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### FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

Or

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

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## ALIGN TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**94-3267295**  
(I.R.S. Employer

**Identification Number)**

**2560 Orchard Parkway**

**San Jose, California 95131**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(408) 470-1000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

**Title of each class**  
**Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value**

**Name of each exchange on which registered**  
**The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC**

(Including associated Preferred Stock Purchase Rights)

(NASDAQ Global Market)

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

**None**

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$1,744,074,304 as of June 30, 2011 based on the closing sale price of the registrant's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on such date. Shares held by persons who may be deemed affiliates have been excluded. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

On February 22, 2012, 79,368,864 shares of the registrant's common stock were outstanding.

### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement relating to its 2012 Annual Stockholders Meeting to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the registrant's fiscal year end of December 31, 2011 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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*In addition to historical information, this annual report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements include, among other things, our expectations regarding the anticipated impact of our new products and product enhancements, including Invisalign G3 and G4, will have on doctor utilization and our market share, our expectations regarding product mix and product adoption, our expectations regarding the existence and impact of seasonality, our expectations regarding the financial and strategic benefits of the Cadent Holdings, Inc. ( Cadent ) acquisition, our expectations to increase our investment in manufacturing capacity, our expectations regarding the continued expansion of our international markets, the timing of our plans and transition into a new manufacturing facility, the anticipated number of new doctors trained and their impact on volumes, the level of our operating expenses and gross margins, and other factors beyond our control, as well as other statements regarding our future operations, financial condition and prospects and business strategies. These statements may contain words such as expects, anticipates, intends, plans, believes, estimates, or other words indicating future results. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in Item 2 Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations , and in particular, the risks discussed below in Part I, Item 1A Risk Factors . We undertake no obligation to revise or update these forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.*

**PART I**

**ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

***Our Company***

Align Technology, Inc ( We , Our , Align ) designs, manufactures and markets a system of clear aligner therapy, intra-oral scanners and CAD/CAM (computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing) digital services used in dentistry, orthodontics, and dental records storage. Align Technology was founded in March 1997 and incorporated in Delaware in April 1997. Our headquarters are located at 2560 Orchard Parkway, San Jose, California 95131, and our telephone number is 408-470-1000. Our international headquarters are located in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

We have two operating segments: (1) Clear Aligner, known as the Invisalign system; and (2) Scanners and CAD/CAM Services, known as iTero and iOC intra-oral scanners and OrthoCAD services. For the year ended December 31, 2011, Clear Aligner revenues represent approximately 94 percent of worldwide revenue, while Scanners and CAD/CAM Services represent the remaining 6 percent of worldwide revenues. We distribute the vast majority of our products directly to our customers: orthodontists and general practitioner dentists, or GPs, as well as to restorative dentists, including prosthodontists, periodontists, and oral surgeons.

We received the United States Food and Drug Administration ( FDA ) clearance to market the Invisalign system in 1998. The Invisalign system is regulated by the FDA as a Class II medical device. In order to provide Invisalign treatment to their patients, orthodontists and GPs must initially complete an Invisalign training course. The Invisalign system is sold in North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America and Japan. We use a distributor model for the sale of our products in non-core country markets in the Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), and Latin America regions.

On April 29, 2011, we acquired Cadent Holdings, Inc. ( Cadent ), a leading provider of 3D digital scanning solutions for orthodontics and dentistry. Since this acquisition, we now manufacture the iTero and iOC digital intra-oral scanners and provide CAD/CAM restorative models for use by dental professionals and/or labs and services for orthodontic digital procedures. In North America, Scanners and CAD/CAM Services are sold through our direct sales force and distribution partners. In Europe, and other regions outside of North America, we use a distributor model for the sale of our Scanners and CAD/CAM Services.

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### ***Clear Aligner Segment***

#### ***Malocclusion and Traditional Orthodontic Treatment***

Malocclusion, or the misalignment of teeth, is one of the most prevalent clinical dental conditions, affecting nearly a billion people, or approximately 50 to 75% of the population of major developed countries. Approximately 6.8 million people annually elect treatment by orthodontists worldwide, of which approximately 2.6 million have mild to moderate malocclusion and are applicable to Invisalign treatment our served market.

In the United States ( U.S. ), orthodontists and GPs treat malocclusion primarily with metal arch wires and brackets, referred to as braces, and augment braces with elastics, metal bands, headgear and other ancillary devices as needed. Options available to attempt to improve treatment aesthetics include using ceramic, tooth-colored brackets or bonding brackets on the inside, or lingual surface, of the patient s teeth. The average treatment takes approximately 12 to 24 months to complete and requires several hours of direct dental professional involvement, known in the industry as chair time, including the initial diagnosis, creation of an appropriate treatment plan and bonding of the brackets to the patient s teeth and attachment of arch wires to the brackets. Subsequent visits involve tightening or otherwise adjusting the braces approximately every six weeks until the final visit when the dental professional removes each bracket and residual bonding agent from the patient s teeth. Upon completion of the treatment, the dental professional may, at his or her discretion, have the patient use a retainer.

#### ***The Invisalign System***

The Invisalign system is a proprietary method for treating malocclusion based on a series of doctor-prescribed, custom manufactured, clear plastic removable orthodontic aligners. The Invisalign system offers a range of treatment options, specialized services, and proprietary software for treatment visualization and is comprised of the following phases:

*Orthodontic diagnosis and transmission of treatment data to us.* The dental professional prepares and sends us a patient s treatment data package which consists of a prescription form, a polyvinyl-siloxane, or PVS impression of the relevant dental arches, photographs of the patient and, at the dental professional s election, x-rays of the patient s dentition. The dental professional can also submit an intra-oral scan or digital impression through an iTero or iOC intra-oral scanner instead of a physical PVS impression.

*Preparation of 3D computer models of the patient s initial malocclusion.* Upon receipt, we use the treatment data to construct digital models of the patient s dentition. Using computed tomography, known as CT scanning, we scan the PVS impression to develop a digital, three-dimensional computer model of the patient s current dentition. In cases where the dental professional submits a digital impression, this step in the process is eliminated.

*Preparation of computer-simulated treatment and viewing of treatment using ClinCheck software.* We transform this initial digital model into a proposed custom, three-dimensional treatment plan, called a ClinCheck treatment plan. The ClinCheck plan simulates appropriate tooth movement broken down into a series of two-week increments, and details timing and placement of any attachments that will be used during treatment. Attachments are tooth-colored buttons that are sometimes used to increase the biomechanical force on a specific tooth or teeth in order to effect the desired movement. The patient s ClinCheck treatment plan is then made available to the prescribing dental professional via the Invisalign Doctor Site which enables the dental professional to project tooth movement with a level of accuracy not previously possible with metal arch wires and brackets. By reviewing and amending the treatment simulation, the dental professional retains control over the treatment plan.

*Construction of molds corresponding to each step of treatment.* Upon the dental professional s approval of the ClinCheck treatment plan, we use the data underlying the simulation, in conjunction with stereolithography

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technology, to construct a series of molds depicting the future position of the patient's teeth. Each mold is a replica of the patient's teeth at each two-week stage of the simulated course of treatment.

*Manufacture of aligners and shipment to the dental professional.* From these molds, aligners are fabricated by pressure-forming polymeric sheets over each mold. Aligners are thin, clear plastic, removable dental appliances that are custom manufactured in a series to correspond to each two-week stage of the ClinCheck animation. Aligners are generally worn for consecutive two-week periods which correspond to the approved ClinCheck treatment plan. After two weeks of use, the patient replaces them with the next pair in the series, advancing tooth movement with each aligner stage. Throughout treatment, the doctor may place attachments or use other auxiliaries to achieve desired tooth movements, per the doctor's original prescription and resulting ClinCheck treatment plan.

*Retention.* Upon completion of the treatment, the patient may be prescribed our single clear retainer product or our Vivera retainer product. Vivera retainers are shipped every three months over a one year period.

### ***Scanners and CAD/CAM Services Segment***

Although advancements have been made in materials used for taking dental impressions since their introduction one hundred years ago, the overall impression process has remained relatively unchanged. Shortcomings such as voids, pulls, and the general margin for error have remained inherent in conventional impressions, and subsequent retakes create unnecessary cost increase for a clinical practice. Intra-oral scanning is an emerging technology that we believe will have substantial impact on the future of dentistry. By enabling the dental practitioner to create a 3D image of the patient's teeth using a handheld intra-oral scanner inside the mouth, intra-oral scanning is more efficient and precise and more comfortable for patients, compared to the mess, discomfort, and subjective nature of taking physical impressions. The digital model created with an intra-oral scanner is more accurate than a physical impression and substantially reduces the rate of restoration remakes so patients are recalled less often and the appointment time for the restoration is shorter because of fewer adjustments, which results in greater overall patient satisfaction.

As the only intra-oral scanner system in the market based on parallel confocal imaging, the iTero and iOC intra-oral scanners utilize laser and optical scanning to capture the contours of the patient's dentition, gingival structures and the bite. The intra-oral scanners capture 100,000 points of laser light in perfect focus without the use of powder to coat the teeth, allowing for contact of the wand and tooth. The benefit of contact scanning for the clinician is it eliminates the challenge of hovering over the teeth at a specific distance which can be complicated. For the patient, they enjoy a more comfortable powder free experience which allows the clinician to provide a very comfortable patient centric experience. Within minutes, an accurate 3D digital impression can be viewed on the screen. The 3D digital model file can be used for various procedures and services including, fabrication of physical dental models for use by labs to create restorative units such as veneers, inlays, onlays, crowns, bridges and implant abutments; Invisalign digital impression submission; digital records storage; orthodontic diagnosis and computer aided placement of traditional braces; and orthodontic retainers and appliances.

Both iTero and iOC intra-oral scanners consist of a mobile computer unit, display screen, a control foot pedal and scanning wand to scan and capture a patient's dentition (full or partial dental arch). System software features include occlusal map, eraser tool, edge trim tool, real-time modeling and an option to submit scans for Invisalign treatment. The systems provide doctors and labs with an open choice to export generic digital files of their digital impression to use with other third party dental service providers. This allows the digital impression to integrate with cone beam CT images for implant and orthodontic treatment planning. OrthoCAD services are additional services available with our iOC scanner or iTero Dual scanner. In-office training on the system and features is provided after the unit is delivered to the practice.

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Our revenues are generated from the sale of the following product offerings.

Percentage of Revenues by Product	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2009
Invisalign Full	63%	68%	75%
Invisalign Express/Lite	9	9	9
Invisalign Teen	11	14	8
Invisalign Assist	6	4	3
Invisalign Non-case	5	5	5
Scanners*	3		
CAD/CAM Services*	3		
Total	100%	100%	100%

\* As the acquisition of Cadent closed on April 29, 2011, the year ended December 31, 2011 balances for Scanners and CAD/CAM Services only reflect eight months of revenues.

**Clear Aligner Products**

**Invisalign Full.** Used for a wide range of malocclusion, Invisalign Full consists of the number of aligners necessary to achieve the doctor's treatment goals. For Invisalign Full, aligners are manufactured and then delivered to the dental professionals in a single shipment. Invisalign Full is sold in the U.S., Canada, and our international regions.

**Invisalign Express (10 and 5) and Invisalign Lite.** Invisalign Express and Invisalign Lite are lower-cost solutions for less complex orthodontic cases, non-comprehensive treatment relapse cases, or straightening prior to restorative or cosmetic treatments such as veneers. Invisalign Express 10 and Invisalign Express 5, which are sold in the U.S. and Canada, uses up to 10 and 5 sets of aligners, respectively. Invisalign Lite, sold in our international regions, uses up to 14 sets of aligners per arch. For Invisalign Express/Lite, aligners are manufactured and then delivered to the dental professionals in a single shipment.

**Invisalign Teen.** Invisalign Teen includes all the features of Invisalign Full, plus additional features that address the orthodontic needs of teenage patients such as eruption compensation and six free single arch replacement aligners. This product is predominantly marketed to orthodontists who treat the vast majority of malocclusion in teenage patients. For Invisalign Teen, aligners (other than the replacement aligners) are manufactured and then delivered to the dental professionals in a single shipment. Invisalign Teen is sold in the U.S., Canada, and our international regions.

**Invisalign Assist.** Intended for use for anterior alignment and aesthetically-oriented cases Invisalign Assist offers added support throughout the treatment process, including progress tracking that allows the dental professional to submit new impressions every nine stages. When the progress tracking feature is selected, aligners are shipped to the dental professional after every nine stages thereby helping to achieve successful treatment outcomes. Predominantly marketed to GPs, Invisalign Assist is intended to make it easier to select appropriate cases for their experience level or treatment approach, submit cases more efficiently and manage appointments with suggested tasks. Invisalign Assist is sold in the U.S. and Canada.

**Retention.** In addition to a traditional single retainer product, we also offer Viverra retainers, where we deliver a new replacement retainer to orthodontic patients every three months for one year. Doctors can prescribe Viverra retainers for their Invisalign and their non-Invisalign patients.

**Invisalign non-case revenues.** Invisalign non-case revenues represent retainer products discussed above, Invisalign training fees and sales of ancillary products, such as cleaning material and adjusting tools used by dental professionals during the course of treatment.





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*Feature Enhancements.* Beginning in September 2009, we began introducing enhanced features across the Invisalign system. Referred to as Invisalign 1.5 (launched in September 2009), Invisalign G3 (launched in October 2010) and Invisalign G4 (launched in November of 2011), these feature enhancements are a collection of clinical innovations designed to address some of the most significant treatment challenges doctors encounter. Features include:

Precision Cuts, which are custom mesial and distal hooks used to provide anchorage for elastics and button cutouts to accommodate buttons bonded to the tooth aimed to help treat patients with Class II and Class III malocclusion; and

New SmartForce features engineered to achieve more predictable tooth movements using custom optimized attachments and Power Ridges.

In addition to clinical tools and enhancements, Invisalign G3 streamlined the overall treatment planning process making it easier and more intuitive for doctors to create and modify ClinCheck treatment plans through intuitive features and drag-and-drop interfaces in ClinCheck software and a significant redesign of the Invisalign Doctor Site.

Proprietary software mentioned in this Annual Report on Form 10-K such as ClinCheck software, the Invisalign Doctor Site and enhanced features such as Invisalign G3 and Invisalign G4 are included as part of the Invisalign system and are not sold separately nor do they contribute as individual items of revenue.

### *Scanners and CAD/CAM Services Products*

#### *Scanners*

*iTero Scanner.* The iTero intra-oral scanner is used by GPs, prosthodontists, periodontists, and oral surgeons and includes features for restorative procedures commonly performed in their practices such as veneers, inlays, onlays, crowns, bridges and implants. The iTero restorative software provides the ability to scan quadrants and full arches, and allows simple powder-free capture of digital impressions for single-unit cases as well as more complex restorative and implant treatment plans. The iTero software also contains exclusive Invisalign interoperability to support clear aligner orthodontic treatment.

*iOC Scanner.* The iOC intra-oral scanner is used by orthodontists for digital records storage, orthodontic diagnosis, computer aided placement of traditional braces, Invisalign digital impression submission, and for the fabrication of printed models, retainers and orthodontic appliances. The iOC orthodontic software digitally captures the contours of the dentition and the gingival structures, providing an accurate, powder-free digital orthodontic scan in just minutes. This digital impression procedure ensures a more comfortable patient experience and produces a precise scan that can be seamlessly integrated with Invisalign treatment, OrthoCAD iCast, OrthoCAD iQ, which allows a doctor to utilize sophisticated measurement and treatment planning tools.

*iTero Dual Scanner.* The iTero Dual scanner, which includes both the iTero restorative software and the iOC orthodontic software, allows multiple-specialty practices to utilize one intra-oral scanner to service all their scanning needs including crown and bridge, implants, and orthodontic treatment.

#### *CAD/CAM Services*

*iTero Models and Dies.* An accurate physical model and dies are manufactured based on the digital scan and sent to the laboratory of the dentist's choice for completion of the needed restoration. The laboratory also has the option to export the digital file for immediate production of coping and full-contour restorations on their laboratory CAD/CAM systems. The laboratory then completes the ceramic buildup or staining and glazing and delivers the end result—a precisely fitting restoration. iTero prosthetics have a near-zero remake rate.

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*OrthoCAD iCast.* iCast provides a digital alternative to traditional stone cast models which allows for simplified storage and digital record retrieval. The iCast digital model contains a full ABO (American Board of Orthodontics) base and is available from an iOC scan, the iTero Dual Scanner or from a traditional alginate impression.

*OrthoCAD iRecord.* iRecord provides a digital alternative to traditional stone cast models which allows for simplified storage and digital record retrieval. This simplified model without an ABO base is an economical option for record retention. The iRecord is available exclusively from an iOC scan or the iTero Dual Scanner.

*OrthoCAD iQ.* OrthoCAD iQ is an innovative computer-guided system for optimal placement of traditional brackets and customized indirect bonding tray system. OrthoCAD iQ services are available from an iOC scan, iTero Dual Scanner or from a traditional PVS impression.

## ***Business Strategy***

Our goal is to establish Invisalign treatment as the standard method for treating malocclusion and to establish our intra-oral scanning platform as the preferred scanning protocol for 3D digital scans, ultimately driving increased product adoption by dental professionals. We intend to achieve this by focusing on the following key strategic initiatives:

1. *Product innovation and clinical effectiveness.* We believe that product performance and innovation is a cornerstone to our long-term goal to drive and sustain product adoption, which includes introducing new products along with significant evolution in features and functionality.
2. *Enhancing the customer experience.* We are committed to enhancing the customer experience through the evolution of our customer facing systems and programs making it easier for our customers to adopt our products into their practice and increase utilization.
3. *Increasing the effectiveness of our consumer demand creation and extending Invisalign brand awareness.* As an established and known brand within the dental industry, efficiently marketing to the consumer and creating demand is one of our key strategic objectives for driving long-term growth.
4. *Growth of international markets.* We will continue to focus our efforts towards increasing adoption of our products by dental professionals in our core European markets as well as expansion into new markets.

## ***Manufacturing and Suppliers***

Our manufacturing facilities are located in Juarez, Mexico, where we produce our aligners and manufacture iTero restorative cases, and in Or Yehuda, Israel where we produce our handheld intra-oral scanner wand. The final assembly of our iOC and iTero scanners is performed by a third party manufacturer located in Israel. Our digital planning of the Invisalign system and interpretation for iTero restorative cases are conducted primarily at our facility located in San Jose, Costa Rica. In addition, our CAD/CAM services and intra-oral scanner distribution and repair are currently conducted in our facility in New Jersey (*refer to Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under Consolidation of New Jersey Operations for a discussion on our plans to consolidate operations into our existing facilities by the third quarter of 2012 and close our New Jersey facility.*) In September 2011, to meet the increased demands from expected volumes, we purchased a manufacturing facility in Juarez, Mexico, adding approximately 150,000 square feet of facility space. We are currently transitioning our aligner fabrication and intra-oral scanner related activities from our existing facility in Juarez, Mexico into this new facility and expect to exit our existing facility once this transition is complete. Information regarding risks associated with our manufacturing process and foreign operations may be found in *Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading Risk Factors.*

Our quality system is required to be in compliance with the Quality System regulations enforced by the FDA, and similar regulations enforced by other worldwide regulatory authorities. We are certified to EN ISO 13485:2003, an internationally recognized standard for medical device manufacturing. We have a formal, documented quality system by which quality objectives are defined, understood and achieved. Systems, processes and procedures are implemented to ensure high levels of product and service quality. We monitor the



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effectiveness of the quality system based on internal data and direct customer feedback and strive to continually improve our systems and processes, taking corrective action, as needed.

Since the manufacturing process of our products requires substantial and varied technical expertise, we believe that our manufacturing capabilities are important to our success. In order to produce our highly customized, highly precise, medical quality products in volume, we have developed a number of proprietary processes and technologies. These technologies include complex software solutions, CT scanning, stereolithography and automated aligner fabrication. To increase the efficiency of our manufacturing processes, we will continue to focus our efforts on software development and the improvement of rate-limiting processes, or bottlenecks. We continuously upgrade our proprietary, three-dimensional treatment planning software to enhance computer analysis of treatment data and to reduce time spent on manual and judgmental tasks for each case, thereby increasing the efficiency of our technicians in Costa Rica. In addition, to improve the efficiency and increase the scale of our operations, we will continue to invest in the development of automated systems for the fabrication and packaging of aligners.

We are highly dependent on manufacturers of specialized scanning equipment, rapid prototyping machines, resin and other advanced materials for our aligners, as well as the optics, electronic and other mechanical components of our intra-oral scanners. We maintain single supply relationships for many of these machines and materials technologies. In particular, our CT scanning and stereolithography equipment used in our aligner manufacturing and many of the critical components for the optics of our intra-oral scanners are provided by single suppliers. We are also committed to purchasing all of our resin and polymer, the primary raw materials used in our manufacturing process for clear aligners, from a single source. The need to replace one of our single source suppliers could cause a disruption in our ability to timely deliver certain of our products or increase costs. See Item 1A Risk Factors *We maintain single supply relationships for certain of our key machines and materials technologies, and our business and operating results could be harmed if supply is restricted or ends or the price of raw materials used in our manufacturing process increases.*

## ***Sales and Marketing***

Our sales efforts are focused primarily on the Invisalign system and continuing to increase adoption and utilization by orthodontists and GPs worldwide. In North America our direct sales organization consists of approximately 200 people, which includes quota carrying sales representatives, sales management, and sales administration. Internationally, we have approximately 60 people engaged in sales and sales support for the Invisalign system. We have three distribution partners that sell the Invisalign system in smaller non-core country markets in the Asia Pacific, EMEA, and Latin America regions. As our international business grows, we will evaluate adding distribution partners in other non-core country markets on a case-by-case basis. For our intra-oral scanners, we have approximately 25 direct sales representatives in North America. Our smaller intra-oral scanner sales team also leverages leads generated by our Invisalign sales and marketing resources, including customer events and industry trade-shows. We also have distribution partners that sell our iTero intra-oral scanner. Straumann is our exclusive distribution partner for iTero scanners in Europe.

We market Invisalign by communicating the benefits of the Invisalign system to dental professionals through our training programs, online and traditional mail campaigns, trade shows, trade journals and print. We also promote the benefits of Invisalign through our integrated consumer marketing platform which combines traditional print and broadcast media with a balanced mix of public relations, event marketing, and social media. The goal of this platform is to raise awareness of Invisalign and Invisalign Teen as the best options for a healthy, beautiful smile among adults and teenagers. In addition, our consumer marketing platform enables us to help prospective patients find a great Invisalign treatment practice that can meet their needs. For intra-oral scanners, in addition to leveraging Invisalign customer events and industry trade-shows to communicate the benefits of digital scanning to dental professionals, we also have training programs, educational websites and limited print advertising.

We provide training, marketing and clinical support to orthodontists and GPs. We have more than 31,300 active Invisalign providers and more than 2,100 intra-oral scanner users worldwide.

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### ***Research and Development***

We are committed to investing in world-class technology development, which we believe is critical to achieving our goal of establishing the Invisalign system as the standard method for treating malocclusion and our intra-oral scanning platform as the preferred scanning protocol for 3D digital scans. Our research and development expenses were \$37.2 million for 2011, \$26.0 million for 2010, and \$22.3 million for 2009.

Our research and development activities are directed toward developing the technology innovations that we believe will deliver our next generation of products and platforms. Our research and development activities range from accelerating product and clinical innovation, to developing manufacturing process improvements, to researching future technologies and products.

In an effort to demonstrate Invisalign's broad treatment capabilities, various clinical case studies and articles have been published that highlight the clinical applicability of Invisalign to malocclusion cases, including those of severe complexity. We are also undertaking post-marketing research studies as well as making additional technological improvements to the product and manufacturing process.

### ***Intellectual Property***

We believe our intellectual property position represents a substantial business advantage. As of December 31, 2011, we had 256 issued U.S. patents, 132 pending U.S. patent applications, and 176 foreign issued patents, as well as 155 pending foreign patent applications.

We continue to pursue further intellectual property protection through U.S. and foreign patent applications and non-disclosure agreements. We also seek to protect our software, documentation and other written materials under trade secret and copyright laws. We cannot be certain that patents will be issued as a result of any patent application or that patents that have been issued to us or that may be issued in the future will be found to be valid and enforceable and sufficient to protect our technology or products. Our intellectual property rights may not be successfully asserted in the future or may be invalidated, circumvented or challenged. In addition, the laws of various foreign countries do not protect our intellectual property rights to the same extent as U.S. laws. Our inability to protect our proprietary information could harm our business. Information regarding risks associated with failing to protect our proprietary technology and our intellectual property rights may be found in *Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading Risk Factors*.

### ***Seasonal Fluctuations***

General economic conditions impact our business and financial results, and we experience seasonal trends related to differences between our two customer channels and the geographic locations that we serve. For example, European sales of Invisalign treatment are often weaker in the summer months due to our customers and their patients being on holiday. In North America, summer is typically the busiest season for orthodontists with practices that have a high percentage of adolescent and teenage patients as many parents want to get their teenagers started in treatment before the start of the school year, however, many GPs are on vacation during this time and therefore tend to start fewer cases. Although we have only recently acquired our intra-oral scanner business, capital equipment sales are often stronger in the fourth calendar quarter. Consequently, these seasonal trends have caused and may continue to cause, fluctuations in our quarterly results, including fluctuations in sequential revenue growth rates.

### ***Backlog***

Due to the nature of Invisalign treatment which is prescribed by a doctor and therefore no two cases are alike, we maintain relatively low levels of backlog. The period from which treatment data (or a case) is received until the acceptance of the digital ClinCheck treatment plan is dependent on the dental professional's discretion to modify, accept or cancel the treatment plan. Therefore, we consider the case a firm order to

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manufacture aligners once the dental professional has approved the ClinCheck treatment plan. Our Invisalign backlog consists of ClinCheck treatment plans that have been accepted but not yet shipped. Because aligners are shipped shortly after the ClinCheck treatment plan has been accepted, we believe that backlog is not a good indicator of future Invisalign sales. Our quarterly Invisalign revenues can be impacted by the timing of the ClinCheck treatment plan acceptances and our ability to ship those cases in the same quarter. We define our intra-oral scanner backlog as orders where payment is secured, credit and financing is approved but the scanner has not yet shipped. Our intra-oral scanner backlog as of December 31, 2011 was not material.

### ***Competition***

We operate in a highly competitive market and we encounter a wide variety of competitors, including larger companies or divisions of larger companies with substantial sales, marketing, research and financial capabilities. We also face competition from early stage companies. Although the number of competitors varies by segment, currently our products compete directly against products manufactured and distributed by various companies, both within and outside the U.S., including Danaher Corporation, 3M, Sirona Dental Systems, Inc. and Dentsply International, Inc. Information regarding risks associated with increased competition may be found in *Item 1A* of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading Risk Factors.

Key competitive factors include:

effectiveness of treatment;

price;

software features;

aesthetic appeal of the treatment method;

customer support;

customer online interface;

brand awareness;

innovation;

distribution network;

comfort associated with the treatment method;

oral hygiene;

ease of use; and

dental professionals' chair time.

We believe that our products compare favorably with our competitors' products with respect to each of these factors.

***Government Regulation***

We believe we are in compliance with all FDA, federal and state laws and International regulatory requirements that are applicable to our products and manufacturing operations.

***U.S.***

*U.S. Food and Drug Administration.* In the U.S., we must comply with applicable FDA Quality System, dental, and medical device regulations identified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Our Invisalign products and intra-oral scanners are classified as Class II medical devices. The Invisalign system has received premarket clearance from the FDA pursuant to the 510(k) pre-market notification procedure, allowing us to



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market the Invisalign family of products in the U.S. Our intra-oral scanners are 510(k) Exempt with Special Controls, which allows us to market this product in the U.S. without submitting a 510(k) pre-market notification. We are subject to routine inspections by the FDA and state of California Food and Drug Branch (FDB) for compliance with Quality System Regulations. We maintain applicable City, State, and Federal licenses and registrations for each of our facilities.

In November 2010, we received and responded to a Warning Letter from the FDA, which requested additional documentation relating to our written implemented corrective actions to our Complaint and Medical Device Reporting procedures. In December 2011, the FDA performed a follow-up inspection, and in February 2012 we received a notice that all matters were addressed and the Warning Letter was considered closed. If the FDA determines that we do not comply with the applicable FDA regulations, it can institute a wide variety of enforcement actions against us, ranging from a public Warning Letter to more severe sanctions, including but not limited to financial penalties, withdrawal of our right to market our products and/or criminal prosecution.

*Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.* Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA, Congress mandated a package of interlocking administrative simplification rules to establish standards and requirements for electronic transmission of patient health information. Confidentiality and security of patient medical records and the circumstances under which these records may be used and released by healthcare professionals and their Business Associates are subject to substantial regulations under the HIPAA Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, referred to as the Privacy Standard, and the Security Standard, and other state laws and regulations. The Privacy Standard governs both the disclosure and the use of confidential patient medical information, and the Security Standard governs the technical, physical, and administrative safe guards used to ensure the availability of patient records and to protect the unauthorized release or disclosure of patient information. The Privacy and Security Standards apply to healthcare providers, health insurance plans and healthcare clearinghouses, (referred to as Covered Entities ) as well as Business Associates who perform services for Covered Entities and have access to protected patient information. We believe we have designed our product and service offerings to be compliant with the requirements of the Privacy and Security standards under HIPAA and applicable corresponding state laws and regulations. Maintaining systems that are compliant with these laws and regulations is costly and could require complex changes in the way we do business or provide services to our patients. Additionally, our success may be dependent on the success of healthcare participants in dealing with HIPAA requirements.

