

ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES INC

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Form 10-K/A**

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006

Commission file number 1-10367

Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies, Inc.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

71-0675758
*(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)*

**914 N Jefferson Street
Post Office Box 1237
Springdale, Arkansas**
(Address of principal executive offices)

72764
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(479) 756-7400

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

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
Class A common stock, \$.01 par value

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 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, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-Accelerated Filer

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

On June 30, 2006, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity of the registrant was \$103,046,769 (for the purposes hereof, directors, executive officers and 10% or greater shareholders have been deemed affiliates).

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Number of shares of common stock outstanding at March 12, 2007: **Class A 44,812,956; Class B 1,465,530**

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Item 1. *Business.*

Summary

Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies, Inc. (AERT) develops, manufactures, and markets composite building materials that are used in place of traditional wood or plastic products for exterior applications in building and remodeling homes and for certain other industrial or commercial building purposes. Our products are made primarily from approximately equal amounts of waste wood fiber, which have been cleaned, sized and reprocessed, and recycled polyethylene plastics. Our products have been extensively tested, and are sold by leading national companies such as the Weyerhaeuser Company (Weyerhaeuser), Lowe's Companies, Inc. (Lowe's) and Therma-Tru Corporation. Since our inception in 1989, we have sold over \$454.5 million of products into the North American marketplace. Our composite building materials are marketed as a substitute for wood and plastic filler materials for standard door components, windowsills, brick mould, fascia board, decking and heavy industrial flooring under the trade names LifeCycle®, MoistureShield®, MoistureShield® CornerLoc®, Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek® Premium, ChoiceDek® Premium Colors, MoistureShield® outdoor decking, and Basics™ outdoor decking. Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek® products are available exclusively through Lowe's Home Improvement stores. We operate manufacturing facilities in Springdale, Lowell, and Tontitown, Arkansas; Junction, Texas and Alexandria, Louisiana. We also operate a warehouse and reload complex in Lowell, Arkansas. Operations will commence in the second quarter of 2007 at our third composite extrusion plant, which we refer to as Springdale South. Our customers are primarily regional and national door and window manufacturers, Weyerhaeuser our primary decking customer and regional building product distributors.

Products

Using the same basic process and material, we manufacture the following product lines:

Commercial and residential decking planks and accessories such as balusters and handrails (MoistureShield and Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek),

Exterior door and window components,

Exterior housing trim (MoistureShield), and

Fence boards

The wood fiber content of our products gives them many properties similar to all-wood products, but we believe the plastic content makes our products superior to either all-wood or all-plastic alternatives because:

Unlike wood, our products do not require preservatives or treatment with toxic chemicals nor do they require yearly water sealing or staining.

Our products are less subject to thermal contraction or expansion and have greater dimensional stability than competing all-plastic products.

Our products are engineered for superior moisture-resistance and will not swell or expand like wood.

Our products can be designed and extruded through dies to a desired shape in accordance with customer specifications, which helps the customer to minimize waste.

Our products are less subject to rotting, cracking, warping, and splintering, insect infestation and water absorption than conventional wood materials.

Our products can be aesthetically enhanced to provide a wood-like or grained surface appearance.

When combined with our unique tie coat primer, the life of exterior paint can be greatly enhanced, thus creating a low-maintenance non-wood trim and fascia system designed to enhance and complement fiber cement siding.

Our products can be combined with coloring agents and/or other additives to provide different colors and aesthetics.

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AERT's composites manufacturing process involves proprietary technologies, certain of which are patented. We also use manufacturing equipment that has been custom-built or modified to our specifications. Our composite building material became a patented product in June 1998 under U.S. Patent No. 5,759,680.

Based upon our extensive product testing and successful extended field history of over a decade, we offer a limited lifetime replacement warranty on our products against rot and fungal decay, and termite and insect damage.

Marketing and Sales

General Market Strategy. We have manufactured wood plastic composite products since 1989. Our products are designed for applications where we can add the greatest value and address market needs, i.e. for external applications where wood is prone to rot and/or requires substantial yearly maintenance in the form of staining or water sealing. Though we believe there are many possible applications for our wood/plastic composite technology, we have focused our resources and personnel on outdoor decking, door and window components, and soon outdoor fencing, which in our view represent the most attractive market opportunities at this time. Within our chosen markets, we are constantly working to develop and improve strong customer relationships.

Outdoor Decking Systems. Beginning in 1995, we sold our decking products exclusively to Weyerhaeuser Building Materials. That changed in 2004 when we entered into a new contract whereby Weyerhaeuser purchased all of our ChoiceDek Premium decking products for resale exclusively to Lowe's Companies under the Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek brand. The Weyerhaeuser contract required us to produce, and Weyerhaeuser to purchase, a minimum number of truckloads of ChoiceDek Premium decking and accessories, which amount was set by Weyerhaeuser each year subject to a minimum annual quantity of 1,850 truckloads. Terms have recently been reached with Weyerhaeuser on a new contract that will replace the 2004 contract. The new contract, which is substantially similar to the 2004 contract, is currently being circulated for signatures of all parties, including AERT's bondholders, who must approve. Both Weyerhaeuser and independent lumber dealers can also special order MoistureShield decking from the Weyerhaeuser distribution network in certain markets. Weyerhaeuser recently announced a new three year agreement to provide Lowe's the exclusive right to carry the ChoiceDek Premium product line, which Lowe's sells in all of its 1,300+ home improvement stores across the U.S. Weyerhaeuser and AERT were named Lowe's Vendor of the Year for lumber products in 2005. Lowe's promotes ChoiceDek Premium through a national print and advertising campaign and sponsorship of major sporting events such as the NCAA basketball Final Four tournament and NASCAR races. We believe our relationship with Weyerhaeuser strengthens our competitive position in the decking marketplace and gives us the opportunity to develop and sell new products through the same home improvement warehouse channel.

We promote our decking products through displays and presentations at national, regional, and local home, lawn, and garden shows, and through in-store displays. We have an on-going print advertising program that targets the residential decking market. Lowe's is also conducting a national print and television advertising campaign for ChoiceDek Premium.

Weyerhaeuser purchases accounted for about 81% of our 2006 gross sales. If Weyerhaeuser were to cancel the Weyerhaeuser contract, we would have to develop an alternative distribution system for decking products, which could be expensive and time consuming. Though Weyerhaeuser has purchased substantially all of our decking production since 1995, there is no assurance that it will continue to do so (see Item 1A. Risk Factors The loss of one or more of our key customers could cause a substantial reduction in our revenues and profits and Note 2 to the financial statements regarding concentration of risk).

In October 2004, we began production of our new MoistureShield brand line of decking products, which consists of four colors and a wood-like embossed surface pattern. MoistureShield decking is currently sold to select primary

distributors, who re-sell it to lumber dealers and contractor yards for sale to local deck builders and home builders. MoistureShield decking sales represented about 9% of total Company sales in 2006 and 2005, during which we had limited production capacity available to serve that market. In 2007 and beyond, the MoistureShield decking line will allow us to diversify our customer base. It also allows us to diversify the risk inherent in selling such a large portion of our production to one customer, Weyerhaeuser. It is our intent

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to grow the MoistureShield decking program as we identify opportune markets and that, over time, MoistureShield will become a larger portion of our sales.

In February 2007 we began manufacturing our new Basicstm line of outdoor decking. With smaller dimensions and a lower price point, Basics is designed to effectively compete against the largest segment of the outdoor decking market, pressure treated wood. Basics will initially be available through select independent building products distributors.

Total wholesale revenue from outdoor decking products (deck boards and handrail systems) was estimated by an independent industry research organization to be about \$5.1 billion in 2005 (most recent data available). Of that amount, about 19% was spent on wood/plastic composite products such as we manufacture. They estimate that annual unit sales of wood/plastic composite decking products grew about 25% per year from 2000 to 2005 and are expected to continue double digit annual growth for the foreseeable future. Most end-user sales are for remodeling jobs.

Privacy Fencing Systems. In January 2007, we announced our newest product, LifeCycletm Fencing. We estimate the privacy fence market to be \$5.5 billion annual sales with metal products comprising 63% of the market and wood/other products at 27%. We believe there is a substantial market for an aesthetically pleasing fence product that will serve for twenty years or more, which we expect LifeCycle Fencing to do. In fact, we intend to certify LifeCycle fencing for use in hurricane-prone regions of the U.S. where its strength and durability could give it a clear competitive advantage over other, less durable, fencing products. We plan to begin manufacturing LifeCycle fencing for limited introduction in the second quarter 2007.

Door and Window Products. We sell our MoistureShield industrial products to door and window manufacturers for use as component parts of their products. For example, we manufacture a windowsill that is built into products like Portrait windows by Stock Building Supply and we manufacture door rails built into doors by Therma-Tru Corporation. In marketing, we emphasize the value-added feature of the MoistureShield composite product, which, unlike competing wood products, can be engineered to incorporate certain desired end-product characteristics that save our customers time and expense. Customers also avoid the need for chemical treatments to their final product, which are otherwise often necessary to prevent rot and sustain durability. The durability of our MoistureShield composite components allows our customers to extend the lifetime or warranties of their products while reducing or eliminating warranty claims costs.

Therma-Tru and Stock Building Supply each purchase a large portion of our industrial products. The loss of either customer would negatively impact sales and earnings. We are unable to predict the future size of the markets for MoistureShield industrial products; however, we believe that the national door and window, commercial and residential trim, and residential decking material markets are large and growing and will allow us to diversify our customer base over time as we add production capacity and focus on additional opportunities.

Exterior Trim and Fascia Products. We market an exterior trim and fascia system under the trade names MoistureShield Trim and MoistureShield CornerLoc. Three national homebuilders are now specifying and using the product. With our previous limitations on production capacity and focus to meet the demand for our decking systems, we have limited our Trim and CornerLoc production to date. We believe this product line has significant growth potential, and we are striving to increase production capacity so that we can increase production and initiate a marketing program, in conjunction with our MoistureShield distributors. This product line is currently being redesigned. The timetable of a full product launch is dependent upon our construction and financing timetable and the start-up of our Springdale South manufacturing facility (see Item 2 Properties and Item 7 Liquidity and Capital Resources).

