2026. Interest on the 3.25% Notes is payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing on February 1, 2007. The 3.25% Notes are convertible into 16.7771 shares of the Company's common stock for each \$1,000

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principal amount of the 3.25% Notes (which represents an initial conversion price of approximately \$59.61 per share), subject to adjustment. The 3.25% Notes may be converted, at the option of the holders, into cash or under certain circumstances, cash and shares of the Company's common stock at any time on or prior to the trading day preceding July 1, 2014, only under the following circumstances:

during the five business days after any five consecutive trading-day period in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of the 3.25% Notes for each day of such measurement period was less than 98% of the conversion value. This conversion feature represents an embedded derivative. However, based on the de minimis value associated with this feature, no value was assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007;

during any fiscal quarter subsequent to September 29, 2006, if the closing sale price of the Company's common stock measured over a specified number of trading days is above 130% of the conversion then in effect;

if a fundamental change occurs; or

upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions.

On and after July 1, 2014, to (and including) the trading day preceding the maturity date, subject to prior redemption or repurchase, the 3.25% Notes will be convertible into cash and, if applicable, shares of the Company's common stock regardless of the foregoing circumstances.

The Company may redeem some or all of the 3.25% Notes for cash, on or after August 4, 2014, for a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, including contingent interest, if any, to, but excluding the redemption date.

The 3.25% Notes contain put options, which may require the Company to repurchase in cash all or a portion of the 3.25% Notes on August 1, 2014, August 1, 2017, and August 1, 2021 at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, including contingent interest, if any, to, but excluding the repurchase date.

Beginning with the six-month interest period commencing August 1, 2014, the Company will pay contingent interest during any six-month interest period if the trading price of the 3.25% Notes for each of the five trading days ending on the second trading day immediately preceding the first day of the applicable six-month interest period equals or exceeds 120% of the principal amount of the 3.25% Notes. The contingent interest payable will equal 0.25% of the average trading price of \$1,000 principal amount of the 3.25% Notes during the five trading days immediately preceding the first day of the applicable six-month interest period. This contingent interest payment feature represents an embedded derivative. However, based on the de minimis value associated with this feature, no value has been assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007.

On or prior to August 1, 2014, upon the occurrence of a fundamental change, under certain circumstances, the Company will provide for a make whole amount by increasing, for the time period described herein, the conversion rate by a number of additional shares for any conversion of the 3.25% Notes in connection with such fundamental change transactions. The amount of additional shares will be determined based on the price paid per share of the Company's common stock in the transaction constituting a fundamental change and the effective date of such transaction. This make whole premium feature represents an embedded derivative. However, based on the de minimis value associated with this feature, no value has been assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007.

***2 1/2% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2024 (2 1/2% Notes)***

On June 22, 2004, the Company issued \$350.0 million of 2 1/2% Notes due July 15, 2024. Interest on the 2 1/2% Notes is payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year, commencing on January 15, 2005. The 2 1/2% Notes are convertible into 19.9045 shares of AMO's common stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of 2 1/2% Notes (conversion price of approximately \$50.24 per share), subject to adjustment. The 2 1/2% Notes may be converted, at the option of the holders, on or prior to the final maturity date under certain circumstances, including:

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during any fiscal quarter commencing after September 24, 2004, if the closing sale price per share of AMO's common stock exceeds 130% of the conversion price for at least 20 trading days in the 30 consecutive trading day period ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter;

during the five business days after any five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price of the 2 1/2% Notes for each day was less than 95% of the conversion value of the 2 1/2% Notes; provided that holders may not convert their 2 1/2% Notes in reliance on this provision after July 15, 2019, if on any trading day during such trading period the closing sale price per share of AMO's common stock was between 100% and 130% of the then current conversion price. This conversion tenure represents an embedded derivative. However, based on the de minimis value associated with this feature, no value was assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005;

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upon the occurrence of specified ratings events with respect to the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes. This conversion feature represents an embedded derivative. However, based on the de minimis value associated with this feature, no value has been assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005;

if the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes have been called for redemption;

if a fundamental change occurs; or

upon the occurrence of specified corporate events.

Upon conversion, the Company has the right to deliver, in lieu of shares of common stock, cash or a combination of cash and shares of common stock.

The Company may redeem some or all of the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes for cash, on or after January 20, 2010, for a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, including contingent interest, if any, to but excluding the redemption date.

