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#### Form 10-Q

# DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2008

**Commission File Number: 0-31285** 

#### TTM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

#### **DELAWARE**

91-1033443

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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

#### 2630 South Harbor Boulevard, Santa Ana, California 92704

(Address of principal executive offices)

(714) 327-3000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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 b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer or a small reporting company. See definition of accelerated filer, large accelerated filer and small reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer b Non-accelerated filer o Small reporting company o

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

Number of shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value, of registrant outstanding at May 1, 2008: 42,600,025

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# TTM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

# Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets As of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007

	2008 (Unaudited)			December 31, 2007 ousands)		
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	32,569	\$	18,681		
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$5,660 and \$5,704, respectively		118,240		118,581		
Inventories		73,646		65,675		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		4,156		3,665		
Income taxes receivable				2,237		
Asset held for sale		5,000		5,000		
Deferred income taxes		5,979		6,097		
Total current assets		239,590		219,936		
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated deprecation of \$80,889 and						
\$76,135, respectively		121,796		123,647		
Debt issuance costs, net		1,857		2,195		
Goodwill		130,791		130,126		
Definite-lived intangibles, net		21,229		22,128		
Deposits and other non current assets		2,136		766		
	\$	517,399	\$	498,798		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQU	ITY					
Current liabilities:						
Current portion long-term debt	\$	43,000	\$	40,000		
Accounts payable		61,936		53,632		
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits		19,891		21,601		
Income taxes payable		3,604				
Other accrued expenses		5,839		5,864		
Total current liabilities		134,270		121,097		
Long-term debt, less current portion		32,000		45,000		
Deferred income taxes		4,007		1,688		
Other long-term liabilities		2,437		2,419		
Total long-term liabilities		38,444		49,107		

Stockholders equity:

Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 100,000 shares authorized, 42,553 and 42,380 shares issued and outstanding, as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively 42 42 Additional paid-in capital 174,505 173,365 Retained earnings 168,709 154,337 Accumulated other comprehensive income 1,429 850 Total stockholders equity 344,685 328,594 \$ 517,399 \$ 498,798

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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# TTM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

# Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Quarter E March 31, 2008				
Net sales	\$	174,071		176,897	
Cost of goods sold		136,469		142,176	
Gross profit		37,602		34,721	
Operating (income) expenses:					
Selling and marketing		7,714		7,560	
General and administrative		8,205		8,342	
Amortization of definite-lived intangibles		947		1,025	
Metal reclamation		(3,700)			
Total operating expenses		13,166		16,927	
Operating income		24,436		17,794	
Other income (expense):					
Interest expense		(1,835)		(5,098)	
Interest income		143		764	
Other, net		141		(5)	
Total other expense, net		(1,551)		(4,339)	
Income before income taxes		22,885		13,455	
Income tax provision		(8,513)		(4,990)	
meome ax provision		(0,515)		(1,220)	
Net income	\$	14,372	\$	8,465	
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.34	\$	0.20	
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.34	\$	0.20	

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

# TTM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

# Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007

(Unaudited)

# (In thousands)

	Quarter March 31, 2008	Ended April 2, 2007
Cash flows from operating activities:	<b>.</b>	<b>.</b>
Net income	\$ 14,372	\$ 8,465
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	<b>7.2</b> 00	<b>7</b> 0 6 0
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	5,280	5,860
Amortization of definite-lived intangible assets	977	1,057
Amortization of debt issuance costs	338	1,549
Non-cash interest imputed on other long-term liabilities	31	30
Excess income tax benefit from common stock options exercised	(31)	(76)
Deferred income taxes	2,095	279
Stock-based compensation	991	660
Net loss (gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment Other	135	(1)
		(4)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable, net	1,093	4,214
Inventories	(7,640)	239
Prepaid expenses and other	(468)	1,084
Income taxes receivable	2,237	1,004
Accounts payable	6,282	5,005
Accrued salaries, wages and benefits and other accrued expenses	(2,525)	(4,068)
Income taxes payable	3,614	4,008)
income taxes payable	3,014	4,004
Net cash provided by operating activities	26,781	28,297
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and equipment deposits	(3,514)	(3,665)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	65	114
Proceeds from redemptions of held-to-maturity short-term investments		11,000
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(3,449)	7,449
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on long-term debt	(10,000)	(50,705)
Proceeds from exercise of common stock options	120	512
Payment of debt issuance costs		(170)

Excess income tax benefit from common stock options exercised	31	76
Net cash used in financing activities	(9,849)	(50,287)
Effect of foreign currency exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	405	262
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	13,888 18,681	(14,279) 59,660
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 32,569	\$ 45,381
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 1,515	\$ 2,611
Cash paid for income taxes	552	707

Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities:

As of March 31, 2008, accrued purchases of equipment totaled \$1,399.

The Company recognized an unrealized loss on derivative instruments of \$471 and \$208, net of tax for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, respectively.

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of Financial Account Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. As a result of the implementation of FIN 48, we recognized a \$338 decrease to our liability for unrecognized tax benefits, and a corresponding increase to our January 1, 2007 accumulated retained earnings beginning balance.

See accompanying notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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#### TTM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements (unaudited)
(Dollars and shares in thousands, except per share data)

#### (1) Nature of Operations and Basis of Presentation

TTM Technologies, Inc. (the Company) is a manufacturer of complex printed circuit boards used in sophisticated electronic equipment and provides backplane and sub-system assembly services for both standard and specialty product in defense and commercial operations. The Company sells to a variety of customers located both within and outside of the United States of America. The Company s customers include both original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and electronic manufacturing services (EMS) companies. The Company s OEM customers often direct a significant portion of their purchases through EMS companies.

The accompanying consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared by the Company, without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. These consolidated condensed financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments), which, in the opinion of management, are necessary to present fairly the financial position, the results of operations and cash flows of the Company for the periods presented. It is suggested that these consolidated condensed financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the Company s consolidated condensed financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. The Company uses a 13-week fiscal quarter accounting period with the first quarter ending on the Monday closest to April 1 and the fourth quarter always ending on December 31. The first quarters ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007 contained 91 and 92 days, respectively.

Certain reclassifications of prior years amounts have been made to conform with the current year presentation.

#### (2) Inventories

Inventories as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 consist of the following:

	March 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
	(In th	nousands)
Raw materials	\$ 25,508	\$ 23,386
Work-in-process	41,321	35,700
Finished goods	6,817	6,589
	\$ 73,646	\$ 65,675

#### TTM TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements** (Continued)

#### (3) Goodwill and Definite-lived Intangibles

As of March 31, 2008 goodwill by operating segment and the components of definite-lived intangibles were as follows:

#### Goodwill

	December 31, 2007	Foreign Currency Rate Change (In thousands)	March 31, 2008
PCB Manufacturing Backplane Assembly	\$ 117,018 13,108	\$ 665	\$ 117,018 13,773
Dackplane Assembly	\$ 130,126	\$ 665	\$ 130,791

Goodwill in the Backplane Assembly operating segment includes the activity related to a foreign subsidiary which operates in a currency other than the U.S. dollar and therefore reflects a foreign currency change.

## **Definite-lived Intangibles**

	Gross .mount	 umulated ortization (In thou	Cu ] C	oreign rrency Rate hange	Net arrying mount	Weighted Average Amortization  Period (Years)
March 31, 2008: Strategic customer relationships Customer backlog Licensing agreements	\$ 35,429 70 350	\$ (14,558) (71) (204)	\$	212 1	\$ 21,083 146	12.0 0.7 3.0
	\$ 35,849	\$ (14,833)	\$	213	\$ 21,229	

The definite-lived intangible related to strategic customer relationships and customer backlog includes that activity related to a foreign subsidiary which operates in a currency other than the U.S. dollar and therefore reflects a foreign currency change.