Sales and Customer Service. We provide sales support and customer service through our own marketing department, through outside commissioned representatives with an affiliated entity, through Weyerhaeuser, and through training

programs for our customers and their sales associates. Our in-house sales and customer support team is focused on serving commercial decking contractors and supporting the sales professionals at our regional building products distributor customers as well as Weyerhaeuser and Lowe's. Information and customer service are provided through the websites www.choicedek.com and www.moistureshield.com, and

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through a national toll-free customer assistance telephone number. We also use independent, outside sales representatives in some markets to serve door, window, and decking customers.

Cyclical Nature of Building Products Industry. Our products are used primarily in home improvement and new home construction. The home improvement and housing construction industries are subject to significant fluctuations in activity and periodic downturns caused by general economic conditions. High interest rates and economic uncertainty in particular can lead to reduced homebuilding and/or home improvement activity, such as since mid-2006. Reductions in such activity has an adverse effect on the demand for our products. We have focused a large portion of our business on the remodel and repair market segment, which we believe is less sensitive to interest rate fluctuations than the new homebuilding market.

Product Innovation. In our constant pursuit of satisfying our customers, and to keep up with changing trends in the marketplace, we routinely analyze the need to develop new products and improve existing products.

Raw Materials

Wood Fiber. The wood fiber we use is waste byproduct generated by hardwood furniture, cabinet, and flooring manufacturers. The cost of acquiring the waste wood has primarily been the handling and transportation costs involved in getting the material to our facilities. Costs vary with transportation costs in general, which are related to petroleum prices and the supply and demand for over-the-road trucking services. Our cost of sourcing waste wood fiber has increased over the last three years due to transportation costs, but remains a small proportion of our total costs. The housing slowdown starting in mid-2006 reduced the demand for hardwood building products and has caused some of our suppliers to temporarily close facilities, which has forced us to pay higher costs to source wood elsewhere.

Two suppliers accounted individually for about 40% and collectively for approximately 80% of our 2006 waste wood fiber purchases. Based on our discussions with other waste wood fiber suppliers, we believe that if the arrangements with one or both of these suppliers were terminated we would be able to obtain adequate supplies of waste wood fiber at an acceptable price from new suppliers. We are currently evaluating the feasibility of establishing an in-house wood fiber reclamation and cleaning system in northwest Arkansas.

Recycled Plastics. We use the following classes of industrial and consumer waste polyethylene:

Low density polyethylene (LDPE) poly coatings or linings from recycled bleached food-board, which are generated from the hydro-pulping process;

High density polyethylene (HDPE) and linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) mixed plastic grocery bags from supermarket and store collection programs;

HDPE ground container material;

LLDPE stretch film from warehouses and packing waste; and

Virgin HDPE and LDPE pellets.

The largest portion of the materials we use is highly contaminated with paper and other non-plastic materials, which lessen its value to other plastic recyclers. Our proprietary recycling process does not require the purity, extensive cleaning, additional washing, and melt filtration required for conventional plastics manufacturing, and can be conducted faster and more economically. By using primarily these contaminated waste plastics, we produce a usable,

but lower cost, feedstock for our composite extrusion lines. We also purchase plastic raw materials from outside sources, including virgin resin producers. These materials are more expensive and more sensitive to price swings related to the petrochemical industry. We also are subject to various quality and consistency problems when dealing with third party scrap suppliers, which increases our costs.

One supplier accounted for about 34% of our 2006 polyethylene scrap purchases by weight. No other of our more than 100 polyethylene suppliers accounted for more than 10% of our purchases by weight.

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Over the last several years, we believe three factors have caused an increase in the demand for scrap polyethylene and, consequently, the cost to us of acquiring raw materials for our manufacturing process.

As world political events conspired to raise the price of petroleum there was a related rise in the price of virgin plastic, which is a petroleum and natural gas derivative. This in turn increased the demand for scrap plastics since scrap can be substituted for virgin plastics in many manufacturing applications. We thus began competing with scrap plastic consumers that had not previously been in the market.

The relative decline in the value of the dollar versus major Asian currencies has made it economical for Asian manufactures to source scrap plastic in the U.S. for use in their countries. We have thus encountered significant competition for scrap plastics from foreign consumers that had not previously been a factor in the market. Demand for petrochemical products from China, India and other rapidly expanding economies is expected to increase.

As annual sales of wood composite decking products have grown, we and other composite decking manufacturers have become relatively large consumers of scrap plastics, which has created increasing competition for raw materials and driven up prices.

On the other hand, we believe that the economics of recycling are now such that more private and public entities will find it attractive to undertake removing plastic scrap from the waste stream and make it available to consumers like us.

Supply Contracts. We purchase raw materials under both supply contracts and purchase orders. In 2006, we purchased 45% of our polyethylene scrap and all of our waste wood via purchase orders. Purchase order acquisitions are one-time transactions that involve no long-term obligation. We also have both polyethylene and wood supply contracts, with terms that range from one to three years, which obligate us to purchase materials. The prices under these contracts are renegotiated semi-annually or annually. In the past three years, the amounts we have been obligated to purchase under the supply contracts have been significantly less than the amounts of these materials we have needed for production.

Competition for Raw Materials. As the wood/plastic composites industry grows, we sometimes compete for raw materials with other plastic recyclers or plastic resin producers. We believe that our ability to use highly contaminated polyethylene limits the number of competitors because most recycling processes require cleaner waste plastic sources. Nonetheless, we expect to continue to encounter new entrants into the plastics reclamation business. These new entrants may have greater financial and other resources than we do, and may include domestic and foreign beverage bottlers, manufacturers, distributors and retailers, forestry product producers, petrochemical and other companies. We increased our capacity for processing waste plastic in 2006, which reduced our dependence on outside suppliers and reduces our overall costs but it is still not to desired levels. There is no assurance that we will be able to control the effect that increasing waste plastic costs has on our profitability. (see Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis Liquidity and Capital Resources.)

Patented and Proprietary Technology

Our composite manufacturing process and our development efforts in connection with waste plastics reclamation technologies involve patents and many trade secrets that we consider to be proprietary. We have also developed certain methods, processes, and equipment designs for which we have sought additional patent protection. We have taken measures to safeguard our trade secrets by, among other things, entering into confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements, and restricting access to our facilities. We also have installed advanced security systems, including limited access and cameras, at all facilities including on-site security personnel. Should our trade secrets be disclosed

notwithstanding these efforts, our business and prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

We have filed nineteen patent applications and have received issuance from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for fourteen patents, five of which relate to our composite materials manufacturing operations and product, and nine of which relate to waste plastics reclamation technologies. The patents cover our composite product, extrusion process and apparatus, our continuous down-stream cooling and forming

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conveyor system and our plastic reclamation process and equipment. The cost of patent protection and, in particular, patent litigation is extremely high. It can also strain resources and inhibit growth.

Industry Standards

Local building codes often require that building materials meet strength and safety standards developed by the International Code Commission and that, in order to qualify, the materials be evaluated by an independent testing organization. Our decking, handrails and stair applications are covered in a National Evaluation Report (NER) under NER-596, which provides local building inspectors and code officials with independent testing and installation information regarding our products. We believe that the NER listing has helped to increase sales and market acceptance of our decking products. We have recently renewed our building code listing and are currently in the process of upgrading and increasing the number of products covered for additional building code approval.

Regulation

AERT is subject to federal, state, and local environmental regulations. Environmental discharges and impacts from our manufacturing facilities including air, solid waste, and wastewater discharges must meet the standards set by environmental regulatory authorities in Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Compliance with environmental laws has not had a material effect on our operating results or financial condition.

Our operations are also subject to workplace safety regulation by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the states of Arkansas, Texas, and Louisiana. We provide safety awareness and training programs for all associates who work in a manufacturing environment.

Competition

Competition for Sales. Our products compete with high-grade western pine, cedar and other premium woods, aluminum, high-performance plastics, and an increasing number of composites and other construction materials. We believe that our products have superior physical characteristics, which make them a better value for the consumer. Manufacturers of some competing products, however, have long-established ties to the building and construction industry and have well-accepted products. Many of our competitors are larger and have research and development budgets, marketing staffs, and financial and other resources that surpass our resources.

Sales of non-wood decking products to date represent a small portion of the decking market. According to an independent research report the wood-alternative market share was 19% in 2005 and continues to grow. Pressure treated pine, cedar, redwood and other traditional woods constitute the vast majority of annual decking sales. We thus view wood decking as our principal competitor. The wood decking industry is highly segmented with many small to medium sized manufacturers. Wood decking is principally a commodity that competes as the low-priced product, whereas the more-expensive non-wood products must compete on features and performance.

Among manufacturers of alternative decking materials, we view Trex Company, TimberTech Ltd., Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, Tamko Building Products and Fiber Composites LLC as our primary competitors.

The market for door, windowsill, and trim products is highly segmented, with many competitors. We believe that our MoistureShield industrial products have superior characteristics and are competitively priced. We emphasize durability, which means that manufacturers and homebuilders using our products should see reduced warranty callbacks and higher customer satisfaction. Our product competes on durability and the ability of the customer to order a product that is custom manufactured to its specifications.

Employees

On December 31, 2006, we employed 664 people on a full-time basis. We had 60 associates at the Texas facility, of which four were executive and/or office personnel and 56 were full-time factory personnel. The

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Arkansas facilities, including our corporate office and field sales team, employed 578 full-time associates, of which 110 were executives and/or sales or office personnel and 468 were full-time factory personnel. We had 26 full-time associates at our Louisiana facility. From time-to-time, we hire part-time employees to supplement our workforce.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Our business is subject to a number of risks, including but not limited to the following:

We have a working capital deficit

At December 31, 2006, we had a working capital deficit of \$3,466,129 and at December 31, 2005, we had a working capital deficit of \$687,039. The working capital deficit is the result of losses from operations, our decision to finance capital projects with cash generated from operations, and our need to fund rapid growth in sales.

We may be unable to secure an adequate quantity and quality of raw materials at economical prices

The largest component of our raw material costs is scrap polyethylene. The price that we must pay for these materials is related to the market prices of natural gas and petroleum, which have been rising and volatile in recent years. Our future profitability is contingent on us being able to manage raw material costs under these circumstances.

The loss of one or more of our key customers could cause a substantial reduction in our revenues and profits

We could be materially adversely affected if we were to lose one or more of our large existing customers. Our principal customer for our decking material is Weyerhaeuser, which accounted for 81% and 77% of our sales in 2006 and 2005, respectively. A few large door and window construction companies have historically purchased substantially all of our industrial component products. A loss of any one of our large customers would adversely affect our sales and profitability.