*Other Federal and State Laws.* As a participant in the health care industry we are subject to extensive and frequently changing regulation under many other laws administered by governmental entities at the federal, state and local levels, some of which are, and others of which may be, applicable to our business. We are a medical device manufacturer subject to FDA regulations. These regulations, among other things, require that we maintain device and facilities registrations and listings as well as promote our products consistent with our FDA 510(k) clearances. Furthermore, our health care service provider customers are also subject to a wide variety of laws and regulations that could affect the nature and scope of their relationships with us. Laws regulating medical device manufacturers and health care providers cover a broad array of subjects. For example, the confidentiality of patient medical information and the circumstances under which such information may be used by us, released for inclusion in our databases, or released by us to third parties, are subject to substantial regulation by state governments. These state laws and regulations govern both the disclosure and the use of confidential patient medical information and are evolving rapidly. In addition, provisions under the federal anti-kickback statutes prohibit, among other things, paying or offering to pay any remuneration in exchange for the referral of patients to a person participating in, or for the order, purchase or recommendation of items or services that are subject to reimbursement by, Medicare, Medicaid and other similar federal or state health care programs. Most states have also enacted illegal remuneration laws that are similar to the federal laws. These laws, which are evolving at the federal and state levels, are applicable to our financial relationships with, and any marketing or other promotional activities involving, our dental professional customers. Violations of any of these laws or regulations could subject us to a variety of civil and criminal sanctions. Furthermore, various state laws require us to report payments and other transfers of value made to dental professionals and teaching hospitals to state regulatory bodies.

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In Canada, we must comply with Health Canada's Medical Device Regulations (SOR/98-282). Our Invisalign system family of products is classified as a Class II medical device and we maintain a Medical Device License for this product. Our intra-oral scanners are classified as Class I medical device in Canada.

**European Union**

In the European Union, the Invisalign system is regulated as a custom device and we must comply with the requirements of the Medical Device Directives (MDD 93/42/EEC). Also, our intra-oral scanners are classified as Class I medical devices by the MDD and bear the CE mark showing that such products adhere to the European regulations. Our Quality Management System is ISO 13485:2003 certified, which facilitates commercialization of our products in Europe.

**China**

In 2010, we received a Registration Certificate for Medical Device from China's State Food and Drug Administration to market and sell the Invisalign system family of products for the treatment of malocclusion, as a Class I medical device. Currently, we do not sell our intra-oral scanners in China.

**Employees**

As of December 31, 2011, we had 2,593 employees, including 1,687 in manufacturing and operations, 466 in sales and marketing which includes customer care, 329 in research and development and 111 in general and administrative functions.

**Available Information**

Our website is located at [www.aligntech.com](http://www.aligntech.com), and our investor relations website is located at <http://investor.aligntech.com>. The information on or accessible through our websites is not part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, our proxy statement on Schedule 14A for our annual stockholders' meeting and amendments to such reports are available, free of charge, on our investor relations website as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file or furnish such material with the SEC. Further, a copy of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is located at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding our filings at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**Executive Officers of the Registrant**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our executive officers as of February 29, 2012:

Name	Age	Position
Thomas M. Prescott	56	President and Chief Executive Officer
Kenneth B. Arola	56	Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Dana C. Cambra	54	Vice President, Research & Development and Information Technology
Dan S. Ellis	60	Vice President, North American Sales
Roger E. George	46	Vice President, Legal and Corporate Affairs General Counsel
Len M. Hedge	54	Senior Vice President, Business Operations
Timothy A. Mack	53	Senior Vice President, Business Development
Richard Twomey	47	Vice President, International
Emory M. Wright	42	Vice President, Operations

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*Thomas M. Prescott* has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our Board of Directors since March 2002. Prior to joining us, Mr. Prescott was President and Chief Executive Officer of Cardiac Pathways, Inc., a publicly-traded medical device company, from May 1999 until its acquisition by Boston Scientific in August 2001. Mr. Prescott then worked as a consultant for Boston Scientific Corporation until January 2002. Prior to working at Cardiac Pathways, Mr. Prescott held various sales, general management and executive roles at Nellcor Puritan Bennett, Inc. from April 1994 to May 1999.

*Kenneth B. Arola* has served as our Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer since December 2007. He joined us as Vice President of Finance and Corporate Controller in August 2005. Prior to joining us, Mr. Arola served for fourteen years at Adaptec, Inc, an electronic data storage equipment company, where he held various senior finance management positions, most recently as Vice President of Finance and Corporate Controller. His experience also includes positions of increasing responsibility in various financial roles at Varian Associates and Cooper Labs.

*Dana C. Cambra* our Vice President, Research & Development and Information Technology has been with Align since June 2008. Prior to joining us, Mr. Cambra served as Senior Vice President, Research and Development for Pharsight Corporation, a provider of simulation and modeling software for pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies from March 2007 to June 2008. Prior to his role at Pharsight, Mr. Cambra was Vice President, Engineering at Stentor Inc., a medical image and information management software provider from October 2002 to February 2006. Earlier roles included executive engineering and operations positions at Visto Corporation and iScribe, Inc. Mr. Cambra also spent several years in positions of increasing responsibility at Acuson Corporation, now a Siemens Company.

*Dan S. Ellis* has served as our Vice President, North American Sales since June 2005. Prior to joining us, Mr. Ellis was Vice President, Sales for privately-held BARRx Medical, a medical device company, from September 2004 to June 2005. From June 1999 to May 2004, Mr. Ellis was at Fusion Medical Technologies, a division of Baxter Healthcare, most recently as Vice President, BioSurgery US. From January 1998 to June 1999, Mr. Ellis served as Vice President, Sales & Marketing for Cardiac Pathways, Inc. Earlier in his career, Mr. Ellis held national sales positions of increasing scope and responsibility at Fusion Medical Technologies and Eli Lilly MDD/Guidant Corporation.

*Roger E. George* has served as our Vice President, Legal and Corporate Affairs, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since July 2002. Prior to joining us, Mr. George was the Chief Financial Officer, Vice President of Finance and Legal Affairs and General Counsel of SkyStream Networks, a privately held broadband and broadcast network equipment company. Prior to SkyStream, Mr. George was a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C. in Palo Alto, California.

*Len M. Hedge* has served as our Senior Vice President, Business Operations since December 2007. He joined us as our Director of Manufacturing in January 1999 and was our Vice President, of Operations from March 2002 to December 2007. Prior to joining us, Mr. Hedge served as Vice President of Operations for Plynetics Express Corporation, a rapid-prototyping and stereolithography services supplier, from December 1996 to December 1998. From October 1991 to December 1996, Mr. Hedge worked at Beckman Instruments Corporation as Manager for Prototype Manufacturing and Process Development.

*Timothy A. Mack* was appointed Senior Vice President Business Development in April 2011 through the acquisition of Cadent Holdings, Inc. At Cadent, he was President and Chief Executive Officer since 2009. He joined Cadent in 2005, as Executive Vice President & General Manager where he led the introduction and adoption of Cadent's new 3D digital imaging technology into the market. Prior to Cadent, Mr. Mack was Vice President and General Manager of DENTSPLY Ceramco, a wholly-owned subsidiary of DENTSPLY International. Prior to DENTSPLY, Mr. Mack held a series of management positions in the U.S. and Europe within Consumer Electronics and Medical Imaging Divisions at Eastman Kodak Company.

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*Richard Twomey* has served as our Vice President, International since May 2010. Prior to joining us, Mr. Twomey spent the past 13 years in senior management positions within divisions of Johnson & Johnson, having served most recently as president of DePuy, International Ltd., part of the DePuy Orthopaedics, a global leader in the provision of surgical implants for orthopaedic applications, as well as diversified interests in spinal, sports medicine and neurology sectors. Mr. Twomey also served as managing director and director of marketing for Johnson & Johnson Bone Tissue Management Group. Prior to Johnson & Johnson, Mr. Twomey held various sales and marketing positions at Biomet Ltd, Howmedica International Ltd., and Stafford Millar.

*Emory M. Wright* has served as our Vice President, Operations since December 2007. He has been with us since March 2000, predominantly in manufacturing and operations roles. Previously, Mr. Wright served as Vice President, Manufacturing and most recently was General Manager of New Product Development. Prior to joining us, Mr. Wright was Senior Manufacturing Manager at Metrika, Inc. a medical device manufacturer, from May 1999 to March 2000. From July 1994 to May 1999, Mr. Wright served as Manager of Manufacturing and Process Development for Metra Biosystems Inc.

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### **ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

*We depend on the sale of the Invisalign system for the vast majority of our revenues, and any decline in sales of Invisalign treatment for any reason, a continued weakness in general economic conditions, or a decline in average selling prices would adversely affect revenues, gross margin and net profits.*

We expect that revenues from the sale of the Invisalign system will continue to account for the vast majority of our total revenues for the foreseeable future. Continued and widespread market acceptance of Invisalign by orthodontists, GPs and consumers is critical to our future success. If orthodontists and GPs experience a reduction in consumer demand for orthodontic services, if consumers prove unwilling to adopt Invisalign as rapidly as we anticipate or in the volume that we anticipate, if orthodontists or GPs choose to use a competitive product rather than Invisalign or if the average selling price of our product declines, our operating results would be harmed.

*Demand for our products may not increase as rapidly as we anticipate due to a variety of factors including a continued weakness in general economic conditions.*

Consumer spending habits are affected by, among other things, prevailing economic conditions, levels of employment, salaries and wage rates, gas prices, consumer confidence and consumer perception of economic conditions. A general slowdown in the U.S. economy and certain international economies or an uncertain economic outlook would adversely affect consumer spending habits which may, among other things, result in a decrease in the number of overall orthodontic case starts, reduced the patient traffic in dentists' offices, reduction in consumer spending on higher value procedures or a reduction in the demand for dental services generally, each of which would have a material adverse effect on our sales and operating results. Continued weakness in the global economy results in a challenging environment for selling dental technologies and dentists may postpone investments in capital equipment, such as intra-oral scanners. In addition, Invisalign treatment, which currently accounts for the vast majority of our revenues, represents a significant change from traditional orthodontic treatment, and customers and consumers may be reluctant to accept it or may not find it preferable to traditional treatment. We have generally received positive feedback from orthodontists, GPs and consumers regarding Invisalign treatment as both an alternative to braces and as a clinical method for treatment of malocclusion, but a number of dental professionals believe that Invisalign treatment is appropriate for only a limited percentage of their patients. Increased market acceptance of all of our products will depend in part upon the recommendations of dental professionals, as well as other factors including effectiveness, safety, ease of use, reliability, aesthetics, and price compared to competing products.

*The frequency of use of the Invisalign system by orthodontists or GPs may not increase at the rate that we anticipate or at all.*

One of our key objectives is to continue to increase utilization, or the adoption and frequency of use, of the Invisalign system by new and existing customers. If utilization of the Invisalign system by our existing and newly trained orthodontists or GPs does not occur or does not occur as quickly as we anticipate, our operating results could be harmed.

*We may experience declines in average selling prices of our products.*

In response to challenges in our business, including increased competition, we have in the past reduced the list price of our products. We also provide volume based discount programs to our doctors. In addition, we sell a number of products at different list prices. If we introduce any price reductions, or consumer rebate programs, expand our discount programs in the future, if participation in these programs increases, if our product mix shifts to lower priced products or products that have a higher percentage of deferred revenue, or if sales by our distributors grows at a faster pace than our direct sales, our average selling price would be adversely affected and our revenues, gross margin and net profits (losses) may be reduced. Furthermore, although the U.S. dollar is our reporting currency, a portion of our revenues and profits are generated in foreign currencies. Revenues and profits generated by subsidiaries operating outside of the United States are translated into U.S. dollars using

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exchange rates effective during the respective period and are affected by changes in exchange rates. As a result, negative movements in currency exchange rates against the U.S. dollar will adversely affect our average selling price and consequently the amount of revenues and profits in our consolidated financial statements.

*As we continue to grow, we are subject to growth related risks, including risks related to capacity constraints at our existing facilities.*

We are subject to growth-related risks, including capacity constraints and pressure on our internal systems and personnel. In order to manage current operations and future growth effectively, we will need to continue to implement and improve our operational, financial and management information systems and to hire, train, motivate, manage and retain employees. We may be unable to manage such growth effectively. Any such failure could have a material adverse impact on our business, operations and prospects. In addition, in order to meet the demands from expected volumes and continued international expansion, we opened a new manufacturing facility in Juarez, Mexico at the end of 2011. We plan to transition aligner fabrication from our current facilities into this new facility during 2012. We also plan on transitioning our scanner distribution, repair and CAD/CAM services from our New Jersey facility to this facility in Juarez, Mexico by the third quarter of 2012. Our ability to plan, construct and equip additional manufacturing facilities is subject to significant risk and uncertainty, including risks inherent in the establishment of a new manufacturing facility, such as:

Hiring and retaining employees;

Delays and cost overruns as a result of a number of factors, any of which may be out of our control, such as:

Labor shortages and disputes;

Delays in government approvals;

Delays in the customization, delivery and installation of equipment; and

Production start-up problems; and

Implementing, integrating and improving operational and financial systems, procedures and controls, including our computer systems.

If the transition into this new facility is significantly delayed or demand for our product exceeds our current expectations, we may not be able to fulfill orders timely, which may negatively impact our financial results and overall business. Because we cannot always immediately adapt our production capacity and related cost structures to changing market conditions, our manufacturing capacity may at times exceed or fall short of our production requirements. Any or all of these problems could result in the loss of customers, provide an opportunity for competing products to gain market acceptance and otherwise harm our business and financial results.

***We may experience unexpected problems and expenses associated with the consolidation of our New Jersey Operations with Existing Manufacturing and Shared Services Organizations.***

In September 2011, we announced plans to consolidate our CAD/CAM services and intra-oral scanner-related activities based in Carlstadt, New Jersey with our existing manufacturing and shared services organizations. We expect this consolidation to be completed by the third quarter of 2012. This consolidation is accompanied by a number of risks and uncertainties that may affect our results of operations and statement of cash flows, including:

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failure to successfully coordinate and phase the relocation of these CAD/CAM services and intra-oral scanner customer care may cause our customers to experience decrease in service levels;

the relocation may absorb significant management and key employee attention and resources that would otherwise be available for the ongoing development of our business;

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failure to retain key employees who possess specific knowledge or expertise and who we are depending upon for the timely and successful transition; and

difficulties hiring employees in Costa Rica and Mexico with the necessary skills to perform these functions.

If any of these risks materialize in the future, our operating results, statement of operations and cash flows may be adversely affected.

***We may never achieve the anticipated benefits from our recent acquisition of Cadent Holdings, Inc. which may have an adverse effect on our business.***

We acquired Cadent Holdings, Inc. in April 2011. We acquired Cadent for their people, their technology and their existing revenue streams such as OrthoCAD iQ, OrthoCAD iRecord and OrthoCAD iCast in addition to their intra-oral scanning technology. This acquisition is expected to strengthen our ability to drive adoption of the Invisalign system by integrating Invisalign treatment more fully with mainstream tools and procedures in doctors' practices. In addition, we believe that the combination of the two companies will help accelerate the use of intra-oral scanning in the dental industry by leveraging Align's global sales reach, extensive professional and consumer marketing capabilities and large customer base. We may, however, experience difficulties in achieving the anticipated financial or strategic benefits of this acquisition. Potential risks include:

slower adoption or lack of acceptance for intra-oral scanning products in general or our chairside features,

our inability to increase utilization by integrating Invisalign treatment more fully with intra-oral scanners,

difficulty in integrating the technology, operations, internal accounting controls or work force of the acquired business with our existing business,

diversion of management resources and focus from ongoing business matters,

retention of key employees following the acquisition,

aggressive competition from other manufacturers of intraoral scanners could lengthen the customer evaluation process and result in price reductions and loss of sales,

difficulty dealing with tax, employment, logistics, and other related issues unique to international operations in Israel,

possible impairment of relationships with employees and customers as a result of the integration of the Cadent and Align businesses,

possible inconsistencies in standards, controls, procedures and policies among Cadent and Align, which may make it more difficult to implement and harmonize company-wide financial reporting, accounting, billing, information technology and other systems;

a large portion of Cadent's operations are located in Israel, accordingly, any increase in hostilities in the Middle East involving Israel may cause interruption or suspension of business operations without warning, and



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negative impact on our results of operations and financial condition from acquisition-related charges, amortization of intangible assets and/or asset impairment charges.

If we cannot successfully integrate the acquired business with our existing business, our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

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*If we fail to sustain or increase profitability or revenue growth in future periods, the market price for our common stock may decline.*

If we are to sustain or increase profitability in future periods, we will need to continue to increase our revenues, while controlling our expenses. Because our business is evolving, it is difficult to predict our future operating results or levels of growth, and we have in the past not been and may in the future not be able to sustain our historical growth rates. If we do not increase profitability or revenue growth or otherwise meet the expectations of securities analysts or investors, the market price of our common stock will likely decline.

*Our financial results have fluctuated in the past and may fluctuate in the future which may cause volatility in our stock price.*

Our operating results have fluctuated in the past and we expect our future quarterly and annual operating results to fluctuate as we focus on increasing doctor and consumer demand for our products. These fluctuations could cause our stock price to decline. Some of the factors that could cause our operating results to fluctuate include:

limited visibility into and difficulty predicting the level of activity in our customers practices from quarter to quarter;

weakness in consumer spending as a result of the slowdown in the United States economy and global economies;

changes in relationships with our distributors;

changes in the timing of receipt of case product orders during a given quarter which, given our cycle time and the delay between case receipts and case shipments, could have an impact on which quarter revenue can be recognized;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates against the U.S. dollar;

changes in product mix;

our inability to predict from period to period the number of trainers or the availability of doctors required to complete intra-oral scanner installations, which may impact the timing of when revenue is recognized.

if participation in our customer rebate program increases our average selling price will be adversely affected;

seasonal fluctuations in the number of doctors in their offices and their availability to take appointments;

success of or changes to our marketing programs from quarter to quarter;

our reliance on our contract manufacturers for the production of sub-assemblies for our intra-oral scanners;

timing of industry tradeshow;

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changes in the timing of when revenue is recognized, including as a result of the introduction of new products or promotions or as a result of changes to critical accounting estimates or new accounting pronouncements;

changes to our effective tax rate;

unanticipated delays in production caused by insufficient capacity;

any disruptions in the manufacturing process, including unexpected turnover in the labor force or the introduction of new production processes, power outages or natural or other disasters beyond our control;

the development and marketing of directly competitive products by existing and new competitors;

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aggressive price competition from competitors;

costs and expenditures in connection with litigation;

the timing of new product introductions by us and our competitors;

disruptions to our business due to political, economic or other social instability, including the impact of an epidemic any of which results in changes in consumer spending habits, consumers unable or unwilling to visit the orthodontist or general practitioners office, as well as any impact on workforce absenteeism;

inaccurate forecasting of revenues, production and other operating costs; and

investments in research and development to develop new products and enhancements.

To respond to these and other factors, we may need to make business decisions that could adversely affect our operating results such as modifications to our pricing policy, business structure or operations. Most of our expenses, such as employee compensation and lease payment obligations, are relatively fixed in the short term. Moreover, our expense levels are based, in part, on our expectations regarding future revenue levels. As a result, if our revenues for a particular period fall below our expectations, whether caused by changes in consumer spending, consumer preferences, weakness in the U.S. or global economies, changes in customer behavior related to advertising and prescribing our product, or other factors, we may be unable to adjust spending quickly enough to offset any shortfall in revenues. Due to these and other factors, we believe that quarter-to-quarter comparisons of our operating results may not be meaningful. You should not rely on our results for any one quarter as an indication of our future performance.

***Our future success may depend on our ability to develop, successfully introduce and achieve market acceptance of new products.***

Our future success may depend on our ability to develop, manufacture, market, and obtain regulatory approval or clearance of new products. There can be no assurance that we will be able to successfully develop, sell and achieve market acceptance of these and other new products and applications and enhanced versions of our existing product or software. The extent of, and rate at which, market acceptance and penetration are achieved by future products is a function of many variables, which include, among other things, our ability to:

correctly identify customer needs and preferences and predict future needs and preferences;

include functionality and features that address customer requirements;

ensure compatibility of our computer operating systems and hardware configurations with those of our customers;

allocate our research and development funding to products with higher growth prospects;

anticipate and respond to our competitors' development of new products and technological innovations;

differentiate our offerings from our competitors' offerings;

innovate and develop new technologies and applications;

the availability of third-party reimbursement of procedures using our products;

obtain adequate intellectual property rights; and

encourage customers to adopt new technologies.

If we fail to accurately predict customer needs and preferences or fail to produce viable technologies, we may invest heavily in research and development of products that do not lead to significant revenue. Even if we successfully innovate and develop new products and produce enhancements, we may incur substantial costs in doing so, and our profitability may suffer. In addition, even if our new products are successfully introduced, it is

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unlikely that they will rapidly gain market share and acceptance primarily due to the relatively long period of time it takes to successfully treat a patient with the Invisalign system. Since it takes approximately 12 to 24 months to treat a patient, our customers may be unwilling to rapidly adopt our new products until they successfully complete at least one case or until more historical clinical results are available.

Our ability to market and sell new products may also be subject to government regulation, including approval or clearance by the United States Food and Drug Administration ( FDA ), and foreign government agencies. Any failure in our ability to successfully develop and introduce or achieve market acceptance of our new products or enhanced versions of existing products could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and could cause our revenues to decline.

***A disruption in the operations of our primary freight carrier or higher shipping costs could cause a decline in our revenues or a reduction in our earnings.***

We are dependent on commercial freight carriers, primarily UPS, to deliver our products to our customers. If the operations of these carriers are disrupted for any reason, we may be unable to deliver our products to our customers on a timely basis. If we cannot deliver our products in an efficient and timely manner, our customers may reduce their orders from us and our revenues and operating profits could materially decline. In a rising fuel cost environment, our freight costs will increase. If freight costs materially increase and we are unable to pass that increase along to our customers for any reason or otherwise offset such increases in our cost of revenues, our gross margin and financial results could be adversely affected.

***We are dependent on our international operations, which exposes us to foreign operational, political and other risks that may harm our business.***

Our key production steps are performed in operations located outside of the U.S. At our facility in Costa Rica, technicians use a sophisticated, internally developed computer-modeling program to prepare digital treatment plans, which are then transmitted electronically to Juarez, Mexico. These digital files form the basis of the ClinCheck treatment plan and are used to manufacture aligner molds. Our order acquisition, aligner fabrication and shipping operations are conducted in Juarez, Mexico. In addition to the research and development efforts conducted in our San Jose, California facility, we also carry out research and development at locations in San Jose, Costa Rica and Moscow, Russia. In addition, our customer-care, accounts receivable, credit and collections and customer event registration organizations are located at our facility in Costa Rica. With the acquisition of Cadent in April 2011, we now also have operations in Israel where the design and wand assembly, intra-oral scanner manufacturing and digital modeling of our intra-oral scanners occurs. Our reliance on international operations exposes us to risks and uncertainties that may affect our business or results of operation, including:

difficulties in hiring and retaining employees generally, as well as difficulties in hiring and retaining employees with the necessary skills to perform the more technical aspects of our operations;

difficulties in managing international operations;

fluctuations in currency exchange rates;

import and export license requirements and restrictions;

controlling production volume and quality of the manufacturing process;

political, social and economic instability, including as a result of increased levels of violence in Juarez, Mexico or the Middle East;

acts of terrorism and acts of war;

interruptions and limitations in telecommunication services;

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product or material transportation delays or disruption, including as a result of health epidemics restricting travel to and from our international locations or as a result of natural disasters, such as earthquakes or volcanic eruptions;

burdens of complying with a wide variety of local country and regional laws;

trade restrictions and changes in tariffs; and

potential adverse tax consequences.

If any of these risks materialize in the future, we could experience production delays and lost or delayed revenue.

***A key step in our manufacturing process relies on sophisticated computer technology that requires new technicians to undergo a relatively long training process. If we are unable to accurately predict our volume growth, and fail to hire a sufficient number of technicians in advance of such demand, the delivery time of our products could be delayed which could adversely affect our results of operations.***

Training production technicians takes approximately 90 to 120 days. As a result, if we are unable to accurately predict our volume growth, we may not have a sufficient number of trained technicians to deliver our products within the timeframe our customers expect. Such a delay could cause us to lose existing customers or fail to attract new customers. This could cause a decline in our revenues and net profits and could adversely affect our results of operations.

***Our headquarters, digital dental modeling processes, and other manufacturing processes are principally located in regions that are subject to earthquakes and other natural disasters.***

Our digital dental modeling is processed in our facility located in San Jose, Costa Rica. The operations team in Costa Rica creates ClinCheck treatment plans using sophisticated computer software. In addition, our customer facing operations are located in Costa Rica. Our aligner molds and finished aligners are fabricated in Juarez, Mexico. Both Costa Rica and Mexico are in earthquake zones and may be subject to other natural disasters. If there is a major earthquake or any other natural disaster in a region where one of these facilities is located, our ability to create ClinCheck treatment plans, respond to customer inquiries or manufacture and ship our aligners could be compromised which could result in our customers experiencing a significant delay in receiving their completed aligners and a decrease in service levels for a period of time. In addition, our headquarters facility is located in the San Francisco Bay Area. An earthquake or other natural disaster in this region could result in a disruption in our operations. Any such business interruption could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

***Competition in the markets for our products is intense and we expect aggressive competition from existing competitors and other companies that may introduce new technologies in the future.***

Currently, our products compete directly against products manufactured and distributed by various companies, both within and outside the United States. Many of these manufacturers, including Danaher Corporation, 3M, Sirona Dental Systems, Inc. and Dentsply International, have substantially greater financial resources and manufacturing and marketing experience than we do and may, in the future, attempt to develop an orthodontic system similar to ours or combine technologies that make our product economically unattractive. Large consumer product companies may also enter the orthodontic supply market. Furthermore, we may face competition in the future from new companies that may introduce new technologies. We may be unable to compete with these competitors and one or more of these competitors may render our technology obsolete or economically unattractive. If we are unable to compete effectively with existing products or respond effectively to any products developed by new or existing competitors, our business could be harmed. Increased competition has resulted in the past and may in the future result in volume discounting and price reductions, reduced gross margins, reduced profitability and loss of market share, and reduce dental professionals' efforts and commitment to expand their use of our products, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our



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revenues, volume growth, net profit (losses) and stock price. We cannot assure you that we will be able to compete successfully against our current or future competitors or that competitive pressures will not have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

***Our information technology systems are critical to our business. System integration and implementation issues and system security risks could disrupt our operations, which could have a material adverse impact on our business and operating results.***

We rely on the efficient and uninterrupted operation of complex information technology systems. All information technology systems are vulnerable to damage or interruption from a variety of sources. As our business has grown in size and complexity, the growth has placed, and will continue to place, significant demands on our information technology systems. To effectively manage this growth, our information systems and applications require an ongoing commitment of significant resources to maintain, protect and enhance existing systems and develop new systems to keep pace with continuing changes in information processing technology, evolving industry and regulatory standards and changing customer preferences. If the information we rely upon to run our businesses were to be found to be inaccurate or unreliable, if we fail to properly maintain our information systems and data integrity, or if we fail to develop new capabilities to meet our business needs in a timely manner, we could have operational disruptions, have customer disputes, lose our ability to produce timely and accurate reports, have regulatory or other legal problems, have increases in operating and administrative expenses, lose existing customers, have difficulty in attracting new customers or in implementing our growth strategies, or suffer other adverse consequences. In addition, experienced computer programmers and hackers may be able to penetrate our network security and misappropriate our confidential information or that of third parties, create system disruptions or cause shutdowns. Furthermore, sophisticated hardware and operating system software and applications that we either internally develop or procure from third parties may contain defects in design and manufacture, including bugs and other problems that can unexpectedly interfere with the operation of the system. The costs to eliminate or alleviate security problems, viruses and bugs could be significant, and the efforts to address these problems could result in interruptions that may have a material adverse impact on our operations, revenues and operating results.

We are currently focused on adding more functionality into our business enterprise systems to more efficiently integrate these systems with our other system applications, such as customer facing and manufacturing tools, and intend to continue this effort for the foreseeable future. System upgrades and enhancements require significant expenditures and allocation of valuable employee resources. Delays in integration or disruptions to our business from implementation of these new or upgraded systems could have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and operating results.

Additionally, we continuously upgrade our customer facing software applications, specifically the ClinCheck and MyAligntech software, and the Invisalign Doctor Site. Software applications frequently contain errors or defects, especially when they are first introduced or when new versions are released. The discovery of a defect or error or the incompatibility with the computer operating system and hardware configurations of customers in a new upgraded version or the failure of our primary information systems may result in the following consequences, among others: loss of revenue or delay in market acceptance, damage to our reputation or increased service costs, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Furthermore, our business requires the secure transmission of confidential information over public networks. Because of the confidential health information we store and transmit, security breaches could expose us to a risk of regulatory action, litigation, possible liability and loss. Our security measures may be inadequate to prevent security breaches, and our business operations and profitability would be adversely affected by, among other things, loss of customers and potential criminal and civil sanctions if they are not prevented.

There can be no assurance that our process of improving existing systems, developing new systems to support our expanding operations, integrating new systems, protecting confidential patient information, and

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improving service levels will not be delayed or that additional systems issues will not arise in the future. Failure to adequately protect and maintain the integrity of our information systems and data may result in a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

***If the security of our customer and patient information is compromised, patient care could suffer, and we could be liable for related damages, and our reputation could be impaired.***

We retain confidential customer and patient information in our processing centers. Therefore, it is critical that our facilities and infrastructure remain secure and that our facilities and infrastructure are perceived by the marketplace and our customers to be secure. Despite the implementation of security measures, our infrastructure may be vulnerable to physical break-ins, computer viruses, programming errors, attacks by third parties or similar disruptive problems. If we fail to meet our clients' expectations regarding the security of healthcare information, we could be liable for damages and our reputation could be impaired. In addition, patient care could suffer, and we could be liable if our systems fail to deliver correct information in a timely manner. Our insurance may not protect us from this risk.