Amortization expense was \$977 and \$1,057 for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, respectively. Amortization expense related to acquired licensing agreements is classified as cost of goods sold. Estimated aggregate amortization for definite-lived intangible assets for the next five years is as follows:

		(	In thousands)
Remaining est. 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012		\$	2,935 3,492 3,159 3,013 2,749
	7	\$	15,348

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## **Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements** (Continued)

## (4) Long-term Debt and Credit Agreement

The following table summarizes the long-term debt of the Company as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007:

	March 31, December 2008 2007 (In thousands)			
Senior secured term loan due October 27, 2012 Less current maturities	\$ 75,000 (43,000)	\$	85,000 (40,000)	
Long-term debt, less current maturities	\$ 32,000	\$	45,000	

The Company s long-term debt, less current portion, matures as follows:

	(In thousand	nds)
2009	\$	575
2010		767
2011		767
2012	29	9,891
	\$ 32	2,000

The Company maintains a Credit Agreement consisting of a \$200,000 senior secured term loan (Term Loan), which matures in October 2012 and a \$40,000 senior secured revolving loan facility (Revolving Loan), which matures in October 2011. The Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of the Company s domestic assets and 65% of its foreign assets. The Revolving Loan also contains a \$10,000 letter of credit sub-facility.

Borrowings under the Credit Agreement will bear interest at a floating rate of either a base rate (the Alternate Base Rate) plus an applicable interest margin or LIBOR plus an applicable interest margin. The Alternate Base Rate is equal to the greater of (i) the federal funds rate plus 0.50% or (ii) the prime rate. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement, at the Company s option, will initially bear interest at a rate based on either: (a) the Alternate Base Rate plus 1.25% or (b) LIBOR plus 2.25%. For the Revolving Loan, the applicable interest margins on both the Alternate Base Rate and LIBOR may decrease by up to 0.50% if the Company s total leverage ratio decreases as defined under the terms of the Credit Agreement. There is no provision, other than an event of default, for these interest margins to increase. At March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the weighted average interest rate on the outstanding borrowings was 6.83% and 7.34%, respectively.

Each calendar year the Company is required to repay 1% of the outstanding Term Loan balance, subject to specific adjustments, as defined in the Credit Agreement. The Company does not have a contractual maturity payment due in 2008, however it expects to repay a total of \$43,000 over the next 12 months. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are subject to certain financial and operating covenants that include, among other provisions, limitations on dividends, stock repurchases and stock redemptions in addition to maintaining maximum total leverage ratios and minimum interest coverage ratios.

The Company is also required to pay a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on the unused portion of the Revolving Loan. As of March 31, 2008, the Company had no standby letter of credit outstanding. Available borrowing capacity under the Revolving Loan was \$40,000 at March 31, 2008. However, subsequent to the quarter ended March 31, 2008, \$1,000 of standby letter of credit was outstanding as a result of the extension of the San Diego, California facility operating lease.

On January 25, 2007, the Company entered into a three-year pay-fixed, receive floating (3-month LIBOR), amortizing interest rate swap arrangement with an initial notional amount of \$70,000. The interest rate swap applied a fixed interest rate against the first interest payments of a portion of the \$200,000 six-year Term Loan arrangement.

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The notional amount of the interest rate swap amortizes to zero over its term, consistent with the Company s planned debt pay down and the Credit Agreement s requirement of maintaining interest rate protection on at least 40% of Term Loan debt for a minimum of three years. The notional value underlying the hedge at March 31, 2008 was \$56,000. Under the terms of the interest rate swap, the Company pays a fixed rate of 5.21% and receives floating 3-month LIBOR, which was 3.33% at March 31, 2008.

To the extent the instruments are considered to be effective, changes in fair value are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income. To the extent there is any hedge ineffectiveness, changes in fair value relating to the ineffective portion are immediately recognized in earnings as interest expense. No ineffectiveness was recognized for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007. At inception, the fair value of the interest rate swap was zero. As of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the fair value of the swap was recorded as a liability of \$1,963 and \$1,021, respectively, in other accrued expenses. The change in the fair value of the interest rate swap is recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, in the consolidated condensed balance sheet. Changes in the fair value of the hedge reported in accumulated other comprehensive income subsequently are reclassified into interest expense in the same period in which the related interest on the floating-rate debt obligation affects earnings. Within the next 12 months, approximately \$1.2 million of unrealized losses in accumulated other comprehensive income related to the interest rate swap are expected to be reclassified into interest expense as interest expense is recognized on the hedged debt obligation. The impact of the interest rate swap to interest expense was a charge of \$198 for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and a benefit of \$19 for the quarter ended April 2, 2007.

#### (5) Income Taxes

Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted FIN 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes An interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109. Upon adoption of FIN 48, the Company recorded a decrease in the liability for unrecognized tax benefits of \$338 and an increase to retained earnings of \$338 representing the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle. No change was recorded in the deferred income tax asset accounts. As of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, unrecognized income tax benefits totaled approximately \$373. Of that amount, approximately \$373 (net of the federal benefit on state income tax matters) carried in other long-term liabilities represents the amount of unrecognized tax benefits that would, if recognized, reduce the Company s effective income tax rate in any future periods. The Company does not expect its unrecognized tax benefits to change significantly over the next 12 months.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to U.S. federal, state, local, and/or foreign income tax, and in the normal course of business its income tax returns are subject to examination by the relevant taxing authorities. The State of California Franchise Tax Board has completed audits of the Company s income tax returns for the 2000 2001 years. The State of Florida Department of Revenue has completed audits of the Company s income tax returns for the 2003 2005 years. As of March 31, 2008, the 2002 2006 tax years remain subject to examination in the U.S. federal tax, various state tax and foreign jurisdictions.

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#### **Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements** (Continued)

#### (6) Comprehensive Income

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income generally include foreign currency translation adjustments and unrealized gains and losses on effective cash flow hedges. The computation of comprehensive income was as follows:

	,			April 2, 2007	
Net income Other comprehensive income (loss):	\$	14,372	\$	8,465	
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of \$620 and \$97 of tax for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, respectively		1,050		165	
Unrealized loss on effective cash flow hedges, net of \$278 and \$122 of tax for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, respectively		(471)		(208)	
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax		579		(43)	
Comprehensive income	\$	14,951	\$	8,422	

#### (7) Fair Value Measures

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company prospectively implemented the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 *Fair Value Measures*, (SFAS 157) for financial assets and financial liabilities reported or disclosed at fair value. As permitted by Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position No. FAS 157-2, the Company elected to defer implementation of the provisions of SFAS 157 for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities until January 1, 2009, except for non-financial items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually).

SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The disclosures focus on the inputs used to measure fair value.

SFAS 157 establishes the following hierarchy for categorizing these inputs:

Level 1 Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 Significant other observable inputs (e.g. quoted prices for similar items in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar items in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable such as interest rate and yield curves, and market-corroborated inputs); and

Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs.

At March 31, 2008, the following financial liability was measured at fair value on a recurring basis using the type of inputs shown:

	March 31,	Fair Value Measurements Using:		
		Level 1		Level 3
	2008	Inputs	<b>Level 2 Inputs</b>	Inputs
		(In	thousands)	
Derivative	\$ 1,963		\$ 1,963	
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#### **Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements** (Continued)

#### (8) Commitments and Contingencies

#### Legal Matters

Prior to the Company s acquisition of Printed Circuit Group (PCG) in October 2006, PCG made legal commitments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the State of Connecticut regarding settlement of enforcement actions against the PCG operations in Connecticut. On August 17, 2004, PCG was sentenced for Clean Water Act violations and was ordered to pay a \$6,000 fine and an additional \$3,700 to fund environmental projects designed to improve the environment for Connecticut residents. In September 2004, PCG agreed to a stipulated judgment with the Connecticut Attorney General s office and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under which PCG paid a \$2,000 civil penalty and agreed to implement capital improvements of \$2,400 to reduce the volume of rinse water discharged from its manufacturing facilities in Connecticut. The obligations to the U.S. EPA and Connecticut DEP include the fulfillment of a Compliance Management Plan until at least July 2009 and installation of rinse water recycling systems at the Stafford, Connecticut, facilities. As of March 31, 2008, approximately \$547 remains to be expended in the form of capital improvements to meet the rinse water recycling systems requirements. The Company has assumed these legal commitments as part of its purchase of PCG. Failure to meet either commitment could result in further costly enforcement actions, including exclusion from participation in federal contracts.

The Company is subject to various other legal matters, which it considers normal for its business activities. While the Company currently believes that the amount of any ultimate potential loss for known matters would not be material to the Company s financial condition, the outcome of these actions is inherently difficult to predict. In the event of an adverse outcome, the ultimate potential loss could have a material adverse effect on the Company s financial condition or results of operations in a particular period. The Company has accrued amounts for its loss contingencies which are probable and estimable at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007.