If we are unable to comply with certain debt covenants, our financial position and operations could be adversely affected

The bond agreement contains financial covenants, which include a current ratio of not less than 1.00 to 1.00 and a requirement that not more than 10% of accounts payable be in excess of 75 days past the invoice date. We were not in compliance with these two covenants at December 31, 2006; however, these covenants were waived by the bondholder as of December 31, 2006 through, and including, December 31, 2007. There is no assurance that we will be able to comply with these debt covenants in the future, or that the bondholder will waive or modify the covenants in the future. If we are unable to comply with the covenants or obtain a waiver or modification of the covenants in the future, then the bond debt, currently in the amount of \$14.7 million, could immediately become due and payable, the bondholder could foreclose on the property used to secure the debt, and the bondholder could claim our revenues pledged as part of the bond agreement.

Restrictions regarding increased manufacturing capabilities could restrain our business growth

We increased our sales by \$10.5 million in 2006, \$23.7 million in 2005 and \$20.1 million in 2004. Our products have seen significant growth, and our customers have significant established expansion plans. Our primary customers and markets are large, and continued sales growth will require significant capital expenditures for additional production equipment and manufacturing facilities. Although our goal is to become the number one composite producer in North America, there is no assurance that we will be able to secure the necessary financing, attain the necessary operational execution, or that the equipment and facilities will become operational in a timely manner to meet that goal.

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Our growth is limited by the availability of human capital resources

Future profitable growth will require us to recruit and retain qualified associates. We compete with many larger companies in the labor market, many of whom offer more attractive compensation packages than we are able to economically provide. Though we have adopted equity compensation plans to aid in our efforts to recruit and retain qualified associates, the accounting treatment for those plans results in a reduction in our earnings.

Declines in construction activity may adversely affect our business

Our products are sold in the home improvement and new home construction markets. These markets are subject to significant fluctuations in activity and periodic downturns caused by general economic conditions, as has been the case since mid-2006. Slowdowns in construction activity have an adverse effect on the demand for our products.

Fire disruptions may adversely affect our business

Our raw materials and manufacturing processes involve a greater than average risk of fire loss or disruption. Through the Company's history, we have experienced several fires, some of which severely disrupted our manufacturing operations. There was an accidental fire at our Junction, Texas facility in March 2003, which caused substantial damage and temporarily shut down plant operations. Although we have increased security and increased fire protection equipment at our facilities, another major fire could occur and materially adversely affect our operations.

Covenants in our bond agreements could restrict our ability to borrow, which could impair the improvement and expansion of our operations

Certain covenants in our bond agreements restrict the types and amounts of additional indebtedness that we may incur, including a requirement that, with certain exceptions, we may only incur additional indebtedness to the extent it would satisfy a debt incurrence coverage ratio of 250% of income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization to debt service. Those restrictions could inhibit our ability to improve and expand our current operations. Additionally, our ability to secure adequate working capital to support our day-to-day operations as we grow could be limited by the covenants in our bond agreements.

Future sales of shares could be dilutive and impair our ability to raise capital

The conversion of a significant number of our outstanding derivative securities into Class A common stock could adversely affect the market price of the stock. At December 31, 2006, there were warrants outstanding for 4,606,132 shares of Class A common stock at an average exercise price of \$1.21, and options outstanding for 2,872,130 shares of Class A common stock at an average exercise price of \$1.09. The exercise or conversion of a material amount of such securities will result in a dilution in interest for our other security holders. The convertible securities, whether converted into stock or not, could impair our ability to obtain additional capital because of the potential for dilution. Also, the holders of such securities may be expected to exercise their rights at a time when we would in all likelihood be able to obtain needed capital through a new offering of our securities on terms more favorable than those provided by the outstanding securities.

Item 1B. *Unresolved Staff Comments.*

None.

Item 2. *Properties.*

We operate the following manufacturing and recycling facilities:

We manufacture our MoistureShield and Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek brand lines of decking products at our Springdale, Arkansas extrusion plant. That facility also produces door, window, and housing trim components. Springdale had four extrusion lines and a plastic recycling facility throughout 2006. The Springdale plant

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consists of 103,000 square feet and is located on ten-acres with a rail siding in the Springdale industrial district. Since 1999, we have added 30,440 square feet of shed storage space and installed a dual sprinkler system.

We lease an office, storage building, and parking lot adjacent to the Springdale facility. The lease is renewable yearly. The office and storage facility is comprised of 10,000 square feet on 2.36 acres and houses our corporate offices.

Our Junction, Texas facility manufactures primarily Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek and Basics decking products. A fire in March 2003 reduced production capacity for the rest of 2003, but production increased through 2003 and 2004 as fire damage was repaired. Full restoration was slowed by litigation with one of the insurance carriers responsible for paying for fire damage (see Item 3. Legal Proceedings). The Junction plant consists of a 49,000 square foot manufacturing and storage facility on a seven-acre site. We believe that the Junction facility is currently suitable for composite materials manufacturing requirements on a regional basis.

Our industrial products paint system and finishing operations are in a 50,000 square foot facility near Tontitown, Arkansas.

We operate a 45,000 square foot facility at Lowell, Arkansas, which is used for plastic recycling, blending, and storage, and includes a railroad loading/unloading spur, truck scale, receiving station, and finished goods storage.

We operate two 100,000 square foot warehouses in Lowell, Arkansas that are connected by rail spurs and are used for raw materials storage. We also operate a 125,000 square foot warehouse in the same complex, which is used for finished goods processing and distribution. We have signed a lease for a 150,000 square foot warehouse, also in the Lowell complex, which will be used for both raw material and finished goods handling. We also lease ten acres of land adjacent to our Lowell plastic plant for storage and load-out of finished goods; this operation is designed to load up to five railcars and ten trucks at a time.

We lease a 30,000 square foot raw materials warehouse in Springdale, about a mile from our main factory. That facility will be abandoned when the new warehouse at Lowell becomes available.

We lease plastic recycling equipment and factory space in Alexandria, Louisiana, which commenced operations in June 2003. The lease is for five years from June 2003 through June 2008. We have made improvements and installed additional equipment to increase the facility's throughput. The upgrades provide flexibility to economically process different types of scrap plastic and to provide plastic feedstock of a quality and consistency necessary to efficiently operate our extrusion facilities.

We have constructed a new extrusion factory just to the south of our existing Springdale plant. Startup has been delayed twice by faulty equipment supplied by vendors. We believe we can begin operating the first of Springdale South's planned four production lines in the second quarter of 2007, but there is no assurance that we will be able to meet our current schedule. We anticipate installing the other three lines over the course of the next two years, subject to continued growth in demand for our products, availability of financing or adequate cash flow.

Item 3. *Legal Proceedings.*

Lloyd's of London

We have been sued by certain underwriters at Lloyd's of London (Lloyd's) in connection with a settlement of our Junction, Texas fire claim. Lloyd's filed suit January 19, 2005 in the Circuit Court of Washington County, Arkansas initially claiming we had committed fraud in the submission of our claim for damages and seeking a court order declaring the Lloyd's policy void from the inception. Following extensive discovery and depositions, Lloyd's amended

the lawsuit and dropped the allegations of fraud and their request for an order declaring the policy void and filed an amended claim alleging we did not rebuild the facility exactly as it had existed prior to the March 2003 fire and also asking the court to decide what assets are part of the building and what assets are business property and to make certain declarations of coverage. The filing

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was unexpected by us because we cooperated fully with the claims underwriting process and believed that negotiations toward a final settlement of the claim were progressing.

We believe the Lloyd's lawsuit is without merit. We filed our initial counterclaim on January 24, 2005 denying all of Lloyd's allegations and seeking immediate and full reimbursement for rebuilding of the Junction plant. The counterclaim was subsequently amended and we were seeking not only to recover at least \$2.4 million in actual damages, including additional business disruption damages, but also punitive damages for acts of bad faith committed by Lloyd's in their initial handling of the claim.

The parties participated in an unsuccessful court-ordered mediation on March 13, 2006. A summary judgment hearing was conducted on June 27, 2006, following which the Court ruled our business disruption loss is limited to \$1.0 million, which reduces our current claim to \$1.5 million; however, the Court ordered we could present the bad faith claim we filed against Lloyd's to the jury and if we are successful the jury can award punitive damages over and above the \$1.5 million in actual damages. Trial has been set for August 6, 2007.

Advanced Control Solutions

On March 3, 2006, a Benton County Circuit Court jury found AERT liable for \$655,769 in damages to Advanced Control Solutions (ACS) for future business opportunities that ACS alleges it lost when AERT discontinued using ACS programming and electrical contractor services and for missing equipment. The jury found that AERT also interfered with certain non-compete provisions of an employment agreement between ACS and an employee by hiring the employee after he had been terminated by ACS in December 2003. The jury also awarded AERT judgment against ACS for approximately \$45,000 for ACS's failure to complete a programming contract. AERT has begun the appeal process at the Arkansas Supreme Court of Appeals, which we expect to take up to two years to resolve.

Other Matters

AERT is involved in other litigation arising from the normal course of business. In management's opinion, this litigation is not expected to materially impact the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

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

There were no matters submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

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

Our Class A common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market System under the symbol **AERT**. As of March 12, 2007, there were approximately 1,600 holders of record of Class A common stock and 11 holders of record of Class B common stock. The price of our common stock was \$2.02 on December 31, 2006. We have not previously paid cash dividends on the common stock and there are currently restrictions under various debt obligations that would prevent the payment of such dividends for the foreseeable future. The following table sets forth the range of high and low quarterly sales prices (as reported by NASDAQ) of our Class A common stock for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005.

	High	Low
Sales Price Range of Class A Common Stock		
Fiscal 2005		
First Quarter	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.25
Second Quarter	1.59	1.21
Third Quarter	1.74	1.19
Fourth Quarter	1.79	1.25
Fiscal 2006		
First Quarter	2.56	1.58
Second Quarter	3.71	1.95
Third Quarter	3.32	2.10
Fourth Quarter	2.37	1.48

No repurchases of common stock took place during 2006.