***Our success depends in part on our proprietary technology, and if we are unable to successfully enforce our intellectual property rights, our competitive position may be harmed. Litigating claims of this type is costly and could distract our management and cause a decline in our results of operations and stock price.***

Our success will depend in part on our ability to maintain existing intellectual property and to obtain and maintain further intellectual property protection for our products, both in the U.S. and in other countries. Our inability to do so could harm our competitive position. As of December 31, 2011, we had issued 256 U.S. patents, 132 pending U.S. patent applications, and 176 issued foreign patents, and 155 pending foreign patent applications.

We intend to rely on our portfolio of issued and pending patent applications in the U.S. and in other countries to protect a large part of our intellectual property and our competitive position. However, our currently pending or future patent filings may not result in the issuance of patents. Additionally, any patents issued to us may be challenged, invalidated, held unenforceable, circumvented, or may not be sufficiently broad to prevent third parties from producing competing products similar in design to our products. In addition, any protection afforded by foreign patents may be more limited than that provided under U.S. patents and intellectual property laws. We also rely on protection of our copyrights, trade secrets, know-how and proprietary information. We generally enter into confidentiality agreements with our employees, consultants and our collaborative partners upon commencement of a relationship with us. However, these agreements may not provide meaningful protection against the unauthorized use or disclosure of our trade secrets or other confidential information, and adequate remedies may not exist if unauthorized use or disclosure were to occur. Our inability to maintain the proprietary nature of our technology through patents, copyrights or trade secrets would impair our competitive advantages and could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition and future growth prospects. In particular, a failure to protect our proprietary rights might allow competitors to copy our technology, which could adversely affect our pricing and market share. In addition, in an effort to protect our intellectual property we have in the past been and may in the future be involved in litigation. The potential effects on our business operations resulting from litigation that we may participate in the future, whether or not ultimately determined in our favor or settled by us, are costly and divert the efforts and attention of our management and technical personnel from normal business operations.

Litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties and unfavorable rulings could occur. An unfavorable ruling could include monetary damages or, in cases where injunctive relief is sought, an injunction prohibiting us from selling our products. Any of these results from our litigation could adversely affect our results of operations and stock price.

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***While we believe we currently have adequate internal control over financial reporting, we are required to assess our internal control over financial reporting on an annual basis and any future adverse results from such assessment could result in a loss of investor confidence in our financial reports and have an adverse effect on our stock price.***

Pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC, we are required to furnish in our Form 10-K a report by our management regarding the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. The report includes, among other things, an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the end of our fiscal year, including a statement as to whether or not our internal control over financial reporting is effective. This assessment must include disclosure of any material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting identified by management. While we currently believe our internal control over financial reporting is effective, the effectiveness of our internal controls to future periods is subject to the risk that our controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, and, as a result, the degree of compliance of our internal control over financial reporting with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. In addition, Cadent was a private company and has not been subject to periodic reporting as a public company. There can be no assurance that the Cadent system of internal control over financial reporting would meet the standards required for public companies. Establishing, testing and maintaining an effective system of internal control over financial reporting requires significant resources and time commitments on the part of our management and our finance staff, may require additional staffing and infrastructure investments, and would increase our costs of doing business. We have excluded them from the scope of our annual report on internal controls over financial reporting for the period ended December 31, 2011. If we are unable to assert that our internal control over financial reporting is effective in any future period (or if our auditors are unable to express an opinion on the effectiveness of our internal controls or conclude that our internal controls are ineffective), we could lose investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports, which could have an adverse effect on our stock price.

***If our goodwill or amortizable intangible assets become impaired, we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings.***

Under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States ( U.S. GAAP ), we review our goodwill and amortizable intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Additionally, goodwill is required to be tested for impairment at least annually. The valuations used to determine the fair values used to test goodwill or amortizable intangible assets are dependent upon various assumptions and reflect management's best estimates. Net sales growth, discount rates, earnings multiples and future cash flows are critical assumptions used to determine these fair values. Slower net sales growth rates in the dental industry, an increase in discount rates, unfavorable changes in earnings multiples or a decline in future cash flows, among other factors, may cause a change in circumstances indicating that the carrying value of goodwill or amortizable intangible assets may not be recoverable. We may be required to record a significant charge to earnings in the financial statements during the period in which any impairment of goodwill or amortizable intangible assets is determined.

***If we lose our key personnel or are unable to attract and retain key personnel, we may be unable to pursue business opportunities or develop our products.***

We are highly dependent on the key employees in our clinical engineering, technology development, sales, training and marketing personnel and management teams. The loss of the services provided by those individuals may significantly delay or prevent the achievement of our product development and other business objectives and could harm our business. Our future success will also depend on our ability to identify, recruit, train and retain additional qualified personnel, including orthodontists. Few orthodontists are accustomed to working in a manufacturing environment since they are generally trained to work in private practices, universities and other research institutions. Thus, we may be unable to attract and retain personnel with the advanced qualifications necessary for the further development of our business. Furthermore, we may not be successful in retaining our key personnel or their services. If we are unable to attract and retain key personnel, our business could be

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materially harmed. In addition, our ability to recognize revenue on the direct sales of our intra-oral scanners depends in part upon our ability to schedule and staff trainings. The loss of the services provided by these individuals or our ability to timely hire such personnel in sufficient numbers based on our volume growth, may harm our business. If we are unable to retain our trainers or replace such individuals with persons having equivalent technical expertise and qualifications, or if we are unable to successfully instill such technical expertise in newly hired personnel or accurately predict the number of such personnel needed, our revenues could be materially harmed.

***If we infringe the patents or proprietary rights of other parties or are subject to a patent infringement claim, our ability to grow our business may be severely limited.***

Extensive litigation over patents and other intellectual property rights is common in the medical device industry. We have been sued for infringement of third party's patents in the past and we may be the subject of patent or other litigation in the future. From time to time, we have received and may in the future receive letters from third parties drawing our attention to their patent rights. While we do not believe that we infringe upon any valid and enforceable rights that have been brought to our attention, there may be other more pertinent rights of which we are presently unaware. The defense and prosecution of intellectual property suits, interference proceedings and related legal and administrative proceedings could result in substantial expense to us and significant diversion of effort by our technical and management personnel. An adverse determination of any litigation or interference proceeding to which we may become a party could subject us to significant liabilities. An adverse determination of this nature could also put our patents at risk of being invalidated or interpreted narrowly or require us to seek licenses from third parties. Licenses may not be available on commercially reasonable terms or at all, in which event, our business would be materially adversely affected.

***We maintain single supply relationships for certain of our key machines and materials technologies, and our business and operating results could be harmed if supply is restricted or ends or the price of raw materials used in our manufacturing process increases.***

We are highly dependent on manufacturers of specialized scanning equipment, rapid prototyping machines, resin and other advanced materials, as well as the optics, electronic and other mechanical components of our intra-oral scanners. We maintain single supply relationships for many of these machines and materials technologies. In particular, our CT scanning and stereolithography equipment used in our aligner manufacturing and many of the critical components for the optics of our scanners are provided by single suppliers. We are also committed to purchasing all of our resin and polymer, the primary raw materials used in our manufacturing process for clear aligners, from a single source. If these or other suppliers encounter financial, operating or other difficulties or if our relationship with them changes, we might not be able to quickly establish or qualify replacement sources of supply and could face production interruptions, delays and inefficiencies. In addition, technology changes by our vendors could disrupt access to required manufacturing capacity or require expensive, time consuming development efforts to adapt and integrate new equipment or processes. Our growth may exceed the capacity of one or more of these manufacturers to produce the needed equipment and materials in sufficient quantities to support our growth. Conversely, in order to secure supplies for production of products, we sometimes enter into non-cancelable purchase commitments with vendors, which could impact our ability to adjust our inventory to reflect declining market demands. If demand for our products is less than we expect, we may experience additional excess and obsolete inventories and be forced to incur additional charges and our profitability may suffer. In the event of technology changes, delivery delays, or shortages of or increases in price for these items, our business and growth prospects may be harmed.

***We depend on a single contract manufacturer and supplier of parts used in our iOC and iTero scanners and any disruption in this relationship may cause us to fail to meet the demands of our customers and damage our customer relationships.***

We rely on a third party manufacturer in Israel to assemble our iOC and iTero scanners. As a result, if this third party manufacturer fails to deliver its components or if we lose its services, we may be unable to deliver our

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products in a timely manner and our business may be harmed. Any difficulties encountered by the third party manufacturer with respect to hiring personnel, and maintaining acceptable manufacturing standards, controls, procedures and policies could disrupt our ability to deliver our products in a timely manner. Finding a substitute manufacturer may be expensive, time-consuming or impossible and could result in a significant interruption in the supply of our intra-oral scanning products. Any failure by our contract manufacturer that results in delays in our fulfillment of customer orders may cause us to lose revenues and suffer damage to our customer relationships.

***We primarily rely on our direct sales force to sell our products, and any failure to maintain our direct sales force could harm our business.***

Our ability to sell our products and generate revenues primarily depends upon our direct sales force within our North American and international markets. As of December 31, 2011, our North American sales organization consisted of approximately 200 people. Internationally, we had approximately 60 people engaged in sales and sales support as of December 31, 2011. We do not have any long-term employment contracts with the members of our direct sales force. The loss of the services provided by these key personnel may harm our business. If we are unable to retain our direct sales force personnel or replace them with individuals of equivalent technical expertise and qualifications, or if we are unable to successfully instill such technical expertise or if we fail to establish strong relationships with our customers within a relatively short period of time, our revenues and our ability to maintain market share could be materially harmed. In addition, due to our large and fragmented customer base, we may not be able to provide all of our customers with product support immediately upon the launch of a new product. As a result, adoption of new products by our customers may be slower than anticipated and our ability to grow market share and increase our revenues may be harmed.

***If our distributor relationships are not successful, our ability to market and sell our products would be harmed and our financial performance will be adversely affected.***

We depend on relationships with distributors for the marketing and sales of our products in various geographic regions, and we have a limited ability to influence their efforts. Relying on distributors for our sales and marketing could harm our business for various reasons, including:

agreements with distributors may terminate prematurely due to disagreements or may result in litigation between the partners;

we may not be able to renew existing distributor agreements on acceptable terms;

our distributors may not devote sufficient resources to the sale of products;

our distributors may be unsuccessful in marketing our products;

our existing relationships with distributors may preclude us from entering into additional future arrangements with other distributors; and

we may not be able to negotiate future distributor agreements on acceptable terms.

***Complying with regulations enforced by the FDA and other regulatory authorities is an expensive and time-consuming process, and any failure to comply could result in substantial penalties.***

Our products are medical devices and are subject to extensive regulation in the U.S. and internationally. FDA regulations are wide ranging and govern, among other things:

product design, development, manufacturing and testing;

product labeling;

product storage;

pre-market clearance or approval;

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advertising and promotion; and

product sales and distribution.

Our failure to comply with applicable regulatory requirements could result in enforcement action by the FDA or state agencies, which may include any of the following sanctions:

warning letters, fines, injunctions, consent decrees and civil penalties;

repair, replacement, refunds, recall or seizure of our products;

operating restrictions or partial suspension or total shutdown of production;

refusing our requests for 510(k) clearance or pre-market approval of new products, new intended uses, or modifications to existing products;

withdrawing clearance or pre-market approvals that have already been granted; and

criminal prosecution.

If any of these events were to occur, they could harm our business. We must comply with facility registration and product listing requirements of the FDA and adhere to applicable Quality System regulations. The FDA enforces its Quality System regulations through periodic unannounced inspections. Our failure to take satisfactory corrective action in response to an adverse inspection or the failure to comply with applicable manufacturing regulations could result in enforcement action, and we may be required to find alternative manufacturers, which could be a long and costly process. Any FDA enforcement action could have a material adverse effect on us.

Before we can sell a new medical device in the U.S., or market a new use of or claim for an existing product we must obtain FDA clearance or approval, unless an exemption applies. Obtaining regulatory clearances or approvals can be a lengthy and time-consuming process. Even though the devices we market have obtained the necessary clearances from the FDA, we may be unable to maintain such clearances in the future. Furthermore, we may be unable to obtain the necessary clearances for new devices that we intend to market in the future. Our inability to maintain or obtain regulatory clearances or approvals could materially harm our business.

***If compliance with healthcare regulations becomes costly and difficult for our customers or for us, we may not be able to grow our business.***

Participants in the healthcare industry are subject to extensive and frequently changing regulations under numerous laws administered by governmental entities at the federal, state and local levels, some of which are, and others of which may be, applicable to our business. In response to perceived increases in health care costs in recent years, Congress recently passed health care reform legislation that President Obama signed into law in March 2010. The enacted legislation contains many provisions designed to generate the revenues necessary to fund the coverage expansions. The most relevant of these provisions are those that impose fees or taxes on certain health-related industries, including medical device manufacturers. Beginning in 2013, each medical device manufacturer may have to pay an excise tax in an amount equal to 2.3 percent of the price for which such manufacturer sells its medical devices. This tax applies to all medical devices, including our products. These taxes, will result in a significant increase in the tax burden on our industry, which could have a material, negative impact on our results of operations and our cash flows.

Furthermore, our healthcare provider customers are also subject to a wide variety of laws and regulations that could affect the nature and scope of their relationships with us. The healthcare market itself is highly regulated and subject to changing political, economic and regulatory influences. Regulations implemented pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), including regulations affecting the security and privacy of patient healthcare information held by healthcare providers and their business associates may require us to

make significant and unplanned enhancements of software applications or services, result in



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delays or cancellations of orders, or result in the revocation of endorsement of our products and services by healthcare participants. The effect of HIPAA and newly enforced regulations on our business is difficult to predict, and there can be no assurance that we will adequately address the business risks created by HIPAA and its implementation or that we will be able to take advantage of any resulting business opportunities.

***Extensive and changing government regulation of the healthcare industry may be expensive to comply with and exposes us to the risk of substantial government penalties.***

In addition to medical device laws and regulations, numerous state and federal healthcare-related laws regulate our business, covering areas such as:

storage, transmission and disclosure of medical information and healthcare records;

prohibitions against the offer, payment or receipt of remuneration to induce referrals to entities providing healthcare services or goods or to induce the order, purchase or recommendation of our products; and

the marketing and advertising of our products.

Complying with these laws and regulations could be expensive and time-consuming, and could increase our operating costs or reduce or eliminate certain of our sales and marketing activities or our revenues.

***We face risks related to our international sales, including the need to obtain necessary foreign regulatory clearance or approvals.***

Outside of North America, we currently sell our products in Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America and the Middle East and may expand into other countries from time to time. For sales of our products outside the U.S., we are subject to foreign regulatory requirements that vary widely from country to country. The time required to obtain clearances or approvals required by other countries may be longer than that required for FDA clearance or approval, and requirements for such approvals may differ from FDA requirements. We may be unable to obtain regulatory approvals in one or more of the other countries in which we do business or in which we may do business in the future. We may also incur significant costs in attempting to obtain and maintain foreign regulatory approvals. If we experience delays in receipt of approvals to market our products outside of the U.S., or if we fail to receive these approvals, we may be unable to market our products or enhancements in international markets in a timely manner, if at all.

***Our business exposes us to potential product liability claims, and we may incur substantial expenses if we are subject to product liability claims or litigation.***

Medical devices involve an inherent risk of product liability claims and associated adverse publicity. We may be held liable if any product we develop or any product that uses or incorporates any of our technologies causes injury or is otherwise found unsuitable. Although we intend to continue to maintain product liability insurance, adequate insurance may not be available on acceptable terms, if at all, and may not provide adequate coverage against potential liabilities. A product liability claim, regardless of its merit or eventual outcome, could result in significant legal defense costs. These costs would have the effect of increasing our expenses and diverting management's attention away from the operation of our business, and could harm our business.

***Historically, the market price for our common stock has been volatile.***

The market price of our common stock could be subject to wide price fluctuations in response to various factors, many of which are beyond our control. The factors include:

quarterly variations in our results of operations and liquidity;

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changes in recommendations by the investment community or in their estimates of our revenues or operating results;

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speculation in the press or investment community concerning our business and results of operations;

strategic actions by our competitors, such as product announcements or acquisitions;

announcements of technological innovations or new products by us, our customers or competitors; and

general economic market conditions.

In addition, the stock market in general, and the market for technology and medical device companies in particular, have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have often been unrelated to or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry factors may seriously harm the market price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance. Historically, class action litigation is often brought against an issuing company following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities. A securities class action suit was filed against us on behalf of all persons or entities who purchased our common stock between January 30, 2007 and October 24, 2007. While we believe the lawsuit is without merit and intend to vigorously defend ourselves, we could incur substantial legal fees, and our management's attention and resources may be diverted from operating our business in order to respond to the litigation.

***Future sales of significant amounts of our common stock may depress our stock price.***

A large percentage of our outstanding common stock is currently owned by a small number of significant stockholders. These stockholders have sold in the past, and may sell in the future, large amounts of common stock over relatively short periods of time. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market by our existing stockholders may adversely affect the market price of our common stock. Such sales could create public perception of difficulties or problems with our business and may depress our stock price.

***Changes in, or interpretations of, accounting rules and regulations, could result in unfavorable accounting charges.***

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP. These principles are subject to interpretation by the SEC and various bodies formed to interpret and create appropriate accounting policies. A change in these policies can have a significant effect on our reported results and may even retroactively affect previously reported transactions. Our accounting policies that recently have been or may be affected by changes in the accounting rules are as follows:

revenue recognition;

accounting for share-based payments;

and leases.

***If we fail to manage our exposure to global financial and securities market risk successfully, our operating results and financial statements could be materially impacted.***

The primary objective of most of our investment activities is to preserve principal. To achieve this objective, a majority of our marketable investments are investment grade, liquid, short-term fixed-income securities and money market instruments denominated in U.S. dollars. If the carrying value of our investments exceeds the fair value, and the decline in fair value is deemed to be other-than-temporary, we will be required to write down the value of our investments, which could materially harm our results of operations and financial condition. Moreover, the performance of certain securities in our investment portfolio correlates with the credit condition of the U.S. financial sector. In an current unstable credit environment, we might incur significant realized, unrealized or impairment losses associated with these investments.



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*We have adopted a shareholders rights plan to limit the possibility that we are acquired, which may mean that a transaction that shareholders are in favor of or are benefited by may be prevented.*

Our board of directors has the authority to issue up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock and to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of such shares without any further vote or action by our shareholders. To date, our board of directors has designated 200,000 shares as Series A participating preferred stock in connection with our shareholder rights plan. The issuance of preferred stock under certain circumstances could have the effect of delaying or preventing an acquisition of Align or otherwise adversely affecting the rights of the holders of our stock. The shareholder rights plan may have the effect of rendering more difficult or discouraging an acquisition of our company which is deemed undesirable by our board of directors. The shareholder rights plan may cause substantial dilution to a person or group attempting to acquire us on terms or in a manner not approved by our board of directors, except pursuant to an offer conditioned on the negation, purchase or redemption of the rights issued under the shareholder rights plan.

*Our effective tax rate may vary significantly from period to period.*

Various internal and external factors may have favorable or unfavorable effects on our future effective tax rate. These factors include, but are not limited to, changes in tax laws, regulations and/or rates, changing interpretations of existing tax laws or regulations, changes in the relative proportions of revenues and income before taxes in the various jurisdictions in which we operate that have differing statutory tax rates, the future levels of tax benefits of stock option deductions relating to incentive stock options and employee stock purchase plans and changes in overall levels of pretax earnings. In June 2009, the Costa Rica Ministry of Foreign Trade, an agency of the Government of Costa Rica, granted a twelve year extension of the tax incentives which were previously granted in 2002. Under these incentives, all of the income we earn in Costa Rica during these twelve year incentive periods is subject to reduced rates of Costa Rica income tax. The incentive tax rates will expire in various years beginning in 2017. The Costa Rica corporate income tax rate that would apply, absent the incentives, is 30% for 2011. As a result of these incentives, income taxes were reduced by \$15.4 million in 2011. In order to receive the benefit of the incentives, we must hire specified numbers of employees and maintain minimum levels of fixed asset investment in Costa Rica. If we do not fulfill these conditions for any reason, our incentive could lapse and our income in Costa Rica would be subject to taxation at higher rates, which could have a negative impact on our operating results.

**ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS**

None.

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We occupy approximately four facilities with a total office and manufacturing area of over 700,000 square feet of leased and owned properties. At December 31, 2011, these facilities were occupied as follows:

Location	Property / Approximate Size	Use	Expiration of lease
San Jose, California	Buildings/129,000 sq. feet	Leased office for headquarters, research & development, administrative personnel	September 2017
San Jose, Costa Rica	Building/63,000 sq. feet	Leased office for administrative personnel, manufacturing personnel, and customer care	September 2013
Juarez, Mexico	Land and Building/444,000 sq. feet	Purchased manufacturing and office facility for manufacturing and administrative personnel	N/A
Juarez, Mexico	Building/68,000 sq. feet	Leased manufacturing and office for manufacturing and administrative personnel	July 2013

We believe that our existing facilities are adequate to meet current requirements and that additional or substitute space will be available as needed to accommodate any expansion of operations.

**ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS*****Securities Litigation***

In August 2009, Plaintiff Charles Wozniak filed a lawsuit against us and our Chief Executive Officer and President, Thomas M. Prescott ( Mr. Prescott ), in District Court for the Northern District of California on behalf of a claimed class consisting of all persons or entities who purchased our common stock between January 30, 2007 and October 24, 2007. The complaint alleges that Align and Mr. Prescott violated Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that Mr. Prescott violated Section 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Specifically, the complaint alleges that during the class period we failed to disclose that we had shifted the focus of our sales force to clearing backlog, causing a significant decrease in the number of new case starts. On November 13, 2009, the Court appointed Plumbers and Pipefitters National Pension Fund as lead plaintiff. The lead plaintiff filed an amended complaint on January 29, 2010. The amended complaint alleges that we and Mr. Prescott issued a number of purportedly false and misleading statements throughout the class period concerning the Patients First program, our production capacity, a purported backlog, and the focus of our sales force. On March 26, 2010, we and Mr. Prescott filed a motion to dismiss the amended complaint and on June 8, 2011, the Court granted our motion to dismiss with leave to amend. On July 22, 2011, the lead plaintiff filed a second amended complaint adding allegations that Align and Mr. Prescott issued a number of purportedly false statements throughout the class period concerning our ClinAdvisor product. Align and Mr. Prescott moved to dismiss the amended complaint and on February 3, 2012, the Court granted our motion to dismiss with leave to amend. We believe the lawsuit to be without merit and intend to vigorously defend ourselves. We believe there is no sufficient evidence to indicate that a loss had been incurred as of December 31, 2011.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

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Our common stock is quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol ALGN. The following table sets forth the range of high and low per share sales prices as reported for each period indicated:

	High	Low
Year Ended December 31, 2011:		
Fourth quarter	\$ 25.58	\$ 14.25
Third quarter	\$ 24.06	\$ 14.65
Second quarter	\$ 25.94	\$ 20.41
First quarter	\$ 21.93	\$ 19.10
Year Ended December 31, 2010:		
Fourth quarter	\$ 21.40	\$ 16.25
Third quarter	\$ 19.95	\$ 13.90
Second quarter	\$ 20.56	\$ 13.18
First quarter	\$ 20.00	\$ 16.11

On February 22, 2012, the closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market was \$26.53 per share. As of January 31, 2012 there were approximately 150 holders of record of our common stock. Because the majority of our shares of outstanding common stock are held by brokers and other institutions on behalf of stockholders, we are unable to estimate the total number of stockholders represented by these record holders.

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain any future earnings to fund the development and growth of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Our credit facility contains certain restrictive loan covenants, including restrictions on our ability to pay dividends. See *Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources*.

**Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities**

Following is a summary of stock repurchases for the three months ended December 31, 2011 (1):

Period	Total Number of Shares Repurchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Repurchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Repurchased Under the Program
October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011	322,469	\$ 24.00	322,469	\$ 142,260,744

On October 27, 2011, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program pursuant to which we may repurchase up to \$150.0 million of common stock. Purchases under the stock repurchase program may be made from time to time in the open market. During the fourth quarter of 2011, we repurchased approximately 0.3 million shares of common stock at an average price of approximately \$24.00 per share for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$7.8 million including commissions. The common stock repurchases reduced additional paid-in capital by approximately \$2.8 million and increased accumulated deficit by \$5.0 million. All repurchased shares were retired.

- (1) All shares were repurchased pursuant to the publicly announced repurchase program described above.



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***Performance Graph***

*Notwithstanding any statement to the contrary in any of our previous or future filings with the SEC, the following information relating to the price performance of our common stock shall not be deemed filed with the SEC or Soliciting Material under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C, or to liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act except to the extent we specifically request that such information be treated as soliciting material or to the extent we specifically incorporate this information by reference.*

The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock with that of the NASDAQ Stock Market US Index, a broad market index published by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., S&P 1500 Composite Health Care Equipment & Supplies Index. The comparison for each of the periods assumes that \$100 was invested on December 29, 2006 (the last trading day for the year ended December 31, 2006) in our common stock, the stocks in the NASDAQ Stock Market US Index, and the S&P Index, and that all dividends were reinvested.

**COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\***

Among Align Technology, Inc., the NASDAQ Composite Index

and the S&P 1500 Composite Health Care Equipment & Supplies

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The following tables set forth the selected consolidated financial data for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2011. The selected consolidated financial data is qualified in its entirety and should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes and *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*. We have derived the statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 from the consolidated audited financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The statement of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 were derived from the consolidated audited financial statements that are not included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA**

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
<b>Consolidated Statement of Operations Data:</b>					
Net revenues(1)	\$ 479,741	\$ 387,126	\$ 312,333	\$ 303,976	\$ 284,332
Gross profit(2)	\$ 361,283	\$ 303,417	\$ 233,492	\$ 225,126	\$ 209,297
Profit (loss) from operations(3)	90,360	102,734	(34,012)	15,514	33,855
Other income (expense), net	(419)	(731)	119	1,562	3,095
Net profit (loss) before provision for (benefit from) income taxes(3)	89,941	102,003	(33,893)	17,076	36,950
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	23,225	27,750	(2,624)	(62,911)	1,226
Net profit (loss)(3)	\$ 66,716	\$ 74,253	\$ (31,269)	\$ 79,987	\$ 35,724
Net profit (loss) per share					
Basic	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.98	\$ (0.45)	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.53
Diluted	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.95	\$ (0.45)	\$ 1.18	\$ 0.50
Shares used in computing net profit (loss) per share:					
Basic	77,988	75,825	69,094	66,812	67,176
Diluted	80,294	78,080	69,094	68,064	71,444
	2011	2010	December 31, 2009	2008	2007
<b>Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
Working capital(4)	\$ 236,699	\$ 295,637	\$ 180,056	\$ 117,335	\$ 123,058
Total assets	649,264	476,943	355,240	279,341	222,761
Total long-term liabilities	10,366	6,222	961	229	148
Stockholders' equity	\$ 490,781	\$ 377,747	\$ 273,036	\$ 218,540	\$ 161,154

(1) Net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2011 include eight months of revenues from our Scanners and CAD/CAM Services segment of approximately \$28.0 million as a result of our acquisition of Cadent on April 29, 2011. Net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2010 includes a \$14.3 million release of previously deferred revenue for Invisalign Teen replacement aligners.

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Gross profit for the year ended December 31, 2011 included acquisition and integration related costs of \$0.4 million, amortization of intangible assets of \$0.7 million, and exit costs of \$0.8 million. For years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, gross profit included amortization of prepaid royalties of \$0.8 million and

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\$6.2 million, respectively, related to the litigation settlement with Ormco. In addition, 2010 gross profit also included the \$14.3 million release of previously deferred revenue for Invisalign Teen replacement aligners.

- (3) Profit (loss) from operations, net profit before provision for (benefit from) income taxes, and net profit (loss) included:

\$14.3 million release of previously deferred revenue for Invisalign Teen replacement aligners in 2010.

\$10.0 million acquisition and integration related costs, \$3.2 million of amortization of intangible assets, and exit costs of \$1.1 million in 2011.

\$0.8 million and \$6.2 million of amortization of prepaid royalties related to the litigation settlement with Ormco in 2010 and 2009, respectively. See *Note 6 Litigation Settlements in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements*.

\$4.5 million related to the class action litigation settlement with Leiszler in 2010. See *Note 6 Litigation Settlements in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements*.

\$8.7 million benefit related to an insurance settlement over a disputed coverage under our general liability umbrella that was not previously reimbursed by our insurer related to the OrthoClear litigation in 2010. See *Note 6 Litigation Settlements in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements*.

Litigation settlement charge of \$69.7 million related to Ormco in 2009. See *Note 6 Litigation Settlements in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements*.

Restructuring charges of \$1.3 million and \$6.2 million in 2009 and 2008, respectively. See *Note 18 Restructurings in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements*.

\$64.6 million benefit to income taxes as a result of the release of a tax valuation allowance on most of our deferred tax assets in 2008. See *Note 13, Income Taxes*, in the *Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements*.

\$1.8 million credit for the Patients First Program and settlement cost in 2007.

- (4) Working capital is calculated as the difference between total current assets and total current liabilities.

