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(Mark One)

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

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 30, 2008

OR

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

For the Transition Period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 1-4639

CTS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or
organization)

35-0225010
(IRS Employer
Identification
Number)

905 West Boulevard North,
Elkhart, IN
(Address of principal executive

46514
(Zip Code)

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offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 574-523-3800

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 is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of April 25, 2008:
33,637,219.

CTS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item Financial Statements

1.

CTS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS - UNAUDITED
(In thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| | March 30, 2008 | April 1, 2007 |
| Net sales | \$ 172,755 | \$ 163,258 |
| Costs and expenses: | | |
| Cost of goods sold | 138,931 | 132,920 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses | 20,976 | 21,270 |
| Research and development expenses | 4,317 | 4,120 |
| Restructuring charge – Note I | 150 | — |
| Operating earnings | 8,381 | 4,948 |
| Other (expense) income: | | |
| Interest expense | (1,059) | (691) |
| Interest income | 478 | 479 |
| Other | 747 | 386 |
| Total other income | 166 | 174 |
| Earnings before income taxes | 8,547 | 5,122 |
| Income tax expense | 1,881 | 1,076 |
| Net earnings | \$ 6,666 | \$ 4,046 |
| Net earnings per share - Note J | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.20 | \$ 0.11 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.18 | \$ 0.11 |
| Cash dividends declared per share | \$ 0.03 | \$ 0.03 |
| Average common shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 33,845 | 35,824 |
| Diluted | 38,335 | 40,410 |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CTS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS - UNAUDITED
(In thousands of dollars)

| | March 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007* |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 59,347 | \$ 52,868 |
| Accounts receivable, less allowances (2008 - \$1,243; 2007 - \$1,304) | 108,159 | 100,655 |
| Inventories, net - Note D | 83,832 | 73,778 |
| Other current assets | 24,018 | 23,539 |
| Total current assets | 275,356 | 250,840 |
| Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation (2008 - \$269,786; 2007 - \$266,261) | 96,268 | 92,825 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Prepaid pension asset | 109,609 | 107,158 |
| Goodwill | 28,107 | 24,657 |
| Other intangible assets | 42,028 | 36,743 |
| Deferred income taxes | 29,901 | 30,237 |
| Other | 1,037 | 1,232 |
| Total other assets | 210,682 | 200,027 |
| Total Assets | \$ 582,306 | \$ 543,692 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Notes payable | \$ — | \$ 1,000 |
| Accounts payable | 78,802 | 84,217 |
| Accrued liabilities | 44,843 | 43,702 |
| Total current liabilities | 123,645 | 128,919 |
| Long-term debt - Note E | 116,700 | 72,000 |
| Other long-term obligations | 17,565 | 18,526 |
| Shareholders' Equity | | |
| Preferred stock - authorized 25,000,000 shares without par value; none issued | — | — |
| Common stock - authorized 75,000,000 shares without par value; 53,931,478 shares issued at March 30, 2008 and 53,919,733 shares issued at December 31, 2007 | 279,039 | 278,916 |
| Additional contributed capital | 29,322 | 28,563 |
| Retained earnings | 342,207 | 336,548 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (29,391) | (29,808) |
| | 621,177 | 614,219 |
| Cost of common stock held in treasury (2008 - 20,296,259 shares and 2007 - 19,606,459 shares) | (296,781) | (289,972) |
| Total shareholders' equity | 324,396 | 324,247 |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | \$ 582,306 | \$ 543,692 |

*The balance sheet at December 31, 2007, has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date.

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CTS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - UNAUDITED
(In thousands of dollars)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| | March 30, 2008 | April 1, 2007 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net earnings | \$ 6,666 | \$ 4,046 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 6,039 | 5,772 |
| Changes in working capital and other, net of effect of acquisitions | (18,172) | (5,700) |
| Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities | (5,467) | 4,118 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Payments for acquisitions, net of cash received - Note C | (20,606) | — |
| Capital expenditures | (3,488) | (2,687) |
| Proceeds from sales of assets | — | 36 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (24,094) | (2,651) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Payments of long-term debt | (223,300) | (857) |
| Proceeds from borrowings of long-term debt | 268,000 | — |
| Payments of short-term notes payable | (2,961) | (18,976) |
| Proceeds from borrowings of short-term notes payable | 1,961 | 17,064 |
| Dividends paid | (1,010) | (1,076) |
| Other | (6,814) | 36 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 35,876 | (3,809) |
| Effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents | 164 | 76 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 6,479 | (2,266) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 52,868 | 38,630 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 59,347 | \$ 36,364 |
| Supplemental cash flow information | | |
| Cash paid during the period for: | | |
| Interest | \$ 528 | \$ 228 |
| Income taxes—net | \$ 255 | \$ 162 |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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CTS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS - UNAUDITED
 (In thousands of dollars)

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| | March 30, 2008 | April 1, 2007 |
| Net earnings | \$ 6,666 | \$ 4,046 |
| Other comprehensive earnings: | | |
| Cumulative translation adjustment | 173 | 1 |
| Amortization of retirement benefit adjustments (net of tax) | 244 | 660 |
| Comprehensive earnings | \$ 7,083 | \$ 4,707 |

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - UNAUDITED
March 30, 2008

NOTE A – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by CTS Corporation (CTS or the Company), without audit, pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, notes thereto, and other information included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring items) necessary for a fair statement, in all material respects, of the financial position and results of operations for the periods presented. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results for the entire year.