Table of Contents**Item 6. Selected Financial Data.**

The following tables set forth selected historical data for the years ended December 31, 2002 through 2006, derived from our audited financial statements for each such year and should be read in conjunction with such financial statements and the footnotes attached thereto as well as the discussion contained herein in *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Statements of Operations					
Data:					
Net sales	\$ 97,840,126	\$ 87,312,560	\$ 63,637,285	\$ 43,520,563	\$ 41,415,466
Income (loss) before extraordinary gain, accrued premium on preferred stock and income taxes	968,585	3,583,370	1,369,983	(665,921)	1,193,333
Accrued premium on preferred stock		(235,367)	(276,000)	(276,000)	(278,083)
Income (loss) before extraordinary gain and income taxes	968,585	3,348,003	1,093,983	(941,921)	915,250
Net income tax benefit	835,937	4,449,682			
Income (loss) before extraordinary gain	1,804,522	7,797,685	1,093,983	(941,921)	915,250
Extraordinary gain			173,536	2,962,041	
Net income applicable to common stock	\$ 1,804,522	\$ 7,797,685	\$ 1,267,519	\$ 2,020,120	\$ 915,250
Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary gain(1) (Basic)	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.22	\$.03	\$ (.03)	\$.03
Net income (loss) per common share before extraordinary gain(1) (Diluted)	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.19	\$.03	\$ (.03)	\$.02
Extraordinary gain per common share (Basic)			\$.01	\$.10	
			\$.00	\$.10	

Extraordinary gain per
common share (Diluted)

Net income per common share
after extraordinary gain (Basic) \$ 0.04 \$ 0.22 \$.04 \$.07 \$.03

Net income per common share
after extraordinary gain
(Diluted) \$ 0.04 \$ 0.19 \$.03 \$.07 \$.02

Weighted average number of
shares outstanding (Basic) 41,990,150 35,861,060 31,815,067 30,017,661 29,516,768

Weighted average number of
shares outstanding (Diluted) 45,881,498 40,475,244 41,070,289 30,017,661 42,665,451

Balance Sheet Data:

Working capital deficit \$ 3,466,130 \$ 687,039 \$ 3,470,971 \$ 1,915,695 \$ 6,557,943

Total assets 72,049,966 56,952,673 43,340,793 36,406,601 39,335,948

Long-term debt less current
maturities 16,827,717 17,010,889 15,571,068 16,659,241 4,068,210

Total liabilities 44,493,361 35,835,369 31,610,279 27,458,156 33,574,481

Stockholders equity 27,556,605 21,117,304 11,730,514 8,948,445 5,761,467

- (1) The net income (loss) per share of common stock is based on the combined weighted average number of shares of Class A and Class B common stock outstanding during the period. See Note 2 to the financial statements for a reconciliation of the basic and diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding.

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

2006 was a transitional year for AERT, marked by a balancing of production capacity and product demand after three years of product shortages. Not only did capacity increase through greater efficiencies, but demand eased in the second half of the year as the entire building products industry abruptly slowed.

2006 Operations

Sales

Despite the second half slowdown, AERT net sales were up 12.1% over 2005, the tenth consecutive year of sales growth. Prices were approximately 8.5% higher than prices prevailing in 2005, helping both our Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek and MoistureShield decking sales register double digit growth. Sales of our OEM products, which are primarily associated with new home construction, fell off significantly in the second half, driving year-over-year growth of that product line into negative territory.

We also lost some sales opportunity in third and fourth quarter 2006 as engineering and construction delays plagued the startup of our new Springdale South extrusion plant and we refurbished other parts of our manufacturing facilities for production upgrades. As the delay has dragged on into 2007, we have had to postpone transitioning into several new product lines, LifeCycle™ Fencing and our new line of exotic tropical hardwood decking.

Margins

Our gross, operating, and net margins fell in 2006 versus 2005. Early in the year we faced extraordinarily high plastic raw material costs due to the run-up in petroleum and natural gas prices relative to prior years. Also in the first half, we were pushing to get enough additional plastic processing infrastructure established to meet our raw material demands. Then late in the year, construction delays, slowing demand for existing products, and delays in launching new products left us with some idle manufacturing and administrative capacity, which increased overhead costs relative to sales and pressured profit margins. While we constantly work to reduce our direct labor costs, we have been adding administrative infrastructure over the last three years to support our rapid growth and increase our product mix. This also caused under-absorption of fixed costs in the fourth quarter.

2006 was our first year as a Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) regulations accelerated filer. While we believe that SOX-mandated procedures provide a good framework for disciplined business administration, SOX-related auditing and compliance costs added significantly to our SG&A expenses.

Current Business Environment

As the composite decking business continues to evolve, here are the factors we believe will drive AERT's business in 2007.

Sales

The 2006 second half slowdown, which was more pronounced in the fourth quarter, left building products dealers and distributors with more inventory of existing product lines than they wanted at year end. Most manufacturers throttled back production and shut lines down during the quarter. Whereas industry-wide manufacturer sales of decking products to distributors appears to have exceeded end user sales in 2006, high beginning dealer inventories may very

well reverse that market dynamic in 2007. If the housing and decking business gets back on track, inventories clear by the end of the year and we successfully launch new market introductions of our decking products, we believe we can resume double digit growth in 2008.

As manufacturing technology and aesthetics of composite decking improve, market trends are also shifting. Consumers appear to be demanding more variety and selection compared to prior periods as construction of multi-color decks appears to be increasing. Also, the evolution toward a more natural wood look appears to be increasing on the higher end of the market, while decreasing wood prices have widened the

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price differential on the lower end. Thus, a smaller profile deck board, under the brand Basics™, is being introduced in 2007 in limited colors, targeted to a wood upgrade segment for light residential construction. Additionally, selection is being addressed with the introduction of three additional color selections. We believe this will allow us to broaden our customer base and appeal to a wider market segment than in prior periods. The MoistureShield decking introduction is targeted toward the commercial contractor lumberyard, which provides service to large repeat customers. Most of these large customers are regularly purchasing, or have been exposed to, competing brands of composite decking. On this higher end segment, we believe success will require converting customers away from competing products to our brands such as MoistureShield or ChoiceDek. Thus, a significant marketing effort was initiated during the fourth quarter of 2006, and will continue throughout 2007. The marketing program is aimed at converting high end customers to our products.

With difficult conditions facing the decking market, AERT is differentiating its products through a combination of low price point, quality, and outstanding customer service. We believe we are in a favorable position to increase market share, but maintaining our low cost model could restrict our ability to grow profit margins over the next year.

We have invested significantly in plastic recycling infrastructure over the last several years. As technology has improved so has the aesthetics of our products, which are overwhelmingly comprised of recycled materials. Green building is an ever increasing trend and we intend to capitalize on that trend with a new slogan: AERT We Make Green Look Good.

The composite decking business is continuously evolving. The technology used to manufacture wood/plastic boards has advanced significantly over the last four years and many contemporary products have much improved aesthetics. Going forward, it will be important for AERT to continue to innovate and keep in close touch with consumer trends.

Since 2001, Lowe's Home Improvement stores have carried our Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek products exclusively in the composite decking category. During 2007, a second color selection will be introduced into the ChoiceDek set in the Lowe's home improvement warehouses. In addition, 150 new stores will be opened by Lowe's in 2007, which will also carry Weyerhaeuser ChoiceDek. In addition, a fifth color and two new tropical hardwood products will be available in ChoiceDek for Lowe's. Lowe's will start carrying another, though higher priced, decking brand beginning this year, which could limit the strong growth that ChoiceDek has enjoyed the last three years. Lowe's is broadening the decking category and adding more accessories as it attempts to broaden its customer base.

Three new regional building products distributors have begun carrying MoistureShield decking this year and early sales are encouraging. There has also been strong interest in our new LifeCycle Basics decking and LifeCycle fencing products. Lifecycle Basics is now in production and LifeCycle Fencing will begin production during the second half of 2007. Our new exotic or tropical decking lines will also begin production during the second quarter of 2007. We expect that these factors will continue to drive AERT sales at favorable growth rates.

Costs

The cost of recycled plastic eased in the fourth quarter, bringing us back to pre-2006 levels, though we expect costs to rise again through 2007. Offsetting lower polyethylene costs in the fourth quarter, however, were increased costs of additives designed to increase color, improve aesthetics and improve surface microbial resistance on decking boards.

The slowdown in the building products industry has dealt a harsh blow to cabinet and hardwood flooring manufacturers, from whom we acquire scrap wood fiber. The use of wood pellets as an alternative fuel source has also grown in the last few years. These two forces are acting to raise the cost of our wood raw materials.

When Springdale South starts up, expected in early second quarter 2007, we will begin depreciating our investment in that facility, which will add approximately \$1.2 million to our annual manufacturing costs versus 2006.

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Longer Term Factors Driving Our Business

AERT's core competency is extracting value from America's waste stream. As the market matures for our current slate of products made from recycled plastics, AERT will pursue new products and new markets. Given the many commercial uses of polyethylene, we believe that AERT will have abundant future opportunities to grow.

In 2006 we announced plans to build a new plastic recycling facility in Oklahoma. We have been working through the permitting process with local and environmental regulators, and currently plan to start construction later in the fourth quarter of this year. The new facility is designed to allow us to use the less desirable, but low cost, forms of waste polyethylene and additional sources of waste wood fiber, which will ensure our ability to maintain a low cost structure.

While the startup of the first line at the Springdale South plant suffered from numerous construction delays and engineering challenges, the installation of the next three lines will be relatively fast and we should be able to increase production capacity relatively quickly as demand picks up or new markets are opened.

As the decking market matures, some of our competitors with high cost processes are falling by the wayside. We are monitoring the activities of our competitors and moving into markets where our competitors are failing.

Management's Focus for 2007

Introduce three new ChoiceDek products and stock a minimum of two colors in all stores.

Introduce our expanded MoistureShield decking product line into nationwide distribution by the end of the first quarter of 2008.

Introduce LifeCycle Basics deck board and LifeCycle fencing.

Decrease operating costs relative to sales revenue:

Complete modifications to our plastic blending processes to increase throughput and increase yield at extrusion factories

Increase our ability to use more low cost raw materials

More aggressive raw materials purchasing strategies

Improve training and associate development

Increase automation to improve yield and lower labor costs

Streamline logistics and manufacturing operations

Install new enterprise resource planning system to improve management information

Balance sales, general and administrative overhead expenses to match growth rate

Reduce leverage and strengthen the balance sheet.

We believe the selected sales data, the percentage relationship between net sales and major categories in the Statements of Operations and the percentage change in the dollar amounts of each of the items presented below is important in evaluating the performance of our business operations. We operate in one business segment and believe the information presented in our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition provides an understanding of our business segment, our operations and our financial condition.