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**ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read together with Selected Consolidated Financial Data and our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

*Overview*

Align Technology, Inc. is a global medical device company that pioneered the invisible orthodontics market with the introduction of the Invisalign system in 1999. Today, we are focused on designing, manufacturing and marketing innovative, technology-rich products to help dental professionals achieve the clinical results they expect and deliver effective, convenient cutting-edge dental treatment options to their patients. Align Technology was founded in March 1997 and is headquartered in San Jose, California with offices worldwide. Our international headquarters are located in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. We have two operating segments: (1) Clear Aligner, known as the Invisalign system; and (2) Scanners and CAD/CAM Services, known as iTero and iOC intra-oral scanners and OrthoCAD services.

We received FDA clearance in 1998 and began our first commercial sales of Invisalign to U.S. orthodontists in 1999. In 2000, we launched our first U.S. national consumer advertising campaign and a year later introduced Invisalign to the European market, launching the first phase of international expansion. In 2002, Invisalign was made available to GPs and in mid-2003, leading dental schools began adding Invisalign to their curriculum. Over the next several years, we introduced several new products including Invisalign Express 10, Invisalign Teen, Invisalign Assist and Vivera retainers, launched Invisalign in Japan, and added three distribution partners for smaller non-core country markets in the Asia Pacific, EMEA, and Latin America regions. By 2011, we had launched Invisalign G3 and Invisalign G4, which includes significant new aligner and software features across all Invisalign products that make it easier for doctors to use Invisalign on more complex cases, and launched Invisalign in the People's Republic of China.

In 2011, we acquired Cadent Holdings, Inc., a leading provider of 3D digital scanning solutions for orthodontics and dentistry, and makers of the iTero and iOC intra-oral scanners and OrthoCAD services. We believe that the combination of Align's and Cadent's technologies and capabilities creates greater growth opportunities for Align by bringing innovative new Invisalign treatment tools to customers and by extending the value of intra-oral scanning in dental practices. Intra-oral scanners provide a dental chair-side platform for accessing valuable digital diagnosis and treatment tools, with potential for enhancing accuracy of records, treatment efficiency, and the overall patient experience. We believe there are numerous benefits for customers and the opportunity to accelerate the adoption of Invisalign through interoperability with our intra-oral scanners. The use of digital technologies such as CAD/CAM for restorative dentistry or in-office restorations has been growing rapidly and intra-oral scanning is a critical part of enabling these new digital technologies and procedures in dental practices.

Our business has grown over the past five years, driven by numerous product introductions, expansion of our international markets, penetration into the teenager segment, and by evolving consumer demand programs while increasing operational efficiencies. Between fiscal year 2007 and 2011, North American revenues increased from approximately \$224.8 million to approximately \$339.3 while international revenues have increased from \$46.6 million to \$115.6 million. For fiscal 2011, revenues increased 24% year over year driven by Invisalign adoption by all customer channels and geographies despite continuing challenges in the global economy as well as the introduction of sales of iTero and iOC intra-oral scanners and OrthoCAD services.

The Invisalign system is offered in more than 45 countries and has been used to treat more than 1.7 million patients. Our iTero and iOC intra-oral scanners are available in over 25 countries and provide dental professionals with an open choice to send digital impressions to any laboratory-based CAD/CAM system or to any of the more than 1,800 dental labs worldwide.

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Our goal is to establish the Invisalign system as the standard method for treating malocclusion and to establish our intra-oral scanning platform as the preferred scanning protocol for 3D digital scans, ultimately driving increased product adoption by dental professionals. We intend to achieve this by focusing on the following key strategic initiatives:

*Product innovation and clinical effectiveness.* We believe that product performance and innovation is a cornerstone to our future long-term goal to drive and sustain product adoption, which includes introducing new products along with significant evolution in features and functionality.

In the past four years, we have announced new Invisalign products and significant feature enhancements that make it easier for doctors to use Invisalign on more patients. For example, Invisalign Teen (launched in 2008) addresses the larger teenage segment most commonly treated by orthodontists. In addition, new features and enhancements introduced with Invisalign G3 and Invisalign G4, are engineered to address some of the most significant treatment challenges doctors encounter. Through the acquisition of Cadent, we now have a leading intra-oral scanner which provides unique chair-side digital tools for a range of procedures including Invisalign digital case submission. Following the acquisition, we announced Invisalign interoperability on the iOC and iTero intra-oral scanners, which enable our customers to better integrate their technologies and Invisalign treatment process while enhancing the patient experience through digital scanning instead of taking traditional PVS impressions. We also launched new and enhanced software features for the iOC and iTero intra-oral scanners, which include improved digital workflows for both the Straumann® and Biomet 3i® fixture level implant integrations with new detailed implant prescription options. Finally, the new iTero Dual scanner (launched in January 2012) allows multiple-specialty practices to utilize one intra-oral scanner to service all their scanning needs including crown and bridge, implants, and orthodontic treatment. An upgrade is also available for existing iTero customers who would like to add iOC orthodontic software functionality to their scanner.

We believe continuing to introduce new products and product features will keep us at the forefront of the market and increase adoption and frequency of use, however, we expect that adoption of these new products will increase gradually over a number of years. During 2012, we plan to continue to invest in product and technology development and will continue to introduce feature enhancements across our products as well as introduce chair-side applications.

*Enhancing the customer experience.* We are committed to enhancing the customer experience through the evolution of our customer facing systems and programs making it easier for our customers to adopt our products into their practice and increase utilization.

We provide robust clinical education resources and training programs through instructor-led training classes, seminars and workshops as well as online training through webinars, blogs, and online educational websites such as our Aligntech Institute ([www.aligntechinstitute.com](http://www.aligntechinstitute.com)) and Cadent ([www.cadentinc.com](http://www.cadentinc.com)) websites. Our customer support teams consist of over 700 treatment technicians and customer support staff available to help our customers with their cases and treatment plans. Our sales representatives provide additional support and practice development tools such as staff training, software tips and tools, practice marketing guides and marketing materials, as well as any assistance with the Invisalign or iTero/iOC system process. Lastly, we offer our customers varying product promotional discounts and incentive programs as a means to improve the customer experience and increase utilization. Our largest North American program, the Advantage Rebate Program, allows eligible orthodontist and GPs to earn volume rebates and marketing benefits for exceeding quarterly case shipment thresholds and participating in continuing education. Additional tiered benefits range from practice development materials, marketing consulting, and access to dedicated clinical technicians.

During 2012, we plan to continue providing our high standard educational resources and improving our customer support processes as we centralize our newly acquired intra-oral scanner-related customer support team.

*Increasing the effectiveness of our consumer demand creation and extending Invisalign brand awareness.* As an established and known brand within the dental industry, efficiently marketing to the consumer and creating demand is one of our key strategic objectives to driving long-term growth.

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Our market research indicates that the majority of adults with malocclusion forgo treatment rather than elect traditional treatment due to its many limitations, such as compromised aesthetics and oral discomfort. In addition, many parents also elect traditional treatment for their teenagers due to limited awareness of Invisalign treatment applicability for teenager use. Our goals are to extend our leadership in clear aligner therapy with adults, increase awareness and consumer demand with moms and teens, and to continue expansion of the clear aligner category overall. We continue to be successful with programs that more effectively and efficiently generate demand or pull for Invisalign treatment. In the past several years, we continued building awareness and demand through an integrated consumer marketing platform of traditional media, event marketing and digital and social media. In addition, we continued to evolve our marketing program aimed specifically at the teenage segment to increase awareness and educate prospective teen patients and their parents. In 2011, we leveraged online and mobile widgets, social media and blogs directly targeted to teens and launched a commercial prompting parents and teens to learn more about Invisalign treatment. We will continue to build on these programs and efforts in 2012.

*Growth of international markets.* We will continue to focus our efforts towards increasing adoption of our products by dental professionals in our core European markets as well as expansion into new markets.

In the past five years, we have grown our core direct business in Europe and Japan from \$46.6 million in 2007 to \$115.6 million in 2011. At the end of 2011, international sales represented approximately 24.1% of net worldwide revenues. We trained over 17,800 doctors on the Invisalign system internationally, predominantly orthodontists in Europe which is our primary international market. Due to the higher number of complex malocclusion cases in international markets compared to North America, product expansion and enhancements are important to providing doctors with treatment options that address a wider range of potential patient needs with greater treatment flexibility. The recent Invisalign G3 and Invisalign G4 features designed to address those complex treatment issues is a significant product evolution.

We are also expanding our market presence globally. In May 2011, we announced commercial availability of the Invisalign system in China. While we do not expect meaningful revenue from China for several years, our focused strategy to launch Invisalign in four major cities of China such as Shanghai, Beijing, Shenzhen, and Guangzhou provides us a large growth opportunity long term. Additionally, although the vast majority of our international revenues are from direct sales, approximately 13% of our international Invisalign sales in fiscal 2011 are from distribution partners covering non-core country markets in the Asia Pacific, EMEA, and Latin America regions. In early 2011, the Invisalign system was commercially launched in Turkey through our EMEA distribution partner. In December 2011, we received regulatory approval for the Invisalign system in Russia and commercial launch of Invisalign in Russia and the Middle East began in 2012 also through our EMEA distribution partner. With these efforts, we expect our international revenues to continue to increase in absolute dollars and as a percentage of total net revenues in the foreseeable future.

In addition to the successful execution of our business strategy, there are a number of other factors which may affect our results in 2012 and beyond as set forth below:

*Product innovation and clinical effectiveness.* We believe that, in addition to an increase in the number of patients visiting dental offices throughout 2011 as reported by our customers, as well as patient interest in higher value procedures, Invisalign G3 was an important contributor to the increased utilization in 2011 by our North American orthodontic customers. Additionally, since most of our international customers are orthodontists, we believe the international launch of Invisalign G3 in May 2011 was important for continued growth both in our existing international markets and to support our expansion in new markets like China. We expect that the innovations in G4 will build on the success we have seen with Invisalign G3 and encourage even greater confidence and adoption in our customers practices. Additionally, with the introduction of new software features to the iOC and iTero intra-oral scanners along with Invisalign interoperability, we believe that over the long-term these types of product and clinical innovation will increase adoption of Invisalign and increase sales of our intra-oral scanners. However, it is difficult to predict the rate of adoption which may vary by region and channel.

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*Investments to Increase Manufacturing Capacity.* We are currently transitioning our aligner fabrication and intra-oral scanner related activities from our existing facility in Juarez, Mexico into our new 150,000 square foot property purchased facility in September 2011. The lease on our existing facility expires in July 2013. Our ability to plan, construct and equip this additional manufacturing facility is subject to significant risk and uncertainty, including delays and cost overruns. If the opening of this facility is significantly delayed for any reason, or if demand for our product in 2012 exceeds our current expectations, or if the timing of receipt of case product orders during a given quarter is different from our expectations, we may not be able to fulfill orders in a timely manner, which may negatively impact our financial results and overall business.

*Consolidation of New Jersey Operations.* In September 2011, we announced plans to consolidate our CAD/CAM services and intra-oral scanner-related activities based in Carlstadt, New Jersey with our existing manufacturing and shared services organizations in order to optimize efficiency, consolidate customer-facing functions, and reduce operating costs. All existing intra-oral scanner research and development and manufacturing operations will remain in Or Yehuda, Israel. These actions include a phased transition of the following activities over the next few quarters:

Consolidation of customer care for CAD/CAM services and intra-oral scanners into our existing shared services organization in San Jose, Costa Rica;

Transition of CAD/CAM services and intra-oral scanner distribution and repair to our Treat operations in San Jose, Costa Rica and our manufacturing facility in Juarez, Mexico; and

Consolidation of accounting and finance functions at our corporate headquarters in San Jose, California; and

Closure of the New Jersey facility by the third quarter of 2012.

The consolidation of our New Jersey operations includes a total reduction of 119 full time headcount in Carlstadt, New Jersey. The transition began in the fourth quarter of 2011 and is expected to be completed by the third quarter of 2012. As part of this consolidation, we will incur costs for severance estimated to be approximately \$2.0 million, of which approximately \$1.1 million was realized in 2011 and \$0.9 million over the first three quarters of 2012. After the New Jersey consolidation is complete, we expect to realize annualized net savings of approximately \$4.0 million per year. *See Part II, Item 1A Risk Factors for risks related to the Consolidation of New Jersey Operations .*



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*Invisalign Utilization rates.* Our goal is to establish Invisalign as the treatment of choice for treating malocclusion ultimately driving increased product adoption and frequency of use by dental professionals, or utilization. Our quarterly utilization rates for the previous 12 quarters are as follows:

\* Invisalign Utilization rates = # of cases shipped divided by # of doctors cases were shipped to  
Total utilization in the fourth quarter of 2011 increased slightly to 4.1 cases per doctor, driven mostly by our North American GP customers and international doctors. Utilization among our North American orthodontist customers declined slightly from the third quarter of 2011 to 7.0 cases per doctor, reflecting seasonality in their teenage patient case starts. Although we expect that over the long-term our utilization rates will gradually improve, we expect that period over period comparisons of our utilization rates will fluctuate.

*Acquisition of Cadent.* On April 29, 2011, we acquired privately-held Cadent, a leading provider of 3D digital scanning solutions for orthodontics and dentistry. The acquisition of Cadent positions us as a leader in one of the best growth opportunities in dentistry and medical devices today. Over the next five years, we expect that intra-oral scanners will become widely used in dental practices. We believe that the combination of the two companies will help accelerate the use of intra-oral scanning in the dental industry by leveraging Align's global sales reach, extensive professional and consumer marketing capabilities and base of over 55 thousand ClinCheck software users. Intra-oral scanners also strengthen our ability to drive adoption of Invisalign by integrating Invisalign treatment more fully with mainstream tools and procedures in doctors' practices. We may, however, experience difficulties in achieving the anticipated financial or strategic benefits of the acquisition. Information regarding risks associated with the Cadent acquisition may be found in *Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the heading Risk Factors.*

*Number of new Invisalign doctors trained.* We continue to expand our Invisalign customer base through training new doctors. In 2012, we expect to train approximately 6,000 orthodontists and GPs in North America and internationally, which is approximately the same number we trained in 2011.

*Foreign exchange rates.* Although the U.S. dollar is our reporting currency, a portion of our revenues and profits are generated in foreign currencies. Revenues and profits generated by subsidiaries operating outside of the United States are translated into U.S. dollars using exchange rates effective during the respective period and as a result are affected by changes in exchange rates. We have generally accepted the exposure to exchange rate movements without using derivative financial instruments to manage this risk. Therefore, both positive and negative movements in currency

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exchanges rates against the U.S. dollar will continue to affect the reported amount of revenues and profits in our consolidated financial statements.

*Stock Repurchase.* On October 27, 2011, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program pursuant to which we may repurchase up to \$150.0 million of common stock. As of December 31, 2011, we repurchased approximately 300,000 shares at an average price of \$24.00 per share for a total of \$7.8 million. Purchases under the stock repurchase program may be made from time to time in the open market.

**Results of Operations****Net Revenues Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009:***Net revenues by channel and product*

Invisalign, scanners, and CAD/CAM service revenues by channel for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 are as follows (in millions):

Net revenues	Years Ended December 31,						2009
	2011	Net Change	% Change	2010	Net Change	% Change	
North America:							
Ortho	\$ 160.7	\$ 43.3	36.9%	\$ 117.4	\$ 27.0	29.9%	\$ 90.4
GP	178.6	33.5	23.1%	145.1	12.3	9.3%	132.8
Total North American Revenues	339.3	76.8	29.3%	262.5	39.3	17.6%	223.2
International	115.6	25.5	28.3%	90.1	18.1	25.1%	72.0
Total revenues	454.9	102.3	29.0%	352.6	57.4	19.4%	295.2
Invisalign Teen deferred revenue release		(14.3)	(100.0)%	14.3	14.3	N/A	
Invisalign non-case revenues	24.8	4.6	22.8%	20.2	3.1	18.1%	17.1
Total net revenues	\$ 479.7	\$ 92.6	23.9%	\$ 387.1	\$ 74.8	24.0%	\$ 312.3

Invisalign, intra-oral scanner, and CAD/CAM revenues by product and other Invisalign non-case revenues, which represents training, retainer and ancillary products, for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009 are as follows (in millions):

Net revenues	Years Ended December 31,						2009
	2011	Net Change	% Change	2010	Net Change	% Change	
Invisalign Full	\$ 302.3	\$ 37.5	14.2%	\$ 264.8	\$ 30.0	12.8%	\$ 234.8
Invisalign Express	42.6	8.0	23.1%	34.6	5.6	19.3%	29.0
Invisalign Teen(1)	54.5	1.7	3.2%	52.8	26.9	103.9%	25.9
Invisalign Assist	27.4	12.7	86.4%	14.7	9.2	167.3%	5.5
Invisalign non-case revenues	24.8	4.6	22.8%	20.2	3.1	18.1%	17.1
Total Clear Aligner revenues	451.6	64.5	16.7%	387.1	74.8	24.0%	312.3
Scanners (2)	13.3	13.3	N/A		N/A	N/A	
CAD/CAM Services (2)	14.8	14.8	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Total Scanners and CAD/CAM							

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Services Revenue	28.1	28.1	N/A		N/A	N/A	
Total net revenues	\$ 479.7	\$ 92.6	23.9%	\$ 387.1	\$ 74.8	24.0%	\$ 312.3

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- (1) Net revenues for the year ended December 31, 2010 includes a \$14.3 million release of previously deferred revenue for Invisalign Teen replacement aligners. Excluding the \$14.3 million for the Invisalign Teen replacement aligners, the percentage change from 2010 to 2011 and 2009 to 2010 was approximately 41.6% and 48.6%, respectively.
- (2) As the acquisition of Cadent closed on April 29, 2011, the year ended December 31, 2011 balances for Scanners and CAD/CAM Services only reflect eight months of revenues.

***Invisalign Case Volume by Channel and Product***

Case volume data which represents Invisalign case shipments by channel and product, for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010, and 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

Invisalign case volume	Years Ended December 31,						
	2011	Net Change	% Change	2010	Net Change	% Change	2009
North America:							
Ortho	115.4	25.1	27.8%	90.3	17.3	23.7%	73.0
GP	123.2	14.1	12.9%	109.1	9.0	9.0%	100.1
Total North American Invisalign	238.6	39.2	19.7%	199.4	26.3	15.2%	173.1
International Invisalign	70.8	9.3	15.1%	61.5	14.0	29.5%	47.5
Total Invisalign case volume	309.4	48.5	18.6%	260.9	40.3	18.3%	220.6

Invisalign case volume	Years Ended December 31,						
	2011	Net Change	% Change	2010	Net Change	% Change	2009
Invisalign Full	206.3	26.6	14.8%	179.7	24.4	15.7%	155.3
Invisalign Express	44.2	6.8	18.2%	37.4	4.4	13.3%	33.0
Invisalign Teen	38.0	9.3	32.4%	28.7	2.8	10.8%	25.9
Invisalign Assist	20.9	5.8	38.4%	15.1	8.7	135.9%	6.4
Total Invisalign case volume	309.4	48.5	18.6%	260.9	40.3	18.3%	220.6

***Fiscal Year 2011 compared to Fiscal Year 2010***

Total net revenues increased \$92.6 million in 2011 as a result of worldwide volume growth across all customer channels and the inclusion of our Scanner and CAD/CAM Services segment.

Geographically, both North America and International revenue increased by \$102.3 million due to an 18.6% growth in case volume, favorable foreign exchange rates, and the inclusion of eight months of Scanner and CAD/CAM Service revenues. Invisalign case volume growth was driven by both improved utilization and an increase in the number of doctors submitting cases.

Revenue from our Clear Aligner segment, consisting of our Invisalign products, increased by 16.7% as a result of additional case volumes across all products. The most significant volume percentage increases were in the Invisalign Teen and Assist products. Although Invisalign Teen case volume increased 32.4%, revenue for Invisalign Teen was comparable to the prior year primarily because of the \$14.3 million release of deferred revenue in 2010. Invisalign Assist revenue growth was comprised of both an increase in case volume and additional revenue being recognized as each batch is shipped over the course of treatment instead of deferring until the final batch shipment. Additionally, Invisalign non-case revenues, consisting of training fees and sales of ancillary products, were higher in 2011 compared to 2010 primarily due to increased sales of our Viverra product.

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Since date of the acquisition until the end of the 2011 fiscal year end, the Scanner and CAD/CAM services segment generated \$28.1 million of revenue from sales of iTero and iOC scanners and OrthoCad Services.

**Table of Contents***Fiscal Year 2010 compared to Fiscal Year 2009*

Total net revenues increased in 2010 as compared to 2009 primarily as a result of worldwide volume growth across all customer channels. The release of revenue previously deferred for Invisalign Teen replacement aligners in the second quarter of 2010 contributed an additional \$14.3 million to total net revenues for 2010.

In 2010, North America revenue increased 17.6% compared to 2009 due to overall case volume growth of 15.2% as well as an increase in our average selling price. Higher case volume was driven primarily by the North American orthodontic channel reflecting increased penetration into the teenage orthodontic market, especially with the Invisalign Teen product. Additionally, the increase also reflects a significant reduction in our revenue deferral rate for Teen replacement aligners and lower discounts and rebates.

Our International Invisalign revenue increased 25.1% in 2010 compared to 2009 mainly due to 29.5% growth in case volumes across all products partially offset by a mix shift towards our lower priced products, as well as unfavorable foreign exchange rates.

Invisalign Teen includes up to six replacement aligners which may be ordered at any time throughout treatment. Through the second quarter of 2010, revenue for these replacement aligners was deferred based on 100 percent of the fair value of the aligners until the replacement aligners were used or the case completed. Since the launch of Invisalign Teen in 2008, we evaluated the usage experience of the replacement aligners and determined that there is sufficient historical experience to establish an estimated usage rate. As a result, in June 2010, we reduced deferred revenue for Invisalign Teen replacement aligners by \$14.3 million to reflect the lower estimated usage for in-process cases.

Invisalign non-case revenues, consisting of training fees and sales of ancillary products, were higher in 2010 compared to 2009 primarily due to increased sales of our Vivera and retainer products.

*Cost of revenues and gross margin (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
<b>Clear Aligner</b>					
Cost of revenues	\$ 97.1	\$ 13.4	\$ 83.7	\$ 4.9	\$ 78.8
% of net revenues	20.2%		21.6%		25.2%
Gross profit	\$ 354.7	\$ 51.3	\$ 303.4	\$ 69.9	\$ 233.5
Gross margin %	78.5%		78.4%		74.8%
<b>Scanners and CAD/CAM Services</b>					
Cost of revenues	\$ 21.4	\$ 21.4	\$	N/A	\$
% of net revenues	4.5%				
Gross profit	\$ 6.5	\$ 6.5	\$	N/A	\$
Gross margin %	23.5%				
<b>Total cost of revenues</b>					
Cost of revenues	\$ 118.5	\$ 34.8	\$ 83.7	\$ 4.9	\$ 78.8
% of net revenues	24.7%		21.6%		25.2%
Gross profit	\$ 361.2	\$ 57.8	\$ 303.4	\$ 69.9	\$ 233.5
Gross margin %	75.3%		78.4%		74.8%

Cost of revenues includes salaries for staff involved in the production process, the cost of materials, packaging, shipping costs, depreciation on capital equipment used in the production process, training costs and stock-based compensation expense. Through April 2009, cost of revenues also included the cost of our third party shelter service provider in Juarez, Mexico.

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Gross margin decreased in 2011 compared to 2010 primarily due to the acquisition of our Scanner and CAD/CAM Services segment from Cadent, which carries a lower margin at approximately 23.5% compared to 78.5% for our Clear Aligner segment. Compared to 2010, our 2011 Clear Aligner gross margin remained flat due to higher cost per case resulting from higher material costs which was partially offset by higher case volumes. We also incurred amortization costs related to the acquired technology from Cadent of approximately \$0.7 million and exit costs related to the consolidation of our New Jersey operations of approximately \$0.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Gross margin improved in 2010 compared to 2009 primarily due to the increase in case volume which resulted in higher cost absorption and reduced cost per case. Additionally, the gross margin for 2010 was favorably impacted by the release of teen deferred revenue of \$14.3 million during 2010. Gross margin for 2010 and 2009 also included amortization of the Ormco royalties of \$0.8 million and \$6.2 million, respectively.

*Sales and marketing (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
Sales and marketing	\$ 142.2	\$ 28.2	\$ 114.0	\$ 1.5	\$ 112.5
% of net revenues	29.6%		29.5%		36.0%

Sales and marketing expense includes sales force compensation (including travel-related costs), marketing personnel-related costs, media and advertising, clinical education, product marketing and stock-based compensation expense.

Sales and marketing expense increased in 2011 compared to 2010 due to compensation costs of approximately \$15.2 million that were related to an increase in headcount as well as the inclusion of Cadent sales and marketing personnel. Additionally, we incurred higher clinical education costs primarily related to our international launch of Invisalign G3, media and advertising related target TV advertising, and travel-related costs of approximately \$9.2 million.

Sales and marketing expense increased in 2010 compared to 2009 primarily due to increases in media, advertising, and travel-related costs of \$2.5 million and higher facility information technology costs of approximately \$1.8 million primarily associated with the preparation and transition into our new building. These costs were partially offset by approximately \$1.6 million of clinical education costs that were included in gross margin during the first three quarters in 2010 as a result of the Proficiency Program as well as lower sales commission expenses of approximately \$1.3 million.

*General and administrative (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
General and administrative	\$ 89.2	\$ 24.4	\$ 64.8	\$ 3.1	\$ 61.7
% of net revenues	18.6%		16.7%		19.8%

General and administrative expense includes salaries for administrative personnel, outside consulting services, legal expenses and stock-based compensation expense.

General and administrative expense for 2011 increased compared to 2010 primarily due to compensation costs of approximately \$12.3 million resulting from compensation and related benefits and increased in headcount due to the Cadent acquisition. We also incurred higher consulting, accounting, legal, and travel costs of approximately \$11.2 million which was primarily related to the acquisition and integration of Cadent into our business operations.

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General and administrative expense for 2010 increased compared to 2009 primarily due to higher payroll-related and credit card processing costs of approximately \$1.8 million as well as higher legal, accounting and consulting fees of approximately \$1.0 million.

*Research and development (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
Research and development	\$ 37.2	\$ 11.2	\$ 26.0	\$ 3.7	\$ 22.3
% of net revenues	7.7%		6.7%		7.1%

Research and development expense includes the personnel-related costs and outside consulting expenses associated with the research and development of new products and enhancements to existing products, conducting clinical and post-marketing trials and stock-based compensation expense.

Research and development expense increased in 2011 compared to 2010 primarily due to higher compensation costs of approximately \$6.6 million as a result of increased headcount due to the Cadent acquisition. In addition, we paid \$2.0 million related to the Cadent Joint Development agreement that we entered into in January 2011 before the completion of the acquisition in April 2011. We also incurred higher travel and outside service costs of approximately \$1.1 million.

Research and development expense increased in 2010 compared to 2009 primarily due to higher payroll-related costs of approximately \$2.2 million as a result of an increased headcount in 2010 and higher facility and information technology costs of approximately \$0.9 million primarily associated with the transition to our new building.

*Restructurings (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
Restructurings	\$	\$	\$	\$ (1.3)	\$ 1.3

During 2008, we announced restructuring plans in July and October to increase efficiencies across the organization and with the expectation of lowering the overall cost structure by approximately \$3.5 million per quarter. In July 2008, we implemented a restructuring plan to reduce our full time headcount by 67 employees including a phased-consolidation of order acquisition operations from our then corporate headquarters in Santa Clara, California to Juarez, Mexico, which was completed by the end of 2008. The October restructuring plan included a total reduction of 111 full time headcount in Santa Clara, California by July 2009 when we moved our customer care, accounts receivable, credit and collections, and customer event registration organizations in Santa Clara, California to our existing facilities in Costa Rica.

We incurred approximately \$1.3 million during 2009 of cost related to severance and termination benefits. There were no restructuring activities during 2011 and 2010. However, we did incur exit costs related to the consolidation of our New Jersey operations during 2011. See *Note 18 Restructurings and Exit Activities* in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

*Litigation settlement costs (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
Litigation settlement costs	\$	\$ (4.5)	\$ 4.5	\$ (65.2)	\$ 69.7



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There were no litigation settlement costs in 2011.

*Ormco*

In August 16, 2009, we entered into a litigation settlement with Ormco valued at \$76.7 million which was comprised of a cash payment of \$13.2 million and a stock issuance of approximately 7.6 million shares of common stock. We recognized the litigation settlement of \$69.7 million in our operating expenses. The remaining \$7.0 million was recorded to prepaid expenses, of which \$6.2 million was amortized to cost of sales based on case shipments during 2009 and \$0.8 million during the first quarter of 2010.

*Leiszler*

On October 19, 2010, we entered into a memorandum of understanding to resolve a complaint filed by Dr. Leiszler. As a result, we recorded a total litigation settlement charge of \$4.5 million in 2010 for settlement costs.

*Insurance settlement (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
Insurance settlement	\$	\$ 8.7	\$ (8.7)	\$ (8.7)	\$

In June 2010, we received an \$8.7 million insurance settlement over a disputed coverage under our general liability umbrella that was not previously reimbursed by our insurer related to the OrthoClear litigation. There were no insurance settlements in 2011.

*Amortization of acquired intangible assets (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	\$ 2.4	\$ 2.4	\$	\$	\$

Amortization of acquired intangibles related to operating expense for 2011 was approximately \$2.3 million which were related to trademarks and customer relationships that were acquired as part of the Cadent acquisition in 2011.

*Interest and other income (expense), net (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
Interest income	\$ 0.6	\$	\$ 0.6	\$	\$ 0.6
Interest (expense)	(0.1)	(0.1)		0.1	(0.1)
Other income (expense), net	(0.9)	0.4	(1.3)	(0.9)	(0.4)
Total interest and other income (expense), net	\$ (0.4)	\$ 0.3	\$ (0.7)	\$ (0.8)	\$ 0.1

Interest and other income (expense), net, include interest income earned on cash balances, interest expense, foreign currency translation gains and losses and other miscellaneous charges.