NOTE B – Equity-Based Compensation

At March 30, 2008, CTS had five equity-based compensation plans: the 1988 Restricted Stock and Cash Bonus Plan (1988 Plan), the 1996 Stock Option Plan (1996 Plan), the 2001 Stock Option Plan (2001 Plan), the Nonemployee Directors' Stock Retirement Plan (Directors' Plan), and the 2004 Omnibus Long-Term Incentive Plan (2004 Plan). As of December 2004, additional grants can only be made under the 2004 Plan. CTS believes that equity based awards align the interest of employees with those of its shareholders.

The 2004 Plan, and previously the 1996 Plan and 2001 Plan, provides for grants of incentive stock options or nonqualified stock options to officers, key employees, and nonemployee members of CTS' board of directors. In addition, the 2004 Plan allows for grants of stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units, and other stock awards.

The following table summarizes the compensation expense included in the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Earnings for the three months ended March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007 relating to these plans:

| (\$ in thousands) | March 30, 2008 | April 1, 2007 |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Stock options | \$ 49 | \$ 178 |
| Restricted stock units | 804 | 875 |
| Restricted stock | 20 | 41 |
| Total | \$ 873 | \$ 1,094 |

The following table summarizes the status of these plans as of March 30, 2008:

| | 2004 Plan | 2001 Plan | 1996 Plan |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|

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| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Awards originally available | 6,500,000 | 2,000,000 | 1,200,000 |
| Stock options outstanding | 313,850 | 764,938 | 247,600 |
| Restricted stock units outstanding | 618,008 | — | — |
| Awards exercisable | 172,363 | 764,938 | 247,600 |
| Awards available for grant | 5,253,465 | — | — |

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Stock Options

Stock options are exercisable in cumulative annual installments over a maximum 10-year period, commencing at least one year from the date of grant. Stock options are generally granted with an exercise price equal to the market price of the Company's stock on the date of grant. The stock options generally vest over four years and have a 10-year contractual life. The awards generally contain provisions to either accelerate vesting or allow vesting to continue on schedule upon retirement if certain service and age requirements are met. The awards also provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change in control event.

The Company estimates the fair value of the stock option on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and assumptions for expected price volatility, option term, risk-free interest rate, and dividend yield. Expected price volatilities are based on historical volatilities of the Company's stock. The expected option term is derived from historical data on exercise behavior. The dividend yield is based on historical dividend payments. 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.

A summary of the status of stock options as of March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007, and changes during the three-month periods then ended, is presented below:

| | March 30, 2008 | | April 1, 2007 | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| | Options | Weighted-Average Exercise Price | Options | Weighted-Average Exercise Price |
| Outstanding at beginning of year | 1,426,638 | \$ 16.06 | 1,526,863 | \$ 15.88 |
| Granted | — | — | — | — |
| Exercised | (2,000) | 8.22 | (9,150) | 8.59 |
| Expired | (98,250) | 34.30 | (7,625) | 37.32 |
| Forfeited | — | — | (10,850) | 11.66 |
| Outstanding at end of period | 1,326,388 | \$ 14.72 | 1,499,238 | \$ 15.85 |
| Exercisable at end of period | 1,173,401 | \$ 15.05 | 1,187,488 | \$ 16.96 |

The total intrinsic value of share options exercised during the quarters ended March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007 was \$2,600 and \$54,600, respectively.

A summary of the weighted-average remaining contractual term and aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding and exercisable at March 30, 2008 is presented below:

| | Weighted-average Remaining Contractual Life | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Options outstanding | 4.6 years | \$ 974 |
| Options exercisable | 4.3 years | 974 |

A summary of the nonvested stock options as of March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007, and changes during the three-month periods then ended, is presented below:

| | March 30, 2008 | | April 1, 2007 | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|--|
| | Options | Weighted-average Grant-Date Fair Value | Options | Weighted-average Grant-Date Fair Value |
| Nonvested at beginning of year | 158,587 | \$ 6.41 | 340,900 | \$ 6.11 |
| Granted | — | — | — | — |
| Vested | (5,600) | 8.31 | (18,300) | 4.96 |
| Forfeited | — | — | (10,850) | 6.95 |
| Nonvested at end of period (1) | 152,987 | \$ 6.34 | 311,750 | \$ 6.15 |

(1) Based on historical experience CTS currently expects approximately 152,000 of these options to vest.

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The total fair value of shares vested during the quarters ended March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007 was \$47,000 and \$91,000, respectively. As of March 30, 2008, there was \$109,000 of unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested stock options. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.1 years. CTS recognizes expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for each separately vesting portion of the award as if the award was, in substance, multiple awards.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at March 30, 2008:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Number Outstanding at 3/30/08 | Options Outstanding | | Options Exercisable | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years) | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Number Exercisable At 3/30/08 | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| \$ 7.70 – 11.11 | 791,113 | 5.4 | \$ 9.43 | 700,376 | \$ 9.22 |
| 13.68 – 16.24 | 227,800 | 5.5 | 14.12 | 165,550 | 14.28 |
| 23.00 – 33.63 | 258,475 | 2.7 | 24.87 | 258,475 | 24.87 |
| 35.97 – 79.25 | 49,000 | 2.1 | 49.24 | 49,000 | 49.24 |