#### **Environmental Matters**

The process to manufacture printed circuit boards requires adherence to city, county, state and federal environmental regulations regarding the storage, use, handling and disposal of chemicals, solid wastes and other hazardous materials as well as air quality standards. Management believes that its facilities comply in all material respects with environmental laws and regulations. The Company has in the past received certain notices of violations and has been required to engage in certain minor corrective activities. There can be no assurance that violations will not occur in the future.

The Company is involved in various stages of investigation and cleanup related to environmental remediation matters at two Connecticut sites, and the ultimate cost of site cleanup is difficult to predict given the uncertainties regarding the extent of the required cleanup, the interpretation of applicable laws and regulations, and alternative cleanup methods. The Company has also investigated a third Connecticut site as a result of the PCG acquisition under Connecticut s Land Transfer Act. The Company concluded that it was probable that it would incur remedial costs of approximately \$858 and \$879 as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively, the liability for which is included in other long-term liabilities. This accrual was discounted at 8% per annum based on the Company s best estimate of the liability, which the Company estimated as ranging from \$839 to \$1,274 on an undiscounted basis. The liabilities recorded do not take into account any claims for recoveries from insurance or third parties and none is

estimated. These costs are mostly comprised of estimated consulting costs to evaluate potential remediation requirements, completion of the remediation, and monitoring of results achieved. As of March 31, 2008, the Company anticipates paying these costs ratably over the next 12 to 84 months, which timeframes vary by site. Subject to the imprecision in estimating future environmental remediation costs, the Company does not expect the outcome of the environmental remediation matters, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on its financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

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#### **Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements** (Continued)

#### (9) Earnings Per Share

The following is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used to calculate basic earning per share and diluted earnings per share for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007:

				Quarte	r En	ded			
	N	<b>1arch 31, 200</b>	<b>)8</b>				April 2, 2007	1	
	Net		F	Per		Net			Per
	Income (In thou	Shares isands)	Sh	nare	I	ncome (In thou	Shares Isands)	S	hare
Basic EPS	\$ 14,372	42,429	\$	0.34	\$	8,465	42,149	\$	0.20
Dilutive effect of options		307					249		
Diluted EPS	\$ 14,372	42,736	\$	0.34	\$	8,465	42,398	\$	0.20

Stock options and restricted stock units to purchase 2,472 and 2,528 shares of common stock for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, respectively, were not considered in calculating diluted earnings per share because the effect would be anti-dilutive.

## (10) Stock-Based Compensation

For the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, the Company recorded \$676 and \$503, respectively, of share-based compensation expense. Share-based compensation expense is recognized in the accompanying consolidated condensed statements of operations as follows:

	Quarter rch 31, 2008 (In thou	A <sub>1</sub>	pril 2, 2007
Cost of goods sold Selling and marketing General and administrative	\$ 233 73 685	\$	187 50 423
Stock-based compensation expense recognized Income tax benefit recognized	\$ 991 (315)	\$	660 (157)
Total stock-based compensation expense after income taxes	\$ 676	\$	503

The Company granted 110 stock option awards during the quarter ended March 31, 2008 with an estimated weighted average fair value per share option of \$6.81. No stock options were granted by the Company for the quarter ended April 2, 2007. The fair value for stock options granted during the period is calculated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model on the date of grant. For the quarter ended March 31, 2008 the following assumptions were used in determining the fair value:

Risk-free interest rate	2.9%
Dividend yield	%
Expected volatility	69%
Expected term in months	66

The Company determines the expected term of its stock option awards separately for employees and directors by periodic review of its historical stock option exercise experience. This calculation excludes pre-vesting forfeitures and uses assumed future exercise patterns to account for option holders—expected exercise and post-vesting termination behavior for outstanding stock options over their remaining contractual terms. Expected volatility is calculated by weighting the Company—s historical stock price to calculate expected volatility over the expected term of each grant. The risk-free interest rate for the expected term of each option granted is based on the

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#### **Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements** (Continued)

U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. As of March 31, 2008, \$3,577 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.1 years.

The Company also granted 474 and 472 of restricted stock units for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, respectively. The units granted were estimated to have a weighted-average fair value per unit of \$11.31 and \$10.58 for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, respectively, which was based on the date of grant using the closing share price. As of March 31, 2008, \$7,331 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock units is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.2 years.

#### (11) Concentration of Credit Risk

In the normal course of business, the Company extends credit to its customers, which are concentrated in the computer and electronics instrumentation and aerospace/defense industries, and some of which are located outside the United States. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of customers and does not require collateral. The Company also considers the credit risk profile of the entity from which the receivable is due in further evaluating collection risk.

As of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the 10 largest customers in the aggregate accounted for 51% and 49%, respectively, of total accounts receivable. If one or more of the Company s significant customers were to become insolvent or were otherwise unable to pay for the manufacturing services provided, it would have a material adverse effect on the Company s financial condition and results of operations.

#### (12) Segment Information

The operating segments reported below are the Company's segments for which separate financial information is available and upon which operating results are evaluated by the chief operating decision maker on a timely basis to assess performance and to allocate resources. The Company has two reportable segments: PCB Manufacturing and Backplane Assembly. These reportable segments are each managed separately as they distribute and manufacture distinct products with different production processes. Each reportable segment operates predominately in the same industry with production facilities that produce similar customized products for its customers and use similar means of product distribution. PCB Manufacturing fabricates printed circuit boards, and Backplane Assembly is a contract manufacturing business that specializes in assembling backplanes and sub-system assemblies.

The Company evaluates segment performance based on operating segment income, which is operating income before amortization of intangibles. Interest expense and interest income are not presented by segment since they are not included in the measure of segment profitability reviewed by the chief operating decision maker. All inter-company transactions, including sales of PCBs from the PCB Manufacturing segment to the Backplane Assembly segment, have been eliminated.

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#### **Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements** (Continued)

		Quarter Ended		
	M	arch 31, 2008	A	April 2, 2007
		(In thou	ısan	ds)
Net Sales:				
PCB Manufacturing	\$	148,705	\$	152,151
Backplane Assembly		32,570		33,657
Total sales		181,275		185,808
Inter-company sales		(7,204)		(8,911)
Total net sales	\$	174,071	\$	176,897
Operating Segment Income:				
PCB Manufacturing	\$	22,679	\$	16,367
Backplane Assembly		2,704		2,452
Total operating segment income		25,383		18,819
Amortization of intangibles		(947)		(1,025)
Total operating income		24,436		17,794
Total other expense		(1,551)		(4,339)
Income before income taxes	\$	22,885	\$	13,455

The Company s customers include both OEMs and EMS companies. The Company s OEM customers often direct a significant portion of their purchases through EMS companies.

For the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, one customer accounted for approximately 13% and 11% of net sales, respectively. Sales to our 10 largest customers were 48% and 45% of net sales for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, respectively. The loss of one or more major customers or a decline in sales to the Company s major customers would have a material adverse effect on the Company s financial condition and results of operations.

#### (13) Metal Reclamation

During the first quarter 2008, the Company recognized \$3,700 of income related to a pricing reconciliation of metal reclamation activity attributable to a single vendor. As a result of the pricing reconciliation, the Company discovered that the vendor had inaccurately compensated the Company for gold reclamations over the last several years.

#### (14) Universal Shelf Registration

During the first quarter of 2008, the Company filed a universal shelf registration statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for the registration and potential issuance of up to \$200,000 of the Company s securities, which may include common stock, preferred stock, convertible debt or any combination thereof. The universal shelf registration statement became effective on April 7, 2008 and will allow the Company to sell the various securities in one or more offerings in the future. A prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any particular offering made under the universal shelf registration statement. The Company may use all or a portion of the net proceeds to fund potential investments in, and acquisitions of, companies, businesses, partnerships, minority investments, products or technologies. Currently, there are no commitments or agreements regarding any such acquisitions or investments.

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#### Item 2. Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated condensed financial statements and the related notes and the other financial information included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. This discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of specified factors, including those set forth in Item 1A Risk Factors of Part II below and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations set forth in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Overview

We are a one-stop provider of time-critical and technologically complex printed circuit boards (PCBs) and backplane assemblies, which serve as the foundation of sophisticated electronic products. We serve high-end commercial and aerospace/defense markets including the networking/communications infrastructure, high-end computing, defense, and industrial/medical markets which are characterized by high levels of complexity and moderate production volumes. Our customers include original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), electronic manufacturing services (EMS) providers, and aerospace/defense companies. Our time-to-market and high technology focused manufacturing services enable our customers to reduce the time required to develop new products and bring them to market.

