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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
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ADC TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
ADCINVESTDIRECT

Direct Stock Purchase Plan
1,000,000 Shares of Common Stock

This prospectus supplement relates to our Direct Stock Purchase Plan, which provides you with a convenient and economical way of purchasing shares of ADC common stock without a broker at low transaction costs.

This prospectus supplement should be read in conjunction with, and may not be delivered or utilized without, the prospectus dated February 1, 2005, including any amendments or supplements thereto. This prospectus supplement is qualified by reference to the prospectus except to the extent that the information in this prospectus supplement updates or supersedes the information contained in the prospectus dated February 1, 2005.

A summary of important Plan features is contained on page 1 of the prospectus. A complete description of the Plan begins on page 53 of the prospectus.

Investment in our securities involves a number of risks. See section titled Risk Factors beginning on page 24 of this prospectus supplement to read about certain factors you should consider before buying our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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The date of this prospectus supplement is March 9, 2005.

On March 9, 2005, we filed a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the Form 10-Q) for the quarterly period ended January 28, 2005 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Below are the financial statements, management s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, and certain other disclosures from our Form 10-Q.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ADC TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS UNAUDITED
(In millions)

	January 28, 2005	October 31, 2004
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 88.4	\$ 67.0
Available-for-sale securities	425.0	434.6
Accounts receivable, net	145.2	158.0
Unbilled revenue	39.9	36.5
Inventories, net	109.2	97.8
Assets of discontinued operations		16.6
Prepaid and other current assets	35.6	25.1
Total current assets	843.3	835.6
Property and Equipment, Net	229.0	233.0
Restricted Cash	24.9	21.9
Goodwill	180.1	180.1
Intangibles, Net	90.2	93.0
Available-for-sale securities	29.1	26.8
Other Assets	36.3	37.7
Total assets	\$1,432.9	\$1,428.1
LIABILITIES AND SHAREOWNERS INVESTMENT		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 72.7	\$ 72.8
Accrued compensation and benefits	46.9	65.9
Other accrued liabilities	73.5	81.7
Income taxes payable	24.9	27.6
Restructuring accrual	32.6	38.4
Liabilities of discontinued operations		15.6
Total current liabilities	250.6	302.0
Pension Obligations and Other Long-Term Liabilities	69.4	66.8
Long-Term Notes Payable	400.0	400.0
Total liabilities	720.0	768.8
Shareowners Investment:		
(809.7 and 810.1 shares outstanding, respectively)	712.9	659.3
Total liabilities and shareowners investment	\$1,432.9	\$1,428.1

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

ADC TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS UNAUDITED
(In millions, except per share amounts)

Three Months Ended	
January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>	
Net Sales:		
Product	\$ 199.9	\$ 111.4
Service	43.5	25.3
Total Net Sales	243.4	136.7
Cost of Sales:		
Product	122.9	58.9
Service	38.9	23.9
Total Cost of Sales	161.8	82.8
Gross Profit	81.6	53.9
Operating Expenses:		
Research and development	15.2	12.4
Selling and administration	61.0	31.3
Restructuring charges	3.2	1.8
Total Operating Expenses	79.4	45.5
Operating Income	2.2	8.4
Other Income, Net	12.4	7.8
Income Before Income Taxes	14.6	16.2
Provision (Benefit) for Income Taxes	1.0	(0.1)
Income From Continuing Operations	13.6	16.3
Discontinued Operations, Net of Tax		
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	2.7	(15.1)
Gain (loss) on sale of discontinued operations, net	36.2	(3.6)
Total Discontinued Operations	38.9	(18.7)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 52.5	\$ (2.4)
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding (Basic)	809.4	806.8
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding (Diluted)	811.6	911.9
Basic and Diluted Income (Loss) Per Share:		
Continuing operations	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
Discontinued operations	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.02)
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.00

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Operating Activities:		
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 13.6	\$ 16.3
Adjustments to reconcile net income from continuing operations to net cash (used by) provided by operating activities from continuing operations:		
Depreciation and amortization	13.9	9.9
Change in bad debt reserves	(0.4)	(2.2)
Change in inventory reserves	(0.4)	(0.2)
Change in warranty reserves	(1.2)	
Non-cash stock compensation	0.7	0.6
Change in deferred income taxes	0.6	
Gain on sale of investments		(4.4)
Loss on sale of business		0.3
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(0.6)	(0.4)
Other, net	(11.2)	(0.7)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and divestitures:		
Accounts receivable and unbilled revenues	15.5	11.7
Inventories	(10.1)	(4.7)
Prepaid and other assets	(3.6)	6.3
Accounts payable	(0.8)	0.5
Accrued liabilities	(33.6)	(14.0)
Total cash (used by) provided by operating activities from continuing operations	(17.6)	19.0
Total cash provided by (used by) operating activities from discontinued operations	1.5	(25.2)
Total cash used by operating activities	(16.1)	(6.2)
Investing Activities:		
Divestitures, net of cash disposed	33.6	5.0
Property and equipment additions	(4.6)	(2.9)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	3.1	5.6
Increase in restricted cash	(3.0)	(0.2)
Change in available-for-sale securities	7.3	(217.8)
Total cash provided by (used by) investing activities	36.4	(210.3)
Financing Activities:		
Repayments of debt		(0.8)
Common stock issued	0.9	1.8
Total cash provided by financing activities	0.9	1.0
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash	0.2	(0.1)
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	21.4	(215.6)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of period	67.0	288.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of period	\$ 88.4	\$ 72.5