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	2006	% Change	2005	% Change	2004
Net sales	\$ 97,840,126	12.1%	\$ 87,312,560	37.2%	\$ 63,637,285
Cost of goods sold	77,594,965	16.9%	66,389,964	35.6%	48,963,166
% of net sales	79.3%	3.3%	76.0%	(0.9)%	76.9%
Gross margin	20,245,161	(3.2)%	20,922,596	42.6%	14,674,119
% of net sales	20.7%	(3.3)%	24.0%	0.9%	23.1%
Selling and administrative costs	16,407,400	12.4%	14,595,854	31.5%	11,099,911
% of net sales	16.8%	0.1%	16.7%	(0.7)%	17.4%
Research and development	285,858	159.6%	110,134	13.3%	97,207
Subtotal	16,693,258	13.5%	14,705,988	31.3%	11,197,118
% of net sales	17.1%	0.3%	16.8%	0.8%	17.6%
Operating income	3,551,903	(42.9)%	6,216,608	78.8%	3,477,001
% of net sales	3.6%	(3.5)%	7.1%	1.6%	5.5%
Other income (expense)					
Insurance proceeds related to lost income		0.0%		(100.0)%	8,720
Net litigation contingency		(100.0)%	(610,206)	*	
Gain (loss) on disposition of equipment	58,285	*	(26,122)	*	
Net interest expense	(2,641,603)	32.3%	(1,996,910)	(5.6)%	(2,115,738)
Income before extraordinary item, accrued premium on preferred stock and taxes	968,585	(73.0)%	3,583,370	161.6%	1,369,983
% of net sales	1.0%	(3.1)%	4.1%	1.9%	2.2%
Accrued premium on preferred stock		(100.0)%	(235,367)	(14.7)%	(276,000)
Income before extraordinary item and taxes	968,585	(71.1)%	3,348,003	206.0%	1,093,983
% of net sales	1.0%	(2.8)%	3.8%	2.1%	1.7%
Net income tax benefit	835,937	(81.2)%	4,449,682	*	
% of net sales	0.9%	(4.2)%	5.1%	5.1%	0.0%
Income before extraordinary item	1,804,522	(76.9)%	7,797,685	612.8%	1,093,983
% of net sales	1.8%	(7.1)%	8.9%	7.2%	1.7%

Extraordinary gain on involuntary conversion of non-monetary assets due to fire		0.0%		(100.0)%	173,536
Net income applicable to common stock	\$ 1,804,522	(76.9)%	\$ 7,797,685	515.2%	\$ 1,267,519
% of net sales	1.8%	(7.1)%	8.9%	6.9%	2.0%

* Not meaningful as a percentage change

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Year Ended December 31, 2006 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2005

Net Sales

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2006 grew 12.1% compared to 2005. Approximately 3.6% of the sales gain was the result of productivity increases at our plastic recycling and extrusion plants, with the balance attributable to price increases. Sales of composite decking products were up, while sales of industrial door and window components were down relative to 2005.

Cost of Goods Sold and Gross Margin

Cost of goods sold, as a percent of sales, increased to 79.3% for the year ended December 31, 2006 from 76.0% for 2005. Labor costs were down, as a percent of sales, due to increased automation and efficiency initiatives. Manufacturing overhead costs were up slightly, as a percent of sales, versus 2005 as increased employment and utility costs offset gains from increased scale. Raw material costs were up significantly due to higher costs of polyethylene scrap prices in the first half of the year. Prices eased in the second half and should be more favorable through 2007.

Gross profit margin decreased to 20.7% for 2006 from 24.0% in 2005 as higher raw material and overhead costs outweighed the effects of lower direct labor.

Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative costs increased in 2006 compared to 2005 as a result of increases in sales, customer service, and corporate personnel expenses, along with general increases in corporate costs to manage our growing business. As a percentage of net sales, selling and administrative costs increased to 17.1% from 16.7%. The categories of salaries and benefits, advertising and promotion, travel and entertainment, professional fees, and commissions together made up 77% of total selling and administrative expenses in 2006. Professional fees were lower in 2006 than 2005, though we expect to have substantial legal fees again in 2007 due to the trial of the Lloyd's insurance case (see Litigation).

Operating Income

Operating income was 3.6% of sales for 2006, down from 6.4% of sales in 2005 as higher raw material and overhead costs outweighed the effect of lower direct labor.

Net Income

Net income decreased to \$1.8 million, or \$0.04 per share, in 2006 from \$7.8 million, or \$0.19 per share, in 2005. Income before income taxes for 2006 was \$968,585, down from income of \$3,348,003 in 2005. We recorded a net income tax benefit of \$835,937 in 2006, which consisted of the current tax provision for the year of \$128,380 and a deferred tax benefit of \$964,317. The deferred tax benefit was the result of temporary differences between amounts recorded for financial reporting purposes and amounts recorded for tax purposes, including amounts for net operating loss carryforwards and net property, plant and equipment.

Year Ended December 31, 2005 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2004

Net Sales

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2005 grew 37.2% compared to 2004. Approximately 95% of the sales gain was the result of productivity increases at our plastic recycling and extrusion plants, with the balance attributable to price increases.

Cost of Goods Sold and Gross Margin

Cost of goods sold, as a percent of sales, decreased to 76% for the year ended December 31, 2005 from 76.9% for 2004. Labor costs and manufacturing overhead were down, as a percent of sales, due to increased automation and efficiency initiatives. Our manufacturing improvement programs also resulted in higher output

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per manufacturing line in 2005 versus 2004, thus reducing overhead costs as a percent of sales. Material costs, however, were up significantly due to higher costs of polyethylene scrap prices resulting from instability in world petroleum and natural gas markets and disruptions in the supply of polyethylene resulting from hurricane damage along the Gulf Coast in August and September 2005.

Gross profit margin improved to 24% for 2005 from 23.1% in 2004 as efficiency gains and price increases outweighed the effects of higher raw material costs.

Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling and administrative costs increased in 2005 compared to 2004 as a result of increases in sales, customer service, and corporate personnel expenses, along with general increases in corporate costs to manage our growing business. However, as a percentage of net sales, selling and administrative costs decreased. The categories of salaries and benefits, professional fees, advertising and promotion, travel and entertainment, and commissions together make up 75% of total selling and administrative expenses. Professional fees included substantial legal expenses.

Net Income

We removed the valuation allowance we had provided for our deferred tax assets in the fourth quarter and recognized a net \$4.6 million non-cash income tax benefit, which significantly increased net income for the quarter and year. The deferred tax asset is comprised of net operating losses (NOLs) accumulated during AERT's developmental years.

Net income increased to \$7,797,685 in 2005 from \$1,267,519 in 2004. Income before income taxes for 2005 was \$3,348,003, up substantially from income of \$1,093,983 in 2004.

Extraordinary Item

There was a major fire at the Junction, Texas facility in 2003. The Junction facility was fully insured. Damage caused by the fire required us to write down gross assets by approximately \$4.91 million. We simultaneously adjusted accumulated depreciation on those assets by \$3.96 million, resulting in a net book value decrease in assets of about \$950,000. At December 31, 2004, we had invested approximately \$6.4 million in reconstructing the Junction facility. Insurance proceeds received to reimburse costs incurred to reconstruct the facility resulted in a gain of \$173,536 for the year ended December 31, 2004. Through December 31, 2004, the total extraordinary gain recorded as a result of the fire was \$3,135,577. Total insurance proceeds in connection with the fire were \$6 million received through December 31, 2004.

Contingencies

Liquidity and Capital Resources

At December 31, 2006, we had a working capital deficit of \$3,466,130 compared to a working capital deficit of \$687,039 at December 31, 2005. Working capital included total current liabilities of approximately \$27.7 million, of which \$3.2 million was for accrued expenses, \$11.4 million was in payables and \$13.1 million was a combination of short-term notes payable, secured by inventory and receivables, and the current portion of long-term debt. The working capital deficit is the result of previously incurred losses from operations, our decision to finance capital projects with cash generated from operations, and our need to fund rapid growth in sales. We spent approximately \$10.2 million on capital expansion during 2006. Expenditures were primarily for construction at our Springdale South manufacturing site and additional equipment at our Lowell plastic processing facility.

Unrestricted cash increased \$416,509 to \$2,164,532 at December 31, 2006 from December 31, 2005. Significant components of that increase were: (i) cash used in operating activities of \$2,219,704, which consisted of the net income for the period of \$1,804,522 increased by depreciation and amortization of \$4,083,638 and decreased by other uses of cash of approximately \$8,107,864; (ii) cash used in investing activities of \$6,824,489; and (iii) cash provided by financing activities of approximately \$9,460,702. Payments

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on notes during the period were \$6,061,273, including approximately \$3,050,000 to Brooks Investment Company, a related party. Proceeds from the issuances of notes amounted to \$13,563,225, which was comprised of \$10,260,000 received under our working capital line of credit and \$3,303,225 from Brooks Investment Company. Of the amount owed Brooks Investment Company, \$3,050,000 was repaid during the period. At December 31, 2006, we had bonds and notes payable in the amount of \$29,971,509, of which \$13,143,792 was current notes payable and the current portion of long-term debt.

At the end of the first quarter of 2006, we entered into a new \$15.0 million bank line of credit, replacing the factoring agreement with Brooks Investment Co. that was in use during 2005 and the first quarter of 2006. No amounts were borrowed under the line of credit until April 1, 2006. The line is a one year revolving credit facility that was renewed on January 16, 2007, and will mature on June 30, 2007, secured by our inventory, accounts receivable, chattel paper, general intangibles and other current assets, as well as by fixtures and equipment, and is provided by Liberty Bank of Arkansas at a variable interest rate of prime plus one hundred basis points, which was 9.25% at December 31, 2006. The maximum amount that may be drawn on the line at one time is the lesser of \$15.0 million and the borrowing base, of which approximately \$400,000 was available to borrow at December 31, 2006. The borrowing base is equal to the sum of approximately 85% of our qualifying accounts receivable, 75% of finished goods inventory and 50% of all other inventory. The full amount of the line is guaranteed as to payment by our largest stockholder, Marjorie S. Brooks, who also guarantees \$4 million on our 2003 industrial development bond owned by Allstate Investments. When the line of credit matures, the Company intends to seek a line of credit that does not require a personal guarantee. The revolving credit facility includes debt service coverage ratio, current ratio, and accounts payable and accounts receivable aging covenants substantially similar to those under our 2003 bond agreements and customary restrictions on dividends and the incurrence of additional debt or liens, among other matters (see Note 4: Line of Credit). There is no assurance that Liberty Bank will renew our working capital line of credit on June 30, 2007.