We measure customers as those companies that have placed at least two orders in the preceding 12-month period. As of March 31, 2008 we had approximately 900 customers and 945 as of April 2, 2007. Sales to our 10 largest customers accounted for 48% of our net sales in the first quarter 2008 and 45% of our net sales in the first quarter 2007. We sell to OEMs both directly and indirectly through EMS companies. Sales attributable to our five largest OEM customers accounted for approximately 29% and 24% of our net sales in the first quarter of 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The following table shows the percentage of our net sales attributable to each of the principal end markets we served for the periods indicated.

	Quarter Ended			
End Markets(1)	March 31, 2008	April 2, 2007		
Networking/Communications	42%	43%		
Aerospace/Defense	34	28		
Computing/Storage/Peripherals	12	13		
Medical/Industrial/Instrumentation/Other	12	16		
Total	100%	100%		

(1) Sales to EMS companies are classified by the end markets of their OEM customers.

For PCBs we measure the time sensitivity of our products by tracking the quick-turn percentage of our work. We define quick-turn orders as those with delivery times of 10 days or less, which typically captures research and development, prototype, and new product introduction work, in addition to unexpected short-term demand among our customers. Generally, we quote prices after we receive the design specifications and the time and volume requirements from our customers. Our quick-turn services command a premium price as compared to standard lead time products. Quick-turn orders decreased from approximately 15% of net PCB sales in the first quarter 2007 to 12% of net PCB sales in the first quarter 2008, due to the increasingly complex nature of our quick turn work which requires more time to manufacture, thereby extending some of these orders beyond the 10 day delivery window. We also deliver a large percentage of compressed lead-time work with lead times of 11 to 20 days. We receive a premium price for this work as well. Purchase orders may be cancelled prior to shipment. We charge customers a fee, based on percentage completed, if an order is cancelled once it has entered production.

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We derive revenues primarily from the sale of printed circuit boards and backplane assemblies using customer-supplied engineering and design plans. We recognize revenues when persuasive evidence of a sales arrangement exists, the sales terms are fixed and determinable, title and risk of loss have transferred, and collectibility is reasonably assured generally when products are shipped to the customer. Net sales consist of gross sales less an allowance for returns, which typically has been approximately 2% of gross sales. We provide our customers a limited right of return for defective printed circuit boards and backplane assemblies. We record an estimated amount for sales returns and allowances at the time of sale based on historical information.

Cost of goods sold consists of materials, labor, outside services, and overhead expenses incurred in the manufacture and testing of our products as well as stock-based compensation expense. Many factors affect our gross margin, including capacity utilization, product mix, production volume, and yield. We do not participate in any significant long-term contracts with suppliers, and we believe there are a number of potential suppliers for the raw materials we use.

Selling and marketing expenses consist primarily of salaries and commissions paid to our internal sales force and independent sales representatives, salaries paid to our sales support staff, stock-based compensation expense as well as costs associated with marketing materials and trade shows. We generally pay higher commissions to our independent sales representatives for quick-turn work, which generally has a higher gross profit component than standard lead-time work.

General and administrative costs primarily include the salaries for executive, finance, accounting, information technology, facilities and human resources personnel, as well as insurance expenses, expenses for accounting and legal assistance, incentive compensation expense, stock-based compensation expense, and bad debt expense.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our consolidated condensed financial statements included in this report have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, net sales and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Management bases its estimates on historical experience, the use of independent valuation firms and licensed environmental professionals, and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Management has discussed the development, selection and disclosure of these estimates with the audit committee of our board of directors. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Accounting policies for which significant judgments and estimates are made include asset valuation related to bad debts and inventory obsolescence; sales returns and allowances; impairment of long-lived assets, including goodwill and intangible assets; derivative instruments and hedging activities; realizability of deferred tax assets; determining stock-based compensation expense, self-insured medical reserves, asset retirement obligations and environmental liabilities.

#### Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

We provide customary credit terms to our customers and generally do not require collateral. We perform ongoing credit evaluations of the financial condition of our customers and maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts based upon historical collections experience and expected collectibility of accounts. Our actual bad debts may differ from our estimates.

## Inventories

In assessing the realization of inventories, we are required to make judgments as to future demand requirements and compare these with current and committed inventory levels. Provision is made to reduce excess and obsolete inventories to their estimated net realizable value. Our inventory requirements may change based on our

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projected customer demand, changes due to market conditions, technological and product life cycle changes, longer or shorter than expected usage periods, and other factors that could affect the valuation of our inventories. We maintain certain finished goods inventories near certain key customer locations in accordance with agreements. Although this inventory is typically supported by valid purchase orders, should these customers ultimately not purchase these inventories, our results of operations and financial condition would be adversely affected.

#### Revenue Recognition

We derive revenues primarily from the sale of printed circuit boards and backplane assemblies using customer-supplied engineering and design plans and recognize revenues when persuasive evidence of a sales arrangement exists, the sales terms are fixed and determinable, title and risk of loss have transferred, and collectibility is reasonably assured—generally when products are shipped to the customer. We provide our customers a limited right of return for defective printed circuit boards and backplane assemblies. We accrue an estimated amount for sales returns and allowances at the time of sale based on historical information. To the extent actual experience varies from our historical experience, revisions to these allowances may be required.

#### Long-lived Assets

We have significant long-lived tangible and intangible assets consisting of property, plant and equipment, definite-lived intangibles, and goodwill. We review these assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. In addition, we perform an impairment test related to goodwill at least annually. Our goodwill and intangibles are largely attributable to our acquisitions of other businesses. During the fourth fiscal quarter 2007, we performed an impairment assessment of our goodwill, which requires the use of a fair-value based analysis and determined that no impairment existed. At March 31, 2008, we determined that there were no events or changes in circumstances that indicated that the carrying amount of long-lived tangible assets and definite-lived intangible assets may not be recoverable. We use an estimate of the future undiscounted net cash flows in measuring whether our long-lived tangible assets and definite-lived intangible assets are recoverable. If forecasts and assumptions used to support the realizability of our long-lived assets change in the future, significant impairment charges could result that would adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

#### Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

We account for derivative financial instruments and hedging activities in accordance with SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* (SFAS 133), as amended by SFAS No. 138, *Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities*, an Amendment of FAS 133 and SFAS No. 149, *Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*. We do not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes and current derivative financial instruments are limited to a single interest rate swap agreement.

When an interest rate swap derivative contract is executed, we designate the derivative instrument as a hedge of the variability of cash flows to be paid (cash flow hedge). For its hedging relationship, we formally document the hedging relationship and its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge, the hedging instrument, the hedged item, the nature of the risk being hedged, how the hedging instrument s effectiveness in offsetting the hedged risk will be assessed, and a description of the method of measuring ineffectiveness. We also formally assess, both at the hedge s inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivative that is used in hedging transactions is highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of hedged items.

Derivative financial instruments are recognized as either assets or liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets with measurement at fair value. On a quarterly basis, the fair value of our interest rate swap is determined based on current market quotes for the underlying LIBOR interest rate and is adjusted for our, and for the counter parties credit risk. These values represent the estimated amount the Company would receive or pay to terminate the agreement taking into consideration the difference between the contract rate of interest and rates currently quoted for agreements of similar terms and maturities. The value of the actual difference between the market rate and the hedged rate applied to the notional value of the hedge is recorded to interest expense each period. To the extent the

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interest rate swap provides an effective hedge, the differences between the fair value and the book value of the interest rate swap are recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax, as a component of stockholders equity. Changes in the fair value of the hedge reported in accumulated other comprehensive income are subsequently reclassified into interest expense in the same period in which the related interest on the floating-rate debt obligation affects earnings. Within the next 12 months, approximately \$1.2 million of unrealized losses in accumulated other comprehensive income related to the interest rate swap are expected to be reclassified into interest expense as interest expense is recognized on the hedged debt obligation.

#### Income Taxes

Deferred income tax assets are reviewed for recoverability, and valuation allowances are provided, when necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to the amounts expected to be realized. At March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, we have net deferred income tax assets of \$2.0 million and \$4.4 million, respectively. In addition, we record income tax provision or benefit during interim periods at a rate that is based on expected results for the full year. If future changes in market conditions cause actual results for the year to be more or less favorable than those expected, adjustments to the effective income tax rate could be required.