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS UNAUDITED

Note 1 Basis of Presentation:

The interim information furnished in this report is unaudited but reflects all normal recurring adjustments, which are necessary, in the opinion of our management, for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods. The operating results for the quarter ended January 28, 2005 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results to be expected for the full fiscal year. These statements should be read in conjunction with our most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004.

Fiscal Year

Our quarters end on the last Friday of the calendar month for the respective quarter end. Our fiscal year end is October 31. As a result, our fourth quarter may have greater or fewer days than previous quarters in a fiscal year.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting and Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 (Revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (SFAS 123R), which amends SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation and SFAS No. 95, Statement of Cash Flows . SFAS 123R requires companies to recognize in their income statements the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity-based compensation issued to employees. The provisions of the interpretation are effective for periods that begin after June 15, 2005, which will be our fourth quarter beginning July 30, 2005. We will implement SFAS 123R under the modified prospective transition method. Under the modified prospective transition method, awards that are granted, modified or settled after the date of adoption will be measured and accounted for in accordance with SFAS 123R. Compensation cost for awards granted prior to, but not vested as of, the date we adopt SFAS 123R would be based on the grant date fair value and attributes originally used to value those awards. We expect the adoption of this standard will reduce fourth quarter 2005 net income by approximately \$5.0 million. This estimate is based on the number of options currently outstanding and exercisable and could change based on the number of options granted or forfeited in fiscal 2005.

In November 2004, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 151, Inventory Costs, an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4 (SFAS 151), which requires that abnormal amounts of idle capacity and spoilage costs are to be excluded from the cost of inventory and expensed when incurred. The provisions of SFAS 151 are applicable to inventory costs incurred during fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005, which will be our fiscal year beginning November 1, 2005. We expect the adoption of this standard will have minimal impact on our financial statements.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A detailed description of our significant accounting policies can be found in our most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2004.

Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications have no effect on reported earnings. Auction rate securities, which previously had been classified as cash and cash equivalents, are now classified as current available-for-sale securities for all periods presented. This reclassification had no impact on current assets, working capital, or any amounts reported on the statement of operations. Changes in available-for-sale securities are shown in the investing section of the statement of cash flows. As of January 28, 2005 and October 31, 2004, auction rate securities were \$417.2 million and \$427.3 million, respectively.

Note 2 Stock-Based Compensation:

We recognize and measure our stock compensation by the intrinsic value method in accordance with APB Opinion 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees , and related interpretations. Compensation cost for employee stock options is measured as the excess, if any, of the quoted market price of our common stock at the date of the grant over the amount that the employee is required to pay for the stock. No compensation expense was recognized for options issued in the first quarter of fiscal 2005 and fiscal 2004, because all stock options were issued at the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant. Stock compensation is awarded to certain key employees in the form of stock options and restricted stock grants and, beginning on March 2, 2004, in the form of restricted stock units. The recipients of restricted stock grants and

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restricted stock units do not pay for the awards. Accordingly, compensation cost for restricted stock grants and restricted stock units is equal to the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date an award is made and is amortized over the projected remaining vesting period.

Under the disclosure provisions of SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, on a quarterly basis, we must disclose how stock compensation expense would be computed under SFAS 123, using the fair value method. We estimated the fair value using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The following table summarizes what our operating results would have been if the fair value method of accounting for stock options had been utilized (in millions, except for per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Net income (loss) as reported	\$ 52.5	\$ (2.4)
Plus: Stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported income (loss)	0.7	0.6
Less: Stock compensation expense fair value based method	(4.6)	(7.0)
Pro forma net income (loss)	\$ 48.6	\$ (8.8)
Income (Loss) Per Share		
As reported Basic and Diluted	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.00
Pro forma Basic	\$ 0.06	\$(0.01)

During the third quarter of fiscal 2003, we offered eligible employees the right to exchange certain of their employee stock options for a lesser number of new options to be granted six months and one day following the surrender of their existing options. The new options, which were granted on December 29, 2003, have an exercise price of \$2.83 per share, which is equal to the average of the high and low trading price of our common stock on the grant date. These options are vesting over the two-year period from the grant date. For purposes of the above tabular disclosure, the unrecognized compensation cost of the cancelled options and the incremental fair value of the replacement options are being amortized over a 31-month period, consisting of the 24-month vesting period for the replacement options and the six month and one day period between the cancellation of the surrendered options and the grant of the replacement options.