Service-Based Restricted Stock Units

Service-based restricted stock units (RSUs) entitle the holder to receive one share of common stock for each unit when the unit vests. RSUs are issued to officers and key employees as compensation. Generally, the RSUs vest over a five-year period. A summary of the status of RSUs as of March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007, and changes during the three-month periods then ended is presented below:

| | March 30, 2008 | | April 1, 2007 | |
|---|----------------|--|---------------|--|
| | RSUs | Weighted-average Grant-Date Fair Value | RSUs | Weighted-average Grant-Date Fair Value |
| Outstanding at beginning of year | 595,148 | 12.14 | 658,138 | \$ 12.21 |
| Granted | 26,000 | 10.62 | 1,500 | 15.65 |
| Converted | (10,430) | 10.89 | (56,377) | 13.48 |
| Forfeited | (9,810) | 12.33 | (28,300) | 12.25 |
| Outstanding at end of period | 600,908 | 12.10 | 574,961 | \$ 12.35 |
| Weighted-average remaining contractual life | 5.0 years | | 4.3 years | |

As of March 30, 2008, there was \$1.7 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested RSUs. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.3 years. CTS recognizes expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for each separately vesting portion of the award as if the award was, in substance, multiple awards.

Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units

On February 6, 2007, CTS granted performance-based restricted stock unit awards for certain executives. Executives received a total of 17,100 units based on achievement of year-over-year sales growth and free cash flow performance

goals for fiscal year 2007. These units will cliff vest and convert one-for-one to CTS common stock on December 31, 2010. CTS recorded compensation expense of \$24,000 related to performance-based restricted stock units during the first quarter of 2008.

As of March 30, 2008 there was \$123,000 of unrecognized compensation cost related to performance-based RSUs. That cost is expected to be recognized over a period of 2.8 years.

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Market-Based Restricted Stock Units

On July 2, 2007, CTS granted a market-based restricted stock unit award for an executive officer. An aggregate of 25,000 units may be earned in performance years ending in the following three consecutive years on the anniversary of the award date. Vesting may occur, if at all, at a rate of up to 150% of the target award on the end date of each performance period and is tied exclusively to CTS total stockholder return relative to 32 enumerated peer group companies' total stockholder return rates. The vesting rate will be determined using a matrix based on a percentile ranking of CTS total stockholder return with peer group total shareholder return.

On February 5, 2008, CTS granted market-based restricted stock unit awards for certain executives. A maximum of 211,000 units may be earned for the performance period, which is fiscal years 2008 and 2009. Vesting may occur, if at all, at a rate of up to 200% of the target amount in 2010 subject to certification of 2009 fiscal year results by CTS' independent auditors. Vesting is dependent upon CTS' achievement of sales growth and CTS' total stockholder return relative to 29 enumerated peer group companies' stockholder return rates.

CTS recorded compensation expense of approximately \$147,000 related to market-based restricted stock units during the three months ended March 30, 2008.

Restricted Stock and Cash Bonus Plan

CTS' 1988 Plan originally reserved 2,400,000 shares of CTS' common stock for sale at market price, or award, to key employees. Under the 1988 Plan, 7,800 shares of Restricted Stock were outstanding as of March 30, 2008. Shares sold or awarded are subject to restrictions against transfer and repurchase rights of CTS. In general, restrictions lapse at the rate of 20% per year beginning one year from the grant date. In addition, the 1988 Plan provides for a cash bonus to the participant equal to the fair market value of shares on the dates restrictions lapse, in the case of an award. The total bonus paid to any participant during the restricted period is limited to twice the fair market value of the shares on the date of award or sale. As of March 30, 2008, there was \$13,000 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested Restricted Stock. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 0.3 years. CTS recognizes expense on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for each separately vesting portion of the award as if the award was, in substance, multiple awards.

Stock Retirement Plan

The Directors' Plan provides for a portion of the total compensation payable to nonemployee directors to be deferred and paid in CTS stock. The Directors Plan was frozen effective December 1, 2004. All future grants will be from the 2004 Plan.

NOTE C – Acquisitions

In 2008, CTS acquired the following two entities for a total cost of \$22 million, which was paid in cash:

- Tusonix, Inc., based in Tucson, Arizona, a leader in the design and manufacture of ceramic electromagnetic interference and radio frequency interference (EMI/RFI) filters
- Orion Manufacturing, Inc., based in San Jose, California, a contract electronics manufacturer

CTS determined the preliminary purchase price allocations on the acquisitions based on estimates of the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. These estimates were arrived at using recognized valuation techniques. CTS is in the process of determining values of certain assets. In addition, the Company is also analyzing historical net operating losses available for carryforward, limitations on those earnings in various taxing jurisdictions, and other facts and circumstances that will impact the final allocation of the purchase price to deferred income taxes. Accordingly, the allocation of the purchase price is subject to refinement. CTS expects to finalize the purchase price allocation by the end of 2008.

Goodwill recognized in those transactions amounted to \$3.5 million and is not deductible for tax purposes. Goodwill was assigned to the EMS segment.