#### Share-Based Awards

We adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123R, *Share-Based Payments*, (SFAS 123R) using the modified prospective transition method. Under this method we recognize compensation expense net of an estimated forfeiture rate and only recognize compensation cost for those shares expected to vest over the requisite service period of the award using a straight-line method.

We estimate the value of share-based restricted stock unit awards on the date of grant using the closing share price. We estimate the value of share-based option awards on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Calculating the fair value of share-based option payment awards requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected term of the share-based payment awards and expected stock price volatility. The expected term represents the average time that options that vest are expected to be outstanding. The expected volatility rates are estimated based on a weighted average of the historical volatilities of our common stock. The assumptions used in calculating the fair value of share-based payment awards represent our best estimates, but these estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of our judgment. As a result, if factors change and we use different assumptions, our stock-based compensation expense could be materially different in the future. In addition, we are required to estimate the expected forfeiture rate and only recognize expense for those shares expected to vest. We have currently estimated our forfeiture rate to be 8 percent. If our actual forfeiture rate is materially different from our estimate, the stock-based compensation expense could be significantly different from what we have recorded in the current period. For the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007, share-based compensation expense was \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million, respectively, net of tax. At March 31, 2008, total unrecognized estimated compensation expense related to non-vested stock options was \$3.6 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.1 years. At March 31, 2008, \$7.3 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock units is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.2 years.

#### Self Insurance

We are self-insured for group health insurance benefits provided to our employees, and we purchase insurance to protect against claims at the individual and aggregate level. The insurance carrier adjudicates and processes employee claims and is paid a fee for these services. We reimburse our insurance carrier for paid claims subject to variable monthly limitations. We estimate our exposure for claims incurred but not paid at the end of each reporting period and use historical information supplied by our insurance carrier and broker on an annual basis to estimate our liability for

these claims. This liability is subject to an aggregate stop-loss that varies based on employee enrollment and factors that are established at each annual contract renewal. Our actual claims experience may differ from our estimates.

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#### Asset Retirement Obligation and Environmental Liabilities

We establish liabilities for the costs of asset retirement obligations when a legal or contractual obligation exists to dispose of or restore an asset upon its retirement and the timing and cost of such work is reasonably estimable. We record such liabilities only when such timing and costs are reasonably determinable. In addition, we accrue an estimate of the costs of environmental remediation for work at identified sites where an assessment has indicated it is probable that cleanup costs are or will be required and may be reasonably estimated. In making these estimates, we consider information that is currently available, existing technology, enacted laws and regulations, and our estimates of the timing of the required remedial actions, and we discount these estimates at 8%. We also are required to estimate the amount of any probable recoveries, including insurance recoveries.

### **Results of Operations**

### First Quarter 2008 Compared to the First Quarter 2007

There were 91 and 92 days in the first quarters of 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The following table sets forth statement of operations data expressed as a percentage of net sales for the periods indicated:

	Quarter Ended		
	March 31, 2008	April 2, 2007	
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	
Cost of goods sold	78.4	80.4	
Gross profit	21.6	19.6	
Operating (income) expenses:			
Selling and marketing	4.4	4.3	
General and administrative	4.7	4.7	
Amortization of definite-lived intangibles	0.6	0.5	
Metal reclamation	(2.1)		
Total operating expenses	7.6	9.5	
Operating income	14.0	10.1	
Other income (expense):			
Interest expense	(1.1)	(2.9)	
Interest income	0.1	0.4	
Other, net	0.1		
Total other expense, net	(0.9)	(2.5)	
Income before income taxes	13.1	7.6	
Income tax provision	(4.9)	(2.8)	

Net income 8.2% 4.8%

The Company has two reportable segments: PCB Manufacturing and Backplane Assembly. These reportable segments are managed separately because they distribute and manufacture distinct products with different production processes. PCB Manufacturing fabricates printed circuit boards. Backplane Assembly is a contract manufacturing business that specializes in assembling backplanes into sub-assemblies and other complete electronic devices. PCB Manufacturing customers are either EMS or OEM companies, while Backplane Assembly customers are usually OEMs. Our Backplane Assembly segment includes our Hayward, California and Shanghai, China plants and our Ireland sales and distribution infrastructure. Our PCB Manufacturing segment is composed of eight domestic PCB fabrication plants, and a facility which provides follow on value-added services primarily for

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one of the PCB Manufacturing plants. The following table compares net sales by reportable segment for the quarter ended March 31, 2008, and April 2, 2007:

	Ouarter	Quarter Ended		
	March 31, 2008 (In thou	April 2, 2007		
Net sales: PCB Manufacturing Backplane Assembly	\$ 148,705 32,570	\$ 152,151 33,657		
Total sales Inter-company sales	181,275 (7,204)	185,808 (8,911)		
Total net sales	\$ 174,071	\$ 176,897		

#### **Net Sales**

Net sales decreased \$2.8 million, or 1.6%, from \$176.9 million in the first quarter 2007 to \$174.1 million in the first quarter 2008 due to the closure of our Dallas, Oregon, facility in April 2007. This facility contributed approximately \$11.3 million of revenue to the PCB Manufacturing segment in the first quarter 2007. The \$2.8 million revenue decline reflects this lost revenue as well as lower net sales in our Backplane Assembly operations, partially offset by increased sales at our other PCB Manufacturing facilities, exclusive of that derived from our Dallas, Oregon facility. PCB volume declined approximately 17% due to the closure of this facility. Prices rose approximately 18% due to a shift in production mix toward more high technology production. Our quick-turn production, which we measure as orders placed and shipped within 10 days, decreased from 15% of net PCB sales in the first quarter 2007 to 12% of net PCB sales in the first quarter 2008. The increasingly complex nature of our quick turn work requires more time to manufacture, thereby extending some of these orders beyond the 10 day delivery window.

#### Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of goods sold decreased \$5.7 million, or 4.0%, from \$142.2 million for the first quarter 2007 to \$136.5 million for the first quarter 2008. Cost of goods sold decreased, mainly due to lower PCB production in the first quarter 2008 following the closure of the Dallas, Oregon facility. As a percentage of net sales, cost of goods sold decreased from 80.4% for the first quarter 2007 to 78.4% for the first quarter 2008, primarily due to an increase in work in process inventory resulting in more units produced to share fixed costs in our PCB Manufacturing facilities and lower cost content in our Backplane Assembly products.

#### Gross Profit

As a result of the foregoing, gross profit increased \$2.9 million, or 8.4%, from \$34.7 million for the first quarter 2007 to \$37.6 million for the first quarter 2008. Our gross margin increased from 19.6% in the first quarter 2007 to 21.6% in the first quarter 2008. The increase in our gross margin was due to an increase in work in process inventory in our PCB Manufacturing facilities and lower cost content in our Backplane Assembly products.

Printed circuit board manufacturing is a multi-step process that requires a certain level of equipment and staffing for even minimal production volumes. As production increases, our employees are able to work more efficiently and produce more printed circuit boards without incurring proportionally more costs. However, at higher capacity utilization rates, additional employees and capital may be required.

# Selling and Marketing Expenses

Selling and marketing expenses increased \$0.1 million, or 1.3%, from \$7.6 million for the first quarter 2007 to \$7.7 million for the first quarter 2008, primarily due to increased labor expenses. As a percentage of net sales, selling and marketing expenses remained consistent in the first quarter 2008 at 4.4% as compared to 4.3% in the first quarter 2007.

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#### General and Administrative Expense

General and administrative expenses decreased \$0.1 million from \$8.3 million, or 4.7% of net sales, for the first quarter 2007 to \$8.2 million, or 4.7% of net sales, for the first quarter 2008. The decrease in expenses resulted primarily from lower accounting, consulting and incentive compensation expenses as well as lower bad debt expense. Accounting and consulting fees were higher in the first quarter 2007 due to the completion and integration of the PCG acquisition. The reduction in these expenses was partially offset by an increase in stock-based compensation expense for restricted stock and stock option awards.

# Amortization of Definite-lived Intangibles

Amortization expense related to definite-lived intangibles decreased \$0.1 million from \$1.0 million, or 0.5% of net sales, in the first quarter 2007 to \$0.9 million, or 0.6% of net sales, in the first quarter 2008. The decrease in amortization expense is primarily due to the gradual decline in strategic customer relationship intangibles related to the PCG acquisition in October 2006.