We believe that funds generated from operations will be adequate for us to pay operating expenses and meet our fixed obligations for the balance of 2007 and into the future, assuming a refinancing of our working capital line of credit. A prolonged period of reduced sales resulting from weakness in the building products industry or otherwise, however, could require us to slow or close production at some of our less efficient facilities and/or to seek additional funding in the form of debt or equity. There is no assurance that we would be successful in securing additional capital if required.

In early 2006 our board of directors approved the repurchase of up to three million shares of stock in order to limit further shareholder dilution from outstanding warrants, options, and restricted stock programs, and to take advantage of periods when we believe the market may be undervaluing our shares. At December 31, 2006, we had not repurchased any shares and there is no assurance as to how many shares will actually be repurchased or when.

Our capital improvement budget for 2007 is currently estimated at \$4 million, of which we believe we can finance half through long-term debt and operating leases; the balance of required funds must come from cash flow. The 2007 capital improvement program will emphasize operating efficiency and improving our gross profit margin and cash flow, including automation projects and installing an enterprise resource planning system.

In 2006 the Adair County Oklahoma Economic Development Authority approved the issuance of tax-exempt industrial development bonds to finance the construction of our proposed new waste recycling facility. We are currently in the local and state permitting process and there is no assurance that the project will proceed or that funding will materialize. Without funding, we may have to pay for a large portion of the project costs from cash flow. If we are unable to complete our 2007 capital expansion program as planned, it could affect our ability to grow sales and profit margins in 2007 and future years.

We proceeded with reconstruction of the fire-damaged Junction, Texas facility despite a dispute with our third tier insurance carrier, Lloyd's of London, and have been required to invest \$1.4 million from cash flow. This has

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negatively impacted the Company. We seek to recover actual damages in the amount of at least

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\$1.5 million plus attorney and court fees and punitive damages for acts of bad faith committed by Lloyd's (see Item 1. Legal Proceedings).

Under the 2003 bond agreement, AERT covenants that it will maintain certain financial ratios. If we fail to comply with the covenants, or to secure a waiver therefrom, the bond trustee would have the option of demanding immediate repayment of the bonds. In such an event, it could be difficult for us to refinance the bonds, which would give the bond trustee the option to take us into bankruptcy.

We were not in compliance with the accounts payable and current ratio covenants as of December 31, 2006. The bond trustee waived these covenants as of December 31, 2006 through, and including, December 31, 2007.

	December 31, 2006	Compliance
Bonds Payable and Allstate Notes Payable Debt Covenants		
Long-term debt service coverage ratio for last four quarters of at least 2.00 to 1.00	2.01	Yes
Current ratio of not less than 1.00 to 1.00 (as adjusted)(1)	0.95	No - Waived
Debt to equity ratio of not more than 3.00 to 1.00	1.09	Yes
Not more than 10% of accounts payable in excess of 75 days past invoice date	25%	No - Waived
Not more than 20% of accounts receivable in excess of 90 days past invoice date	1%	Yes

(1) The current ratio calculation was modified by the waiver to include the debt service reserve fund of \$2,040,000 in current assets.

Critical Accounting Policies and 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 amounts reported on our financial statements. The estimates made in applying the accounting policies described below are material to the financial statements and notes thereto due to the level of judgment involved in arriving at those estimates.

Accounts Receivable

Trade accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Delinquency fees are not assessed. Payments of accounts receivable are allocated to the specific invoices identified on the customers' remittance advice. Accounts receivable are carried at the original invoice amount less an estimated reserve made for returns and discounts based on quarterly review of historical rates of returns and expected discounts to be taken. The carrying amount of accounts receivable is reduced, if needed, by a valuation allowance that reflects management's best estimate of the amounts that will not be collected. Management individually reviews all accounts receivable balances that exceed thirty days from the invoice date, and based on an assessment of current creditworthiness, estimates the portion, if any, of the balance that may not be collected. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation based on its assessment of the current status of the individual accounts. Balances that remain outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to trade accounts receivable. Changes in the valuation allowance have not been material to the financial statements. Recoveries of trade receivables previously written off are recorded when received. Due to the nature of our business and our association with large national corporations, our collection of receivables has stayed at a constant level with very few uncollectible accounts.

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Property additions and betterments include capitalized interest and acquisition, construction and administrative costs allocable to construction projects and property purchases. Provision for depreciation of buildings and equipment is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Gains or losses on sales or other dispositions of property are credited or charged to income in the period incurred. Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to income in the period incurred, unless it is determined that the useful life of the respective asset has been extended.

We account for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, *Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets* (SFAS 144). SFAS 144 requires an assessment of the recoverability of our investment in long-lived assets to be held and used in operations whenever events or circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Such assessment requires that the future cash flows associated with the long-lived assets be estimated over their remaining useful lives. An impairment loss may be required when the future cash flows are less than the carrying value of such assets.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 104, *Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements* (SAB 104). Under SAB 104, revenue is recognized when the title and risk of loss have passed to the customer, there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the sales price is determinable and collectibility is reasonably assured. The Company typically recognizes revenue at the time of shipment or segregated and billed under a bill and hold agreement. The terms of this agreement qualify for revenue recognition under SAB 104. Sales are recorded net of discounts, rebates, and returns.

Estimates of expected sales discounts are calculated by applying the appropriate sales discount rate to all unpaid invoices that are eligible for the discount. The Company's sales prices are determinable given that the Company's sales discount rates are fixed and given the predictability with which customers take sales discounts.

Contractual Obligations

The following table represents our contractual obligations outstanding as of December 31, 2006:

	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		Less Than 1 Year	1 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	More Than 5 Years
Long-term debt	\$ 18,501,329	\$ 1,673,612	\$ 4,918,481	\$ 2,309,236	\$ 9,600,000
Operating leases	8,587,614	2,308,399	3,281,659	2,237,638	759,918
Total	\$ 27,088,943	\$ 3,982,011	\$ 8,200,140	\$ 4,546,874	\$ 10,359,918

Our waste wood and scrap polyethylene supply contracts have varying terms and pricing structures. The contracts generally obligate us to take whatever waste the supplier generates as long as the waste meets our standards. Pricing for these contracts can generally be renegotiated every twelve months, however, so determining our precise future

liability is not reasonably estimable.

In February 2006, AERT entered into an operating lease contract whereby it agreed to lease up to \$3 million of equipment for seven years. In July 2006, the amount of the lease line was increased to \$6 million. Lease payments are expected to begin in the second quarter of 2007. Until that time, interim interest payments are being made on the amount of equipment subject to the lease that has been purchased by the leasing company, which totaled approximately \$4.1 million at December 31, 2006. The lease payments are not included in the table above due to the uncertainty of the commencement of those payments.

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Uncertainties, Issues and Risks

There are many factors that could adversely affect AERT's business and results of operations. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions, decline in demand for our products, business or industry changes, critical accounting policies, government rules and regulations, environmental concerns, litigation, new products/product transition, product obsolescence, competition, acts of war, terrorism, public health issues, concentration of customer base, loss of a significant customer, availability of raw material (plastic) at a reasonable price, management's failure to execute effectively, inability to obtain adequate financing (i.e. working capital), equipment breakdowns, low stock price, and fluctuations in quarterly performance.

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

We have no material exposures relating to our long-term debt, as most of our long-term debt bears interest at fixed rates. We depend on the market for favorable long-term mortgage rates to help generate sales of our product for use in the residential construction industry. Should mortgage rates increase substantially, our business could be impacted by a reduction in the residential construction industry. Important raw materials that we purchase are recycled plastic and wood fiber, which are subject to price fluctuations. We attempt to limit the impact of price increases on these materials by negotiating with each supplier on a term basis.

Forward-looking Information

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Prior to making an investment, prospective investors should carefully consider the following factors, among others, and seek professional advice. In addition, this Form 10-K contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such forward-looking statements, which are often identified by words such as believes, anticipates, expects, estimates, should, may, will and similar expressions, represent our expectations and beliefs concerning future events. Numerous assumptions, risks, and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. Prospective purchasers of our securities should carefully consider the information contained herein or in the documents incorporated herein by reference.

The foregoing discussion contains certain estimates, predictions, projections and other 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) that involve various risks and uncertainties. While these forward-looking statements, and any assumptions upon which they are based, are made in good faith and reflect management's current judgment regarding the direction of the business, actual results will almost always vary, sometimes materially, from any estimates, predictions, projections, or other future performance suggested herein. Some important factors (but not necessarily all factors) that could affect the sales volumes, growth strategies, future profitability and operating results, or that otherwise could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statement include the following: market, political or other forces affecting the pricing and availability of plastics and other raw materials; accidents or other unscheduled shutdowns affecting us, our suppliers or their customers' plants, machinery, or equipment; competition from products and services offered by other enterprises; our ability to refinance short-term indebtedness; state and federal environmental, economic, safety and other policies and regulations, any changes therein, and any legal or regulatory delays or other factors beyond our control; execution of planned capital projects; weather conditions affecting our operations or the areas in which our products are marketed; adverse rulings, judgments, or settlements in litigation or other legal matters. We undertake no obligation to publicly release the result of any

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revisions to any such forward-looking statements that may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**Summary Quarterly Financial Data**

	2005				2006			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Operating income	\$ 19,943,530	\$ 20,954,211	\$ 23,099,857	\$ 23,314,962	\$ 27,665,249	\$ 28,105,770	\$ 20,800,859	\$ 21,200,000
Operating expense	4,319,620	4,734,626	6,266,274	5,602,076	5,954,316	8,480,538	4,132,310	1,600,000
Operating loss	665,477	918,938	1,651,945	4,561,325	905,942	1,723,097	(305,595)	(500,000)
Operating loss per share	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)
Operating loss per share (diluted)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)

The financial statements portion of this item is submitted in a separate section of this report.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer, who is our principal executive officer, our Chief Operating Officer, and our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, who is our principal financial officer, have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of December 31, 2006. Based upon this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Operating Officer, and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as a result of material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006 described below under

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of December 31, 2006. We have initiated the implementation of measures to remediate these material weaknesses as described below under Remediation of Material Weakness in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

We, as members of the management of Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies, Inc. (the Company), are responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The 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. Internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and

dispositions of the assets of the Company; (2) 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 (3) 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 and procedures may deteriorate.