Interest income and interest expense in 2011 was consistent with 2010. Other income, net increased in 2011 compared to 2010 by \$0.4 million reflecting increase in foreign exchange gain during 2011.

Interest income and interest expense in 2010 was consistent with 2009. Other expense, net, increased in 2010 compared to 2009 by \$0.9 million reflecting increases in foreign exchange losses during 2010.



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*Provision for (benefit from) income taxes (in millions):*

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2011	Change	2010	Change	2009
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	\$ 23.2	\$ (4.6)	\$ 27.8	\$ 30.4	\$ (2.6)

We recorded an income tax provision of \$23.2 million for 2011, an income tax provision of \$27.8 million for 2010, and an income tax benefit of \$2.6 million for 2009, respectively. These represented effective tax rates of 25.8%, 27.2%, and 7.7%, in 2011, 2010, and 2009, respectively. Our effective tax rates for these periods differ from the statutory federal income tax rate of 35% due to certain foreign earnings, primarily from Costa Rica, which are subject to a lower tax rate.

As of December 31, 2011, approximately \$43.1 million of undistributed earnings from non-U.S. operations held by our foreign subsidiaries are designated as permanently reinvested outside the U.S. Accordingly, no additional U.S. income taxes or additional foreign withholding taxes have been provided thereon. Determination of the amount of unrecognized deferred tax liability related to these earnings is not practicable.

We exercise significant judgment in regards to estimates of future market growth, forecasted earnings and projected taxable income, in determining the provision for income taxes, and for purposes of assessing our ability to utilize any future benefit from deferred tax assets.

Our valuation allowance of approximately \$20.2 million is mostly related to capital loss and foreign net operating loss carryforwards as of December 31, 2011 because we cannot forecast sufficient future capital gains or foreign source income to realize these deferred tax assets. These net operating loss carryforwards will result in an income tax benefit if and when we conclude it is more likely than not that the related deferred tax assets will be realized.

The California 2009-2010 budget legislation included the ability to elect to apply a single sales factor apportionment for years beginning after January 1, 2011. As a result of our anticipated election of the single sales factor, we re-measured our deferred taxes taking into account the expected California tax rate under the elective single sales factor. We determined that by electing a single sales factor apportionment, our deferred tax assets decreased by approximately \$1.2 million (net of federal benefit). Of the \$1.2 million tax impact, \$0.6 million was recorded as a discrete item in 2009 and the remaining \$0.6 million was recorded as a discrete item in 2010.

At December 31, 2011, we had federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$96.0 million, which, if not used, will begin to expire in 2026. These net operating loss carryforwards are subject to an annual limitation under Internal Revenue Code § 382, but are expected to be fully realized. Furthermore, we have California net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$67.8 million, which, if not used, will begin to expire in 2013. At December 31, 2011, we had research credit carryforwards of approximately \$5.0 million for federal purposes and \$3.6 million for California state tax purposes. If not utilized, the federal credit carryforwards will begin to expire after 2020. The California state credit can be carried forward indefinitely.

Financial Accounting Standard Board ( FASB ) Accounting Standard Codification ( ASC ) 718 prohibits recognition of a deferred income tax asset for excess tax benefits due to stock option exercises that have not yet been realized through a reduction in income taxes payable. Such unrecognized deferred tax benefits totaled \$25.1 million as of December 31, 2011 and will be accounted for as a credit to additional paid-in capital, if and when realized through a reduction in income taxes payable.

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We fund our operations from product sales and the proceeds from the sale of our common stock. As of December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, we had the following cash and cash equivalents, and short-term and long-term investments (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 240,675	\$ 294,664	\$ 166,487
Short-term investments	7,395	8,615	19,978
Long-term investments		9,089	
Total	\$ 248,070	\$ 312,368	\$ 186,465

*Cash flows* (in thousands):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Net cash flow provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	\$ 130,469	\$ 129,529	\$ 74,165
Investing activities	(211,606)	(15,920)	(1,556)
Financing activities	27,241	14,707	6,837
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(93)	(139)	(59)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (53,989)	\$ 128,177	\$ 79,387

As of December 31, 2011, we had \$248.1 million in cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities. Cash equivalents and marketable securities are comprised of money market funds and highly liquid debt instruments which include corporate bonds, foreign bonds, and agency bonds.

As of December 31, 2011, approximately \$66.5 million of cash was held by our foreign subsidiaries. We have not provided additional U.S. income taxes or additional foreign withholding taxes on approximately \$43.1 million of undistributed foreign subsidiary earnings that are intended to be permanently reinvested outside the U.S. \$39.6 million of the total undistributed foreign earnings relate to Costa Rica. In the event such earnings are repatriated to the U.S., the earnings would be subject to additional U.S. income taxes reduced by any foreign taxes paid.

**Operating Activities**

For the year ended December 31, 2011, cash flows from operations of \$130.5 million resulted primarily from our net income of approximately \$66.7 million and the following reasons:

*Changes in non-cash activities*

Stock-based compensation of \$19.1 million.

Other non-cash activities including depreciation and amortization, deferred taxes, provision for doubtful accounts, amortization of intangible assets, benefits from tax provision for our share-based payments, and loss on the retirement/disposal of our fixed assets of \$12.0 million.

*Changes in working capital*

Accrued and other long-term liabilities increased by \$37.1 million primarily due to the an increase of compensation and related employee benefits, income tax payable and other sales and marketing costs, increasing our cash inflow from operations.

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Deferred revenue increased by \$16.3 million primarily due to higher sales with deferred revenue components in 2011, increasing our cash inflow from operations.

Accounts receivable increased by \$21.7 million due to the increase in revenues during 2011, reducing our cash inflow from operating activities.

Other working capital comprising of inventories, prepaid expenses and other assets, and accounts payable, resulted in a net decrease of \$0.8 million, increasing our cash inflow from operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, cash flows from operations of \$129.5 million resulted primarily from our net income of approximately \$74.3 million and the following reasons:

*Changes in non-cash activities*

Deferred taxes increased by \$17.3 million primarily due to the utilization of our deferred tax assets.

Other non-cash activities including depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, provision for doubtful accounts, benefits from tax provision for our share-based payments, and loss on the retirement/disposal of our fixed assets resulted in a net increase of \$27.4 million.

*Changes in working capital*

Accounts receivable increased by \$12.2 million due to the increase in revenues during 2010, reducing our cash inflow from operating activities.

Accrued and other long-term liabilities increased by \$19.7 million primarily due to the Leiszler class action settlement and an increase of our income tax payable and other sales and marketing costs, increasing our cash inflow from operations.

Deferred revenue increased by \$2.2 million primarily due to higher sales with deferred revenue components in 2010, increasing our cash inflow from operations.

Other working capital comprising of inventories, prepaid expenses and other assets, and accounts payable, resulted in a net decrease of \$0.9 million, increasing our cash inflow from operations.

For the year ended December 31, 2009, cash flows from operations of \$74.2 million resulted primarily from the following reasons listed below offset by our net loss of \$31.3 million:

*Changes in non-cash activities*

Litigation settlement cost and amortization of prepaid royalties increased by \$62.7 million due to our settlement with Ormco. See *Note 6 Litigation Settlements* in the *Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements* for additional information.

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Other non-cash activities including deferred taxes, depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, provision for doubtful accounts, excess tax provision for our share-based payments, and loss on the retirement/disposal of our fixed assets resulted in a net increase of \$26.9 million.

### *Changes in working capital*

Deferred revenues increased by \$15.5 million reflecting increases in revenues specifically related to our Teen product that carried a higher deferred revenue component, increasing our cash inflow from operations.

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Other working capital comprising of accounts receivable, inventory, prepaid expenses and other assets, accounts payable, and accrued liabilities resulted in a net decrease of \$0.4 million, increasing our cash inflow from operations.

**Investing Activities**

Net cash used in investing activities was \$211.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, primarily consisted of our cash paid for the acquisition of Cadent of approximately \$187.6 million and approximately \$30.4 million of property, plant, and equipment purchases. We also had restricted cash of approximately \$4.0 million which primarily represents funds we hold as unclaimed merger consideration related to the acquisition of Cadent on April 29, 2011. These costs were partially offset by net maturities of marketable securities and the proceeds from the sale of equipment of approximately \$10.4 million.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$15.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2010, primarily consisted of approximately \$36.4 million for purchases of marketable securities and property and equipment which was partially offset by net maturities of our marketable securities of \$20.6 million. Although we believe our current investment portfolio has very little risk of impairment, we cannot predict future market conditions or market liquidity and can provide no assurance that our investment portfolio will remain unimpaired.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, primarily consisted of approximately \$7.2 million used for the purchase of property and equipment which were partially offset by \$6.0 million of net maturities from marketable securities.

**Financing Activities**

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$27.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 primarily resulting from approximately \$25.5 million in proceeds from the issuance of our common stock and approximately \$11.4 million from excess tax provision from our share-based arrangements. These proceeds were partially offset by approximately \$7.8 million common stock repurchases and \$2.0 million of taxes paid for our employees vesting of restricted stock units.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$14.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2010 primarily resulting from approximately \$11.8 million in proceeds from the issuance of our common stock and approximately \$4.0 million from excess tax provision from our share-based arrangements. These proceeds were partially offset by approximately \$1.0 million of taxes paid for our employees vesting of restricted stock units.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$6.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2009, which resulted primarily from \$8.1 million in proceeds from the issuance of our common stock. These proceeds were partially offset from the tax benefit excess of shared-based payments and taxes paid on vesting restricted stock units of \$1.1 million.

Net proceeds from the issuance of our common stock related to the exercise of employee stock options have historically been a significant component of our liquidity. However, in 2006, we began granting restricted stock units ( RSUs ) which, unlike stock options, do not generate cash from exercise. As a result, we will likely generate less cash from the proceeds of the sale of our common stock in future periods. In addition, because RSUs are taxable to the individuals when they vest, the number of shares we issue to each of our executive officers will be net of applicable withholding taxes which will be paid by us on their behalf. During 2011, 2010, and 2009, we paid \$1.9 million, \$1.1 million, and \$0.5 million of taxes related to RSUs that vested during the period for executive officers, respectively.

***Line of Credit***

On December 14, 2010, we renegotiated and amended our existing credit facility with Comerica Bank. Under this revolving line of credit, we have \$30.0 million of available borrowings with a maturity date of



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December 31, 2012. The interest rate on borrowings will range from Libor plus 1.5% to 2.0% depending upon the amount of cash we maintain at Comerica Bank. This credit facility requires a quick ratio covenant and also requires us to maintain a minimum unrestricted cash balance of \$10.0 million. Additionally, in the event our unrestricted cash deposited is less than \$55.0 million, the unused facility fee will increase from 0.050% per quarter to 0.125% per quarter. As of December 31, 2011, we had no outstanding borrowings under this credit facility and are in compliance with the financial covenants.

**Stock Repurchase**

On October 27, 2011, we announced that our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program pursuant to which we may repurchase up to \$150.0 million of common stock. Purchases under the stock repurchase program may be made from time to time in the open market. During the fourth quarter of 2011, we repurchased approximately 0.3 million shares of common stock at an average price of \$24.00 per share for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$7.8 million including commissions. As of December 31, 2011, there remains \$142.2 million under our existing stock repurchase authorization.

**Investments to Increase Manufacturing Capacity**

On August 4, 2011 we purchased land and a manufacturing facility in Juarez, Mexico for approximately \$3.2 million in order to expand our current manufacturing capacity in order meet expected demand. We expect to incur costs in 2012 as we continue to construct and equip this facility to operate at full capacity.

**Contractual Obligations/Off Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The impact that our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2011 are expected to have on our liquidity and cash flows in future periods is as follows (in thousands):

	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		Less than 1 Year	1-2 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
Operating lease obligations	\$ 27,900	\$ 7,177	\$ 9,584	\$ 8,220	\$ 2,919

Our contractual obligations table above excludes approximately \$15.5 million of non-current uncertain tax benefits which are included in other long-term obligations and deferred tax assets on our balance sheet as of December 31, 2011. We have not included this amount because we cannot make a reasonably reliable estimate regarding the timing of settlements with taxing authorities, if any.

We executed an agreement on January 12, 2012 to lease 47,000 square feet of property in Tel-Aviv, Israel, where we produce our handheld intra-oral scanner wand and have operations and general and administrative functions. The monthly rent for this facility is approximately \$67,000 and will expire in January 2016.

We had no off-balance sheet arrangements as defined in Regulation S-K Item 303(a) (4) as of December 31, 2011.

We believe that our current cash and cash equivalents combined with our existing borrowing capacity will be sufficient to fund our operations for at least the next 12 months. If we are unable to generate adequate operating cash flows, we may need to seek additional sources of capital through equity or debt financing, collaborative or other arrangements with other companies, bank financing and other sources in order to realize our objectives and to continue our operations. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain additional debt or equity financing on terms acceptable to us, or at all. If adequate funds are not available, we may need to make business decisions that could adversely affect our operating results such as modifications to our pricing policy, business structure or operations. Accordingly, the failure to obtain sufficient funds on acceptable terms when needed could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

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

Management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of financial statements requires our management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and disclosures at the date of the financial statements. We evaluate our estimates on an on-going basis, including those related to revenue recognition, stock-based compensation, goodwill and finite-lived assets and related impairment, and income taxes. We use authoritative pronouncements, historical experience and other assumptions as the basis for making estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

We believe the following critical accounting policies and estimates affect our more significant judgments used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, we adopted the new accounting guidance for multiple-deliverable revenue arrangements (Accounting Standards Update ASU 2009-13, *Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements a consensus of the Financial Accounting Standard Board FASB Emerging Issues Task Force*). This new guidance establishes a selling price hierarchy for determining the selling price of a deliverable, replaces the term *fair value* in the revenue allocation with *selling price* to clarify that the allocation of revenue is based on entity-specific assumptions rather than assumptions of a marketplace participant, replaces the *residual method* of allocation with the *relative selling-price method*, and requires that arrangement consideration be allocated at the inception of the arrangement to all deliverables applying this method, including proportional allocation of any discounts to each deliverable.

***Multiple-Element Arrangements (MEAs)***: Arrangements with customers may include multiple deliverables, including any combination of equipment, services and extended warranties. The deliverables included in the MEAs are separated into more than one unit of accounting when (i) the delivered equipment has value to the customer on a stand-alone basis, and (ii) delivery of the undelivered service element(s) is probable and substantially in our control. Based on the new accounting guidance adopted January 1, 2011, arrangement consideration is then allocated to each unit, delivered or undelivered, based on the relative selling price (RSP) of each unit of accounting based first on vendor-specific objective evidence (VSOE) if it exists second on third-party evidence (TPE) if it exists and on estimated selling price (ESP) if neither VSOE or TPE exist.

**VSOE** In most instances, products are sold separately in stand-alone arrangements. Services are also sold separately through renewals of contracts with varying periods. We determine VSOE based on its pricing and discounting practices for the specific product or service when sold separately, considering geographical, customer, and other economic or marketing variables, as well as renewal rates or stand-alone prices for the service element(s).

**TPE** If we cannot establish VSOE of selling price for a specific product or service included in a multiple-element arrangement, we use third-party evidence of selling price. We determine TPE based on sales of comparable amount of similar product or service offered by multiple third parties considering the degree of customization and similarity of product or service sold.

**ESP** The estimated selling price represents the price at which we would sell a product or service if it were sold on a stand-alone basis. When VSOE does not exist for all elements, we determine ESP for the arrangement element based on sales, cost and margin analysis, as well as other inputs based on its pricing practices. Adjustments for other market and Company-specific factors are made as deemed necessary in determining ESP.

We adopted these standards for applicable arrangements that were entered into or materially modified on or after January 1, 2011. Implementation of these standards did not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements in the period under report and is not expected to significantly affect the timing and pattern of revenue recognition in future periods.

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We estimate and record a provision for amounts of estimated losses on sales, if any, in the period such sales occur. We have not recorded any estimated losses for the periods presented. Provisions for discounts and rebates to customers are provided for in the same period that the related product sales are recorded based upon historical discounts and rebates.

### *Clear Aligner*

We enter into arrangements ( treatment plans ) that involve multiple future product deliverables. For example, included in the price of Invisalign Full, Invisalign Teen and Invisalign Assist, we offer optional case refinement, which is a finishing tool used to adjust a patient's teeth to the desired final position. Case refinement may be elected by the dental professional at any time during treatment however it is generally ordered in the last stages of orthodontic treatment. Invisalign Teen also includes six optional replacement aligners in the price of the product and may be ordered at any time throughout treatment.

We use VSOE adjusted by estimated usage rates for case refinements and replacement aligners to determine the respective ESP. In the absence of VSOE, we determine our best estimate of selling price, as if it is sold on a stand-alone basis, and take into consideration our pricing and discounting strategies, market conditions, as well as historical price. We regularly review our VSOE and ESP and maintain internal controls over the establishment and update of these estimates.

We determined that our treatment plans are comprised of four possible deliverables that represent separate units of accounting: single-batched aligners, multiple-batched aligners, case refinement and replacement aligners. We allocate revenue for each treatment plan based on each unit's relative selling price and recognize the revenue upon the delivery of each unit in the treatment plan.

The Vivera retainer includes four shipments per year, and revenue is deferred upon the first shipment and recognized as each shipment occurs. For Invisalign Assist with the progress tracking feature, in which aligners are shipped to the dental professional every nine stages ( a batch ). We determined that each batch has stand-alone value and therefore represents a separate unit of accounting. The estimated selling price for Invisalign Assist with progress tracking is allocated according to the estimated number of batches.

Prior to January 1, 2011, we used VSOE as fair value to allocate revenue to the case refinement and replacement aligner deliverables. We deferred the fair value of case refinement and replacement aligner deliverables based on a breakage factor and recognized the residual revenue upon initial batch shipment. The deferred revenue was subsequently recognized as the refinement and replacement aligners were shipped. For Invisalign Assist with the progress tracking feature, we did not have independent evidence of fair value for the separate batches of aligners, so all batches of aligners were considered a single unit of accounting prior to January 1, 2011. For these treatment plans, revenue was deferred upon the first batched shipment and recognized upon the final batched shipment.

### *Scanners and CAD/CAM Services*

We recognize revenues from the sales of iTero and iOC intra-oral scanners and CAD/CAM services. CAD/CAM services include scanning services, extended warranty for the intra-oral scanners, a range of iTero restorative services and OrthoCAD services such as OrthoCAD iCast, OrthoCAD iQ, and OrthoCAD iRecord. We sell intra-oral scanners and services through both our direct sales force and distribution partners. The intra-oral scanner sales price includes one year of warranty, and for additional fees, the customer may select an unlimited scanning service agreement over a fixed period of time or extended warranty periods. Revenue, net of related discounts and allowances, is recognized when products or equipment have been shipped, when persuasive evidence of the arrangement exists, the price is fixed or determinable, collectability is reasonably assured, title and risk of loss has passed to customers based on the shipping terms, no significant obligations remain, and allowances for discounts, returns, and customer incentives can be reliably estimated.

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Discounts are deducted from revenue at the time of sale or when the discount is offered, whichever is later and free cases or training is included as a deliverable in the multiple-element arrangement assessment. Returns of products, excluding warranty related returns, are infrequent and insignificant

*Services:* Service revenue, including iTero restorative and all OrthoCAD services are recognized upon delivery or ratably over the contract term as the specified services are performed.

*Extended Warranties:* We offer customers an option to purchase extended warranties on certain products. We recognize revenue on these extended warranty contracts ratably over the life of the contract. The costs associated with these extended warranty contracts are recognized when incurred.

When intra-oral scanners are sold with either an unlimited scanning service agreement and/or extended warranty, we allocate revenue based on each element's relative selling price. We estimate the selling price of each element, as if it is sold on a stand-alone basis, taking into consideration historical prices as well as our pricing and discounting strategies. We will continue to review our estimates as we continue to integrate Cadent into our business.

Revenues for unlimited scanning service agreements and extended warranty are recognized ratably over the service periods. If a customer selects a pay per use basis for scanning service fees, the revenue is recognized as the service is provided.

For direct sales and sales to certain distributors, intra-oral scanner revenue is recognized once the intra-oral scanner has been installed and on-site training is completed. For other distributors who provide installation and training to the customer, we recognize scanner revenue when the intra-oral scanner is shipped to the distributor assuming all of the other revenue recognition criteria have been met.

### ***Stock-based Compensation Expense***

We recognize stock-based compensation cost for only those shares ultimately expected to vest on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the award. We estimate the fair value of stock options using a Black-Scholes valuation and Monte Carlo simulation model, which requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the option's expected term and stock price volatility. In addition, judgment is also required in estimating the number of stock-based awards that are expected to be forfeited. Forfeitures are estimated based on historical experience at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. The assumptions used in calculating the fair value of share-based payment awards represent management's best estimates, but these estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management's judgment. As a result, if factors change and we use different assumptions, our stock-based compensation expense could be materially different in the future.

### ***Goodwill and finite-lived purchased intangible assets***

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price paid over the fair value of tangible and identifiable intangible net assets acquired in business combinations and is allocated to the reporting unit based on relative synergies generated.

Our intangible assets primarily consist of intangible assets acquired as part of the Cadent acquisition. These assets are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of one to fifteen years, reflecting the period in which the economic benefits of the assets are expected to be realized.

### ***Impairment of goodwill, finite-lived purchased intangible assets and long-lived assets***

We evaluate goodwill for impairment at least annually or whenever an event occurs or circumstances changes that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. The

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allocation of goodwill to the respective reporting unit are based on relative synergies generated as a result of an acquisition. The impairment test for goodwill is a two-step process. Step one consists of a comparison of the fair value of a reporting unit against its carrying amount, including the goodwill allocated to each reporting unit. We determine the fair value of our reporting units based on the present value of estimated future cash flows of the reporting units. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit is in excess of its fair value, step two requires the comparison of the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill against the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill. Any excess of the carrying value of the reporting unit's goodwill over the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill is recorded as an impairment loss.

In fiscal years 2011, 2010 and 2009, we performed the annual goodwill impairment testing during the fourth quarter for our reporting unit(s) and found no impairment as the fair value of our reporting unit(s) was significantly in excess of the carrying value.

We evaluate long-lived assets (including intangible assets) for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a long-lived asset may not be recoverable. An asset is considered impaired if its carrying amount exceeds the future net cash flows the asset is expected to generate. If an asset is considered to be impaired, the impairment to be recognized is calculated as the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair market value which is estimated based on projected discounted future net cash flows. There were no asset impairments during 2011, 2010 or 2009.

### ***Deferred Tax Valuation Allowance***

We consider all available evidence, both positive and negative including historical levels of income, expectations and risks associated with estimates of future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies in assessing the need for a valuation allowance.

As of December 31, 2011, with the exception of certain capital loss and foreign net operating loss carryforwards, we believe that the amount of deferred tax assets recorded on our balance sheet would ultimately be realized. However, should there be a change in our ability to recover our deferred tax assets, our tax provision would increase in the period in which we determine that it is more likely than not that we cannot recover our deferred tax assets.

### ***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

See *Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies* in the *Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements* in *Item 8* for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects on results of operations and financial condition, which is incorporated herein.

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**ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate and interest rate risks that could impact our financial position and results of operations.

***Interest Rate Risk***

Changes in interest rates could impact our anticipated interest income on our cash equivalents and investments in marketable securities. Our cash equivalents and investments are fixed-rate short-term and long-term securities. Fixed-rate securities may have their fair market value adversely impacted due to a rise in interest rates, and as a result, our future investment income may fall short of expectations due to changes in interest rates or we may suffer losses in principal if forced to sell securities which have declined in market value due to changes in interest rates. As of December 31, 2011, we had approximately \$7.4 million invested in available-for-sale marketable securities. An immediate 10% change in interest rates would not have a material adverse impact on our future operating results and cash flows.

We do not have interest bearing liabilities as of December 31, 2011 and therefore, we are not subject to risks from immediate interest rate decreases.

***Currency Rate Risk***

We operate in North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Costa Rica, Israel, and Japan. As a result of our international business activities, our financial results could be affected by factors such as changes in foreign currency exchange rates or economic conditions in foreign markets, and there is no assurance that exchange rate fluctuations will not harm our business in the future. We sell our products in the local currency for the respective countries. This provides some natural hedging because most of the subsidiaries' operating expenses are denominated in their local currencies as discussed further below. Regardless of this natural hedging, our results of operations may be adversely impacted by the exchange rate fluctuation. Although we will continue to monitor our exposure to currency fluctuations, and, where appropriate, may use financial hedging techniques in the future to minimize the effect of these fluctuations, we are not currently engaged in any financial hedging transactions. The impact of an aggregate change of 10% in foreign currency exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar on our results of operations and financial position could be material.

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	Three Months Ended							
	2011			2010				
	31-Dec	30-Sep	30-Jun	31-Mar	31-Dec	30-Sep	30-Jun	31-Mar
	(in thousands, except per share data )							
	(unaudited)							
Net revenues(1)	\$ 128,905	\$ 125,894	\$ 120,086	\$ 104,856	\$ 92,893	\$ 95,947	\$ 108,196	\$ 90,090
Gross profit(2)	95,550	92,370	91,137	82,226	71,756	74,933	87,018	69,710
Profit (loss) from operations(3)	26,430	26,312	16,595	21,023	14,770	21,923	45,344	20,697
Net profit (loss)(3)	20,449	19,264	11,162	15,841	9,905	16,815	32,603	14,930
Net profit per share:								
Basic	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.20
Diluted	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.19
Shares used in computing net profit per share:								
Basic	78,737	78,455	77,888	76,844	76,333	76,081	75,703	75,166
Diluted	80,849	80,266	80,321	79,361	78,724	78,109	77,607	77,597

- (1) Net revenues for the quarters ended June 2011, September 2011 and December 2011 include revenues from our scanners and CAD/CAM services business of approximately \$6.4 million, \$11.6 million, and \$10.0 million, respectively, as a result of our acquisition of Cadent on April 29, 2011. Net revenues for the quarter ended June 2010 included a \$14.3 million release of previously deferred revenue for Invisalign Teen replacement aligners.
- (2) Gross profit for the quarter ended June 2011 included acquisition and integration related costs of \$0.1 million and amortization of intangible assets of \$0.2 million. Gross profit for the quarter ended September 2011 included acquisition and integration related costs of \$0.2 million, amortization of intangible assets of \$0.3 million and exit costs of \$0.2 million. Gross profit for the quarter ended December 2011 included acquisition and integration related costs of \$0.1 million, amortization of intangible assets of \$0.3 million, and exit costs of \$0.6 million. Gross profit for the quarters ended March 2010, December 2009, and September 2009 included amortization of prepaid royalties of \$0.8 million, \$4.3 million, and \$1.9 million, respectively, related to the litigation settlement with Ormco. In addition, the quarter ended June 2010 gross profit also included the \$14.3 million release of previously deferred revenue for Invisalign Teen replacement aligners.
- (3) Profit (loss) from operations and net profit (loss) included:

\$14.3 million release of previously deferred revenue for Invisalign Teen replacement aligners for quarter ended June 2010.

Acquisition and integration related costs of \$5.9 million for the quarter ended June 2011, \$1.5 million for the quarter ended September 2011, and \$1.1 million for the quarter ended December 2011.

Amortization of intangible assets of \$0.8 million for the quarter ended June 2011, \$1.1 million for the quarter ended September 2011 and \$1.3 million for the quarter ended December 2011.

Exit costs of \$0.2 million for the quarter ended September 2011 and \$0.8 million for the quarter ended December 2011.

\$0.8 million of amortization of prepaid royalties related to the litigation settlement with Ormco for the quarter ended March 2010. See Note 6 *Litigation Settlements* in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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\$1.2 million and \$3.3 million related to the class action litigation settlement with Leiszler for the quarter ended December 2010 and September 2010, respectively. See *Note 6 Litigation Settlements* in the *Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements*.

\$8.7 million benefit related to an insurance settlement over a disputed coverage under our general liability umbrella that was not previously reimbursed by our insurer related to the OrthoClear litigation for the quarter ended June 2010. See *Note 6 Litigation Settlements* in the *Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements*.



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**REPORT OF MANAGEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

Management of Align is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Our internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of Align;

provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of Align are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of Align; and

provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of Align's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. In addition, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions and that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

On April 29, 2011, we acquired Cadent Holdings, Inc. (as discussed in Note 4 to the accompanying audited consolidated financial statements). We are in the process of evaluating the internal controls of the acquired business. However, as permitted by related SEC Staff interpretive guidance for newly acquired businesses, we excluded the acquired business from management's annual assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011. In the aggregate, this business represented approximately 28% of our total consolidated assets and approximately 6% of our total consolidated revenues as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

Based on its assessment and those criteria, management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2011, our internal control over financial reporting was effective to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which is included herein, which expresses an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011.