#### **Metal Reclamation**

During the first quarter 2008, we recognized \$3.7 million of income related to a pricing reconciliation of metal reclamation activity attributable to a single vendor. As a result of the pricing reconciliation, we discovered that the vendor had inaccurately compensated us for gold reclamations over the last several years. While pricing reconciliations of this nature occur periodically, we do not expect to recognize a similar amount in future periods.

#### Other Income (Expense)

Other expense decreased \$2.7 million from \$4.3 million in the first quarter 2007 to \$1.6 million in the first quarter 2008. This net decrease of \$2.7 million primarily resulted from a decrease of \$3.3 million in interest expense and amortization of debt issuance costs due to payments made on our \$200 million senior secured term loan, partially offset by a decrease in interest income of approximately \$0.6 million resulting from lower balances in cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Income Tax Provision**

The provision for income taxes increased \$3.5 million from \$5.0 million for the first quarter 2007 to \$8.5 million for the first quarter 2008 due to increased pretax income. Our effective tax rate was 37.1% in the first quarter 2007 and 37.2% in the first quarter 2008. Our effective tax rate is primarily impacted by the federal income tax rate, apportioned state income tax rates, utilization of other credits and deductions available to us, and certain non-deductible items.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our principal sources of liquidity have been cash provided by operations, borrowings under our senior secured credit facility, and proceeds from employee exercises of stock options. Our principal uses of cash have been to meet debt service requirements, finance capital expenditures, and fund working capital requirements. We anticipate that servicing debt, funding working capital requirements, financing capital expenditures, and potential acquisitions will continue to be the principal demands on our cash in the future. Additionally, we have a \$40 million senior secured revolving credit facility available for borrowings as necessary at March 31, 2008.

As of March 31, 2008, we had net working capital of approximately \$105.3 million, compared to \$98.8 million as of December 31, 2007. The increase in working capital is primarily attributable to the growth in cash balances resulting

from strong cash flow generation during the quarter.

Our 2008 capital expenditure plan is expected to total approximately \$23 million and will fund capital equipment purchases to increase capacity and expand our technological capabilities at certain of our facilities.

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The following table provides information on contractual obligations as of March 31, 2008 (in thousands):

Contractual Obligations <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Total		Less than 1 year		1 - 3 years		4 - 5 years		After 5 years	
Operating leases Debt obligations Interest on debt obligations <sup>(3)</sup> Purchase obligations	\$	8,194 75,000 23,393 619	\$	2,584 43,000 5,177 619	\$	3,756 1,342 8,990	\$	630 30,658 9,226	\$	1,224
Total contractual obligations	\$	107,206	\$	51,380	\$	14,088	\$	40,514	\$	1,224

- (1) FIN 48 unrecognized tax benefits of \$0.4 million are not included in the table above as we are not sure when the amount will be paid.
- (2) Environmental liabilities of \$0.9 million, not included in the table above, are accrued and recorded as long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet.
- (3) For variable rate debt, interest is based upon the rates in effect at March 31, 2008, adjusted for the impact of our interest rate hedge.

In connection with the 2006 PCG acquisition, the Company is involved in various stages of investigation and cleanup related to environmental remediation at two Connecticut sites and is obligated to investigate a third Connecticut site. The Company currently estimates that it will incur remediation costs of \$0.9 million over the next 12 to 84 months related to these matters. In addition, the Company has obligations to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to make certain environmental asset improvements to the waste water treatment systems in two Connecticut plants. These costs are estimated to be \$0.5 million and have been considered in our capital expenditures plan for 2008. Lastly, we are required to maintain a compliance management plan through July 2009 under a compliance agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Plan, assumed from Tyco.

Based on our current level of operations, we believe that cash generated from operations, available cash, and amounts available under our five-year senior secured \$40 million revolving credit facility will be adequate to meet our currently anticipated debt service, capital expenditure, and working capital needs for the next 12 months. Our principal liquidity needs for periods beyond the next 12 months are to meet debt service requirements as well as for other contractual obligations as indicated in our contractual obligations table above and for capital purchases under our annual capital expenditure plan. Additionally, during the first quarter of 2008, we filed a universal shelf registration statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the registration and potential issuance of up to \$200 million of securities, which may include common stock, preferred stock, convertible debt, or any combination thereof. The shelf registration statement became effective on April 7, 2008 and will allow us to sell the various securities in one or more offerings in the future. A prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any particular offering made under the universal shelf registration statement. We may use all or a portion of the net proceeds to fund potential investments in, and acquisitions of, companies, businesses, partnerships, minority investments, products or technologies. Currently, there are no commitments or agreements regarding any such acquisitions or investments.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$26.8 million in the first quarter 2008, compared to \$28.3 million in the first quarter 2007. Our first quarter 2008 operating cash flow of \$26.8 million primarily reflects net income of \$14.4 million, \$6.6 million of depreciation and amortization, \$1.0 million of stock-based compensation, a decrease in net deferred income tax assets of \$2.1 million, and a net increase in working capital of \$2.6 million.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$3.4 million in the first quarter 2008, compared to cash provided of \$7.4 million in the first quarter 2007. In the first quarter 2008, we made purchases of approximately \$3.5 million of property, plant, and equipment.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$9.8 million in the first quarter 2008, compared to \$50.3 million in the first quarter 2007. This use of cash primarily reflects a \$10.0 million repayment of debt during the first quarter 2008.

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We maintain a Credit Agreement consisting of a \$200 million senior secured term loan, which matures in October 2012 and a \$40 million senior secured revolving loan facility, which matures in October 2011. As of March 31, 2008, we had \$75 million of long-term debt obligations outstanding under our senior secured term loan facility and no borrowing outstanding under our senior secured revolving credit facility. The Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of our domestic assets and 65% of foreign assets. The senior secured revolving loan facility also contains a \$10 million letter of credit sub-facility. As of March 31, 2008, we had no standby letter of credit outstanding. Available borrowing capacity under the Revolving Loan was \$40,000 at March 31, 2008. However, subsequent to the quarter ended March 31, 2008, \$1 million of standby letter of credit was outstanding as a result of the extension of the San Diego, California facility operating lease. The Credit Agreement is rated BB+ by Standard and Poors and B1 by Moodys.

Borrowings under the Credit Agreement will bear interest at a floating rate of either a base rate (the Alternate Base Rate) plus an applicable interest margin or LIBOR plus an applicable interest margin. The Alternate Base Rate is equal to the greater of (i) the federal funds rate plus 0.50% or (ii) the prime rate. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement, at our option, will initially bear interest at a rate based on either: (a) the Alternate Base Rate plus 1.25% or (b) LIBOR plus 2.25%. For the senior secured revolving loan facility, the applicable interest margins on both Alternate Base Rate and LIBOR may decrease by up to 0.50% if our total leverage ratio decreases as defined under the terms of the Credit Agreement. There is no provision, other than an event of default, for these interest margins to increase. At March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 the weighted average interest rate on the outstanding borrowings was 6.83% and 7.34%, respectively.

Each calendar year we are required to repay 1% of the outstanding senior secured term loan balance, subject to specific adjustments, as defined in the Credit Agreement. We do not have a contractual maturity payment due in 2008, however we expect to repay a total of \$43 million over the next 12 months. We are also required to pay a commitment fee of 0.50% per annum on the unused portion of the senior secured revolving loan facility. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are subject to certain financial and operating covenants that include, among other provisions, limitations on dividends, stock repurchases, and stock redemptions in addition to maintaining maximum total leverage ratios and minimum interest coverage ratios. We are in compliance with these covenants at March 31, 2008.

### **Impact of Inflation**

We believe that our results of operations are not dependent upon moderate changes in the inflation rate as we expect that we generally will be able to pass along component price increases to our customers.

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The carrying amounts of the Company s derivative financial instruments were adjusted to fair value at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007. The fair value of the derivative financial instrument is the estimated amount the Company would pay/receive to terminate it on March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, taking into account current market quotes and the current creditworthiness of the counterparty. The fair value of long-term debt was estimated based on quoted market prices at year end.

The carrying amount and estimated fair value of the Company s financial instruments at March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007 were as follows:

March 31, 2008 December 31, 2007
Carrying Fair Carrying Fair
Amount Value Amount Value

# (In thousands)

Long-term debt	\$ 75,000	\$ 70,200	\$ 85,000	\$ 84,150
Interest rate swap derivative	1,963	1,963	1,021	1,021

# **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In March 2008, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of Statement* 

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of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, (SFAS 161). This statement is intended to improve transparency in financial reporting by requiring enhanced disclosures of an entity s financial position, financial performance, and cash flow. SFAS 161 applies to derivative instruments within the scope of SFAS 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, (SFAS 133) as well as related hedged items, bifurcated derivatives, and non-derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedging instruments. Entities with instruments subject to SFAS 161 must provide more robust qualitative disclosure and expanded quantitative disclosures. SFAS 161 is effective prospectively for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early application permitted. We are currently evaluating the disclosure implication of the statement.