Note 3 Acquisition:

On May 18, 2004, we completed the acquisition of the KRONE group (KRONE), a global supplier of connectivity solutions and cabling products used in public access and enterprise networks, from GenTek, Inc. This acquisition increases our network infrastructure business and expands our presence in the international marketplace. The results of KRONE subsequent to May 18, 2004 are included in our results of operations.

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Unaudited pro forma consolidated results of continuing operations for the three months ended January 31, 2004, as though the acquisition of KRONE had taken place at the beginning of such period, are as follows (in millions, for the three months ended January 31, 2004, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended January 31, 2004
Net sales	\$ 217.0
Income from continuing operations (1)	\$ 10.8
Net income per share basic and diluted	\$ 0.01

(1) Includes restructuring charges of \$1.8 million for the three months ended January 31, 2004, for ADC's historical stand-alone business and \$2.2 million for the KRONE's historical stand-alone business. See Note 13 for a discussion of the nature of these charges.

The unaudited pro forma results of operations are for comparative purposes only and do not necessarily reflect the results that would have occurred had the acquisition occurred at the beginning of the period presented or the results which may occur in the future.

Note 4 Discontinued Operations:

During fiscal 2004, we sold our BroadAccess40 business, the business related to our Cuda cable modem termination system product line and related FastFlow Broadband Provisioning Manager software and the business related to our SingleView product line. We also entered into an agreement to sell the business related to our Metrica service assurance software group. In accordance with SFAS No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, these businesses were classified as discontinued operations in fiscal 2004 and the financial results are reported separately as discontinued operations for all periods presented.

BroadAccess40

During the first quarter of fiscal 2004, we entered into an agreement to sell our BroadAccess40 business, which was included in our Broadband Infrastructure and Access segment. We classified this business as a discontinued operation in the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This transaction closed on February 24, 2004. We recorded a loss on the sale of the business of \$3.6 million based on the value of the business assets and liabilities as of January 31, 2004. Subsequent to January 31, 2004, adjustments of \$3.0 million were made to increase the previous loss recorded.

The purchasers of the BroadAccess40 business acquired all of the stock of our subsidiary that operated this business and assumed substantially all liabilities associated with this business, with the exception of a \$7.5 million note payable that was paid in full by us prior to the closing of the transaction. The purchasers issued a promissory note to us for \$3.8 million that is payable within two years of the closing.

Cuda/FastFlow

During the third quarter of fiscal 2004, we entered into an agreement to sell the business related to our Cuda cable modem termination system product line and related FastFlow Broadband Provisioning Manager software, to BigBand Networks, Inc. (BigBand). This transaction closed on June 29, 2004. The business had been included in our Broadband Infrastructure and Access segment. In consideration for this sale, we were issued a non-voting minority interest in BigBand, which was accounted for under the cost method and has a nominal value. We also provided BigBand with a non-revolving credit facility of up to \$12.0 million with a term of three years. As of January 28, 2005, \$7.0 million was drawn on the credit facility. We classified this business as a discontinued operation beginning in the third quarter of fiscal 2004, and recorded a loss on sale of \$2.6 million. In the fourth quarter, adjustments of \$2.3 million were made to increase the total loss to \$4.9 million.

SingleView

During the third quarter of fiscal 2004, we entered into an agreement to sell the business related to our SingleView product line to Intec Telecom Systems PLC for a cash purchase price of \$74.5 million, subject to

purchase price adjustments. The transaction closed on August 27, 2004. This business had been included in our Professional Services segment. We also agreed to provide Intec with a \$6.0 million non-revolving credit facility with a term of 18 months. As of January 28, 2005, \$4.0 million was drawn on the credit facility. We classified this business as a discontinued operation in the third quarter of fiscal 2004. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004, we recognized a gain on sale of \$61.7 million and in our first quarter of fiscal 2005 we recognized an income tax benefit of \$3.1 million relating to resolution of certain income tax contingencies.

Metrica

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004, we entered into an agreement to sell the business related to our Metrica service assurance software group to Vallent Corporation (formerly known as WatchMark Corporation) (Vallent) for a cash purchase price of \$35.0 million, subject to purchase price adjustments, and a \$3.9 million equity interest in Vallent. The transaction closed on November 19, 2004. The equity interest constitutes less than a five percent ownership in Vallent. This business had been included in our Professional Services segment. We classified this business as a discontinued operation in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004. In the first quarter of fiscal 2005, we recognized a gain on sale of \$36.0 million.