/s/ THOMAS M. PRESCOTT  
**Thomas M. Prescott**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

February 29, 2012

/s/ KENNETH B. AROLA  
**Kenneth B. Arola**  
*Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer*

February 29, 2012



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of Align Technology, Inc. and subsidiaries:

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(1), present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Align Technology, Inc. and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2011 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(2) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements and financial statement schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements, on the financial statement schedule, and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

As described in Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, management has excluded Cadent Holdings, Inc. from its assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2011 because it was acquired by the Company in a purchase business combination during 2011. We have also excluded Cadent Holdings, Inc. from our audit of internal control over financial reporting. Cadent Holdings, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary whose total assets and total revenues represent 28% and 6%, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

San Jose, California

February 29, 2012

**Table of Contents****ALIGN TECHNOLOGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS****(in thousands, except per share data)**

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2011	2010	2009
Net revenues (1)	\$ 479,741	\$ 387,126	\$ 312,333
Cost of revenues	118,458	83,709	78,841
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>361,283</b>	<b>303,417</b>	<b>233,492</b>
Operating expenses:			
Sales and marketing	142,174	114,013	112,542
General and administrative	89,152	64,790	61,718
Research and development	37,154	25,997	22,252
Litigation settlement costs		4,549	69,673
Insurance settlement		(8,666)	
Restructurings			1,319
Amortization of acquired intangible assets	2,443		
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>270,923</b>	<b>200,683</b>	<b>267,504</b>
<b>Profit (loss) from operations</b>	<b>90,360</b>	<b>102,734</b>	<b>(34,012)</b>
Interest income	552	555	579
Interest expense	(51)	(19)	(85)
Other expense	(920)	(1,267)	(375)
<b>Net profit (loss) before provision for income taxes</b>	<b>89,941</b>	<b>102,003</b>	<b>(33,893)</b>
Provision for (benefit from) income taxes	23,225	27,750	(2,624)
<b>Net profit (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 66,716</b>	<b>\$ 74,253</b>	<b>\$ (31,269)</b>
Net profit (loss) per share:			
Basic	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.98	\$ (0.45)
Diluted	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.95	\$ (0.45)
Operating income	\$6,105	31 % \$ 4,366	36 % \$ 1,739

Net sales in China increased 59% in fiscal 2005. Lift truck industry shipments increased 38% in fiscal 2005. The increase is due to an increase in product shipments, particularly related to additional sales from the expansion of our fork manufacturing operations in Hebei, China. The expanded facility became fully operational in the second quarter of fiscal 2005.

Gross margins decreased from 47% in fiscal 2004 to 41% in fiscal 2005 due to both increased competition and pricing pressure and a higher percentage of OEM product sales which carry lower margins.

Selling and administrative costs increased 42% in fiscal 2005 as we are continuing to expand our sales and service capabilities in China. These costs relate to additional employee benefits, engineering and marketing costs.



**Non-Operating Items**

Our interest expense in fiscal 2005 decreased 22% in comparison with fiscal 2004. The decrease is due to lower overall debt levels. See Financial Condition and Liquidity for additional discussion of Company debt levels and payments.

Consolidated interest income decreased by \$454,000 in fiscal 2005 as compared to fiscal 2004 due to the receipt of payment in full of notes receivable related to the sale of our hydraulic cylinder division during late fiscal 2004.

Our effective tax rate for fiscal 2005 increased to 37% in comparison to 35% in fiscal 2004. The increase is due to a reduction in the benefit received from international financing.

**Fourth Quarter Results**

	Three Months Ended January 31				Change	Change %
	2005	%	2004	%		
	<b>(In thousands)</b>					
Net sales	\$ 103,472	100 %	\$ 77,417	100 %	\$ 26,055	34 %
Cost of goods sold	71,901	69 %	54,303	70 %	17,598	32 %
Gross profit	31,571	31 %	23,114	30 %	8,457	37 %
Selling and administrative	21,756	22 %	17,525	23 %	4,231	24 %
Amortization	189		199		(10 )	(5 )%
Operating income	9,626	9 %	5,390	7 %	4,236	79 %
Interest expense (net)	613	1 %	837	1 %	(224 )	(27 )%
Other expense (income)	253		312		(59 )	(19 )%
Income before taxes	8,760	8 %	4,241	6 %	4,519	107 %
Provision for taxes	3,673	3 %	1,942	3 %	1,731	89 %
Net income	\$ 5,087	5 %	\$ 2,299	3 %	\$ 2,788	121 %
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.39		\$ 0.18			
Operating income (loss) by region:						
North America	\$ 8,244		\$ 3,997		\$ 4,247	106 %
Europe	(781 )		(470 )		(311 )	66 %
Asia Pacific	943		872		71	8 %
China	1,220		991		229	23 %
	\$ 9,626		\$ 5,390		\$ 4,236	79 %

Net income for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005 increased to \$5.1 million (\$0.39 per diluted share) from \$2.3 million (\$0.18 per diluted share) in the fourth quarter of the prior year. The increase is due to higher sales and gross profit, although our consolidated gross margin percentage only increased slightly from 30% in the prior year to 31% in the current year.

The following are financial highlights from the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005:

- Higher sales in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2005 were due to strong lift truck markets throughout the world. Currency changes made up 5% of the 34% increase in sales.
- Gross margin percentages by segments were relatively consistent with the prior year. We did experience increasing material costs throughout the year. We were able to offset most of these cost increases with sales price increases, surcharges and better fixed cost absorption resulting from

higher volume. We were more successful in offsetting the cost increases in North America. All remaining markets experienced slight declines in margins in the current year.

- Consolidated selling and administrative costs increased primarily due to share-based compensation expenses related to stock appreciation rights, warranty costs, professional fees, incentive pay, sales commissions and the strengthening of foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar.
- The effective tax rate decreased from 46% in the fourth quarter of the prior year to 42% in fiscal 2005. The fiscal 2004 rate was higher due to additional valuation allowances against deferred tax assets, primarily net operating loss carryforwards in Europe.

## CASH FLOWS

The statements of cash flows reflect the changes in cash and cash equivalents for the three years ended January 31, 2006 by classifying transactions into three major categories of activities: operating, investing and financing.

### Operating

Our main source of liquidity is cash generated from operating activities. This consists of net income adjusted for noncash operating items such as depreciation and amortization, share-based compensation, losses on disposition of assets and deferred income taxes, as well as changes in operating assets and liabilities.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$50.4 million in fiscal 2006 as compared to \$37.8 million in fiscal 2005. The increase in fiscal 2006 was due to higher levels of net income, depreciation and amortization and a decrease in accounts receivable. These improvements were offset by an increase in inventories and a decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses. The increase in inventory was due primarily to higher sales volumes, sourcing of certain raw materials from foreign vendors in markets outside of where our facilities operate and larger quantity purchases to take advantage of volume discounts.

Our net cash provided by operating activities increased to \$37.8 million in fiscal 2005 from \$26.2 million in fiscal 2004. The increase in fiscal 2005 was due to higher levels of net income and depreciation and amortization and an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses. These improvements were offset with changes in other operating accounts, primarily accounts receivable and inventory.

### Investing

The principal recurring investing activities are capital expenditures. These expenditures are primarily for equipment and tooling related to product improvements, more efficient production methods and replacement for normal wear and tear. Capital expenditures by geographic segment were as follows (in thousands):

	Year ended January 31		
	2006	2005	2004
North America	\$ 5,923	\$ 8,101	\$ 5,925
Europe	3,189	4,640	4,411
Asia Pacific	336	301	314
China	1,132	539	753
	\$ 10,580	\$ 13,581	\$ 11,403

We believe the level of capital expenditures is sufficient to meet operational requirements. We expect capital expenditures in fiscal 2007 to approximate fiscal 2006 depreciation expense, excluding the capital



expansion activities in China. We expect over the next 18 months to make additional investments in China of approximately \$15 million.

We held marketable securities of \$23.0 million and \$1.5 million at January 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. These securities consisted of auction rate and variable rate demand notes issued by various state agencies throughout the United States. We classify these securities as available-for-sale securities. These securities are insured either through third party agencies, reinsured through the U.S. federal government or secured by a letter of credit from a bank. There were no realized or unrealized gains or losses related to these marketable securities during the fiscal years ended January 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004. The securities held at January 31, 2006 are long-term instruments maturing through 2039; however, the interest rates and maturities are reset approximately every month, at which time we can sell the securities. Accordingly, we have classified the securities as short-term in the consolidated balance sheets. Interest rates on the securities range from 3.0% to 4.3% per annum.

On October 14, 2004, we completed the acquisition of the assets of Falkenroth Foerdertechnik, GmbH in Schalksmuhle, Germany. The aggregate purchase price paid in cash for Falkenroth, net of assumed liabilities, was \$6.2 million.

During fiscal 2004, we completed the acquisition of two materials handling equipment manufacturers, FEMA Forks GmbH (FEMA), located in Germany, and Roncari S.r.l. (Roncari), located in Italy. The FEMA acquisition was completed on March 31, 2003, and the Roncari acquisition was completed on October 21, 2003. The aggregate purchase prices paid in cash for FEMA and Roncari, net of assumed liabilities, were \$3.6 million and \$8.1 million, respectively.

Proceeds from the sale of securities received as a reversion from a pension plan terminated in 1997 were \$1.0 million during fiscal 2005.

During fiscal 2004, we received \$9.6 million from Precision Hydraulic Cylinders, Inc. as payment in full of all amounts due from the sale of our hydraulic cylinder division in fiscal 2002.

## **Financing**

We continued with our planned reduction of debt balances in each of the three years ended January 31, 2006. As of January 31, 2006, we had made all scheduled debt payments. Any additional payments to prepay scheduled amounts are subject to penalties. We are continually evaluating our option to make additional debt payments and incur the penalties in light of our current cash position.

The increase in notes payable to banks in fiscal 2006 reflects short-term borrowings of foreign subsidiaries to meet cash flow needs. We expect to reduce the balance of notes payable to banks through additional equity investments or intercompany borrowings.

We declared dividends of \$0.54, \$0.45 and \$0.41 per share in fiscal 2006, 2005, and 2004, respectively.

The issuance of common stock related to the exercise of share-based awards generated \$2.8 million, \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million of cash in fiscal 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

## **FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY**

Working capital, defined as current assets less current liabilities at January 31, 2006 was \$125.0 million as compared to \$94.2 million of working capital at January 31, 2005. Our current ratio at January 31, 2006 was 2.9 to 1 in comparison to 2.5 to 1 at January 31, 2005.

Total outstanding debt, including notes payable to banks, at January 31, 2006 was \$29.9 million in comparison with \$40.6 million at January 31, 2005. Our debt agreements contain covenants relating to net worth and leverage ratios. We are in compliance with debt covenants at January 31, 2006. Borrowing

arrangements currently in place with commercial banks provide available lines of credit totaling \$25 million, of which \$2.1 million were being used through the issuance of letters of credit at January 31, 2006. The lines of credit expire on September 1, 2010. Average interest rates on notes payable to banks were 3.0% at January 31, 2006 and 3.7% at January 31, 2005.

We believe our cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, existing credit facilities and cash flows from operations will be sufficient to satisfy our expected working capital, capital expenditure and debt retirement requirements for fiscal 2007.

## OTHER MATTERS

We maintain defined benefit pension plans in England, Canada and France covering certain employees. We calculate the net periodic pension costs related to our defined benefit plans on an annual basis. Our costs for these plans have increased in recent years due to changes in assumptions in the discount rate to reflect market conditions and actual rates of return on plan assets. We have recorded a minimum pension liability, net of tax, of \$2.3 million at January 31, 2006 to reflect the extent our pension liability exceeds the fair value of plan assets. We recently modified certain provisions of our plan in England. These provisions terminate the accrual of future benefits under the plan after November 1, 2005 and commit us to make contributions to the plan of approximately \$350,000 for each of the next five years. The termination of the accrual of future benefits qualifies as a curtailment under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 88, Employers Accounting for Settlements and Curtailments of Defined Benefit Pension Plans and for Termination Benefits. The effect of this curtailment of benefits had no effect on our results of operations. The unrecognized loss for all defined benefit plans of \$3.4 million at January 31, 2006 will continue to be recognized over the remaining service period of the employees. The accumulated benefit obligation and unfunded benefit obligation for all three of our defined benefit plans at January 31, 2006 is \$10.6 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. We have recorded the unfunded benefit obligation, the minimum pension liability, as a liability and reduction in shareholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheet at January 31, 2006.

We maintain a postretirement health care benefit plan in the United States consisting of health care coverage for approximately 210 eligible retirees and qualifying dependents. Another 124 current employees, all over 52 years of age, will be eligible to participate upon retirement. No additional employees will be eligible to participate in the plan. The postretirement plan is currently unfunded with an accumulated postretirement benefit obligation of \$8.5 million at January 31, 2006. The postretirement liability on our consolidated balance sheet at January 31, 2006 is \$5.7 million. The reconciliation of funded status for our postretirement plan at January 31, 2006 includes an unrecognized loss of \$3.5 million. This loss will be recognized in future years. The unrecognized loss amortization component in fiscal 2006 is \$361,000 of the \$906,000 net periodic postretirement benefit cost. The unrecognized loss amortization component in fiscal 2007 will be \$443,000 of the \$959,000 net periodic postretirement benefit costs. Our cost for this plan has continued to increase due to changes in the discount rate and increasing health care costs. The actual increases in health care costs in recent years have been in excess of our assumed trend rates. We have implemented significant increases in the level of contributions required from eligible retirees and qualifying dependents to mitigate the overall cost of the plan. In addition, recent changes in Medicare laws have reduced overall plan costs. Due to the continued trend of increasing health care costs the overall cost of the plan may continue to rise in future years. We will be continuing to investigate various options with this plan and our defined benefit plans to mitigate future cost increases. We currently fund our postretirement plan on a pay-as-you-go basis.

We are currently engaged in ongoing environmental remediation efforts at both of our Fairview, Oregon and Springfield, Ohio manufacturing facilities. Current estimates provide for some level of remediation activities in Fairview through 2021 and Springfield through 2013. Costs of certain remediation activities at the Fairview facility are shared with The Boeing Company, with Cascade paying 70% of actual

remediation costs. Based on the progress of our remediation efforts to date and expected future remediation plans based on discussions with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, we lowered the total estimated cost of remediation activities in fiscal 2006 for the Fairview facility by \$259,000 and changed the estimated completion date for remediation at the site from 2027 to 2021. We have expanded the remediation work and scope of our testing at our Springfield facility which increased the total estimated cost of remediation and extended our estimated timeline for remediation work to 2013. These changes reflect management's current estimated plans based on the results of remediation work to date. We have limited remediation activities ongoing in Germany related to an acquisition in fiscal 2005. The liability for all ongoing remediation efforts is \$7.9 million and \$8.7 million at January 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The accrued environmental expenses recorded as a current liability of \$1.0 million on the consolidated balance sheet at January 31, 2006 represent our estimated cash expenditure for ongoing remediation activities for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2007.

The following summarizes our contractual obligations and commitments as of January 31, 2006:

	Payment due by period				
	Total (in thousands)	Less than 1 year	2-3 years	4-5 years	Greater than 5 years
Notes payable to banks	\$ 4,741	\$ 4,741	\$	\$	\$
Long-term debts, including capital leases	25,181	12,681	12,500		
Estimated interest payments	2,669	1,804	865		
Operating leases	6,672	2,150	3,034	1,072	416
Defined benefit pension obligations(1)	10,713	656	1,293	1,312	7,452
Postretirement benefit obligation(2)					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 49,976</b>	<b>\$ 22,032</b>	<b>\$ 17,692</b>	<b>\$ 2,384</b>	<b>\$ 7,868</b>

- (1) Represents current minimum funding requirements for all plans except our plan in England. We have committed to fund this plan with additional contributions of \$350,000 a year for five years. The total payments due in the future may vary from these estimates based on actual returns on plan assets, changes in assumptions, plan modifications and actuarial gains and losses. See additional discussion of these key assumptions and estimates in Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates below and Note 9 to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8).
- (2) Our postretirement benefit obligation related to health care coverage for certain retired employees is funded on a pay-as-you go basis. Payments under the plan are not included herein. See Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates below and Note 9 to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8).

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP). The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. We evaluate our estimates and judgments on an on-going basis, including those related to uncollectible receivables, inventories, impairment of goodwill, warranty obligations, environmental liabilities, benefit plans, share-based compensation and deferred taxes. We base our estimates on our historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe the following critical accounting policies reflect our more significant judgments and estimates in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

### ***Allowances for Doubtful Accounts***

We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses on accounts receivable resulting from the inability of customers to make required payments. Such allowances are based on an ongoing review of customer payments against terms and a review of customer financial statements and financial information. If the financial condition of customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

### ***Inventory Reserves***

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. We maintain reserves to write down our inventory for estimated obsolescence or unmarketable inventory equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and the estimated market value, less costs to sell, based upon assumptions about future demand and market conditions. If actual future demand or market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write-downs may be required, which would result in cost of goods sold in the consolidated statements of income being greater than expected in the period in which more information becomes available.

### ***Impairment of Goodwill***

We review goodwill for impairment either annually or when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of the assets might exceed their current fair values. The review is performed for the three reporting units in which we have recorded goodwill, North America, Europe and Australia. Certain factors we consider important which could trigger an impairment review, at an interim date outside of the annual review, include, but are not limited to, significant underperformance relative to historical or projected future operating results, significant changes in the manner of use of the acquired assets or our overall business and significant industry or economic trends. The impairment review is based on a discounted projected cash flow model that uses estimates of future sales, sales growth rates, gross margins, expense and capital expenditure levels, a discount rate and estimated terminal values to determine the fair value of the operating entities should an impairment exist. We use our weighted average cost of capital (WACC) to discount future cash flows for goodwill impairment tests. The WACC is the expected rate of return based on our existing debt and equity capital structure. Changes in these and other factors could result in impairments in the carrying value of goodwill, which would require a writedown to the asset's fair value. If actual results are not consistent with our assumptions and judgments, we could be exposed to a material impairment charge.

During the past year, we have undertaken a number of initiatives in Europe to restructure our European business. Our goodwill impairment test for Europe assumes the future operating results will reflect the benefits of our efforts. While these results are not inconsistent with our past operating results, they do reflect improvements over fiscal 2005 and 2004 results. If we do not realize these improvements it could result in an impairment of our goodwill in Europe in the future.

### ***Warranty Obligations***

We offer certain warranties with the sale of our products, which generally range from six months to one year. The warranty obligation is recorded as a liability on the balance sheet and is estimated through historical customer claims, product failure rates, material usage and service delivery costs incurred in correcting a product failure. Changes in these factors and statutory requirements for product warranties in markets in which we sell our products may require an adjustment to the recorded warranty obligations.

**Environmental Liabilities**

We accrue environmental remediation costs if it is probable a liability has been incurred at the financial statement date and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Our liability for environmental costs, other than for costs of assessments themselves, are generally determined after the completion of investigations and studies and are based on the estimated cost of remediation activities we are then required to undertake. The gross liability is based on our best estimate of undiscounted future costs using currently available technology and applying current regulations, as well as our own historical experience regarding environmental cleanup costs. The reliability and precision of the estimates are affected by numerous factors, such as site evaluation and reevaluation of the degree of remediation required, claims by third parties and changes to environmental laws and regulations. We adjust our liabilities as new remediation requirements are defined, as information becomes available permitting reasonable estimates to be made and to reflect new facts.

**Benefit Plans**

We make a number of assumptions with regard to both future financial conditions and future actions by plan participants to calculate on an actuarial basis the amount of income or expense and assets and liabilities recognized in association with our defined benefit and postretirement benefit plans. These assumptions include the expected return on plan assets, discount rates, expected increases in compensation levels, health care cost trend rates and expected rates of retirement and life expectancy for plan participants. We review the assumptions on an annual basis and make changes to reflect market conditions and the administration of the plans. While we believe the current assumptions are appropriate in the circumstances, actual results and changes in these assumptions in the future will result in adjustments which could impact the income or expense recognized in future years in relation to these plans.

The assumed rate of return on plan assets for our defined benefit plans was reduced from 7.0% in fiscal 2005 and 2004 to 6.5% in fiscal 2006. We select the assumed rate of return based on information considering historical returns, our current and target asset allocation and the expected returns by asset class. We believe this assumption is reasonable given the asset composition and long-term historic trends. Our discount rate reflects the rate at which the pension benefits could be effectively settled. We lowered our discount rate assumption to determine the January 31, 2006 liability to 4.7% in fiscal 2006 due to the market declines in interest rates during the year. Our most significant defined benefit plan is in England so interest rates on high-quality corporate bonds in that market have more influence on the overall discount rate.

Our discount rate of 5.5% to determine the liability for our postretirement plan at January 31, 2006 remained consistent with the discount rate at January 31, 2005. We determine our discount rate using a yield curve expected benefit payment methodology. This methodology uses high-quality fixed-income rates to discount each future years expected plan benefit payments. We select our health care cost trend rates based on recent plan experience and expectations about future increases in plan costs. We assume health care costs in fiscal 2007 will increase by 11% and future increases will decline by 1% per year until 5% is reached in 2012. The following presents the sensitivity of the key postretirement plan assumptions (in thousands):

	<b>Increase</b>
<b>The following presents the sensitivity of a 1% decrease in the discount rate:</b>	
Effect on net periodic benefit cost	\$ 151
Effect on postretirement benefit obligation	\$ 1,079
<b>The following presents the sensitivity of a 1% increase in the health care cost trend:</b>	
Effect on net periodic benefit cost	\$ 246
Effect on postretirement benefit obligation	\$ 1,025

### *Share-based Compensation*

Effective May 1, 2005, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (123R). SFAS 123R addresses the accounting for stock-based compensation in which we receive employee services in exchange for our equity instruments. Stock-based compensation is calculated using a fair value method. Under the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS 123R, share-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the value of the award and is recognized as expense over the service period the award is expected to vest. Determining the fair value of share-based awards at the grant date requires judgment, including estimating the expected term of stock options, the expected volatility of our common stock, and expected dividends. In addition, judgment is also required in estimating the amount of share-based awards that are expected to be forfeited. We consider many factors when estimating expected forfeitures, including types of awards, award recipient class and historical experience. Significant changes in the assumptions for future awards and actual forfeiture rates could materially impact share-based compensation expense and our results of operations. Subsequent changes in forfeiture rates will be recorded as an adjustment in the period estimates are revised. See Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8) for further discussion of our share-based awards and the related accounting treatment.

### *Deferred Taxes*

Our provision for income taxes and the determination of the resulting deferred tax assets and liabilities involves a significant amount of management judgment. We are subject to taxation from federal, state and international jurisdictions. The taxes paid to these jurisdictions are subject to audit, although to date the results of any tax audits have been minor.

Judgment is also applied in determining whether deferred tax assets will be realized in full or in part. We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets when it is more likely than not that all or some portion of specific deferred tax assets, such as foreign tax credit carryovers or net operating loss carryforwards, will not be realized. We have recorded on our consolidated balance sheets a valuation allowance against various deferred tax assets. We consider future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies in assessing the need for the valuation allowance. In the event we were to determine that we would not be able to realize our net deferred tax assets in the future, an adjustment to the deferred tax assets would be charged against income in the period such determination was made. Likewise, should we determine that we would be able to realize our deferred tax assets in the future in excess of our net recorded amount, an adjustment to the deferred tax assets would increase income in the period such determination was made. We continually evaluate strategies that could allow for the future utilization of our deferred tax assets.

### **OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

At January 31, 2006 and 2005, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or for other contractually narrow or limited purposes. As such, we are not exposed to any financing, liquidity market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

### **RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, Inventory Costs, an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin (ARB) No. 43, Chapter 4. This statement amends the guidance in ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, Inventory Pricing, to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage). Paragraph 5 of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, previously

stated that ...under some circumstances, items such as idle facility expense, excessive spoilage, double freight, and re-handling costs may be so abnormal as to require treatment as current period charges... SFAS 151 requires that those items be recognized as current-period charges regardless of whether they meet the criterion of so abnormal. In addition, this statement requires that allocation of fixed production overhead to the costs of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. The provisions of SFAS 151 shall be applied prospectively and are effective for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005, with earlier application permitted for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after the date this Statement was issued. The adoption of SFAS 151 at the beginning of fiscal 2007 is not expected to have a material impact on our financial position and results of operations.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3 ( SFAS 154 ). SFAS 154 changes the requirements for the accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. This statement applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle. It also applies to changes required by an accounting pronouncement in the unusual instance that the pronouncement does not include specific transition provisions. SFAS 154 requires the application of a change in accounting principle be applied to prior accounting periods presented as if that principle had always been used. When a pronouncement includes specific transition provisions, those provisions should be followed. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. The adoption of SFAS 154 at the beginning of fiscal 2007 is not expected to have a material effect on our results of operations or financial position.

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

Market risk is the potential loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, such as foreign currency exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations. A significant portion of our net sales are denominated in currencies from international markets outside the United States. As a result, our operating results could become subject to significant fluctuations based upon changes in the exchange rates of the foreign currencies in relation to the United States dollar.

The table below illustrates the hypothetical increase or decrease in fiscal 2006 net sales of a 10% change in the U.S. dollar against foreign currencies which impact our operations (in millions):

Euro	\$10.1
Canadian dollar	\$2.5
British pound	\$2.7
Other currencies (representing 11% of consolidated net sales)	\$4.9

We enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to offset the impact of currency fluctuations on certain nonfunctional currency assets and liabilities. The principal currencies hedged are denominated in Japanese yen, Canadian dollars, Euros and British pounds. Our foreign currency forward exchange contracts have terms lasting up to six months, but generally less than one month. We do not enter into derivatives or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. See Note 12 to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8).

A majority of our products are manufactured using steel as a primary raw material and steel based components as purchased parts. As such, our cost of goods sold is sensitive to fluctuations in steel prices, either directly through the purchase of steel as raw material or indirectly through the purchase of steel based components.

Presuming that the full impact of commodity steel price increases is reflected in all steel and steel based component purchases, we estimate our gross margin percentage would decrease by approximately 0.3% for each 1.0% increase in commodity steel prices. Based on our statement of income for the year ended January 31, 2006, a 1.0% increase in commodity steel prices would have decreased consolidated gross profit by approximately \$1.2 million.

During fiscal 2006, we experienced increases in certain prices for steel and steel components. These increases were less significant than the cost increases we experienced in fiscal 2005. We have continued to move aggressively to offset these increases through a variety of means, including sales price increases, surcharges and alternative sourcing arrangements. We were more successful in North America and Asia Pacific in realizing the full benefits of these mitigating measures. In Europe the measures were not as successful, resulting in some erosion of gross margins for certain products. During fiscal 2007 we are expecting some additional steel price increases and will continue to implement mitigating measures where needed.

Substantially all of our debt at January 31, 2006 has a fixed interest rate. Any additional payments to prepay scheduled amounts of debt are subject to penalties. At January 31, 2006, the penalties to retire all of our long-term debt were \$510,000. A hypothetical immediate increase in interest rates by 1% would decrease the fair value of our long-term debt outstanding at January 31, 2006 by \$316,000.

## **Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data**

### **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

#### **To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Cascade Corporation**

We have completed integrated audits of Cascade Corporation's January 31, 2006 and 2005 consolidated financial statements and of its internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2006, and an audit of its January 31, 2004 consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Our opinions, based on our audits, are presented below.

#### **Consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(1) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cascade Corporation and its subsidiaries at January 31, 2006 and 2005, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended January 31, 2006 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule listed in the index appearing under Item 15(a)(12) presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.