NOTE D – Inventories, net

Inventories consist of the following:

| (\$ in thousands) | March 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Finished goods | \$ 12,413 | \$ 9,592 |
| Work-in-process | 21,683 | 18,064 |
| Raw materials | 49,736 | 46,122 |
| Total inventories | \$ 83,832 | \$ 73,778 |

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NOTE E – Debt

Long-term debt was comprised of the following:

| (\$ in thousands) | March 30, 2008 | December 31, 2007 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Revolving credit agreement, weighted-average interest rate of 4.2% (2008), and 5.6% (2007) due in 2011 | \$ 56,700 | 12,000 |
| Convertible, senior subordinated debentures at a weighted-average rate of 2.1%, due in 2024 | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Total long-term debt | \$ 116,700 | 72,000 |

On June 27, 2006, CTS entered into a \$100 million, unsecured revolving credit agreement. Under the terms of the revolving credit agreement, CTS can expand the credit facility to \$150 million. There was \$56.7 million outstanding under the revolving credit agreement at March 30, 2008. Interest rates on the revolving credit agreement fluctuate based upon LIBOR and the Company's quarterly total leverage ratio. CTS pays a commitment fee on the undrawn portion of the revolving credit agreement. The commitment fee varies based on the quarterly leverage ratio and was 0.15 percent per annum at March 30, 2008. The revolving credit agreement requires, among other things, that CTS comply with a maximum total leverage ratio and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. Failure of CTS to comply with these covenants could reduce the borrowing availability under the revolving credit agreement. CTS was in compliance with all debt covenants at March 30, 2008. The revolving credit agreement requires CTS to deliver quarterly financial statements, annual financial statements, auditors certifications and compliance certificates within a specified number of days after the end of a quarter and year-end. Additionally, the revolving agreement contains restrictions limiting CTS' ability to: dispose of assets; incur certain additional debt; repay other debt or amend subordinated debt instruments; create liens on assets; make investments, loans or advances; make acquisitions or engage in mergers or consolidations; engage in certain transactions with CTS' subsidiaries and affiliates; and the amounts allowed for stock repurchases and dividend payments. The revolving credit agreement expires in June 2011.

CTS has \$60 million in aggregate principal amount of senior subordinated debentures ("2.125% Debentures"). These unsecured debentures bear interest at an annual rate of 2.125%, payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1 of each year through the maturity date of May 1, 2024. The 2.125% debentures are convertible, under certain circumstances, into CTS common stock at a conversion price of \$15.00 per share (which is equivalent to an initial conversion rate of approximately 66.6667 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of the notes). Upon conversion of the 2.125% debentures, in lieu of delivering common stock, the Company may, at its discretion, deliver cash or a combination of cash and common stock.

The conversion price of the 2.125% debentures will be adjusted if CTS completes certain transactions, including: distribution of shares as a dividend to substantially all shareholders; subdivision, combination or reclassification of its common stock; distribution of stock purchase warrants to substantially all shareholders; distribution of cash, stock or property to shareholders in excess of \$0.03 per share; or purchase of its common stock pursuant to a tender offer or exchange offer under certain circumstances.

Holder may convert the 2.125% debentures at any time during a conversion period if the closing price of CTS common stock is more than 120% of the conversion price (\$18.00 per share) for at least 20 of the 30 consecutive

trading days immediately preceding the first trading day of the conversion period. The conversion periods begin on February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15 of each year. Holders may also convert the notes if certain corporate transactions occur. As of March 30, 2008, none of the conditions for conversion of the 2.125% debentures were satisfied.

CTS may, at its option, redeem all or a portion of the 2.125% debentures for cash at any time on or after May 1, 2009, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the notes plus any accrued and unpaid interest at the redemption date. Holders may require CTS to purchase for cash all or part of their notes on May 1, 2009, 2014, and 2019, or upon the occurrence of certain events, at 100% of the principal amount of the notes plus accrued and unpaid interest up to, but not including, the date of purchase.

NOTE F – Retirement Plans

Net pension (income) / postretirement expense for the three months ended March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007 includes the following components:

| (\$ in thousands) | Pension Plans | | Other Postretirement Benefit Plans | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | March 30, 2008 | April 1, 2007 | March 30, 2008 | April 1, 2007 |
| Service cost | \$ 887 | \$ 1,211 | \$ 5 | \$ 6 |
| Interest cost | 3,297 | 2,996 | 92 | 83 |
| Expected return on plan assets (1) | (6,597) | (6,338) | — | — |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 135 | 225 | — | — |
| Amortization of gain/loss | 429 | 839 | — | — |
| (Income)/expense, net | \$ (1,849) | \$ (1,067) | \$ 97 | \$ 89 |

(1) Expected return on plan assets is net of expected investment expenses and certain administrative expenses.

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NOTE G – Segments

FAS No. 131, “Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information,” requires companies to provide certain information about their operating segments. CTS has two reportable segments: 1) Electronics Manufacturing Services (EMS) and 2) Components and Sensors.

EMS includes the higher level assembly of electronic and mechanical components into a finished subassembly or assembly performed under a contract manufacturing agreement with an OEM or other contract manufacturer. Additionally, for some customers, CTS provides full turnkey manufacturing and completion including design, bill-of-material management, logistics, and repair.

Components and sensors are products which perform specific electronic functions for a given product family and are intended for use in customer assemblies. Components and sensors consist principally of automotive sensors and actuators used in commercial or consumer vehicles; electronic components used in communications infrastructure and computer markets; terminators, including ClearONE™ terminators, used in computer and other high speed applications, switches, resistor networks, and potentiometers used to serve multiple markets.

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies in the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K. Management evaluates performance based upon segment operating earnings before restructuring and restructuring-related charges, interest expense, other non-operating income, and income tax expense.