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The financial results of our BroadAccess40, Cuda/FastFlow, Singl.eview and Metrica businesses included in discontinued operations are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Net sales	\$ 0.9	\$ 36.8
Income (Loss) from discontinued operations	2.7	(15.1)
Gain (Loss) on sale of subsidiaries	36.2	(3.6)
Gain (Loss) from discontinued operation	\$38.9	\$(18.7)

Note 5 Net Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Per Share:

The following table presents a reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of basic and diluted income (loss) per share from continuing operations (in millions, except for per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Numerator:		
Net income from continuing operations	\$ 13.6	\$ 16.3
Denominator:		
Weighted average common shares outstanding basic	809.4	806.8
Employee options and other	2.2	105.1
Weighted average common shares outstanding diluted	811.6	911.9
Basic and diluted income per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02

Excluded from the dilutive securities described above are employee stock options to acquire 40.3 million and 39.0 million shares for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively. These exclusions were made because the exercise prices of these options were greater than the average market price of the common stock for the period and would have had an anti-dilutive effect.

Warrants to acquire 99.7 million shares issued in connection with our convertible notes were excluded from the dilutive securities described above for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, because the exercise price of these warrants was greater than the average market price of the common stock.

All shares reserved for issuance upon conversion of our convertible notes were excluded for the three months ended January 28, 2005 because of their anti-dilutive effect. However, these shares were included for the three months ended January 31, 2004. Upon achieving positive net income in a reporting period, our convertible notes require us to use the if-converted method for computing diluted earnings per share with respect to the shares

reserved for issuance upon conversion of the notes. Under this method, we will add back the net-of-tax interest expense on the convertible notes to net income and then divide this amount by outstanding shares, including all 99.7 million shares that could be issued upon conversion of the notes. If this calculation results in further dilution of the earnings per share, our diluted earnings per share will include all 99.7 million shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon conversion of our convertible notes. If this calculation is anti-dilutive, the net-of-tax interest on the convertible notes will not be added back and the 99.7 million shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon conversion of our convertible notes will not be included.

Note 6 Inventories:

Inventories consist of the following (in millions):

	<u>January 28, 2005</u>	<u>October 31, 2004</u>
Purchased materials and manufactured products	\$ 141.9	\$ 132.1
Work-in-process	4.8	7.7
Less: Inventory reserve	(37.5)	(42.0)
Total inventories, net	\$ 109.2	\$ 97.8

Note 7 Property & Equipment:

Property & equipment consists of the following (in millions):

	<u>January 28, 2005</u>	<u>October 31, 2004</u>
Land and buildings	\$ 138.5	\$ 135.7
Machinery and equipment	363.5	364.1
Furniture and fixtures	37.3	38.2
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(322.2)	(316.0)
Total	217.1	222.0
Construction in progress	11.9	11.0
Total property & equipment, net	\$ 229.0	\$ 233.0

Note 8 Intangible Assets:

The following table represents intangible assets by category and accumulated amortization as of January 28, 2005 (in millions):

	<u>Gross Carrying Amounts</u>	<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Estimated Life Range (in years)</u>
Technology	\$ 28.9	\$ 3.6	\$25.3	5-7
Trade name/trademarks	25.3	0.9	24.4	5-20
Distributor network	10.1	0.7	9.4	10
Customer list	4.5	1.0	3.5	2
Patents	20.4	8.6	11.8	3-7
Other	18.4	2.6	15.8	1-13
	\$ 107.6	\$ 17.4	\$90.2	

Amortization expense was \$3.5 million and \$0.6 million for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively, which included \$2.6 million of acquired intangible amortization for the three months ended January 28, 2005. The estimated amortization expense for identified intangible assets is as follows for the periods indicated (in millions):

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Remaining 2005	\$ 10.7
2006	14.1
2007	11.4
2008	11.1
2009	8.8
2010	6.0
Thereafter	28.1
Total	\$90.2

Note 9 Income Taxes:

A deferred tax asset represents future tax benefits to be received when certain expenses and losses previously recognized in U.S. GAAP-based income statements become deductible under applicable income tax laws. The realization of a deferred tax asset is dependent on future taxable income against which these deductions can be applied. SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, requires that a valuation allowance be established when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of deferred tax assets will not be realized. As a result of the cumulative losses we incurred in recent years, we previously concluded that a nearly full valuation allowance should be recorded. We expect to maintain a nearly full valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets until we can sustain a level of profitability that demonstrates our ability to utilize these assets. We will not record significant income tax expense or benefits for pre-tax income (loss) until either our deferred tax assets are fully utilized to reduce future income tax liabilities or the value of our deferred tax assets are restored on the balance sheet. As of January 28, 2005, we had \$1,059.3 million of net deferred tax assets that have a nearly full valuation allowance and therefore such net deferred tax assets are reflected on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet in Other Assets at an insignificant amount. Most of our deferred tax assets are related to U.S. income taxes and are not expected to expire until after fiscal 2021 with the exception of \$225.7 million relating to capital loss carryovers which can only be utilized against realized capital gains and which expire in fiscal 2009.