### **Internal control over financial reporting**

Also, in our opinion, management's assessment, included in Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting appearing in Item 9A, that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2006 based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on those criteria. Furthermore, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2006, based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the COSO. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on management's assessment and on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We conducted our audit of internal control over financial reporting in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. An audit of internal control over financial reporting includes obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Portland, Oregon  
April 13, 2006

**Cascade Corporation**  
**Consolidated Statements of Income**

	Year Ended January 31		
	2006	2005	2004
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)		
Net sales	\$ 450,503	\$ 385,719	\$ 297,756
Cost of goods sold	307,774	262,537	202,120
Gross profit	142,729	123,182	95,636
Selling and administrative expenses	77,392	75,892	63,099
Amortization	1,443	658	512
Insurance litigation recovery		(1,300 )	
Environmental expenses		155	
Operating income	63,894	47,777	32,025
Interest expense	2,741	3,570	4,570
Interest income	(979 )	(562 )	(1,016 )
Other (income) expense, net	(95 )	(218 )	40
Income before provision for income taxes	62,227	44,987	28,431
Provision for income taxes	20,176	16,497	9,925
Net income	42,051	28,490	18,506
Dividends paid on preferred shares of subsidiary			(30 )
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 42,051	\$ 28,490	\$ 18,476
Basic earnings per share	\$ 3.40	\$ 2.34	\$ 1.55
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 3.27	\$ 2.24	\$ 1.49
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	12,354	12,164	11,934
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	12,850	12,726	12,409

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

**Cascade Corporation**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**

As of January 31  
**2006**                      **2005**  
(In thousands, except  
per share amounts)

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,493	\$ 30,482
Marketable securities	23,004	1,503
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,415 and \$2,182	67,020	70,728
Inventories	56,996	46,212
Deferred income taxes	3,232	3,042
Prepaid expenses and other	5,373	4,592
Total current assets	191,118	156,559
Property, plant and equipment, net	75,374	82,027
Goodwill	78,820	74,786
Deferred income taxes	11,851	9,688
Other assets	4,120	5,032
Total assets	\$ 361,283	\$ 328,092
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Notes payable to banks	\$ 4,741	\$ 2,461
Current portion of long-term debt	12,681	12,916
Accounts payable	25,124	25,778
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	8,710	7,283
Accrued environmental expenses	984	894
Other accrued expenses	13,916	13,073
Total current liabilities	66,156	62,405
Long-term debt, net of current portion	12,500	25,187
Accrued environmental expenses	6,951	7,799
Deferred income taxes	4,009	3,988
Other liabilities	12,261	10,830
Total liabilities	101,877	110,209
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$.50 par value, 20,000 authorized shares; 12,536 and 12,224 shares issued and outstanding	6,268	6,112
Additional paid-in capital	21,590	20,004
Unamortized deferred compensation		(4,506)
Retained earnings	223,867	188,507
Accumulated other comprehensive income	7,681	7,766
Total shareholders' equity	259,406	217,883
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 361,283	\$ 328,092

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

**Cascade Corporation**  
**Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity**  
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital	Unamortized Deferred Compensation	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Annual Comprehensive Income (Loss)
<b>Balance at January 31, 2003</b>	11,398	\$ 5,699	\$ 1,468	\$	\$ 151,925	\$ (14,344)	
Net income					18,506		\$ 18,506
Dividends (\$.41 per share)					(4,936)		
Common stock issued	104	52	1,247				
Exchangeable convertible preferred stock converted to common shares	600	300	8,230				
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options			166				
Translation adjustment						17,684	17,684
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax benefit of \$103						(2,309)	(2,309)
<b>Balance at January 31, 2004</b>	12,102	6,051	11,111		165,495	1,031	\$ 33,881
Net income					28,490		\$ 28,490
Dividends (\$.45 per share)					(5,478)		
Common stock issued	122	61	1,555				
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options			340				
Deferred compensation from stock appreciation rights			6,998	(6,998)			
Amortization of deferred compensation				2,492			
Translation adjustment						6,735	6,735
<b>Balance at January 31, 2005</b>	12,224	6,112	20,004	(4,506)	188,507	7,766	\$ 35,225
Net income					42,051		\$ 42,051
Dividends (\$.54 per share)					(6,691)		
Common stock issued	312	156	2,631	-			
Tax benefit from exercise of stock options			1,183				
Deferred compensation from stock appreciation rights			(4,734)	4,734			
Share-based compensation			2,506	(228)			
Translation adjustment						592	592
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax benefit of \$393						(677)	(677)
<b>Balance at January 31, 2006</b>	12,536	\$ 6,268	\$ 21,590	\$	\$ 223,867	\$ 7,681	\$ 41,966

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

**Cascade Corporation**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

	<b>Year Ended January 31</b>		
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>		
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Net income	\$ 42,051	\$ 28,490	\$ 18,506
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	16,005	14,570	12,664
Share-based compensation	2,278	2,492	
Deferred income taxes	(2,995 )	2,062	1,802
Loss on disposition of assets	385	3	102
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and dispositions:			
Accounts receivable	2,023	(12,803 )	(9,810 )
Inventories	(12,026 )	(8,320 )	(2,235 )
Prepaid expenses and other	(141 )	34	38
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,378	8,342	538
Current income tax payable and receivable	245	2,210	3,415
Other assets and liabilities	222	728	1,221
Net cash provided by operating activities	50,425	37,808	26,241
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Capital expenditures	(10,580 )	(13,581 )	(11,403 )
Sale of marketable securities	71,549	21,246	25,225
Purchase of marketable securities	(93,050 )	(17,791 )	(31,227 )
Business acquisitions		(6,236 )	(11,677 )
Proceeds from sale of assets	358	314	844
Other assets		147	(930 )
Proceeds from sale of investment		1,044	
Proceeds from notes receivable			9,556
Net cash used in investing activities	(31,723 )	(14,857 )	(19,612 )
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Cash dividends paid	(6,691 )	(5,478 )	(4,936 )
Payments on long-term debt and capital leases	(12,922 )	(13,026 )	(12,850 )
Notes payable to banks, net	2,452	(344 )	1,606
Common stock issued under share-based compensation plans	2,787	1,616	1,299
Excess tax benefit from exercise of share-based compensation awards	1,183	340	166
Net cash used in financing activities	(13,191 )	(16,892 )	(14,715 )
<b>Effect of exchange rate changes</b>	(500 )	(1,161 )	4,169
Change in cash and cash equivalents	5,011	4,898	(3,917 )
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	30,482	25,584	29,501
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 35,493	\$ 30,482	\$ 25,584
<b>Supplemental disclosure of noncash information:</b>			
See Note 8 to Consolidated Financial Statements			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

**Cascade Corporation**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**Note 1 Description of Business**

Cascade Corporation is an international company engaged in the manufacture of materials handling products that are widely used on industrial lift trucks and, to a lesser extent, on construction, mining and agricultural vehicles. Accordingly, our sales are largely dependent on the sales of lift trucks and on the sales of replacement parts. Our sales are made throughout the world, but primarily in North America and Europe. We are headquartered in Fairview, Oregon, employing approximately 1,900 people and maintaining operations in 15 countries outside the United States.

**Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the company and our subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on deposit and highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase.

**Marketable Securities**

Marketable securities consist of auction rate and variable rate demand note securities issued by various state agencies throughout the United States. We classify these securities as available-for-sale securities. These securities are insured either through third party agencies, reinsured through the federal government or secured by a letter of credit from a bank. The specific identification method is used to determine the cost of securities sold. There are no realized or unrealized gains or losses related to our marketable securities. The securities are long-term instruments maturing through 2039; however, the interest rates and maturities are reset approximately every month, at which time we can sell the securities. Accordingly, we have classified the securities as current assets in our consolidated balance sheets.

**Allowances for Trade Accounts Receivable**

Trade accounts receivable are stated net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. We maintain allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses on accounts receivable resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. Such allowances are based on evaluation of the credit worthiness of our customers, an ongoing review of customer payments against terms, historical trends and economic circumstances.

**Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of average cost or market. Cost is computed on a standard basis, which approximates average cost.

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is generally provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Tooling

costs are capitalized as machinery and equipment. Useful lives range from thirty to forty years for buildings, fifteen years for land improvements and two to ten years for machinery and equipment. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred and costs of improvements and renewals are capitalized. Upon disposal, cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and the resulting gains or losses are reflected in operations.

### **Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquired businesses over the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired. We perform an annual review for impairment at the reporting unit level, North America, Europe and Australia. The tests are performed by determining the fair values of the reporting units using a discounted cash flow model and comparing those fair values to the carrying values of the reporting units, including goodwill. The factors considered in performing this assessment include current and projected future operating results and, changes in the intended uses of the assets, as well as the effects of obsolescence, demand, competition, and other industry and economic trends. We have completed our annual review for impairment and determined that there has been no impairment of goodwill.

### **Impairment of Long-Lived Assets**

Long-lived assets, primarily property, plant and equipment, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. Determination of recoverability is based on an estimate of undiscounted future cash flows resulting from the use of the assets and eventual disposition in comparison with the carrying value. Measurement of an impairment loss for long-lived assets that we expect to hold and use is based on the estimated fair value of the asset.

### **Common Stock**

We follow the practice of recording amounts received upon the exercise of awards by crediting common stock and additional paid-in capital. In addition, we credit additional paid-in-capital upon the recognition of share-based compensation expense. We realize an income tax benefit from the exercise or early disposition of certain stock awards. This benefit results in a decrease in current income taxes payable and an increase in additional paid-in capital.

### **Minimum Pension Liability Adjustment**

We record a minimum pension liability adjustment to the extent that the accumulated pension benefit obligation exceeds the fair value of pension plan assets and accrued pension liabilities. This adjustment is reflected as a reduction in shareholders' equity, net of income tax benefits.

### **Share-Based Compensation**

Prior to May 1, 2005 we accounted for our stock options under Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 (APB 25), Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, which permitted the use of intrinsic value accounting. No stock-based compensation cost was reflected in net income for stock options, as all options granted had an exercise price equal to the market price of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. We had adopted disclosure-only provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation and SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 123.

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We also granted awards under a stock appreciation rights (SARS) plan. Under Financial Interpretation No. (FIN) 28, Accounting for Stock Appreciation Rights and Other Variable Stock Option or Award Plans, SARS were accounted for under variable plan accounting. Accordingly, we recorded deferred compensation as a reduction of shareholders' equity, equal to the excess of the market value of our common stock on the balance sheet date or date of exercise over the base price at the date of grant. The deferred compensation was recognized as an expense over the vesting period based on the periods in which the executives and directors performed services.

In our second quarter of fiscal 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (123R). This standard is a revision of SFAS 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation and supersedes APB 25 and FIN 28. SFAS 123R addresses the accounting for share-based compensation in which we receive employee services in exchange for our equity instruments. Under SFAS 123R, we are required to recognize compensation cost for share-based compensation issued to or purchased by employees, net of estimated forfeitures, under share-based compensation plans using a fair value method. We adopted SFAS 123R using the modified prospective method as of May 1, 2005. Accordingly, no prior periods were restated. Under this method, we recorded compensation expense for all awards granted after the date of adoption and for the unvested portion of previously granted awards that remained outstanding as of the beginning of the period of adoption. See Note 10, Share-based Compensation for further details regarding our accounting under SFAS 123R.

The following table illustrates the pro forma effect on net income and earnings per share if we had recorded compensation expense based on the fair value method for all share-based compensation awards (in thousands, except per share amount):

	Year Ended January 31		
	2006	2005	2004
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)		
Net income applicable to common shareholders as reported	\$ 42,051	\$ 28,490	\$ 18,506
Add: SARS amortization, net of income taxes of \$80 in 2006 and \$822 in 2005	(148 )	1,671	
Net income excluding SARS amortization	41,903	30,161	18,506
Deduct: total stock-based compensation, net of income taxes of \$140, \$499 and \$263 determined under fair value based method	(297 )	(1,115 )	(671 )
Net income applicable to common shareholders pro forma	\$ 41,606	\$ 29,046	\$ 17,835
Basic earnings per share as reported	\$ 3.40	\$ 2.34	\$ 1.55
Basic earnings per share pro forma	\$ 3.37	\$ 2.39	\$ 1.49
Diluted earnings per share as reported	\$ 3.27	\$ 2.24	\$ 1.49
Diluted earnings per share pro forma	\$ 3.24	\$ 2.28	\$ 1.44

We calculated share-based compensation cost using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The range of assumptions used to compute share-based compensation are as follows:

	Year Ended January 31			
	2006	2005	2004	
Risk-free interest rate	4.1	% 3.8	% 2.3	%
Expected volatility	40	% 42	% 40	%
Expected dividend yield	1.1	% 2.1	% 2.8	%
Expected life (in years)	6	5	5	
Weighted average fair value at date of grant	\$ 17.86	\$ 7.46	\$ 4.16	



Expected volatility is based on the historical volatility of the price of our common shares over the past six years. We use historical information to estimate award exercise and forfeitures within the valuation model. The expected term of awards is derived from the output of the option valuation model and represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The risk-free rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. Compensation cost is recognized using a straight-line method over the vesting or service period and is net of estimated forfeitures.

#### **Foreign Currency Translation**

We translate the balance sheets of our foreign subsidiaries using fiscal year-end exchange rates. The cumulative effect on such translations is included in shareholders' equity. The consolidated statements of income and cash flows are translated using the average exchange rates for the period.

#### **Environmental Remediation**

We accrue environmental costs if it is probable a liability has been incurred at the financial statement date and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Recorded liabilities have not been discounted. Environmental compliance and legal costs are expensed as incurred. Assets related to the recovery of amounts expended for environmental expenses are recognized only when realization is probable.

#### **Foreign Currency Forward Exchange Contracts**

Gains and losses on foreign currency forward exchange contracts, which generally mature in one month or less, are recognized in operations and measured over the period of the contract by reference to the forward rate for a contract to be consummated on the same future date as the original contract.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

We recognize revenue when the following criteria are met:

**Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists** Sales arrangements are supported by written or electronic documentation or evidence from a customer.

**Delivery has occurred or services have been rendered** Revenue is recognized when title transfers and risk and rewards of ownership have passed to the customer. This generally occurs upon shipment of our product with FOB Shipping Point terms. Shipments with FOB Destination terms are recorded as revenue when products are delivered to the customer. Customers are responsible for payment even if the product is not sold to their end customer. Once shipping terms are met we have no continuing obligations or performance criteria requirements.

**Fixed or determinable sales price** Sales are at fixed or established sales prices determined prior to the time the products are shipped with no customer cancellation, price protection or termination clauses.

**Collectibility is reasonably assured** Based on our credit management policies we generally believe collectibility is reasonably assured when product is shipped to a customer. Provisions for uncollectible accounts and return allowances are recorded at the time revenue is recognized based on our historical experience.

#### **Shipping and Handling Costs**

We incur shipping, handling and other related costs for the shipment of goods to customers. These costs are recognized in the period in which the expenses occur and are classified as cost of goods sold.

Amounts billed to customers for shipping, handling and related costs are reported as a component of net sales.

### **Warranty Obligations**

We record a liability on our consolidated balance sheet for costs related to certain warranties we provide with the sales of our products. This liability is estimated through historical customer claims, product failure rates, material usage and service delivery costs incurred in correcting a product failure.

### **Income Taxes**

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected tax consequences of temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements. The provision for income taxes is the tax payable for the period and the change during the period in net deferred income tax assets and liabilities. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred income tax assets to the amount expected to be realized.

### **Research and Development Costs**

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred and are related to developing new products and to improving existing products or processes. These costs primarily include salaries, supplies, legal costs related to patents and design costs. We incurred research and development costs of \$3.3 million, \$3.2 million and \$3.7 million for the years ended January 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

### **Concentrations of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts receivable and foreign currency forward exchange contracts. We place our cash and cash equivalents in major financial institutions. Deposits held with the financial institutions may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limit.

We manage our credit risk on marketable securities by limiting the size of any one holding to 10% of the total issue, requiring a minimum issue size of \$50 million and limiting the investment in any one issue to \$5 million, except for obligations of U.S. government agencies.

Accounts receivable are with a large number of customers, primarily equipment manufacturers and dealers, dispersed across a wide geographic base. No single customer accounts for more than 10% of our consolidated net sales or accounts receivable. Our consolidated net sales for the years ended January 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004 to all original equipment manufacturers (OEM) customers were 45%, 40% and 35% of total net sales, respectively. This percentage is consistent with recent years. We perform on-going credit evaluations and do not require collateral. Allowances are maintained for potential credit losses when deemed necessary.

See Note 12 for discussion of foreign currency forward exchange contracts.

### **Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year consolidated financial statements to conform to the current year presentation. Such reclassifications had no impact on results of operations.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of

the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. We base our estimates on our historical experience and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates and judgments made by our management include matters such as the collectibility of accounts receivable, realizability of deferred income tax assets, realizability of goodwill and long-lived assets, warranty liabilities, share based compensation and benefit plan assumptions and future costs of environmental matters.

### Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects potential dilution that could occur if convertible securities, stock options or SARS were exercised or converted into common stock using the treasury stock method.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, *Inventory Costs*, an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4. This statement amends the guidance in ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, *Inventory Pricing*, to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage). Paragraph 5 of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, previously stated that "...under some circumstances, items such as idle facility expense, excessive spoilage, double freight, and re-handling costs may be so abnormal as to require treatment as current period charges..." SFAS 151 requires that those items be recognized as current-period charges regardless of whether they meet the criterion of so abnormal. In addition, this statement requires that allocation of fixed production overhead to the costs of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. The provisions of SFAS 151 shall be applied prospectively and are effective for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005, with earlier application permitted for inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after the date this Statement was issued. The adoption of SFAS 151 at the beginning of fiscal 2007 is not expected to have a material impact on our financial position and results of operations.

In May 2005, the FASB issued SFAS No. 154, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* a replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3 ( SFAS 154 ). SFAS 154 changes the requirements for the accounting for and reporting of a change in accounting principle. This statement applies to all voluntary changes in accounting principle. It also applies to changes required by an accounting pronouncement in the unusual instance that the pronouncement does not include specific transition provisions. SFAS 54 requires the application of a change in accounting principle be applied to prior accounting periods presented as if that principle had always been used. When a pronouncement includes specific transition provisions, those provisions should be followed. SFAS 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. The adoption of SFAS 154 at the beginning of fiscal 2007 is not expected to have a material effect on our results of operations or financial position.

### Note 3 Inventories

	<b>January 31</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Finished goods and components	\$ 37,236	\$ 30,516
Work in process	620	865
Raw materials	19,140	14,831
	\$ 56,996	\$ 46,212

**Note 4 Property, Plant and Equipment**

	<b>January 31 2006 (In thousands)</b>	<b>2005</b>
Land	\$ 6,415	\$ 6,047
Buildings	42,558	44,229
Machinery and equipment	149,259	149,662
	198,232	199,938
Accumulated depreciation	(122,858 )	(117,911 )
	\$ 75,374	\$ 82,027

Depreciation expense for the years ended January 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, was \$14.6 million, \$13.9 million and \$12.2 million, respectively.

**Note 5 Debt**

	<b>January 31 2006 (In thousands)</b>	<b>2005</b>
Senior notes, interest at 6.92% payable semi annually, principal due annually through fiscal 2008	\$ 25,000	\$ 37,500
Other debt, principal due semi-annually through fiscal 2007	181	603
	25,181	38,103
Less current portion	(12,681 )	(12,916 )
Long-term debt	\$ 12,500	\$ 25,187

Our debt agreements contain covenants relating to net worth and leverage ratios. We were in compliance with these covenants at January 31, 2006. The average interest rate on notes payable to banks was 3.0% during fiscal 2006 and 3.7% during fiscal 2005.

Accounts receivable of \$3.0 million in certain foreign subsidiaries are pledged as collateral under notes payable to banks.

Borrowing arrangements currently in place with commercial banks provide available lines of credit totaling \$25 million, of which \$2.1 million were being used at January 31, 2006 through the issuance of letters of credit. Amounts under the lines of credit bear interest at LIBOR (4.81% at January 31, 2006 and 2.96% at January 31, 2005) plus a margin of .8%. Commitment fees on unused amounts are .225%.

Future maturities of long-term debt are as follows (in thousands):

<b>Year ended January 31</b>	
2007	\$ 12,681
2008	12,500
	\$ 25,181

**Note 6 Income Taxes**

	<b>Year Ended January 31</b>					
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>			
	<b>(In thousands)</b>					
<b>Provision (benefit) for income taxes consisted of:</b>						
<b>Current:</b>						
Federal	\$ 12,397	\$ 8,398	\$ 3,429			
State	1,459	1,554	802			
Foreign	9,789	7,096	4,231			
	23,645	17,048	8,462			
<b>Deferred:</b>						
Federal	(1,160 )	(792 )	663			
State	13	242	48			
Foreign	(2,322 )	(1 )	752			
	(3,469 )	(551 )	1,463			
Total provision for income taxes	\$ 20,176	\$ 16,497	\$ 9,925			
<b>Income before provision for income taxes was as follows:</b>						
United States	\$ 36,139	\$ 26,536	\$ 17,430			
Foreign	26,088	18,451	11,001			
	\$ 62,227	\$ 44,987	\$ 28,431			
<b>Reconciliation of the federal statutory rate to the effective tax rate is as follows:</b>						
Federal statutory rate	35.0	%	35.0	%	35.0	%
State income taxes, net of federal tax benefit	1.5		2.1		2.0	
Tax on foreign earnings	(1.1 )		(1.4 )		(1.2 )	
US export sales	(0.7 )		(0.7 )		(0.7 )	
International financing	(0.9 )		(1.7 )		(3.5 )	
Stock options	0.6					
Net change in valuation allowance	(1.6 )		3.9		5.4	
Other	(0.4 )		(0.5 )		(2.1 )	
Effective income tax rate	32.4	%	36.7	%	34.9	%

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The components of deferred income tax assets and liabilities recorded on the consolidated balance sheet are as follows (in thousands):

	January 31	
	2006	2005
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Accruals	\$ 2,075	\$ 2,139
Environmental	2,964	3,248
Employee benefits	4,869	3,454
Foreign tax credits	9,961	9,961
Foreign net operating losses	8,860	8,391
Foreign capital losses	1,175	2,156
Other	1,378	1,502
	31,282	30,851
Less: Valuation allowance	(9,603 )	(11,437 )
	21,679	19,414
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Depreciation	(5,830 )	(7,215 )
Cumulative translation adjustment	(2,848 )	(1,440 )
Other	(1,927 )	(2,017 )
	(10,605 )	(10,672 )
<b>Total net deferred tax asset</b>	<b>\$ 11,074</b>	<b>\$ 8,742</b>

The net deferred tax asset is presented in our consolidated balance sheets as follows (in thousands):

	January 31	
	2006	2005
Deferred income taxes current asset	\$ 3,232	\$ 3,042
Deferred income taxes long-term asset	11,851	9,688
Deferred income taxes long-term liability	(4,009 )	(3,988 )
	\$ 11,074	\$ 8,742

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, we consider whether it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. We consider taxable income in prior carryback years to the extent permitted under the tax law, scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. We believe we will be able to generate sufficient taxable income to realize our deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance, but changes in our operations due to market conditions could require the recording of additional valuation allowances in the future. It is reasonably possible that a change to the valuation allowance in the next year could be material.

We recorded a valuation allowance for the year ended January 31, 2006 and January 31, 2005 of approximately \$9.6 million and \$11.4 million, respectively. During the year ended January 31, 2006, the valuation allowance decreased approximately \$1.8 million. The net change primarily relates to the realizability of foreign net operating loss and capital loss carryforwards and liabilities for employee benefit plans, net of current year foreign net operating losses. During the year, management determined that for certain foreign jurisdictions, it was more likely than not, we would realize certain existing foreign net operating loss and capital loss carryforwards. Also, we believe it is more likely than not we will realize the tax benefits related to certain liabilities for certain employee benefit plans. In addition, management determined that for certain foreign jurisdictions, it was more likely than not, we would not realize current foreign net operating loss and we would continue to record valuation allowances against these losses.

The increase in the valuation allowance for the years ended January 31, 2005, and 2004, of \$2.1 million and \$4.1 million, respectively, primarily relates to additional valuation allowances for net operating losses in foreign subsidiaries. Management determined it was more likely than not we would realize our deferred tax assets related to certain net operating loss carryforwards in our Australian subsidiary, for which a valuation allowance had previously been provided. Accordingly, the provision for income taxes included a \$1.8 million reduction in expense for this reduction of the valuation allowance for the year ended January 31, 2004.

As of January 31, 2006, we have foreign net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$28.5 million. These foreign net operating loss carryforwards are available to offset future taxable income and have no future expiration dates. The net operating loss carryforwards relate to subsidiaries in Europe and Australia. As of January 31, 2006, we have foreign capital loss carryforwards of approximately \$3.4 million. These foreign capital loss carryforwards are available to offset future capital gains and have no future expiration dates.

A deferred tax asset, net of valuation allowance, of \$7.9 million has been recognized for U.S. foreign tax credits attributed to unrepatriated foreign earnings. Realization of this deferred tax asset is dependent on generating sufficient foreign-sourced U.S. taxable income. The ten-year expiration period does not begin until the foreign earnings are repatriated. We did not repatriate any accumulated foreign earnings pursuant to the guidelines outlined in the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.

#### Note 7 Capital Stock

During fiscal 2004 the holder of our exchangeable preferred stock exchanged 600,000 of those shares for the same amount in common stock. These noncash transactions resulted in a reclassification of \$8.5 million in fiscal 2004 from exchangeable preferred stock into common stock and additional paid-in capital and had no effect on earnings per share. No exchangeable preferred stock remains outstanding at January 31, 2006 and 2005.

#### Note 8 Supplemental Cash Flow Information

	Year Ended January 31		
	2006	2005	2004
	(in thousands)		
Cash paid during period for:			
Interest	\$ 2,858	\$ 3,741	\$ 4,563
Income taxes	\$ 22,079	\$ 14,346	\$ 3,960
Business acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable	\$	\$ 54	\$ 5,286
Inventories		1,539	3,687
Property, plant and equipment		5,405	5,788
Goodwill and intangible assets			3,562
Accounts payable and other liabilities assumed		(762 )	(5,481 )
Notes payable assumed			(1,165 )
Supplemental disclosure of noncash information:			
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax benefit	\$ 677	\$	\$ 2,309
Deferred compensation from stock appreciation rights	\$ (4,734 )	\$ 6,998	\$
Conversion of exchangeable preferred stock to common stock	\$	\$	\$ 8,530

**Note 9 Benefit Plans**

We sponsor a number of defined contribution retirement plans. We match employee contributions in varying degrees and also make contributions to certain plans based on a percentage of employee wages. Our expense under these plans was \$4.0 million, \$3.8 million, and \$3.6 million for the years ended January 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

We sponsor various defined benefit pension plans covering certain employees in Canada, France and England. Benefits under the defined benefit pension plans are based on years of service and average earnings over a specified period of time. The net periodic cost of our defined benefit pension plans is determined using the projected unit credit method. Several actuarial assumptions are used to determine the defined benefit pension obligations and net periodic pension cost, the most significant of which are the discount rate, the long-term rate of asset return and changes in compensation levels. Our funding policy for defined benefit pension plans is to make annual contributions based on actuarially determined funding requirements. We recently modified certain provisions of our plan in England. These provisions eliminate the accrual of future benefits under the plan after November 1, 2005 and commit us to make contributions to the plan of approximately \$350,000 for each of the next five years. The effect of this curtailment of benefits had no effect on our results of operations.

The following table presents the changes in benefit obligations, changes in plan assets and funded status of our defined benefit pension and postretirement benefit plans. Benefit obligation balances presented in the table reflect the projected benefit obligation (PBO) for our defined benefit pension plans and accumulated postretirement benefit obligations (APBO) for the postretirement benefit plan. Both the PBO and APBO include the estimated present value of future benefits that will be paid to plan participants, based on expected future salary growth and employee services rendered through the measurement date. We use a measurement date of January 31 for all defined benefit pension plans and December 31 for the postretirement plan.

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	Year Ended January 31			Year Ended January 31		
	Defined Benefit			Postretirement Benefit		
	2006	2005	2004	2006	2005	2004
	(In thousands)					
<b>Change in benefit obligation</b>						
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 9,138	\$ 8,578	\$ 7,264	\$ 8,082	\$ 9,389	\$ 9,916
Service cost	199	192	201	127	143	166
Interest cost	465	462	426	433	527	630
Participant contributions	62	66	71			
Plan amendments	(48 )			(613 )		
Benefits paid	(239 )	(174 )	(289 )	(433 )	(415 )	(495 )
Actuarial (gain) or loss	1,558	261	79	894	(1,562 )	(828 )
Settlements		(561 )				
Exchange rate changes	(422 )	314	826			
Benefit obligation at end of year	10,713	9,138	8,578	8,490	8,082	9,389
<b>Change in plan assets</b>						
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	6,627	6,078	5,026			
Actual return on plan assets	855	567	522			
Employer contributions	167	420	169	433	415	495
Participant contributions	62	66	71			
Benefits paid	(229 )	(174 )	(289 )	(433 )	(415 )	(495 )
Settlements		(561 )				
Exchange rate changes	(287 )	231	579			
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	7,195	6,627	6,078			
<b>Reconciliation of funded status</b>						
Funded status	(3,518 )	(2,511 )	(2,500 )	(8,490 )	(8,082 )	(9,389 )
Unrecognized actuarial loss	3,360	2,511	2,452	3,509	2,977	5,097
Unrecognized prior service cost				(745 )	(147 )	(162 )
Net amount recognized at year-end	\$ (158 )	\$	\$ (48 )	\$ (5,726 )	\$ (5,252 )	\$ (4,454 )
<b>Amounts recognized in the balance sheet consist of:</b>						
Prepaid benefit cost	\$ 112	\$ 254	\$ 374	\$	\$	\$
Accrued benefit cost	(3,752 )	(2,666 )	(2,834 )	(5,726 )	(5,252 )	(4,454 )
Accumulated other comprehensive income	3,482	2,412	2,412			
Net amount recognized at year-end	\$ (158 )	\$	\$ (48 )	\$ (5,726 )	\$ (5,252 )	\$ (4,454 )
<b>Components of net periodic benefit cost</b>						
Service cost	\$ 199	\$ 192	\$ 201	\$ 127	\$ 143	\$ 166
Interest cost	464	462	426	433	527	630
Expected return on plan assets	(446 )	(422 )	(392 )			
Recognized net actuarial loss	121	141	225	346	533	450
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 338	\$ 373	\$ 460	\$ 906	\$ 1,203	\$ 1,246
<b>Weighted-average assumptions</b>						
Discount rate for benefit obligation	4.7	% 5.3	% 5.6	% 5.5	% 5.5	% 6.0
Discount rate for net periodic benefit cost	5.3	% 5.6	% 5.4	% 5.5	% 6.0	% 6.5
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	6.5	% 7.0	% 7.0	%		
Increase in compensation levels based on age	3.0	% 2.8	% 2.5	%		

The expected long-term rate of return on defined benefit pension plan assets assumption is derived based on the historical returns achieved by the pension trust and anticipated future long-term performance of individual assets classes. Consideration is also given to the appropriate investment strategy and anticipated future distribution of plan assets between asset classes. While this analysis gives appropriate consideration to recent trust performance and historical returns, the assumption represents a long-term prospective return.

Our principal objective is to ensure that plan assets are sufficient to enable all future pension liabilities to be paid when due. Plan assets are allocated with a goal to achieve diversification between and within various asset classes to meet long-term objectives of return, while mitigating against downside risks and considering expected cash flows. The asset allocations for the pension assets at January 31, 2006 and 2005 are as follows:

Asset Category	Percentage of Plan Assets at January 31		Target allocation
	2006	2005	
Equity	53 %	54 %	53 %
Debt	45 %	46 %	47 %
Real estate	2 %		

Equity includes domestic and international equity securities, such as common, preferred or other capital stock, as well as mutual funds. Debt includes domestic and international debt securities, such as U.S. and other foreign government securities, corporate bonds and commercial paper.

We determine the discount rate for the defined benefit pension plans and postretirement plan each year as of the measurement date, based on a review of interest rates associated with long-term high quality corporate bonds in the geographic region where the plan is maintained.