Summarized financial information concerning CTS’ reportable segments is shown in the following table:

| (\$ in thousands) | EMS | Components and Sensors | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|
| First Quarter of 2008 | | | |
| Net sales to external customers | \$ 94,968 | \$ 77,787 | \$ 172,755 |
| Segment operating earnings | 2,030 | 6,775 | 8,805 |
| Total assets | 187,642 | 394,664 | 582,306 |
| First Quarter of 2007 | | | |
| Net sales to external customers | \$ 93,726 | \$ 69,532 | \$ 163,258 |
| Segment operating earnings | 3 | 4,945 | 4,948 |
| Total assets | 170,179 | 358,267 | 528,446 |

Reconciling information between reportable segments’ operating earnings and CTS’ consolidated pre-tax income is shown in the following table:

| (\$ in thousands) | First Quarter 2008 | First Quarter 2007 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total segment operating earnings | \$ 8,805 | \$ 4,948 |
| Restructuring and restructuring-related charges | (424) | — |
| Interest expense | (1,059) | (691) |

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Interest income | | 478 | | 479 |
| Other income | | 747 | | 386 |
| Earnings before income taxes | \$ | 8,547 | \$ | 5,122 |

NOTE H – Contingencies

Certain processes in the manufacture of CTS' current and past products create hazardous waste by-products as currently defined by federal and state laws and regulations. CTS has been notified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, state environmental agencies and, in some cases, generator groups, that it is or may be a potentially responsible party regarding hazardous waste remediation at several non-CTS sites. In addition to these non-CTS sites, CTS has an ongoing practice of providing reserves for probable remediation activities at certain of its manufacturing locations and for claims and proceedings against CTS with respect to other environmental matters. In the opinion of management, based upon presently available information relating to all such matters, either adequate provision for probable costs has been made, or the ultimate costs resulting will not materially affect the consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows of CTS.

Certain claims are pending against CTS with respect to matters arising out of the ordinary conduct of its business. For all claims, in the opinion of management, based upon presently available information, either adequate provision for anticipated costs has been made or the ultimate anticipated costs resulting will not materially affect CTS' consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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NOTE I – Restructuring

In November 2007, CTS announced plans to realign certain manufacturing operations and eliminate approximately 103 net positions during the fourth quarter of 2007. The realignment is intended to create synergies by further enhancing the Company's shared services model to include manufacturing support functions at its locations that serve more than one business. As of December 31, 2007, the realignment plans were substantially complete.

The following table displays the planned restructuring and restructuring-related charges associated with the realignment, as well as a summary of the actual costs incurred through March 30, 2008:

| (\$ in millions) | Planned Costs | Actual incurred through March 30, 2008 |
|--|------------------|--|
| Workforce reduction | \$ 1.7 | \$ 1.5 |
| Asset impairments | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Restructuring charge | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Equipment relocation | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Other costs | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Restructuring-related costs | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Total restructuring and restructuring-related costs | \$ 3.0 | \$ 3.1 |

Of the restructuring and restructuring-related costs incurred, \$0.8 million relates to the Components and Sensors segment and \$2.3 million relates to the EMS segment. Restructuring charges are reported on a separate line on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings and the restructuring-related costs are included in cost of goods sold.

The following table displays the restructuring reserve activity related to the realignment for the period ending March 30, 2008:

| (\$ in millions) | 2007 |
|---|----------|
| Restructuring liability at January 1, 2008 | \$ 0.6 |
| Restructuring and restructuring-related charges | 0.4 |
| Cost paid | \$ (0.9) |
| Restructuring liability at March 30, 2008 | \$ 0.1 |

NOTE J – Earnings Per Share

FAS No. 128, "Earnings per Share," requires companies to provide a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) computations. The calculations below provide net earnings, average common shares outstanding, and the resultant earnings per share for both basic and diluted EPS for the quarters ending March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007.

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| (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts) | Net Earnings (Numerator) | Shares (in thousands) (Denominator) | Per Share Amount |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---------------------|
| First Quarter 2008 | | | |
| Basic EPS | \$ 6,666 | 33,845 | 0.20 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | |
| Convertible debt | 245 | 4,000 | |
| Equity-based compensation plans | — | 490 | |
| Diluted EPS | \$ 6,911 | 38,335 | 0.18 |
| First Quarter 2007 | | | |
| Basic EPS | \$ 4,046 | 35,824 | 0.11 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | |
| Convertible debt | 251 | 4,000 | |
| Equity-based compensation plans | — | 586 | |
| Diluted EPS | \$ 4,297 | 40,410 | 0.11 |

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The following table shows the potentially dilutive securities which have been excluded from the first quarter 2008 and 2007 dilutive earnings per share calculation because they are either anti-dilutive, or the exercise price exceeds the average market price.

| (Number of shares in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|---------------|
| | March 30, 2008 | April 1, 2007 |
| Stock options where the assumed proceeds exceed the average market price of common shares during the period | 666 | 550 |

NOTE K – Treasury Stock

In June 2007, CTS' Board of Directors authorized a program to repurchase up to two million shares of common stock in the open market. The authorization expires on June 30, 2009. Reacquired shares will be used to support equity-based compensation programs and for other corporate purposes. CTS repurchased 689,800 shares at a total cost of \$6.8 million, during the three-months ended March 30, 2008.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (MD&A)

Overview

CTS Corporation ("CTS", "we", "our", "us" or "the Company") is a global manufacturer of components and sensors used primarily in the automotive, communications and computer markets. The Company also provides electronic manufacturing solutions, including design and supply chain management functions, primarily serving the communications, computer, industrial, medical and defense and aerospace markets under contract arrangements with the original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs"). Sales and marketing are accomplished through our sales engineers, independent manufacturers' representatives, and distributors.