In December 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 (revised 2007), *Business Combinations* (SFAS 141(R)). SFAS 141(R) changes the requirements for an acquirer s recognition and measurement of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed in a business combination. SFAS 141(R) is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2008 and should be applied prospectively for all business combinations entered into after the date of adoption. We expect the impact of adopting SFAS 141(R) will depend on future acquisitions.

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements* an amendment of ARB No. 51 (SFAS 160). SFAS 160 requires (i) that noncontrolling (minority) interests be reported as a component of shareholders equity, (ii) that net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest be separately identified in the consolidated statement of operations, (iii) that changes in a parent s ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling interest be accounted for as equity transactions, (iv) that any retained noncontrolling equity investment upon the deconsolidation of a subsidiary be initially measured at fair value, and (v) that sufficient disclosures are provided that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. SFAS 160 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2008 and should be applied prospectively. However, the presentation and disclosure requirements of the statement shall be applied retrospectively for all periods presented. The adoption of the provisions of Statement No. 160 is not anticipated to materially impact our consolidated financial position and results of operations.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*, (SFAS 157), which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements and does not require any new fair value measurements. The provisions of SFAS 157 were originally to be effective beginning January 1, 2008. Subsequently, the FASB provided for a one-year deferral of the provisions of SFAS 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the consolidated financial statements on a non-recurring basis. We are currently evaluating the impact of adopting the provisions of SFAS 157 for non-financial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed on a non-recurring basis.

### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

*Interest Rate Risk.* Our interest income and expense is more sensitive to fluctuation in the general level of U.S. interest rates than to changes in rates in other markets. Changes in U.S. interest rates affect the interest earned on cash and cash equivalents and interest expense on debt.

On January 25, 2007, we entered into a three-year pay-fixed, receive floating (3-month LIBOR), amortizing interest rate swap arrangement with a notional amount of \$70 million. The interest rate swap applied a fixed interest rate against the first interest payments of the portion of the \$200 million six-year term senior loan arrangement. The

notional amount of the interest rate swap amortizes to zero over its term, consistent with our planned debt pay down and the Credit Agreement s requirement of maintaining interest rate protection on at least 40% of term senior loan debt for a minimum of three years. The notional value underlying the hedge at March 31, 2008 was \$56 million. Under the terms of the interest rate swap, we pay a fixed rate of 5.21% and receive floating 3-month LIBOR which was 3.33% at March 31, 2008. The fair value of the interest rate swap as of March 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, was a liability of \$2.0 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.

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At March 31, 2008, we had \$75 million of variable rate debt, of which \$56 million is effectively fixed by our three-year pay-fixed, receive floating interest rate swap. If interest rates on the remaining \$19 million variable rate debt were to increase or decrease by 1% for the year, annual interest expense would increase or decrease by approximately \$0.2 million based on the amount of outstanding variable rate debt at March 31, 2008.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk. We are subject to risks associated with transactions that are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, as well as the effects of translating amounts denominated in a foreign currency to the U.S. dollar as a normal part of the reporting process. Our Chinese operations utilize the Chinese Yuan or RMB as the functional currency, which results in the Company recording a translation adjustment that is included as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income within stockholders equity. Net foreign currency transaction gains and losses on transactions denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar were not material during the quarters ended March 31, 2008 and April 2, 2007. We currently do not utilize any derivative instruments to hedge foreign currency risks.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was performed under the supervision of and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13(a)-15(e)) as of March 31, 2008. Based on that evaluation, our management, including the CEO and CFO, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported as specified in the SEC s rules and forms. There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2008, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, internal control over financial reporting.

#### **Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls**

Our management, including our principal executive officer and chief financial officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system is objectives will be met. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Further, because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls also can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Projections of any evaluation of controls effectiveness to future periods are subject to risks. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures.

### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time we may become a party to various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business. There can be no assurance that we will prevail in any such litigation.

Prior to our acquisition of Printed Circuit Group (PCG) in October 2006, PCG made legal commitments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the State of Connecticut regarding settlement of enforcement actions against the PCG operations in Connecticut. On August 17, 2004, PCG was sentenced for Clean Water Act violations and was ordered to pay a \$6 million fine and an additional \$3.7 million to fund environmental projects designed to improve the environment for Connecticut residents. In September 2004, PCG agreed to a

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stipulated judgment with the Connecticut Attorney General s office and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under which PCG paid a \$2 million civil penalty and agreed to implement capital improvements of \$2.4 million to reduce the volume of rinse water discharged from its manufacturing facilities in Connecticut. The obligations to the U.S. EPA and Connecticut DEP include the fulfillment of a Compliance Management Plan until at least July 2009 and installation of rinse water recycling systems at the Stafford, Connecticut, facilities. As of March 31, 2008, approximately \$0.5 million remains to be expended in the form of capital improvements to meet the rinse water recycling systems requirements. We have assumed these legal commitments as part of our purchase of PCG. Failure to meet either commitment could result in further costly enforcement actions, including exclusion from participation in federal contracts.

#### Item 1A. RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the factors described below, in addition to those discussed elsewhere in this report, in analyzing an investment in our common stock. If any of the events described below occurs, our business, financial condition, and results of operations would likely suffer, the trading price of our common stock could fall, and you could lose all or part of the money you paid for our common stock.

In addition, the following risk factors and uncertainties could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in our forward-looking statements, whether made in this Form 10-Q or the other documents we file with the SEC, or our annual or quarterly reports to stockholders, future press releases, or orally, whether in presentations, responses to questions, or otherwise.

#### **Risks Related to Our Company**

We are heavily dependent upon the worldwide electronics industry, which is characterized by significant economic cycles and fluctuations in product demand. A significant downturn in the electronics industry could result in decreased demand for our manufacturing services and could lower our sales and gross margins.

A majority of our revenues are generated from the electronics industry, which is characterized by intense competition, relatively short product life cycles, and significant fluctuations in product demand. Furthermore, the industry is subject to economic cycles and recessionary periods and would be negatively affected by contraction in the U.S. economy or in the worldwide electronics market. Moreover, due to the uncertainty in the end markets served by most of our customers, we have a low level of visibility with respect to future financial results. A lasting economic recession, excess manufacturing capacity, or a decline in the electronics industry could negatively affect our business, results of operations, and financial condition. A decline in our sales could harm our profitability and results of operations and could require us to record an additional valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets or recognize an impairment of our long-lived assets, including goodwill and other intangible assets.

### Our acquisition strategy involves numerous risks.

As part of our business strategy, we expect that we will continue to grow by pursuing acquisitions of businesses, technologies, assets, or product lines that complement or expand our business. Risks related to an acquisition may include:

the potential inability to successfully integrate acquired operations and businesses or to realize anticipated synergies, economies of scale, or other expected value;

diversion of management s attention from normal daily operations of our existing business to focus on integration of the newly acquired business;

unforeseen expenses associated with the integration of the newly acquired business;

difficulties in managing production and coordinating operations at new sites;

the potential loss of key employees of acquired operations;

the potential inability to retain existing customers of acquired companies when we desire to do so;

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insufficient revenues to offset increased expenses associated with acquisitions;

the potential decrease in overall gross margins associated with acquiring a business with a different product mix;

the inability to identify certain unrecorded liabilities;

the potential need to restructure, modify, or terminate customer relationships of the acquired company;

an increased concentration of business from existing or new customers; and

the potential inability to identify assets best suited to our business plan.

#### Acquisitions may cause us to:

enter lines of business and/or markets in which we have limited or no prior experience;

issue debt and be required to abide by stringent loan covenants;

assume liabilities:

record goodwill and non-amortizable intangible assets that will be subject to impairment testing and potential periodic impairment charges;

become subject to litigation and environmental issues;

incur unanticipated costs;

incur large and immediate write-offs;

issue common stock that would dilute our current stockholders percentage ownership; and

incur substantial transaction-related costs, whether or not a proposed acquisition is consummated.