Note 10 Comprehensive Income (Loss):

Comprehensive income (loss) has no impact on our net income (loss) but is reflected in our balance sheet through adjustments to shareowners investment. The components of comprehensive income (loss) are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Net income (loss)	\$52.5	\$(2.4)
Change in cumulative translation adjustments	(0.2)	4.4
Reclassification adjustment for realized losses (gains) on securities classified as available for sale	0.1	(4.1)
Unrealized loss from securities classified as available for sale	(0.2)	(0.2)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$52.2	\$(2.3)

Note 11 Pension Benefits

With our acquisition of KRONE in fiscal 2004, we assumed certain pension obligations of KRONE related to its German workforce. Prior to the KRONE acquisition, we did not have any defined benefit plans. The KRONE pension plan is an unfunded general obligation of one of our German subsidiaries (which is a common arrangement for German pension plans). The plan was closed to employees hired after 1994 and thus covers only current retirees

and those hired prior to 1995. Pension payments will be made to eligible individuals upon reaching eligible retirement age, and the cash

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payments are expected to roughly equal the net periodic benefit cost.

Components of net periodic benefit cost are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended January 28, 2005
Service cost	\$ 0.1
Interest cost	0.8
Net period benefit cost	\$ 0.9

Note 12 Segment and Geographic Information:

Segment Information

We have two reportable segments: the Broadband Infrastructure and Access segment and the Professional Services segment.

Broadband Infrastructure and Access products consist of:

Connectivity systems and components that provide the infrastructure to wireline, wireless, cable, broadcast and enterprise networks to connect high-speed Internet, data, video and voice services to the network over copper, coaxial and fiber-optic cables, and

Access systems used in the last mile/kilometer of wireline and wireless networks to deliver high-speed Internet, data and voice services.

Professional Services (previously known as Integrated Solutions) provide integration services for broadband, multiservice communications over wireline, wireless, cable and enterprise networks. Professional services are used to plan, deploy and maintain communications networks that deliver high-speed Internet, data, video and voice services.

Intersegment sales and operating income are eliminated from Professional Services. In previous years, eliminations were included in our Broadband Infrastructure and Access segment. The prior year presentation has been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. Additionally, allocations of corporate costs are completed at a regional level instead of at the operating segment level. While our senior management does not view corporate cost allocations at the operating segment level, we believe allocating the costs to the operating segments on the basis of revenue is a more accurate representation of operating segment performance.

The following table sets forth net sales information for each of our functional operating segments described above (in millions):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Infrastructure Products (Connectivity)	\$ 163.8	\$ 68.3
Access Products (Wireline and Wireless)	22.5	34.7
Broadband Infrastructure and Access	186.3	103.0
Professional Services	57.1	33.7
Total net sales	\$ 243.4	\$ 136.7

Detail for each of our two functional operating segments is summarized as follows (in millions):

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	Broadband Infrastructure and Access	Professional Services	Unallocated Items	Consolidated
Three Months Ended January 28, 2005				
Net sales:				
Product	\$ 186.3	\$ 13.6	\$	\$ 199.9
Service		43.5		43.5
Total net sales	186.3	57.1		243.4
Restructuring	1.3	0.3	1.6	3.2
Operating income	6.9	(4.7)		2.2
Other income, net	1.7	0.7	10.0	12.4
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	8.6	(4.0)	10.0	14.6
Assets	350.2	82.8	999.9	1,432.9
Three Months Ended January 31, 2004				
Net sales:				
Product	\$ 103.0	\$ 8.4	\$	\$ 111.4
Service		25.3		25.3
Total net sales	103.0	33.7		136.7
Restructuring	(0.1)	0.5	1.4	1.8
Operating income	16.0	(3.4)	(4.2)	8.4
Other income, net		0.4	7.4	7.8
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	16.0	(3.0)	3.2	16.2
Assets	164.2	74.1	1,051.8	1,290.1

Geographic Information

The following table represents net sales by significant geographical territories (in millions):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Inside the United States	\$ 119.2	\$ 96.6
Outside the United States:		
Asia Pacific (China, Hong Kong, Korea, Australia, India, Japan and Southeast Asia)	21.6	4.2
EMEA (Europe (excluding Germany), Middle East and Africa)	44.9	22.3
Germany	40.6	
Americas (Canada, Central and South America)	17.1	13.6
Total	\$ 243.4	\$ 136.7