In the first quarter of 2008, sales of EMS and Components and Sensors segments represented 55.0% and 45.0% of our total sales respectively, compared to 57.4% and 42.6% respectively in the first quarter of 2007.

As discussed in more detail throughout the MD&A:

- Sales increased by \$9.5 million, or 5.8%, in the first quarter of 2008 from the first quarter of 2007. Sales in the Components and Sensors segment increased by 11.9% versus the first quarter of 2007, while sales in the EMS segment increased by 1.3% compared to the first quarter of 2007.
- Gross margins, as a percent of sales, were 19.6% and 18.6% in the first quarters of 2008 and 2007, respectively.
- Selling, general and administrative, and research and development expenses were 14.6% of total sales in the first quarter of 2008 compared to 15.5% of total sales in the first quarter of 2007.
- Income taxes for the first quarter of 2008 were calculated using an estimated full-year rate of 22.0% compared to 21.0% for the first quarter of 2007. The actual effective tax rate was 21.75% for the full year 2007.
- Net earnings were \$6.7 million, or \$0.18 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2008 compared with \$4.0 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2007.

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Critical Accounting Policies

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations discusses our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the 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.

Management believes that judgment and estimates related to the following critical accounting policies could materially affect our consolidated financial statements:

- Inventory valuation, the allowance for doubtful accounts, and other accrued liabilities
 - Long-lived and intangible assets valuation, and depreciation/amortization periods
 - Income taxes
 - Retirement plans
 - Equity-based compensation

In the first quarter of 2008, there were no changes in the above critical accounting policies.

Results of Operations

Comparison of First Quarter 2008 and First Quarter 2007

Segment Discussion

Refer to Note G, "Segments," for a description of the Company's segments.

The following table highlights the segment results for the three-month periods ending March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007:

| (\$ in thousands) | Components & Sensors | EMS | Consolidated Total | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---|
| First Quarter 2008 | | | | |
| Sales | \$ 77,787 | \$ 94,968 | \$ 172,755 | |
| Segment operating earnings | 6,775 | 2,030 | 8,805 | |
| % of sales | 8.7% | 2.1% | 5.1 | % |
| First Quarter 2007 | | | | |
| Sales | \$ 69,532 | \$ 93,726 | \$ 163,258 | |
| Segment operating earnings | 4,945 | 3 | 4,948 | |
| % of sales | 7.1% | 0.0% | 3.0 | % |

Sales in the Components and Sensors segment increased \$8.3 million, or 11.9% from the first quarter of 2007, attributed primarily to increased electronic component sales for infrastructure applications and in the automotive market. Sales from the newly acquired Tusonix, Inc. business represented \$2.9 million of the increase. Refer to Note C, "Acquisitions" for more information.

The Components and Sensors segment operating earnings were \$6.8 million in the first quarter of 2008 versus \$4.9 million in the first quarter of 2007. The favorable earnings change resulted from higher sales and lower operating expenses as a percent of sales.

The EMS segment recorded a sales increase of \$1.2 million, or 1.3%, in the first quarter of 2008 versus the first quarter of 2007. The increase in sales was primarily attributable to higher sales in the defense and aerospace market, largely resulting from the recent acquisition of Orion Manufacturing, Inc., and in the medical market, partially offset by lower sales in the computer market. Refer to Note C, "Acquisitions" for more information.

The EMS segment operating earnings were \$2.0 million in the first quarter of 2008 versus breakeven in the first quarter of 2007. The favorable earnings change was primarily due to more favorable product mix and lower operating expenses as a percent of sales.

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Total Company Discussion

The following table highlights changes in significant components of the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the three-month periods ended March 30, 2008 and April 1, 2007:

| (\$ in thousands, except net earnings per share) | Three months ended | | Increase (Decrease) |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| | March 30, 2008 | April 1, 2007 | |
| Net sales | \$ 172,755 | \$ 163,258 | \$ 9,497 |
| Restructuring-related costs | 274 | — | 274 |
| % of net sales | 0.2% | —% | 0.2% |
| Gross margin | 33,824 | 30,338 | 3,486 |
| % of net sales | 19.6% | 18.6% | 1.0% |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 20,976 | 21,270 | (294) |
| % of net sales | 12.1% | 13.0% | (0.9)% |
| Research and development expenses | 4,317 | 4,120 | 197 |
| % of net sales | 2.5% | 2.5% | —% |
| Restructuring charge | 150 | — | 150 |
| % of net sales | 0.1% | —% | 0.1% |
| Operating earnings | 8,381 | 4,948 | 3,433 |
| % of net sales | 4.9% | 3.0% | 1.9% |
| Income tax expense | 1,881 | 1,076 | 805 |
| Net earnings | 6,666 | 4,046 | 2,620 |
| % of net sales | 3.9% | 2.5% | 1.4% |
| Net earnings per diluted share | \$ 0.18 | 0.11 | \$ 0.07 |

First quarter sales of \$172.8 million increased \$9.5 million, or 5.8%, from the first quarter of 2007 driven organically and through acquisitions. The increase was primarily attributable to the Components and Sensors segment, with higher sales of \$8.3 million mainly in infrastructure applications and automotive products, and the positive impact of the newly acquired Tusonix, Inc. business. EMS segment sales increased \$1.2 million from higher defense and aerospace market sales as a result of the recent acquisition of Orion Manufacturing, Inc. and from strong medical market sales, partially offset by expected sales decreases in the computer market.