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We assessed the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006, based on criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting established in "Internal Control-Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, management identified two material weaknesses (as defined by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board) as of December 31, 2006.

First, the Company did not have a process in place to assess potential impairment of fixed assets. Without a formal, periodic assessment process, material overstatements of the net book value of fixed assets could remain undetected. Second, the Company's inventory costing system was not adequately documented nor were there adequate procedures for an independent review of the costing analysis to ensure completeness and accuracy of the calculated costs. Without a formally documented, approved costing process, combined with an independent review of the spreadsheet inputs and formulas used to calculate inventory costs, material misstatements of inventory and cost of goods sold could remain undetected. Accordingly, management has determined that, because of these material weaknesses, the Company did not maintain effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2006 based on the specified criteria.

Tullius Taylor Sartain & Sartain LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, which audited the Company's financial statements included in this report, has issued an attestation report on management's assessment of the effectiveness and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting, which is included in this report.

/s/ JOE G. BROOKS

Joe G. Brooks,
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

/s/ STEPHEN W. BROOKS

Stephen W. Brooks,
Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer

/s/ ROBERT A. THAYER

Robert A. Thayer,
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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The Company is in the process of developing systems and procedures to remediate each of the material weaknesses identified in Management's assessment of internal controls as of December 31, 2006. Management believes that these new procedures, in combination with the implementation of a new enterprise resource planning system now underway, will provide controls sufficient to identify and prevent material misstatements in the valuation of the Company's fixed assets and the Company's inventory.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Other than the matters described in this Item 9A under Remediation of Material Weakness in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2006, there have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or that are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

PART III**Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.**

The directors and executive officers of the Company as of December 31, 2006, are as follows:

Name	Age	Position
Joe G. Brooks	51	Chairman, chief executive officer and president
Stephen W. Brooks	50	Chief operating officer and director
Marjorie S. Brooks	71	Secretary, treasurer and director
J. Douglas Brooks	47	Senior vice president
Alford Drinkwater	55	Senior vice president
Jim Precht	61	Senior vice president sales and marketing
Robert A. Thayer	55	Senior vice president and chief financial officer
Eric E. Barnes	33	Chief accounting officer and controller
Jerry B. Burkett	50	Director
Edward P. Carda	66	Director
Melinda Davis	64	Director
Tim W. Kizer	41	Director
Samuel L. Tony Milbank	66	Director
Sal Miwa	50	Director
Jim Robason	69	Director
Michael M. Tull	52	Director

The Company's board of directors elected **Joe G. Brooks** as its chairman and the Company's co-chief executive officer in December 1998, and he has served as president since February 2000. In July 2005, Mr. Brooks became chief executive officer. Mr. Brooks has served as president or in other executive office capacities and has been a director since the Company's inception in December 1988, including service as chairman and CEO from inception until August

1993. He was a member of Clean Texas 2000, appointed by then Governor George W. Bush in 1995.

The Company's board of directors elected **Stephen W. Brooks** as co-chief executive officer in December 1998 until July 2005 when he became vice chairman and chief operating officer. Mr. Brooks has served as its chief executive officer and has been a director since January 1996. Mr. Brooks has served as CEO and

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chairman of the board of Razorback Farms, Inc. from January 1996 to the present. Razorback Farms is a Springdale, Arkansas based firm that specializes in vegetables processing. Mr. Brooks also serves on the board of the Ozark Food Processors Association.

Marjorie S. Brooks has been secretary, treasurer and a director since the Company's inception in December 1988. Mrs. Brooks has served as secretary and treasurer of Brooks Investment Co., a holding company for the Brooks family investments, for more than thirty years.

J. Douglas Brooks has served as executive vice-president from inception to September 2003, has been in charge of raw material sourcing and strategic relationships since 1998, and has been a senior vice president since September 2003. Mr. Brooks was vice-president of plastics from 1995 through 1998, was previously project manager for AERT's polyethylene recycling program with The Dow Chemical Company, and is a joint inventor on several of AERT's process patents for recycling polyethylene film for composites.

Robert A. Thayer was named by the board of directors to succeed Edward J. Lysen as chief financial officer in September 2005, at which time he was also named as a senior vice president. From October 2002 until September 2005, Mr. Thayer served as the assistant to AERT chairman Joe G. Brooks, during which time he had executive assignments in all aspects of AERT's business including finance, operations, and administration. From January 1997 to October 2002, Mr. Thayer was a principal at Madison Research, Denison, Texas where he conducted independent financial research under contract to banks and financial publishers. From January 2001 to July 2002 he also served as Vice President of Finance for Asia Teletech Company, Ltd., a Thailand headquartered voice-over-internet company where he was responsible for raising the company's startup capital. Prior to 1997, Mr. Thayer spent twenty-one years in the software and investment banking industries with financial, systems and executive responsibilities. He received a BA in Economics from the University of Colorado and studied graduate economics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Mr. Thayer is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Alford Drinkwater has served as senior vice president of logistics, laboratories, and plastic operations since September 2003. Prior to joining the Company in May 2000, Mr. Drinkwater had been the Assistant Director for the Established Industries Division of the Arkansas Department of Economic Development and was on the Advocacy Team from November 1988 until January 2000. From September 1986 until July 1988, he owned and operated Town and Country Waste Services, Inc. a waste services company engaging in the development of waste recycling, energy recovery, and disposal systems. From April 1981 until January 1987, Mr. Drinkwater was the Resource Recovery Manager for Metropolitan Trust Company, and was primarily involved in waste-to-energy systems development. From July 1974 until April 1981, Mr. Drinkwater worked for the State of Arkansas as Assistant to the Chief of the Solid Waste Control Division of the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control & Ecology and as the Manager of the Biomass and Resource Recovery Program of the Arkansas Department of Energy.

Jim Precht served as executive vice-president of sales and marketing for the Company since February 2001, and as senior vice president since September 2003. Mr. Precht was formerly general manager of Weyerhaeuser Building Materials' Pittsburgh Customer Service Center with 32-years of industry experience.

Eric E. Barnes, who the board of directors appointed as chief accounting officer in September 2005, also heads up the AERT accounting and control team. Mr. Barnes joined AERT's accounting department in November 1997 after graduating from the University of Arkansas with a BS in Accounting and an MA in Economics. He was named AERT's controller in January 2000. Mr. Barnes is a Certified Public Accountant.

Jerry B. Burkett has served on the board of directors of the Company since May 1993. Mr. Burkett has been a rice and grain farmer since 1979 and has been a principal in other closely held businesses. He is the past president of the Arkansas County Farm Bureau. In April 2002, Mr. Burkett was elected to serve as a director of the Ag Heritage Farm

Credit Services board.

Edward P. Carda was elected to the board of directors in July 2005. Mr. Carda began his 37-year business career with Weyerhaeuser Company in June 1967, ending with his retirement in December 2003. While at Weyerhaeuser, he served in various management positions, including statutory reporting, heading large accounting departments, interacting with external and internal auditors and all types of management. Mr. Carda

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spent the last 10 years of his career as the business controller for the distribution business of Weyerhaeuser. While in this capacity, he received many awards for his performance for profit and working capital improvement initiatives. Mr. Carda attended the University of Montana and graduated with a degree in accounting. He has served for 25 years on the board of directors of the Woodstone Credit Union in Federal Way, Washington and is currently its Vice Chairman. He also serves on the credit union's audit committee.

Melinda Davis has served on the board of directors since July 2001. From December 2000 to the present, Ms. Davis has provided professional consulting services in the areas of financial management and cost accounting for manufacturing operations. Ms. Davis retired as senior vice-president and treasurer from Allen Canning Co. in December 2000, after serving for 39 years in various accounting and financial management positions.

Tim W. Kizer was elected to the board of directors in July 2005. Since December 2004, Mr. Kizer has served as president and partner of Bentonville Global Associates, a global consultancy firm specializing in collaborative commerce. Mr. Kizer is executive director of the *Doing Business in Bentonville Series* seminar level program series in Bentonville Arkansas. From April 2001 to December 2004, Mr. Kizer was director of the Center for Management and Executive Development and the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Enterprise Development, Sam M. Walton College of Business, University of Arkansas. From January 2000 to April 2001, Mr. Kizer was managing director of Information Technology Research Center, Sam M. Walton College of Business, University of Arkansas. Mr. Kizer was a business and industry specialist for the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Arkansas from October 1996 until January 2000. He has a BA from the University of Louisville and is a member of the Board of Advisors of RFID Global Solution in Bentonville, Arkansas.

Samuel L. Milbank has served on the board of directors since July 2000. Mr. Milbank is a co-founder and owner of Milbank Roy and Co., LLC, an investment bank founded in February 2005 and focused on M&A, advisory as well as funding of middle market companies. Prior to that, from April 1997 to February 2005, Mr. Milbank was a managing director of Zanett Securities Corporation, a company also focusing on investment banking services to the middle market. From February 1992 to January 1996, Mr. Milbank was a senior vice-president and sales manager with Lehman Brothers, Inc. in New York, where he managed a team that provided interest rate and currency risk management for central banks and other official institutions. From March 1973 to February 1992, Mr. Milbank worked with Salomon Brothers, Inc. as a director and manager of the international department. Since January 1990, Mr. Milbank has served as chairman of Milbank Memorial Fund, a private operating foundation (established in 1905), concerned with environmental and public health issues. He has a BS from Columbia University and a MBA in Finance from The Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College.

Sal Miwa has been an outside director of the Company since January 1994. He served as chairman of the board between December 1995 and December 1998, and as vice chairman from December 1998 through July 2005. From January 2005 to present, Mr. Miwa has been chairman of Greenstone Holdings, Inc. (OTC: GSHG), a chemical technology company located in New York City primarily serving the building and construction industry. From July 2004 to December 2005, he was CEO of Greenstone Inc. of Delaware, a predecessor of Greenstone Holdings, Inc. From April 2000 to June 2004, he was COO and director of RealRead Inc., an online document service company. For more than 20 years Mr. Miwa has been engaged in various international businesses and serves on boards of several closely held family businesses around the world. He received his master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981.