Note 13 Restructuring Charges:

During the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, we continued our plan to improve operating performance by restructuring and streamlining our operations. As a result, we incurred restructuring charges associated with workforce reductions as well as the

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consolidation of excess facilities. The restructuring charges resulting from our actions by category of expenditures, adjusted to exclude those activities specifically related to discontinued operations, are as follows for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, (in millions):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Employee severance costs	\$ 1.7	\$ 2.1
Facilities consolidation and lease termination	1.5	(0.3)
Total restructuring charges	\$ 3.2	\$ 1.8

Restructuring charges relate principally to employee severance costs and facility consolidation costs resulting from the closure of facilities and other workforce reductions attributable to our efforts to reduce costs. Of the \$1.7 million charge for the three months ended January 28, 2005, \$1.3 million relates to our KRONE business acquired in fiscal 2004. During the three months ended January 28, 2005, approximately 39 employees were impacted by reductions in force, principally in our Broadband Infrastructure and Access segment. During the three months ended January 30, 2004, approximately 31 employees were impacted by reductions in force.

Facility consolidation and lease termination costs represent lease termination and other costs associated with our decision to consolidate and close duplicative or excess manufacturing and office facilities. For the three months ended January 28, 2005, we incurred charges of \$1.5 million primarily due to continued softening of real estate markets, resulting in lower sublease income. During the three months ended January 31, 2004, we reversed \$0.3 million of the restructuring accrual.

The following table provides detail on the activity and our remaining restructuring accrual balance by category as of January 28, 2005 (in millions):

Type of Charge	Accrual October 31, 2004	Continuing Operations Net Additions	Cash Charges	Accrual January 28, 2005
Employee severance costs	\$ 9.6	\$ 1.7	\$ 6.3	\$ 5.0
Facilities consolidation	28.8	1.5	2.7	27.6
Total	\$ 38.4	\$ 3.2	\$ 9.0	\$ 32.6

Included in the October 31, 2004 accrual balance of \$38.4 million is \$4.4 million related to reserves acquired with the KRONE acquisition, of which \$1.8 million was paid as of January 28, 2005.

We expect that substantially all of the remaining \$5.0 million accrual relating to employee severance costs as of January 28, 2005, will be paid from unrestricted cash by the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2006. Of the \$27.6 million to be paid for the consolidation of facilities, we expect that approximately \$8.0 million will be paid from unrestricted cash through January 27, 2006, and that the balance will be paid from unrestricted cash over the respective lease terms of the facilities through 2015. Based on our intention to continue to consolidate and close duplicative or excess manufacturing operations in order to reduce our cost structure, we may incur additional restructuring charges (both cash and non-cash) in future periods. These restructuring charges may have a material effect on our operating results.

In addition to the restructuring accrual described above, we have \$4.2 million of assets held for sale (of which the entire amount is not allocated to either of our segments). We classified these assets as Held for Sale pursuant to our decision to exit non-strategic product lines and to reduce the size of our operations. We expect to sell or dispose of these assets before April 30, 2005. During the three months ended January 28, 2005, we sold two properties, previously classified as held for sale, for proceeds of \$3.0 million and a net gain of \$0.5 million.

Note 14 Other Income, Net:

Other income, net consists of the following (in millions):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Interest income	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.8
Foreign exchange income (loss)	1.2	(1.2)
Gain on sale of note receivable	9.0	
Gain on sale of product lines	0.6	3.3
Gain on write-down or sale of investments		4.4
Gain on sale of fixed assets	0.5	0.4
Other	0.2	0.1
Total Other Income, Net	\$12.4	\$ 7.8

During the three months ended January 28, 2005, fully reserved notes receivable of \$15.8 million were sold resulting in a gain on sale of \$9.0 million.

Note 15 Commitments and Contingencies:

Vendor Financing: We have worked with customers and third-party financiers to find a means of financing projects by negotiating financing arrangements. As of January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, we had commitments to extend credit of \$1.8 million and \$21.5 million for such arrangements, respectively. The total amount drawn and outstanding under the commitments was \$1.8 million and \$18.2 million, respectively, as of January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004. The decrease in vendor financing is due the sale of a significant note receivable in the three months ended January 28, 2005. The commitments to extend credit are conditional agreements generally having fixed expiration or termination dates and specific interest rates, conditions and purposes. These commitments may expire without being drawn. We regularly review all outstanding commitments, and the results of these reviews are considered in assessing the overall risk for possible credit losses. At January 28, 2005, we have recorded \$1.8 million in loss reserves in the event of non-performance related to these financing arrangements.