The accumulated benefit obligation is the actuarial present value of benefits attributed to employee services rendered to date, excluding assumptions about future compensation levels. The accumulated benefit obligation for all defined benefit pension plans was \$10.6 million at January 31, 2006 and \$9.0 million at January 31, 2005. The minimum pension liability, included in other long-term liabilities, was \$3.4 million and \$2.3 million as of January 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The increase in the liability in fiscal 2006 is the result of changes in assumptions, mainly a decrease in the discount rate and assumed rate of return on plan assets.

We also provide a postretirement benefit plan, consisting of health care coverage to eligible retirees and qualifying dependents in the United States. Benefits under this postretirement benefit plan are generally based on age at retirement and years of service. The net periodic cost of the postretirement plan is determined using the projected unit credit method. Other significant actuarial assumptions include the discount rate, health care cost trend rates (rate of growth for medical costs) and rates of retirement and life expectancy of plan participants. We are accruing the estimated future costs of providing postretirement benefits to eligible active employees during the active service period. Our postretirement plan is not funded and we have no current plans to provide funding other than annual contributions, which represent the benefits paid for the year.

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Assumed health care cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for our postretirement benefit plan. The assumed health care cost trend rates used in measuring the APBO were as follows at January 31:

	January 31			
	2006		2005	
Health care cost trend rate assumed next year	11	%	13	%
Ultimate trend rate	4.5	%	4.5	%
Year ultimate trend rate is reached	2013		2013	

The following presents the effect of a 1% change in health care cost trend rates (in thousands):

	1% Increase	1% Decrease
Change in health care cost trend rate:		
Effect on service and interest costs	\$ 82	\$ (67 )
Effect on postretirement benefit obligation	1,025	(898 )

The fiscal 2007 postretirement benefit costs will be based on a 5.5% discount rate.

Our expected contribution in fiscal 2007 to the defined benefit pension plans is \$412,000 and to the postretirement benefit plan is \$409,000.

In May 2004, the FASB issued Staff Position No. 106-2 (FSP 106-2), Accounting and Disclosure Requirements Related to the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. FSP 106-2 discusses further the effect of the Act. This Act introduced a federal subsidy to employers whose prescription drug benefits are actuarially equivalent to the new Medicare Part D. We believe our postretirement benefit plan is actuarially equivalent to Part D. FSP 106-2 considers the effect of the two new features introduced in the Act in determining our accumulated postretirement benefit obligation ( APBO ) and net periodic post retirement benefit cost. The effect on the APBO was accounted for as an actuarial experience gain to be amortized into income over the average remaining service period of plan participants. As permitted by FSP 106-2, we have elected to account for the impact of this benefit prospectively beginning in the third quarter of the year ended January 31, 2005. The adoption of FSP 106-2 reduced our accumulated postretirement benefit obligation at June 30, 2004, the date of adoption, from \$9.5 million to \$8 million. This reduction relates to benefits attributed to past service. Our estimated annual net periodic benefit cost after the adoption of FSP 106-2 was reduced by \$286,000 to \$1 million. The \$286,000 reduction in annual cost included \$20,000, \$85,000 and \$181,000 in service cost, interest cost and amortization of recognized actuarial losses, respectively. The impact on the net periodic benefit cost for the year ended January 31, 2005 and 2006 was not material.

The table below reflects the estimated total pension benefits and other postretirement gross benefit payments to be paid from the plans over the next ten years (in thousands):

	Defined Benefit	Postretirement Benefit	
		Gross Benefit Payments	Medicare Subsidy
2007	\$ 243	\$ 937	\$ 120
2008	289	1,021	136
2009	294	1,117	153
2010	299	1,274	167
2011	303	1,401	178
2012 - 2016	1,834	8,450	1,117

**Note 10 Share-Based Compensation Plans**

We have granted two types of awards, stock options and stock appreciation rights (SARS), under our share-based compensation plans to officers, key managers and directors. Stock options provide the holder the right to receive our common shares at an established price. SARS provide the holder the right to receive an amount, payable in our common shares, equal to the excess of the market value of our common shares on the date of exercise ( intrinsic value ) over the base price at the time the right was granted. The base price may not be less than the market price of our common shares on the date of grant. The prices for all awards are established by our Board of Directors Compensation Committee at the time the awards are granted. All awards vest ratably over a four year period and have a term of ten years.

We have reserved 1,400,000 shares of common stock under our stock option plan. As of January 31, 2006 a total of 562,000 shares have been issued upon the exercise of stock options. No additional stock options can be granted under the terms of the plan. The SARS plan provides for the issuance of 750,000 shares of common stock upon the exercise of SARS of which 21,000 shares have been issued at January 31, 2006. We issue new common shares upon the exercise of all awards.

A summary of the plans status at January 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004 together with changes during the periods then ended are presented in the following table (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Stock Options		Stock Appreciation Rights	
	Outstanding Awards	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share	Outstanding Awards	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share
Balance at January 31, 2003	964	\$ 12.78		\$
Granted	332	14.12		
Exercised	(104 )	12.71		
Forfeited				
Balance at January 31, 2004	1,192	13.16		
Granted	122	21.15	453	21.15
Exercised	(123 )	13.36		
Forfeited	(6 )	13.14	(5 )	21.15
Balance at January 31, 2005	1,185	13.96	448	21.15
Granted			612	35.60
Exercised	(325 )	13.64	(41 )	21.15
Forfeited	(19 )	13.22		
Balance at January 31, 2006	841	\$ 14.10	1,019	\$ 29.83

The following table presents all share-based compensation costs recognized in our statements of income (in thousands):

Method used to account for share-based compensation	Year ended January 31		
	2006	2005	2004
	Fair Value/Intrinsic	Intrinsic	
Share-based compensation under SFAS 123R	\$ 2,506	\$	\$
Share-based compensation under FIN 28	(228 )	2,493	
	\$ 2,278	\$ 2,493	\$
Tax benefit recognized	\$ 582	\$ 822	\$

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A summary of award activity under the plans as of January 31, 2006, is presented below:

	Awards (In thousands)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (In thousands)	Weighted Average Contractual Life
Outstanding at January 31, 2006	1,860	\$ 22.72	\$ 52,675	8
Outstanding at January 31, 2006 and expected to vest	1,123	\$ 27.07	\$ 26,925	9
Exercisable at January 31, 2006	613	\$ 13.93	\$ 22,758	6

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the year ended January 31, 2006 was \$10.3 million. The total intrinsic value of SARS exercised during the year ended January 31, 2006 was \$1.0 million.

A summary of the status of the plans' nonvested awards as of January 31, 2006 is presented below:

	Nonvested Awards (In thousands)	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value Per Award
Nonvested at February 1, 2005	974	\$ 6.13
Granted	612	\$ 17.86
Vested	(339 )	\$ 5.61
Nonvested at January 31, 2006	1,247	\$ 12.03

As of January 31, 2006, there was \$10.3 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested share-based compensation awards granted under the plans. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.1 years. The following table represents as of January 31, 2006 the share-based compensation costs to be recognized in future periods (in thousands) for awards granted to date:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2007	\$ 3,572
2008	3,289
2009	2,537
2010	891
	\$ 10,289

**Note 11 Earnings Per Share**

The following table presents the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Year Ended January 31		
	2006	2005	2004
<b>Basic earnings per share:</b>			
Net income	\$ 42,051	\$ 28,490	\$ 18,506
Preferred stock dividends			(30 )
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 42,051	\$ 28,490	\$ 18,476
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	12,354	12,164	11,934
	\$ 3.40	\$ 2.34	\$ 1.55
<b>Diluted earnings per share:</b>			
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 42,051	\$ 28,490	\$ 18,476
<b>Effect of dilutive securities:</b>			
Preferred stock dividend			30
Net income	\$ 42,051	\$ 28,490	\$ 18,506
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	12,354	12,164	11,934
Assumed conversion of exchangeable preferred stock			101
Dilutive effect of stock options and SARS	496	562	374
Diluted weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	12,850	12,726	12,409
	\$ 3.27	\$ 2.24	\$ 1.49

Basic earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted weighted average common shares includes the incremental shares that would be issued upon the assumed exercise of stock options and stock appreciation rights, as well as the assumed conversion of exchangeable preferred stock. All stock options and stock appreciation rights are included in our calculation of incremental shares because they are dilutive.

**Note 12 Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

We have operations and sell products to dealers and original equipment manufacturers throughout the world. Our activities expose us to a variety of market risks, including the effects of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. These financial exposures are monitored and managed within our foreign exchange management policy as approved by the Board of Directors. Our risk-management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to reduce the effects that the volatility of these markets may have on our operating results.

We maintain a foreign currency risk-management strategy that uses derivative instruments to protect our interests from unanticipated fluctuations in earnings caused by volatility in foreign currency exchange rates. Various amounts of our payables, receivables and subsidiary royalties are denominated in foreign currencies, thereby creating exposures to changes in exchange rates.

We purchase foreign currency forward exchange contracts with contract terms lasting up to six months, but generally less than one month, to protect against the adverse effects that exchange rate fluctuations may have on foreign currency denominated receivables and payables. These derivatives do not qualify for hedge accounting, in accordance with SFAS No. 133 Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. The gains and losses on both the derivatives and the foreign currency denominated receivables and payables are recorded as transaction adjustments in current earnings thereby minimizing the effect on current earnings of exchange-rate fluctuations. During the years ended

January 31, 2006, 2005 and 2004, foreign currency losses, included in other income and expense on the statements of income, were \$120,000, \$640,000 and \$380,000, respectively.

By using derivative financial instruments to hedge exposures to changes in exchange rates, we expose ourselves to credit risk and market risk. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivatives contract. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty owes us, which creates repayment risk for us. When the fair value of a derivative contract is negative, we owe the counterparty and, therefore, it does not possess repayment risk. We minimize the credit or repayment risk in derivative instruments by entering into transactions with counterparties whose credit ratings are AA or higher, monitoring the amount of exposure to each counterparty and monitoring the financial condition of our counterparties.

Market risk is the adverse effect on the value of a foreign exchange contract that results from a change in the underlying exchange rates. The market risk associated with these foreign exchange risks is managed by only hedging actual exposures. Any change in value of the foreign exchange contract due to exchange rate change is offset by the change in value of the underlying asset being hedged due to exchange rate change.

At January 31, 2006 and 2005, we had approximately \$39.8 million and \$46.9 million, respectively, nominal value of contracts in place to buy or sell foreign currency. The fair value of these contracts at January 31, 2006 and 2005 is not material and is recorded in the consolidated financial statements. The principal currencies hedged are denominated in Japanese yen, Canadian dollars, Euros and British pounds.

### **Note 13 Commitments and Contingencies**

#### **Environmental Matters**

We are subject to environmental laws and regulations, which include obligations to remove or mitigate environmental effects of past disposal and release of certain wastes and substances at various sites. We record liabilities for affected sites when environmental assessments indicate probable cleanup and the costs can be reasonably estimated. Other than for costs of assessments themselves, the timing and amount of these liabilities is determined based on the estimated costs of remediation activities and our commitment to a formal plan of action, such as an approved remediation plan. The reliability and precision of the loss estimates are affected by numerous factors, such as different stages of site evaluation and reevaluation of the degree of remediation required. We adjust our liabilities as new remediation requirements are defined, as information becomes available permitting reasonable estimates to be made and to reflect new and changing facts.

It is reasonably possible that changes in estimates will incur in the near term and the related adjustments to environmental liabilities may have a material impact on our net income. Unasserted claims are not currently reflected in our environmental remediation liabilities. It is also reasonably possible that these claims may also have a material impact on our net income if asserted. We cannot estimate at this time the amount of any additional loss or range of loss that is reasonably possible.

Our specific environmental matters consist of the following:

**Fairview, Oregon**

In 1996, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued two Records of Decision impacting our Fairview, Oregon manufacturing facility. The records of decision required us to initiate remedial activities related to the cleanup of groundwater contamination at and near the facility. Remediation activities have been conducted at or near the facility since 1996 and current estimates provide for some level of activity to continue through 2021. Costs of certain remediation activities at the facility are shared with The Boeing Company, with Cascade paying 70% of these costs. The recorded liability for the ongoing remediation activities at our Fairview facility was \$6.7 million and \$7.5 million at January 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

**Springfield, Ohio**

In 1994, we entered into a consent order with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, which required the installation of remediation systems for the cleanup of groundwater contamination at our Springfield, Ohio facility. The current estimate is that the remediation activities will continue through 2013. The recorded liability for ongoing remediation activities in Springfield was \$1.1 million at both January 31, 2006 and 2005.

Presented below is a rollforward of our environmental liabilities and expenses for the three years ended January 31, 2006 (in thousands):

	January 31 2003			2004			2005			2006		
	Balance	Accrued	Cash Payments	Balance	Accrued	Cash Payments	Balance	Accrued	Cash Payments	Balance	Accrued	Cash Payments
Fairview, Oregon	\$ 9,237	\$ (357 )	\$ (586 )	\$ 8,294	\$	\$ (833 )	\$ 7,461	\$ (259 )	\$ (541 )	\$ 6,661		
Springfield, Ohio	960	357	(213 )	1,104	155	(173 )	1,086	259	(207 )	1,138		
Germany					146		146		(10 )	136		
	\$ 10,197	\$	\$ (799 )	\$ 9,398	\$ 301	\$ (1,006 )	\$ 8,693	\$	\$ (758 )	\$ 7,935		

On April 22, 2002, the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County entered judgment in our favor in an action originally brought in 1992 against several insurers to recover various expenses incurred in connection with environmental litigation and related proceedings. The judgment was against two non-settling insurers. We subsequently reached a settlement of all claims with one of the insurers in return for a payment of \$1.3 million, which we received October 22, 2004. The judgment against the remaining insurer is in the amount of approximately \$800,000. The judgment also requires the insurer to defend us in suits alleging liability because of groundwater contamination emanating from our Fairview, Oregon plant and requires the insurer to pay approximately 3.1% of any liability imposed against us by judgment or settlement on or after March 1, 1997 on account of such contamination. We have appealed the judgment, contending that the remaining insurer should be required to pay a larger share of our past and future expenses and liabilities, additional interest, and increased attorneys fees. The insurer has cross-appealed. The case is now pending before the Oregon Court of Appeals. We have not recorded any amounts that may be recovered from the insurer in our consolidated financial statements.



### Lease Commitments

We lease certain facilities and equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Rent expense for the years ended January 31, 2006, 2005, and 2004 totaled \$2.4 million, \$1.8 million and \$1.4 million, respectively. Future minimum rental commitments under these leases as of January 31, 2006 are as follows (in thousands):

2007	\$ 2,150
2008	1,772
2009	1,262
2010	557
2011	515
Thereafter	416
	\$ 6,672

### Lease Guarantee

We sold our hydraulic cylinder division to Precision Hydraulic Cylinders, Inc. (Precision) on January 15, 2002. Under the terms of the sale, we assigned to Precision an operating lease related to a manufacturing facility in Beulaville, North Carolina. We are a guarantor on the lease in the event Precision fails to comply with the lease terms. The lease requires payments by Precision of approximately \$21,000 per month through November 2007. The total value of the lease guarantee using undiscounted cash flows is \$462,000 at January 31, 2006.

### Legal Proceedings

We are subject to legal proceedings, claims and litigation, in addition to the environmental matters previously discussed, arising in the ordinary course of business. While the outcome of these matters is currently not determinable, management does not expect the ultimate costs to resolve these matters will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, result of operations, or cash flows.

### Note 14 Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The fair value of our financial instruments represents the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced sale or liquidation. The carrying amount of our cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, trade receivables and payables and notes payable to banks approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments. Fair value of long-term debt is estimated based either on quoted market prices for similar issues or on current rates offered to us for debt of the same remaining maturities. The estimated fair values of our financial liabilities for which the carrying amount does not approximate fair value is as follows:

	January 31 2006	Carrying Amount	2005 Fair Value	Carrying Amount
Long-term debt, including current portion	\$ 25,828	\$ 25,181	\$ 39,791	\$ 38,103

### Note 15 Segment Information

Our operating units have several economic characteristics and attributes, including similar products, distribution patterns and classes of customers. As a result, we aggregate our operating units into four geographic operating segments related to the manufacturing, distribution and servicing of material handling load engagement products primarily for the lift truck industry. We evaluate performance of each

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of our operating segments based on operating income before interest, miscellaneous income/expense and income taxes. The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in the summary of accounting policies.

Revenues and operating results are classified according to the country of origin. Identifiable assets are attributed to the geographic location in which they are located. Net sales, operating results and identifiable assets by geographic region were as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended January 31					Consolidation
	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific	China	Eliminations	
<b>2006</b>						
Sales to unaffiliated customers	\$ 250,576	\$ 132,213	\$ 45,471	\$22,243	\$	\$ 450,503
Transfers between areas	22,461	2,616	177	5,652	(30,906 )	
Net sales	\$ 273,037	\$ 134,829	\$ 45,648	\$ 27,895	\$ (30,906 )	\$ 450,503
Gross profit	\$ 97,869	\$ 23,746	\$ 12,394	\$ 8,720		\$ 142,729
Selling and administrative	44,676	22,474	7,738	2,504		77,392
Amortization	151	1,264		28		1,443
Operating income	\$ 53,042	\$ 8	\$ 4,656	\$ 6,188		\$ 63,894
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 34,302	\$ 35,336	\$ 1,567	\$ 4,169		\$ 75,374
Capital expenditures	\$ 5,923	\$ 3,189	\$ 336	\$ 1,132		\$ 10,580
Depreciation expense	\$ 8,032	\$ 5,752	\$ 412	\$ 366		\$ 14,562

	Year Ended January 31					Consolidation
	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific	China	Eliminations	
<b>2005</b>						
Sales to unaffiliated customers	\$ 208,553	\$ 118,723	\$ 39,095	\$19,348	\$	\$ 385,719
Transfers between areas	21,225	1,918	28	3,608	(26,779 )	
Net sales	\$ 229,778	\$ 120,641	\$ 39,123	\$ 22,956	\$ (26,779 )	\$ 385,719
Gross profit	\$ 80,378	\$ 23,629	\$ 11,195	\$ 7,980		\$ 123,182
Selling and administrative(1)	42,586	23,503	6,811	1,847		74,747
Amortization	145	485		28		658
Operating income (loss)	\$ 37,647	\$ (359 )	\$ 4,384	\$ 6,105		\$ 47,777
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 36,084	\$ 41,004	\$ 1,626	\$ 3,313		\$ 82,027
Capital expenditures	\$ 8,101	\$ 4,640	\$ 301	\$ 539		\$ 13,581
Depreciation expense	\$ 7,585	\$ 5,612	\$ 356	\$ 359		\$ 13,912

	Year Ended January 31					Consolidation
	North America	Europe	Asia Pacific	China	Eliminations	
<b>2004</b>						
Sales to unaffiliated customers	\$ 171,709	\$ 81,114	\$ 32,763	\$12,170	\$	\$ 297,756
Transfers between areas	16,951	2,004	158	824	(19,937 )	
Net sales	\$ 188,660	\$ 83,118	\$ 32,921	\$ 12,994	\$ (19,937 )	\$ 297,756
Gross profit	\$ 63,185	\$ 17,658	\$ 9,103	\$ 5,690		\$ 95,636
Selling and administrative	38,000	17,853	5,945	1,301		63,099
Amortization	234	255		23		512
Operating income (loss)	\$ 24,951	\$ (450 )	\$ 3,158	\$ 4,366		\$ 32,025
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 35,401	\$ 35,124	\$ 1,579	\$ 3,140		\$ 75,244
Capital expenditures	\$ 5,925	\$ 4,411	\$ 314	\$ 753		\$ 11,403
Depreciation expense	\$ 7,630	\$ 3,955	\$ 303	\$ 264		\$ 12,152

(1) Includes \$1.3 million of income from insurance litigation recovery and \$155,000 of environmental expenses in North America.

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The following table represents total sales by place of destination:

	Year Ended January 31		
	2006	2005	2004
	(In thousands)		
United States	\$ 215,815	\$ 180,097	\$ 149,046
Europe, excluding United Kingdom	102,265	92,236	59,104
Canada	26,694	20,960	17,302
United Kingdom	27,113	23,374	19,490
Other countries (less than 5% of total sales individually)	78,616	69,052	52,814
	\$ 450,503	\$ 385,719	\$ 297,756

#### Note 16 Warranty Obligations

Our warranty obligations, which are recorded in other accrued expenses on the consolidated balance sheet, are as follows:

	January 31	
	2006	2005
	(in thousands)	
Beginning obligation	\$ 1,911	\$ 1,610
Accruals for warranties issued during the period	2,168	3,083
Accruals for pre-existing warranties	52	15
Settlements during the year	(2,466 )	(2,797 )
Ending obligation	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,911

#### Note 17 Goodwill

The change in the amount of goodwill between January 31, 2006 and 2005 relates primarily to fluctuations in foreign currency. We have no goodwill in China. The following table provides a breakdown of goodwill by geographic region:

	January 31	
	2006	2005
	(in thousands)	
North America	\$ 65,978	\$ 60,577
Europe	9,840	11,211
Asia Pacific	3,002	2,998
	\$ 78,820	\$ 74,786

**Note 18 Supplementary Quarterly Financial Information (unaudited)**

	1st Quarter (in thousands, except per share amounts)	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
Year ended January 31, 2006				
Net sales	\$ 114,515	\$ 114,966	\$ 112,599	\$ 108,423
Gross profit	\$ 37,488	\$ 36,570	\$ 36,824	\$ 31,847
Net income	\$ 12,208	\$ 10,750	\$ 10,828	\$ 8,265
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.66
Diluted	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.63
Year ended January 31, 2005				
Net sales	\$ 93,529	\$ 92,376	\$ 96,342	\$ 103,472
Gross profit	\$ 31,376	\$ 29,351	\$ 30,884	\$ 31,571
Net income	\$ 8,210	\$ 6,502	\$ 8,691	\$ 5,087
Net income per share:				
Basic	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.42
Diluted	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.39

**Note 19 Acquisitions**

During fiscal 2004, we completed the acquisition of two materials handling equipment manufacturers, FEMA Forks GmbH (FEMA), located in Germany, and Roncari S.r.l. (Roncari), located in Italy. The FEMA acquisition was completed on March 31, 2003, and the Roncari acquisition was completed on October 21, 2003. The aggregate purchase prices paid in cash for FEMA and Roncari, net of assumed liabilities, were \$3.6 million and \$8.1 million, respectively.

During fiscal 2005, we purchased the assets of Falkenroth Foerdertechnik (Falkenroth), a major German fork manufacturer. Falkenroth was placed into insolvency by its creditors in March 2004. The total purchase price for the assets was approximately \$6.2 million, net of assumed liabilities.

**Note 20 Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Translation Adjustment (in thousands)	Minimum Pension Liability Adjustment	Total
Balance at January 31, 2003	\$ (14,344 )	\$	\$ (14,344 )
Translation adjustment	17,684		17,684
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax benefit of \$103		(2,309 )	(2,309 )
Balance at January 31, 2004	3,340	(2,309 )	1,031
Translation adjustment	6,735		6,735
Balance at January 31, 2005	10,075	(2,309 )	7,766
Translation adjustment	592		592
Minimum pension liability adjustment, net of tax benefit of \$393		(677 )	(677 )
Balance at January 31, 2006	\$ 10,667	\$ (2,986 )	\$ 7,681

**Note 21 Proceeds from Notes Receivable**

On January 15, 2002, we sold substantially all of the assets of our hydraulic cylinder division, including manufacturing and sales operations in Beulaville, North Carolina and Cramlington, Northumberland, United Kingdom to a new company, Precision (Note 13). As partial consideration we received a note receivable of \$9 million from Precision. In August 2003, we received a payment of \$9.6 million from Precision as payment in full of all principal and interest amounts outstanding under the notes receivable from the sale of our hydraulic cylinder division.

**Note 22 Gain on Sale of Investment**

During fiscal 2005, a trust under a U.S. defined benefit plan we terminated in 1997 sold publicly traded common stock received in the demutualization of an insurance company. The trust had purchased annuities from the insurance company prior to the termination of the plan. The sale resulted in a gain of approximately \$1.0 million and proceeds in the same amount, which were available for reversion to us.

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## Schedule II

**Cascade Corporation**  
**Valuation and Qualifying Accounts**  
(In thousands)

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Description	Balance at Beginning of Period	Charged to Costs and Expenses	Deductions	Balance at End of Period
<i>Years ended January 31:</i>				
2006				
Allowance for doubtful accounts receivable	\$ 2,182	\$ 129	\$ (896 )	\$ 1,415
Valuation allowances deferred tax assets	\$ 11,437	\$ 1,283	\$ (3,117 )	\$ 9,603
2005				
Allowance for doubtful accounts receivable	\$ 2,023	\$ 571	\$ (412 )	\$ 2,182
Valuation allowances deferred tax assets	\$ 9,525	\$ 2,057	\$ (145 )	\$ 11,437
2004				
Allowance for doubtful accounts receivable	\$ 1,801	\$ 807	\$ (585 )	\$ 2,023
Valuation allowances deferred tax assets	\$ 7,313	\$ 4,109	\$ (1,897 )	\$ 9,525

**Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements With Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

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## **Item 9A. Controls and Procedures**

### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management has evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report pursuant to Rule 13a-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ). Based on that evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported in a timely manner, and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

### **Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, we assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2006. In making this assessment, we used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control Integrated Framework . Based on our assessment we concluded that, as of January 31, 2006, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria.

Management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of January 31, 2006, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included herein.

### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There has been no change in the internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended January 31, 2006 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

### **CEO and CFO Certifications**

The certifications of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required under Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act have been filed as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2 to this report. Additionally, on September 21, 2005 our Chief Financial Officer certified to the New York Stock Exchange that he was not aware of any violation by Cascade of the New York Stock Exchange's corporate governance listing standards.

## **Item 9B. Other Information**

None.

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## PART III

### Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

Information regarding our directors is set forth under the heading "Proposal 1: Election of Directors" in the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2006 Annual Meeting to be filed within 120 days after our fiscal year end of January 31, 2006, ("Proxy Statement") and is incorporated into this report by reference. Information regarding our executive officers is set forth in Part I, Item 4A of this report.

#### Audit Committee

We have a separately-designated standing Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act. The members of the Audit Committee are Mr. Duane C. McDougall (Chair), Dr. Nicholas R. Lardy, Mr. James S. Osterman, Dr. Nancy A. Wilgenbusch, and Mr. Henry W. Wessinger II, each of whom is independent as that term is used in Item 7(d)(3)(iv) of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act.

#### Audit Committee Financial Expert

Our Board of Directors has determined that Duane C. McDougall, Chair of the Audit Committee, is an audit committee financial expert as defined in Item 401(h) of Regulation S-K of the Exchange Act and is independent as that term is used in Item 7(d)(3)(iv) of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act.

#### Code of Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics and business responsibilities ("Code") for directors, officers (including the CEO, CFO, principal accounting officer, and persons performing similar functions) and employees, which is Exhibit 14 of this report. A copy of the Code is available on our website at [www.cascorp.com/investor](http://www.cascorp.com/investor). Shareholders may also request a free copy of the Code from:

Cascade Corporation  
Attention: Secretary  
Post Office Box 20187  
Portland, Oregon 97294-0187  
503-669-6300

We will post on our website any required amendments to or waivers granted under the Code pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission or New York Stock Exchange disclosure rules.

#### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Information regarding Section 16(a) beneficial ownership reporting compliance is set forth under the heading "Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance" in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated into this report by reference.

### Item 11. Executive Compensation

Information regarding compensation of our named executive officers is set forth under the heading "Executive Officer Compensation" in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated into this report by reference. Information regarding compensation of our directors is set forth under the heading "Corporate Governance and Other Board Matters - Director Compensation" in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated into this report by reference.

**Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stock Holder Matters**

Information concerning the security ownership of certain beneficial owners, directors, and executive officers of Cascade is set forth under the heading "Voting Securities-Stock Ownership Of Certain Beneficial Owners And Management" in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated into this report by reference.

Information regarding our equity compensation plans is set forth under the heading "Equity Compensation Plan Information" in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated into this report by reference.

**Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

None.

**Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

Information concerning fees paid to our independent auditors is set forth under the heading "Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated into this report by reference.

**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

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The individual financial statements of the registrant and its subsidiaries have been omitted since Cascade is primarily an operating company and all subsidiaries included in the consolidated financial statements, in the aggregate, do not have minority equity interests and/or indebtedness to any person other than the registrant or its consolidated subsidiaries in amounts which together exceed 5% of the total consolidated assets at January 31, 2006, except indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business which is not overdue and which matures within one year from the year of its origination.

3. *Exhibits*

- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation, as amended, filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-111860) filed with the Commission on January 12, 2004.(1)
  - 3.2 Bylaws, as amended.
  - 10.1 Severance Agreement dated May 25, 2000, with Richard S. Anderson, filed as Exhibit 3 to Form 10-K filed with the Commission on May 1, 2001.(1)(2)
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- (2) Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, CASCADE CORPORATION has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CASCADE CORPORATION

By:

/s/ RICHARD S. ANDERSON

Richard S. Anderson

*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities on the dates indicated.

/s/ ROBERT C. WARREN, JR. Robert C. Warren, Jr.	President and Chief Executive Officer, and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	April 14, 2006 Date
/s/ RICHARD S. ANDERSON Richard S. Anderson	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	April 14, 2006 Date
/s/ JAMES S. OSTERMAN James S. Osterman	Director	April 14, 2006 Date
/s/ NICHOLAS R. LARDY Nicholas R. Lardy	Director	April 14, 2006 Date
/s/ DUANE C. MCDUGALL Duane C. McDougall	Director	April 14, 2006 Date
/s/ HENRY W. WESSINGER II Henry W. Wessinger II	Director	April 14, 2006 Date
/s/ NANCY A. WILGENBUSCH Nancy A. Wilgenbusch	Director	April 14, 2006 Date

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