Gross margin as a percent of sales was 19.6% in the first quarter of 2008 compared to 18.6% in the first quarter of 2007 due to favorable segment sales mix and favorable product mix. The Components and Sensors segment, which inherently generates a higher gross margin, increased to 45.0% of total company sales in the first quarter of 2008 compared to 42.6% of total sales in the same period of 2007.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$21.0 million, or 12.1% of sales, in the first quarter of 2008 versus \$21.2 million, or 13.0% of sales, in the first quarter of 2007. The decline in the percent of sales is due to higher expenses in the first quarter of 2007 that included approximately \$1.3 million of investigation costs. Research and development expenses were \$4.3 million, or 2.5% of sales in the first quarter of 2008 versus \$4.1 million, or 2.5% of sales in the first quarter of 2007. Research and development expenses are primarily from the Components and Sensors segment and are primarily focused on expanded applications and new product development, as well as current product and process enhancements.

Operating earnings were \$8.4 million in the first quarter of 2008 compared to \$4.9 million in the first quarter of 2007. The increase in operating earnings was primarily attributable to higher sales and favorable product mix in the first quarter of 2008 while keeping operating expenses steady, as discussed above. First quarter 2008 operating earnings included approximately \$0.4 million of restructuring and restructuring-related costs associated with the realignment of operations announced in November 2007.

Income taxes for the first quarter of 2008 were calculated using an estimated full-year rate of 22.0% compared to 21.0% for the first quarter of 2007. The actual effective tax rate was 21.75% for the full year 2007. There were no material changes to the amount of unrecognized FIN 48 tax benefits, interest or penalties during the first quarter of 2008.

Net earnings were \$6.7 million, or \$0.18 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2008 compared with \$4.0 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2007. Higher net earnings were the result of higher operating earnings in the first quarter of 2008 as other income remained essentially flat.

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Outlook

Based on the first quarter results and the outlook for the remainder of the year, we expect full-year 2008 sales to grow by 5% - 8% over 2007. Full-year diluted earnings per share are expected to be in a range of \$0.78 to \$0.83.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview

Cash and cash equivalents were \$59.3 million at March 30, 2008 compared to \$52.9 million at December 31, 2007. Total debt on March 30, 2008 was \$116.7 million, higher than \$73.0 million at the end of 2007. Total debt as a percentage of total capitalization was 26.5% at the end of the first quarter of 2008, compared with 18.4% at the end of 2007. Total debt as a percentage of total capitalization is defined as the sum of notes payable, current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt as a percentage of total debt and shareholders' equity. Our total debt rose significantly in the first quarter of 2008 as we completed two strategic acquisitions.

Working capital increased \$29.8 million in the first quarter of 2008 versus year-end 2007, primarily due to an increase in inventory of \$10.1 million and higher accounts receivable of \$7.5 million, both of which resulted primarily from acquisitions during the quarter.

Cash Flow

Operating Activities

Net cash used by operating activities was \$5.5 million for the first quarter of 2008 including a decrease in net assets, net of the effect of acquisitions of \$18.2 million, partially offset by net earnings of \$6.7 million and depreciation and amortization expense of \$6.0 million. The decrease in net assets was primarily due to decreased accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$11.8 million that resulted from our utilization of a supplier discount program and initial funding requirements for two acquisitions.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$4.1 million for the first quarter of 2007. Components of net cash provided by operating activities include net earnings of \$4.0 million, depreciation and amortization expense of \$5.8 million and equity-based compensation of \$1.1 million, offset by an increase in net assets of \$6.8 million. The increase in net assets was primarily due to increased inventory of \$11.2 million and an increase in prepaid pension asset of \$2.2 million, partially offset by decreased accounts receivable of \$4.3 million and increased accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$2.6 million.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$24.1 million for the first quarter of 2008, primarily to complete acquisitions.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$2.7 million for the first quarter of 2007, primarily for capital expenditures.

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities for the first quarter of 2008 was \$35.9 million, consisting primarily of a net increase in debt of \$44.7 million, offset by \$6.8 million for purchase of CTS common stock and \$1.0 million in dividend payments.

Net cash used in financing activities for the first quarter of 2007 was \$3.8 million, consisting primarily of \$2.8 million in decreased short-term and long-term debt and \$1.1 million in dividend payments.

Capital Resources

Refer to Note E, "Debt," for further discussion.

On June 27, 2006, we entered into a \$100 million, unsecured revolving credit agreement. Under the terms of the revolving credit agreement, we can expand the credit facility to \$150 million. There was \$56.7 million outstanding under the revolving credit agreement at March 30, 2008. There was \$12 million outstanding under the revolving credit agreement at December 31, 2007. Interest rates on the revolving credit agreement fluctuate based upon LIBOR and our quarterly total leverage ratio. We pay a commitment fee on the undrawn portion of the revolving credit agreement. The commitment fee varies based on the quarterly leverage ratio and was 0.15 percent per annum at March 30, 2008. The revolving credit agreement requires, among other things, that we comply with a maximum total leverage ratio and a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. Failure to comply with these covenants could reduce the borrowing availability under the revolving credit agreement. We were in compliance with all debt covenants at March 30, 2008. Additionally, the revolving credit agreement contains restrictions relating to the amount of secured debt the Company can have outstanding, the amounts allowed for acquisitions or asset sales and the amounts allowed for stock repurchases and dividend payments. The revolving credit agreement expires in June 2011.