The 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes contain put options, which may require the Company to repurchase all or a portion of the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes on January 15, 2010, July 15, 2014, and July 15, 2019 at a repurchase price of 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, including contingent interest (as described below), if any, to but excluding the repurchase date. The Company may choose to pay the repurchase price in cash, shares of common stock or a combination of cash and shares of common stock.

Under the indenture for the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes, the Company may irrevocably elect to satisfy in cash the conversion obligation with respect to the principal amount of the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes and the Company made such election prior to December 31, 2004. As such, any future dilutive effect of the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes will be calculated under the net share settlement method. As a result of this election, the Company also is required to satisfy in cash its obligations to repurchase any 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes that holders may put to the Company on January 15, 2010, July 15, 2014 and July 15, 2019.

Beginning with the six-month interest period commencing January 15, 2010, holders of the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes will receive contingent interest payments during any six-month interest period if the trading price of the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes for each of the five trading days ending on the second trading day immediately preceding the first day of the applicable six-month interest period equals or exceeds 120% of the principal amount of the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes. The contingent interest payable will equal 0.25% of the average trading price of \$1,000 principal amount of 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes during the five trading days immediately preceding the first day of the applicable six-month interest period. This contingent interest payment feature represents an embedded derivative. However, based on the de minimis value associated with this feature, no value has been assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005.

On or prior to January 15, 2010, upon the occurrence of a fundamental change, under certain circumstances, the Company will pay a make whole premium on 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes converted in connection with, or tendered for repurchase upon, the fundamental change. The make whole premium will be payable, in the same form of consideration into which the Company's common stock has been exchanged or converted, on the repurchase date for the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes after the fundamental change, both for 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes tendered for repurchase and for 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes converted in connection with the fundamental change. The amount of the make whole premium, if any, will be based on the Company's stock price on the effective date of the fundamental change. This make whole premium feature represents an embedded derivative. However, based on the de minimis value associated with this feature, no value has been assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005.

The Company utilizes a convertible bond pricing model and a probability weighted valuation model, as applicable, to determine the fair values of the embedded derivatives noted above.

The proceeds from the June 2004 term loan and a portion of the net proceeds from the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes aggregating \$450.0 million were used to fund the Pfizer acquisition. In addition, approximately \$80.8 million of the net proceeds from the 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Notes were used to consummate the June 2004 tender offer to purchase the remaining \$70.0 million aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Company's 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% senior subordinated notes and pay the related premium and consent fees. As a result of the purchase of the 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% senior subordinated notes, the Company recorded a charge of approximately \$10.8 million for the premium and consent fees paid and a net gain of \$0.7 million for the write-off of capitalized debt related costs and recognition of the realized gain on interest rate swaps.



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***1.375% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2025 (1.375% Notes)***

On July 18, 2005, the Company issued \$150.0 million of 1.375% Notes due July 1, 2025. Interest on the 1.375% Notes is payable on January 1 and July 1 of each year, commencing on January 1, 2006. The 1.375% Notes are convertible into 21.0084 shares of AMO's common stock for each \$1,000 principal amount of the 1.375% Notes (conversion price of approximately \$47.60 per share), subject to adjustment. The 1.375% Notes may be converted, at the option of the holders, into cash or under certain circumstances, cash and shares of AMO's common stock at any time on or prior to the trading day preceding June 1, 2011, subject to prior redemption or repurchase only during the specified periods under the following circumstances:

during the five business days after any five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of the 1.375% Notes for each day of such measurement period was less than 103% of the conversion value, which equals the product of the closing sales price of AMO's common stock and the conversion rate then in effect. This conversion feature represents an embedded derivative. Since this feature has no measurable impact on the fair value of the 1.375% Notes and no separate trading market exists for this derivative, the value of the embedded derivative was determined to be de minimis. Accordingly, no value has been assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005;

if a fundamental change occurs; or

upon the occurrence of specified corporate events.

On and after June 1, 2011, to (and including) the trading day preceding the maturity date, subject to prior redemption or repurchase, the 1.375% Notes will be convertible into cash and, if applicable, shares of AMO's common stock regardless of the foregoing circumstances.

With respect to each \$1,000 principal amount of the 1.375% Notes surrendered for conversion, the Company will deliver the conversion value to holders as follows: (1) an amount in cash (the principal return) equal to the lesser of (a) the aggregate conversion value of the 1.375% Notes to be converted and (b) \$1,000, and (2) if the aggregate conversion value of the 1.375% Notes to be converted is greater than the principal return, an amount in shares equal to such aggregate conversion value, less the principal return.

The Company may redeem some or all of the 1.375% Notes for cash, on or after July 6, 2011, for a price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, including contingent interest (as described below), if any, to but excluding the redemption date.