Legal Contingencies: On March 5, 2003, we were served with a shareowner lawsuit brought by Wanda Kinerman that was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. The complaint named ADC, William J. Cadogan, our former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Robert E. Switz, our Chief Executive Officer and former Chief Financial Officer, as defendants. After this lawsuit was served, we were named as a defendant in 11 other substantially similar lawsuits. Certain additional current and former of our directors were also named as defendants. These shareowner lawsuits were consolidated into a single lawsuit, that is captioned *In Re ADC Telecommunications, Inc. Securities Litigation*. This lawsuit purports to bring suit on behalf of a class of purchasers of our publicly traded securities from August 17, 2000 to March 28, 2001. The complaint alleged that we violated the securities laws by making false and misleading statements about our financial performance and business prospects during this period. On November 24, 2003, we filed a motion to dismiss this lawsuit, and the court granted our motion and dismissed the case with prejudice on May 17, 2004. The plaintiffs have appealed this decision to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, and that appeal is pending.

On May 19, 2003, we were served with a lawsuit brought by Lorraine Osborne that was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. The complaint names ADC and several of our current and former officers, employees and directors as defendants. After this lawsuit was served, we were served with two substantially similar lawsuits. All three of these lawsuits were then consolidated into a single lawsuit that is captioned *In Re ADC Telecommunications, Inc. ERISA Litigation*. This lawsuit has been brought by individuals who seek to represent a class of participants in our Retirement Savings Plan who purchased our common stock as one of the investment alternatives under the plan from February 2000 to present. The lawsuit alleges a breach of fiduciary duties under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. On February 2, 2004, we filed a motion to dismiss this lawsuit, which was denied by the court. This case is now in the discovery phase.

We are a party to various lawsuits, proceedings and claims arising in the ordinary course of business or otherwise. As of January 28, 2005, we had recorded \$5.2 million in loss reserves in the event of such adverse

outcomes in these matters. At this time we believe the ultimate resolution of these lawsuits, proceedings and claims will not have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations or financial condition. However, litigation by its nature is uncertain, and we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these matters, or any potential liability associated with the same, with certainty.

Income Tax Contingencies: Our effective tax rate is impacted by reserve provisions and changes to reserves, which we consider appropriate. We establish reserves when, despite our belief that our tax returns reflect the proper treatment of all matters, we believe that the treatment of certain tax matters is likely to be challenged and that we may not ultimately be successful.

Significant judgment is required to evaluate and adjust the reserves in light of changing facts and circumstances, such as the progress of a tax audit. Further, a number of years may lapse before a particular matter for which we have established a reserve is audited and finally resolved. While it is difficult to predict the final outcome or the timing of resolution of any particular tax matter, we believe that our reserves reflect the probable outcome of known tax contingencies.

Other Contingencies: As a result of the divestitures discussed in Note 4, we may incur charges related to obligations retained based on the sale agreement. At this time, none of those obligations are probable or estimable.

Change of Control: Our board of directors has approved the extension of certain employee benefits, including salary continuation to key employees, in the event of a change of control of ADC.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

We are a leading global provider of communications network infrastructure solutions and services. Our products and services connect communications networks over copper, fiber, coaxial and wireless media and enable high-speed Internet, data, video and voice services to residences, businesses and mobile communications subscribers. Our products include fiber optic, copper and coaxial based frames, cabinets, cables, connectors, cards and other physical components essential to enable the delivery of communications for wireline, wireless, cable, broadcast and enterprise networks. Our products also include network access devices such as high-bit-rate digital subscriber line and wireless coverage solutions. Finally, we provide professional services relating to the design, equipping and building of networks, which complements our hardware business by planning, deploying and maintaining communications networks.

Our customers include local and long-distance telephone companies, private enterprise networks, cable television operators, wireless service providers, new competitive service providers, broadcasters, governments, system integrators and communications equipment manufacturers and distributors. We offer broadband connectivity systems, enterprise systems, wireless transport and coverage optimization systems, business access systems and professional services to our customers through the following two reportable business segments:

Broadband Infrastructure and Access; and

Professional Services (previously known as Integrated Solutions).

Our *Broadband Infrastructure and Access* business provides network infrastructure products for wireline, wireless, cable, broadcast and enterprise network applications for the communications industry. These products consist of:

connectivity systems and components that provide the infrastructure to networks to connect Internet, data, video and voice services over copper, coaxial and fiber-optic cables, and

access systems used in the last mile/kilometer of wireline and wireless networks to deliver high-speed Internet, data and voice services.

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Our *Professional Services* business provides integration services for broadband, multiservice communications over wireline, wireless cable and enterprise networks. Professional services are used to plan, deploy and maintain communications networks that deliver Internet, data, video and voice services.