We have \$60 million in aggregate principal amount of senior subordinated debentures ("2.125% Debentures"). These unsecured debentures bear interest at an annual rate of 2.125%, payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1 of each year through the maturity date of May 1, 2024. The 2.125% debentures are convertible, under certain circumstances, into CTS common stock at a conversion price of \$15.00 per share (which is equivalent to an initial conversion rate of approximately 66.6667 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of the notes). Upon conversion of the 2.125% debentures, in lieu of delivering common stock, we may, at our discretion, deliver cash or a combination of cash and common stock.

In June 2007, our Board of Directors authorized a program to repurchase up to two million shares of CTS common stock in the open market. The authorization expires on June 30, 2009. Reacquired shares will be used to support equity-based compensation programs and for other corporate purposes. We repurchased 689,800 shares at a total cost of \$6.8 million during the first quarter of 2008.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This document contains statements that are, or may be deemed to be, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, any financial or other guidance, statements that reflect our current expectations concerning future results and events, and any other statements that are not based solely on historical fact. Forward-looking statements are based on management's expectations, certain assumptions and currently available information. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. These forward-looking statements are made subject to certain risks, uncertainties and other factors, which could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those presented in the forward-looking statements. For more detailed information on the risks and uncertainties associated with our business, see our reports filed with the SEC. Examples of factors that may affect future operating results and financial condition include, but are not limited to: rapid technological change; general market conditions in the automotive, communications, and computer industries, as well as conditions in the industrial, defense and aerospace, and medical markets; reliance on key customers; the ability to protect our intellectual property; pricing pressures and demand for our products; and risks associated with our international operations, including trade and tariff barriers, exchange rates and political and geopolitical risks; and the impact of the accounting misstatements at its Moorpark and Santa Clara, California locations, including the results of the impact of the SEC's informal inquiry into these misstatements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update its forward-looking statements to reflect new information or events or circumstances that arise after the date hereof, including market or industry changes.

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Item Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

3.

There have been no other material changes in our market risk since December 31, 2007.

Item Controls and Procedures

4.

Pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, management, under the direction of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 30, 2008, provided that the evaluation did not include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting for the acquired businesses, as described further below.

The acquired business, Tusonix, Inc., had facilities in Tucson, Arizona and Nogales, Mexico. The acquired business Orion Manufacturing, Inc., had a facility in San Jose, California. Each of these facilities reports financial results that are included in this report for the quarter-ended March 30, 2008. Our management has not completed an evaluation of the businesses internal controls over financial reporting since the dates of acquisition.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Other than the changes resulting from the acquisitions, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting for the quarter-ended March 30, 2008 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item Legal Proceedings

1.

Certain processes in the manufacture of our current and past products create hazardous waste by-products as currently defined by federal and state laws and regulations. We have been notified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, state environmental agencies and, in some cases, generator groups that it is or may be a potentially responsible party regarding hazardous waste remediation at several non-CTS sites. In addition to these non-CTS sites, we have an ongoing practice of providing reserves for probable remediation activities at certain of our manufacturing locations and for claims and proceedings against us with respect to other environmental matters. In the opinion of management, based upon presently available information relating to all such matters, either adequate provision for probable costs has been made, or the ultimate costs resulting will not materially affect the consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows of CTS.

Certain claims are pending against us with respect to matters arising out of the ordinary conduct of our business. For all claims, in the opinion of management, based upon presently available information, either adequate provision for anticipated costs has been made by insurance, accruals or otherwise, or the ultimate anticipated costs resulting will not materially affect our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

We have been informed that the SEC is conducting an informal inquiry relating to the accounting misstatements of our Moorpark and Santa Clara, California manufacturing facilities. We are in full cooperation with the SEC in its

inquiry.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no significant changes to our risk factors since December 31, 2007.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table summarizes the repurchases of CTS common stock made by the Company during the three-month period ending March 30, 2008:

| | (a) Total Number of Shares Purchased | (b) Average Price Paid per Share | (c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Plans or Programs (1) | (d) Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs 689,800 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| January 1, 2008 – January 27, 2008 | 338,600 | \$ 9.75 | 338,600 | 351,200 |
| January 28, 2008 – February 24, 2008 | 242,500 | 10.09 | 242,500 | 108,700 |
| February 25, 2008 – March 30, 2008 | 108,700 | 9.75 | 108,700 | — |
| Total | 689,800 | \$ 9.87 | 689,800 | |

(1) In June 2007, CTS' Board of Directors authorized a program to repurchase up to two million shares of its common stock in the open market. The authorization expires June 30, 2009.

Item 6. Exhibits

(10)(a) 2008 – 2009 Performance Restricted Stock Unit Plan

(31)(a) Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(31)(b) Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(32)(a) Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(32)(b) Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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SIGNATURES

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

/s/ Richard G. Cutter III
Richard G. Cutter III
Vice President, Secretary and General
Counsel

/s/ Donna L. Belusar
Donna L. Belusar
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

Dated: April 30, 2008

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