The 1.375% Notes contain put options, which may require the Company to repurchase in cash all or a portion of the 1.375% Notes on July 1, 2011, July 1, 2016, and July 1, 2021 at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest, including contingent interest (as described below), if any, to but excluding the repurchase date.

Beginning with the six-month interest period commencing July 1, 2011, holders of the 1.375% Notes will receive contingent interest payments during any six-month interest period if the trading price of the 1.375% Notes for each of the five trading days ending on the second trading day immediately preceding the first day of the applicable six-month interest period equals or exceeds 120% of the principal amount of the 1.375% Notes. The contingent interest payable will equal 0.25% of the average trading price of \$1,000 principal amount of the 1.375% Notes during the five trading days immediately preceding the first day of the applicable six-month interest period. This contingent interest payment feature represents an embedded derivative. Since this feature has no measurable impact on the fair value of the 1.375% Notes and no separate trading market exists for this derivative, the value of the embedded derivative was determined to be de minimis. Accordingly, no value was assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005.

On or prior to July 1, 2011, upon the occurrence of a fundamental change, under certain circumstances, the Company will provide for a make whole amount by increasing, for the time period described herein, the conversion rate by a number of additional shares for any conversion of the 1.375% Notes in connection with such fundamental change transactions. The amount of additional shares will be determined based on the price paid per share of AMO's common stock in the transaction constituting a fundamental change and the effective date of such transaction. This make whole premium feature represents an embedded derivative. Since this feature has no measurable impact on the fair value of the 1.375% Notes and no separate trading market exists for this derivative, the value of the embedded derivative was determined to be de minimis. Accordingly, no value has been assigned at issuance and at December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005.





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As of December 31, 2007, the aggregate maturities of total long-term debt of \$1,525.2 million are due after 2012.

*Guarantor Subsidiaries*

In connection with the issuance of the 7 1/2% Notes, certain of the Company's 100% owned subsidiaries (Guarantor Subsidiaries) jointly, fully, severally and unconditionally guaranteed such 7 1/2% Notes. Each subsidiary is 100% owned by the parent company issuer. The following presents the condensed consolidating financial information separately for:

- i. Advanced Medical Optics, Inc. (Parent Company), the issuer of the guaranteed obligations;
- ii. Guarantor subsidiaries, on a combined basis, as specified in the Indenture;
- iii. Non-guarantor subsidiaries, on a combined basis, as specified in the Indenture;
- iv. Consolidating entries and eliminations representing adjustments to (a) eliminate intercompany transactions between or among the Parent Company, the guarantor subsidiaries and the non-guarantor subsidiaries, (b) eliminate the investments in our subsidiaries and (c) record consolidating entries; and
- v. Advanced Medical Optics, Inc. and Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

Each entity in the consolidating financial information follows the same accounting policies as described in the consolidated financial statements, except for the use by the Parent Company and Guarantor subsidiaries of the equity method of accounting to reflect ownership interests in subsidiaries which are eliminated upon consolidation. Net (loss) earnings in 2006 and 2005 under the Parent and Consolidating Entries and Eliminations columns reflect the correction of an immaterial error which did not have an impact of consolidated net (loss) earnings as previously reported.

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet	December 31, 2007 (in thousands)		Consolidating			Consolidated
	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Entries and Eliminations		
<b>Assets:</b>						
Cash and equivalents	\$ 236	\$ 2,031	\$ 32,258	\$		\$ 34,525
Trade receivables, net	2,084	89,008	158,926			250,018
Inventories	7,301	141,651	107,900	(96,585)		160,267
Other current assets	38,370	312,884	30,953	(303,906)		78,301
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>47,991</b>	<b>545,574</b>	<b>330,037</b>	<b>(400,491)</b>		<b>523,111</b>
Property, plant and equipment, net	14,021	31,998	131,656			177,675
Goodwill and intangibles, net	29,673	1,432,099	520,786	(44,068)		1,938,490
Other assets	158,899	32,956	49,097	(131,892)		109,060
Investment in subsidiaries	2,520,217	2,694,404	2,270,788	(7,485,409)		
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,770,801</b>	<b>\$ 4,737,031</b>	<b>\$ 3,302,364</b>	<b>\$ (8,061,860)</b>		<b>\$ 2,748,336</b>
<b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity:</b>						
Short-term borrowings	\$ 64,500	\$	\$	\$		\$ 64,500
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	298,626	84,075	256,442	(361,049)		278,094