Acquisitions of high technology companies are inherently risky, and no assurance can be given that our recent or future acquisitions will be successful and will not harm our business, operating results, or financial condition. Failure to manage and successfully integrate acquisitions we make could harm our business and operating results in a material way. Even when an acquired company has already developed and marketed products, product enhancements may not be made in a timely fashion. In addition, unforeseen issues might arise with respect to such products after the acquisition.

During periods of excess global printed circuit board manufacturing capacity, our gross margins may fall and/or we may have to incur restructuring charges if we choose to reduce the capacity of or close any of our facilities.

When we experience excess capacity, our sales revenues may not fully cover our fixed overhead expenses, and our gross margins will fall. In addition, we generally schedule our quick-turn production facilities at less than full capacity to retain our ability to respond to unexpected additional quick-turn orders. However, if these orders are not received, we may forego some production and could experience continued excess capacity.

If we conclude we have significant, long-term excess capacity, we may decide to permanently close one or more of our facilities, and lay off some of our employees. Closures or lay-offs could result in our recording restructuring charges such as severance, other exit costs, and asset impairments.

We face a risk that capital needed for our business and to repay our debt obligations will not be available when we need it. Additionally, our leverage and our debt service obligations may adversely affect our cash flow.

As of March 31, 2008, we had total indebtedness of approximately \$75 million, which represented approximately 18% of our total capitalization.

Our discretionary use of cash or cash flow is constrained by certain leverage and interest coverage ratio tests required to be met under the terms of our credit agreement. As a result, if the financial performance of our business falls short of expectations, then we might be required to repay additional debt beyond current planned repayments. We also are required to apply any excess cash flow, as defined by the credit agreement, to pay down our debt.

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Our indebtedness could have significant negative consequences, including:

increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions,

limiting our ability to obtain additional financing,

requiring the use of a substantial portion of any cash flow from operations to service our indebtedness, thereby reducing the amount of cash flow available for other purposes, including capital expenditures,

limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we compete, and

placing us at a possible competitive disadvantage to less leveraged competitors and competitors that have better access to capital resources.

We depend upon a relatively small number of OEM customers for a large portion of our sales, and a decline in sales to major customers could harm our results of operations.

A small number of customers are responsible for a significant portion of our sales. Our five largest OEM customers accounted for approximately 29% of our net sales for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and approximately 24% of our net sales for the quarter ended April 2, 2007. Sales attributed to OEMs include both direct sales as well as sales that the OEMs place through EMS providers. Our customer concentration could fluctuate, depending on future customer requirements, which will depend in large part on market conditions in the electronics industry segments in which our customers participate. The loss of one or more significant customers or a decline in sales to our significant customers could harm our business, results of operations, and financial condition and lead to declines in the trading price of our common stock. In addition, we generate significant accounts receivable in connection with providing manufacturing services to our customers. If one or more of our significant customers were to become insolvent or were otherwise unable to pay for the manufacturing services provided by us, our results of operations would be harmed.

We compete against manufacturers in Asia, where production costs are lower. These competitors may gain market share in our key market segments, which may have an adverse effect on the pricing of our products.

We may be at a competitive disadvantage with respect to price when compared to manufacturers with lower-cost facilities in Asia and other locations. We believe price competition from printed circuit board manufacturers in Asia and other locations with lower production costs may play an increasing role in the market. Although we do have a backplane assembly facility in China, we do not have offshore facilities for PCB fabrication in lower-cost locations such as Asia. While historically our competitors in these locations have produced less technologically advanced printed circuit boards, they continue to expand their capacity and capabilities with advanced equipment to produce higher technology printed circuit boards. In addition, fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates may benefit these offshore competitors. As a result, these competitors may gain market share, which may force us to lower our prices, reducing our gross margins.

#### A trend toward consolidation among our customers could adversely affect our business.

Recently, some of our large customers have consolidated and further consolidation of customers may occur. Depending on which organization becomes the controller of the supply chain function following the consolidation, we may not be retained as a preferred or approved supplier. In addition, product duplication could result in the termination of a product line that we currently support. While there is potential for increasing our position with the

combined customer, there does exist the potential for decreased revenue if we are not retained as a continuing supplier. We also face the risk of increased pricing pressure from the combined customer because of its increased market share.

Our failure to comply with the requirements of environmental laws could result in litigation, fines and revocation of permits necessary to our manufacturing processes. Failure to operate in conformance with environmental laws could lead to debarment from our participation in federal government contracts.

Our operations are regulated under a number of federal, state, local, and foreign environmental and safety laws and regulations that govern, among other things, the discharge of hazardous materials into the air and water, as well

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as the handling, storage, and disposal of such materials. These laws and regulations include the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act as well as analogous state, local, and foreign laws. Compliance with these environmental laws is a major consideration for us because our manufacturing processes use and generate materials classified as hazardous, such as ammoniacal and cupric etching solutions, copper, nickel and other plating baths. Because we use hazardous materials and generate hazardous wastes in our manufacturing processes, we may be subject to potential financial liability for costs associated with the investigation and remediation of our own sites, or sites at which we have arranged for the disposal of hazardous wastes, if such sites become contaminated. Even if we fully comply with applicable environmental laws and are not directly at fault for the contamination, we may still be liable. The wastes we generate include spent ammoniacal and cupric etching solutions, metal stripping solutions, waste acid solutions, waste alkaline cleaners, waste oil, and waste waters that contain heavy metals such as copper, tin, lead, nickel, gold, silver, cyanide, and fluoride; and both filter cake and spent ion exchange resins from equipment used for on-site waste treatment.

We are also required to obtain permits from governmental authorities for certain operations, including waste water discharge. We cannot assure you that we have been or will be at all times in complete compliance with such laws, regulations and permits. Any material violations of environmental laws or environmental permits by us could subject us to incur fines, penalties, and other sanctions, including the revocation of our effluent discharge permits, which could require us to cease or limit production at one or more of our facilities, and harm our business, results of operations, and financial condition. Even if we ultimately prevail, environmental lawsuits against us would be time consuming and costly to defend.

Prior to our acquisition of the PCG business, PCG made legal commitments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and to the State of Connecticut regarding settlement of enforcement actions related to the PCG operations in Connecticut. The obligations include fulfillment of a Compliance Management Plan through at least July 2009 and installation of rinse water recycling systems at the Stafford, Connecticut facilities. Failure to meet either commitment could result in further costly enforcement actions, including exclusion from participation in defense and other federal contracts, which would materially harm our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

Environmental laws also could become more stringent over time, imposing greater compliance costs and increasing risks and penalties associated with violation. We operate in environmentally sensitive locations, and we are subject to potentially conflicting and changing regulatory agendas of political, business, and environmental groups. Changes or restrictions on discharge limits, emissions levels, material storage, handling, or disposal might require a high level of unplanned capital investment or global relocation. It is possible that environmental compliance costs and penalties from new or existing regulations may harm our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

We are increasingly required to certify compliance to various material content restrictions in our products based on laws of various jurisdictions or territories such as the Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) directive in the European Union and China s RoHS legislation. New York City has adopted identical restrictions and many U.S. states are considering similar rules and legislation. In addition, we must also certify as to the non-applicability to the EU s Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment directive for certain products that we manufacture. As with other types of product certifications that we routinely provide, we may incur liability and pay damages if our products do not conform to our certifications.

We are exposed to the credit risk of some of our customers and to credit exposures in weakened markets.

Most of our sales are on an open credit basis, with standard industry payment terms. We monitor individual customer payment capability in granting such open credit arrangements, seek to limit such open credit to amounts we believe

the customers can pay, and maintain reserves we believe are adequate to cover exposure for doubtful accounts. During periods of economic downturn in the electronics industry and the global economy, our exposure to credit risks from our customers increases. Although we have programs in place to monitor and mitigate the associated risks, such programs may not be effective in reducing our credit risks.

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Our 10 largest customers accounted for approximately 48% of our net sales for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 and approximately 45% of our net sales for the first quarter ended April 2, 2007. Additionally, our OEM customers often direct a significant portion of their purchases through a relatively limited number of EMS companies. Our contractual relationship is often with the EMS companies, who are obligated to pay us for our products. Because we expect our OEM customers to continue to direct our sales to EMS companies, we expect to continue to be subject to this credit risk with a limited number of EMS customers. If one or more of our significant customers were to become insolvent or were otherwise unable to pay us, our results of operations would be harmed.

Some of our customers are EMS companies located abroad. Our exposure has increased as these