Jim Robason has served on the board of directors since July 2003. Since January 2005, Mr. Robason has been a consultant to and supervisor of the Company's plant operations on an interim basis. Mr. Robason joined Allen Canning Co. in 1967. Mr. Robason served as senior vice-president-operations of Allen Canning Co. from 1974 until his retirement in 2002. As senior vice-president of operations with Allen Canning Co., he was responsible for the operation of twelve plants with plant managers and raw product procurement managers, as well as special projects

engineering, reporting to him. He has a vast amount of knowledge in all phases of manufacturing including infrastructure, building, equipment, and engineering; with a focus on the full production

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arena from product procurement through the production process. Mr. Robason is a graduate of West Texas State University. He has served on Allen Canning's executive committee and profit sharing/retirement plan committee in addition to his operations responsibilities.

Michael M. Tull has served on the board of directors of the Company since December 1998. Mr. Tull has served since 1990 as the president and majority owner of Tull Sales Corporation, a manufacturer's representative company, which professionally represents eight manufacturing companies and is responsible for the sales and marketing of those companies' window and door related components in the southeastern United States. Mr. Tull serves on boards of several closely held family businesses. Additionally, he is a board of director member of Greenstone, Inc. and the National Wild Turkey Federation, which is one of the largest North American conservation organizations.

Joe G. Brooks, Stephen W. Brooks, and J. Douglas Brooks are brothers and sons of Marjorie S. Brooks. There are no other familial relationships between the current directors and executive officers.

Each of the Company's directors has been elected to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified. Officers serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The audit committee of the board of directors consists of outside directors: Melinda Davis (chairman), Edward P. Carda, and Jerry B. Burkett. The audit committee is directly responsible for the engagement of the Company's independent auditors, approving the services performed by the Company's independent auditors, overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and for reviewing and evaluating the Company's accounting principles and its system of internal accounting controls. The board of directors has determined that Melinda Davis qualifies as an audit committee financial expert, as such term is defined in rules of the SEC implementing requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. In addition, Melinda Davis, and the other members of the audit committee are independent, as that term is defined under the listing standards of the National Association of Securities Dealers.

The compensation committee consists of Samuel L. Milbank (chairman), Sal Miwa, Edward Carda, and Tim Kizer. The compensation committee establishes and administers the Company's compensation and equity incentive plans on behalf of the board of directors and approves restricted stock grants thereunder.

The nominating committee consists of Jerry B. Burkett (chairman), Linda Davis, and Sal Miwa. The nominating committee evaluates the efforts of AERT and its board of directors to maintain effective corporate governance practices. The committee identifies candidates for election to the board of directors.

Code of Ethics

We adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to all our directors and associates, including our principal executive officer, chief operating officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer or controller, which is a code of ethics as defined by applicable rules of the SEC. This code has been filed with the SEC as an exhibit to our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, and is publicly available on our website at www.aertinc.com. A copy may also be obtained, without charge, upon written request to our secretary, Marjorie S. Brooks, Post Office Box 1237, Springdale, Arkansas 72765. If we make any amendments to this code other than technical, administrative or other non-substantive amendments or grant any waivers, including implicit waivers, from a provision of this code that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer or controller and relates to an element of the SEC's code of ethics definition, we will disclose the nature of the amendment or waiver, its effective date and to whom it applies on our website or in a report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC.

Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires AERT's executive officers and directors, and persons who own more than ten-percent of a registered class of the Company's securities to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission and National Association of Securities Dealers. Officers, directors and greater than ten-percent shareholders are required by SEC regulation to furnish the Company with copies of all forms filed pursuant to Section 16(a). Based on a review

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of the copies of such forms received by it and written representations from certain reporting persons that no Forms 4 or Forms 5 were required for those persons, the Company believes that during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006; all Section 16(a) filing requirements were met.

Item 11. *Executive Compensation.*

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Overview of Compensation Program

AERT's executive compensation program is designed to achieve the Company's goal of attracting, developing and retaining business leaders who can drive financial and strategic growth objectives that are intended to maximize long-term shareholder value. Compensation levels are set to reflect competitive market practices, as well as Company and individual performance. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee) has established the following guiding principles for the Company's executive compensation programs:

Competitiveness All components of compensation should be set competitively as compared against appropriate peer companies so that the Company can continue to attract, retain and motivate high performing executive talent.

Pay for Performance All components of compensation should be tied to the performance of the individual executive officer, his or her specific business unit or function, and the Company overall.

Accountability for Short- and Long-Term Performance Annual performance bonuses and long-term incentives should reward an appropriate balance of short- and long-term financial and strategic business results, with an emphasis on managing the business for the long-term.

Alignment to Shareholders' Interests Long-term incentives should align decision making with the interests of the Company's shareholders.

Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

The Company's executive compensation program is designed to:

Attract, motivate and retain executive officers who can make significant contributions to the Company's long-term success;

Align the interests of executive officers with those of shareholders; and

Place a significant portion of an executive officer's total compensation at risk by tying it to the Company's financial performance.

Role of Executive Officers in Compensation Decisions

To assist it in making compensation decisions, the Committee reviews compensation tally sheets, prepared by management, which present comprehensive data on the total compensation and benefits package for each of the Company's executive officers. These tally sheets include all obligations for present and projected future compensation, as well as analyses for hypothetical terminations and retirements to consider the Company's obligations under such circumstances. Additionally, the Committee partially relies on recommendations by the CEO regarding compensation

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of the other executive officers and key management employees.

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Setting Executive Compensation

The Committee establishes and periodically reviews AERT's compensation philosophy and the adequacy of compensation plans and programs for directors, executive officers and other AERT employees and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding:

Compensation arrangements and incentive goals for executive officers and to administer compensation plans and make recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect thereto;

The performance of the executive officers and awards of incentive compensation and adjustment of compensation arrangements as appropriate based upon performance;

Management development and succession plans and activities; and

The report on executive compensation for inclusion in AERT's annual proxy statement in accordance with Securities Exchange Commission rules and regulations.

The primary components of the Company's executive compensation programs are: base salary, discretionary awards, and long-term incentive awards.

Base Salary

Base salaries are generally targeted at the middle of the competitive marketplace (the median).

The market rate for an executive position is determined through an assessment by the Company's human resources personnel under the guidance and supervision of the Committee. This assessment considers relevant industry salary practices, the position's complexity, and level of responsibility, its importance to the Company in relation to other executive positions, and the competitiveness of an executive's total compensation.

Subject to the Committee's approval, the level of an executive officer's base pay is determined on the basis of:

Relevant comparative compensation data; and

The Chief Executive Officer's assessment (except with respect to himself) of the executive's performance, experience, demonstrated leadership, job knowledge and management skills.

Discretionary Awards

The Committee may, at its discretion, authorize periodic cash awards to executives. Discretionary awards are designed to give the Committee the flexibility to provide incentives that are comparable to those found in the marketplace in which the Company competes for executive talent. In determining the extent and nature of discretionary awards, the Committee considers the Company's cash flow, net income, progress toward short-term and long-term business objectives, and other competitive compensation programs.

When considering discretionary awards, the Committee identifies the employees who are eligible to participate and computes and certifies the size of the discretionary pool based on financial information supplied by the Company's executive officers. The award made to each eligible participant is based on the opportunity level assigned to the participant and an assessment of his or her performance and the performance of their business unit versus corporate

objectives.

Long-Term Incentive Awards

Long term executive incentives are designed to promote the interests of AERT and its shareholders by attracting and retaining eligible directors, executives and other key employees.

The Committee has the authority to determine the participants to whom awards shall be granted. The awards under prior Company plans could be made in the form of stock options, restricted stock units, performance awards and other stock-based awards. Consistent with the views of the Board of Directors and

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the Committee that the interests of employees and directors are more likely to be aligned with stockholders to the extent that such employees and directors are stockholders of the Company, the Company has determined for the foreseeable future to provide incentive equity compensation in the form of restricted stock awards rather than options or other forms of equity compensation. The 2005 Key Associate and Management Equity Incentive Plan and the 2005 Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Plan reflect this shift in compensation policy.

The Committee has reviewed and approved a compensation plan for the Company's management and executives that is designed to reward focus on increasing throughputs, reducing costs, and increasing efficiencies. The 2005 Key Associate and Management Equity Incentive Plan, which is administered by the Committee, gives the Company flexibility to provide incentives that are comparable to those found in the marketplace in which the Company competes for management and associate talent. In determining the extent and nature of awards, the Committee considers the Company's cash flow, net income, progress toward short-term and long-term business objectives, and other competitive compensation programs.

2006 Executive Compensation Components

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, compensation decisions focused on the key elements of the total direct compensation program for executive officers, which included base pay, discretionary incentive awards, and long-term incentives. Elements reviewed as part of the long-term incentives to executive officers included type and level of award distribution.

Chief Executive Officer Compensation

In determining CEO compensation, the Committee considered:

The Company's financial performance and peer group compensation data; and

CEO leadership, decision-making skills, experience, knowledge, communication with the Board of Directors and strategic recommendations, as well as the Company's positioning for future performance.

The Committee considered many factors and did not place any particular relative weight on one over another, but the Company's financial performance is generally given the most weight.

The Committee's recommendations regarding CEO compensation and other related matters are reported to the Board of Directors and, in the case of each specific recommendation during 2006, were approved by the Board of Directors.

For fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, the Committee's decisions regarding CEO compensation included the following:

CEO Joe G. Brooks was awarded a discretionary bonus totaling \$60,000 in July 2006 based on the company's performance from January 2006 to June 2006. No discretionary awards were made for the third or fourth quarters. No long term incentive awards were granted in 2006.

Before arriving at its final decision regarding the amount of CEO discretionary incentive award, the Committee confirmed that the Company's compensation program is consistent with marketplace practices linking pay for performance.

Tax and Accounting Implications

Deductibility of Compensation

Under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, AERT may not deduct compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 paid to AERT's Chief Executive Officer or to any of the other named executive officers unless the compensation meets specific criteria for performance-based compensation. Awards under our short-term incentive compensation plan do not meet the criteria of being performance-based awards under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, therefore, would not qualify as a deduction to the extent in excess of Section 162(m) limits. Certain awards under our long-term incentive plan, such as stock

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options or restricted stock awards, could satisfy the criteria of being performance based under Section 162(m) and therefore qualify as deductible under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Company's historical levels of compensation have not been subject to Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Committee reserves the right to approve non-deductible compensation if the Committee believes it is in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth the aggregate compensation paid by the Company during the three years ended December 31, 2006, to the co-chief executive officers and to each of the next four most highly compensated executive officers of the Company whose aggregate annual salary and bonus in 2006 exceeded \$100,000.

Summary Compensation Table

		Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred
	Stock	Non Equity