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Total current liabilities	363,126	84,075	256,442	(361,049)	342,594
Long-term debt, net of current portion	1,543,230				1,543,230
Other liabilities	265,709	50,664	78,605	(131,202)	263,776
Total liabilities	2,172,065	134,739	335,047	(492,251)	2,149,600
Total stockholders' equity	598,736	4,602,292	2,967,317	(7,569,609)	598,736
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,770,801	\$ 4,737,031	\$ 3,302,364	\$ (8,061,860)	\$ 2,748,336

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<b>Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet</b>	<b>December 31, 2006 (in thousands)</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Consolidating Entries and Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
<b>Assets:</b>						
Cash and equivalents	\$	344	\$ 1,187	\$ 32,991	\$	\$ 34,522
Trade receivables, net		723	77,906	153,779		232,408
Inventories		10,166	106,976	101,498	(91,108)	127,532
Other current assets		70,163	256,612	37,543	(280,637)	83,681
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>81,396</b>	<b>442,681</b>	<b>325,811</b>	<b>(371,745)</b>	<b>478,143</b>
Property, plant and equipment, net		15,212	2,620	114,924		132,756
Goodwill and intangibles, net		29,673	828,849	501,851	(40,000)	1,320,373
Other assets		29,874	20,870	32,572	(691)	82,625
Investment in subsidiaries		1,638,781	1,203,100	2,162,731	(5,004,612)	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,794,936</b>	<b>\$ 2,498,120</b>	<b>\$ 3,137,889</b>	<b>\$ (5,417,048)</b>	<b>\$ 2,013,897</b>
<b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity:</b>						
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	\$	58,715	\$ 206,799	\$ 263,012	\$ (311,073)	\$ 217,453
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>58,715</b>	<b>206,799</b>	<b>263,012</b>	<b>(311,073)</b>	<b>217,453</b>
Long-term debt, net of current portion		851,105				851,105
Other liabilities		169,125	783	59,440		229,348
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,078,945</b>	<b>207,582</b>	<b>322,452</b>	<b>(311,073)</b>	<b>1,297,906</b>
Total stockholders' equity		715,991	2,290,538	2,815,437	(5,105,975)	715,991
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,794,936</b>	<b>\$ 2,498,120</b>	<b>\$ 3,137,889</b>	<b>\$ (5,417,048)</b>	<b>\$ 2,013,897</b>

**Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations**

<b>Year ended December 31, 2007 (in thousands)</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries</b>	<b>Consolidating Entries and Eliminations</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>	
Net sales	\$	202,915	\$ 755,257	\$ 842,615	\$ (709,941)	\$ 1,090,846
<b>Operating costs and expenses:</b>						
Cost of sales		178,391	443,393	572,267	(719,077)	474,974
Selling, general and administrative		124,162	190,123	240,316	(7,489)	547,112
Research and development		42,823	24,475	14,534		81,832
In-process research & development			86,980			86,980
<b>Operating (loss) income</b>		<b>(142,461)</b>	<b>10,286</b>	<b>15,498</b>	<b>16,625</b>	<b>(100,052)</b>

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Non-operating expense (income), net	66,062	(69,016)	65,789	17,066	79,901
Equity in losses of subsidiaries	50,419	74,435		(124,854)	
Loss before income taxes	(258,942)	4,867	(50,291)	124,413	(179,953)
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(65,993)	57,557	21,432		12,996
Net loss	\$ (192,949)	\$ (52,690)	\$ (71,723)	\$ 124,413	\$ (192,949)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations December 31, 2006 (in thousands)	Year ended				
	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Entries and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 340,490	\$ 608,316	\$ 866,373	\$ (817,683)	\$ 997,496
Operating costs and expenses:					
Cost of sales	200,008	374,669	583,076	(778,428)	379,325
Selling, general and administrative	25,957	156,814	232,264	(10,233)	404,802
Research and development	20,540	16,781	28,778		66,099
Business repositioning	10,208	11,404	24,805		46,417
Net gain on legal contingencies	(30,927)		(65,969)		(96,896)
Operating income	114,704	48,648	63,419	(29,022)	197,749
Non-operating expense (income), net	47,436	(2,211)	(97,226)	104,934	52,933
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	(43,548)	(143,904)		187,452	
Earnings before income taxes	110,816	194,763	160,645	(321,408)	144,816
Provision for income taxes	31,345	23,699	10,301		65,345
Net earnings	\$ 79,471	\$ 171,064	\$ 150,344	\$ (321,408)	\$ 79,471

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations Year ended December 31, 2005 (in thousands)	Year ended				
	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Entries and Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$ 253,827	\$			