Marketplace Conditions

When compared with the same period in prior years, our operating results for the three months ended January 28, 2005 reflected a continuation of modest revenue growth, a trend that began in fiscal 2004. Overall spending on communications equipment and services remains at significantly lower levels compared to pre-2001 levels, but we believe there is a general trend within our industry of modest overall spending increases from historical low levels that characterized the three fiscal years between 2001 and 2003. We believe spending increases by our customers are likely to be more pronounced in particular areas such as fiber-to-the-X (i.e. the deployment of fiber based networks closer to the ultimate consumer which is sometimes referred to as, FTTX) initiatives announced by several service providers, a general increase in wireless spending and some signs of growth in enterprise spending. However, as capital spending budgets remain constrained, any increases in specific areas may cause service providers to decrease spending in other areas. For instance, we believe initiatives to spend on fiber-to-the-X projects may be causing decreases in spending on wireline initiatives. Further, we are cautious that the ongoing consolidation among communications service providers may cause companies engaged in such activities to defer spending while they focus on issues of integrating combined businesses. In addition, our industry continues to experience very intense competition and increased pricing pressure from our customers. While we do expect the overall market for spending on communication equipment and services to grow slowly in the near term, certain industry developments may adversely effect such a trend as well as place pressure on gross profit margins.

While we can offer no assurance that we will be successful in achieving continued revenue growth, we do believe several factors may provide us with the opportunity to grow our sales faster than growth in the overall market in the near term. We believe such growth could be achieved through:

New product offerings for the FTTX initiative being pursued by several communications service providers and the growing acceptance of our Digivance[®] wireless coverage solution and our TrueNet[®] and CopperTen[™] enterprise solutions;

Opportunities to cross-sell products among ADC's traditional customer base and the traditional customer base of the KRONE following our acquisition in May 2004; and

Taking market share from our competitors as we have recently done with respect to some of our product lines.

We continue to be dependent on telecommunications service providers for a majority of our revenues, although this dependence has recently declined because of our KRONE acquisition. The four major U.S. incumbent local exchange carriers (Verizon, BellSouth, Qwest and SBC) accounted for 22.3% of our revenues for the three months ended January 28, 2005 compared to 33.1% of our revenues during the first three months of fiscal 2004. In addition, our top ten customers accounted for 38.5% and 53.7% of our revenues for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively. The decline in these customer concentration levels from 2004 to 2005 is largely due to the KRONE acquisition, which gave us a more diversified customer base throughout the world. However, the increased diversification may be offset by mergers among our customers, such as the business combinations between Cingular and AT&T Wireless and between Sprint and Nextel. The long-term impact of such mergers on our business is difficult to predict. In addition, in the product areas where we believe the potential for revenue growth is most pronounced (e.g. FTTX initiatives and wireless products), our sales remain highly concentrated with the large incumbent local exchange carriers.

We are continuing to focus on ways to conduct our operations more efficiently and to reduce costs. During the downturn in communications equipment spending from fiscal 2001 through fiscal 2003, we took significant cost-reduction measures. We believe most of our restructuring activity is completed, but will continue to pursue expense reductions. For example, the integration of the KRONE acquisition has presented opportunities to reduce costs through eliminating duplicative facilities, processes and personnel functions. Accordingly, we anticipate incurring additional restructuring charges in future periods.

In fiscal 2004, we completed the acquisition of KRONE and also divested four non-core businesses. We intend to continue to explore additional product line or business acquisitions that are complimentary to our communications infrastructure business. We expect to fund any potential acquisition with existing cash resources, the issuance of shares of common or preferred stock, the issuance of debt or equity-linked securities or through some combination of these alternatives. In addition, while we presently do not anticipate divesting or exiting any of our current businesses, we will continue to monitor all of our businesses and may determine it appropriate to sell or otherwise dispose of certain operations.

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As spending in our industry has stabilized and shown modest growth, we believe that customer spending habits are beginning to reflect the seasonality that was typical for our business prior to our fiscal 2001. Prior to the downturn in our business beginning in fiscal 2001, our results of operations had been subject to seasonal factors, with stronger demand for our products during our fourth fiscal quarter (primarily as a result of customer budget cycles and our fiscal year-end initiatives) and weaker demand for our products during our first fiscal quarter (primarily as a result of the number of holidays in that quarter, our customers' development of annual capital budgets during that period and a general industry slowdown during that period). This seasonality in our business returned in fiscal 2004, and we expect it to continue in fiscal 2005. A more detailed description of the risks to our business related to seasonality, along with other risk factors associated with our business, can be found in this prospectus supplement under the caption Risk Factors.

Results of Operations

Net Sales

The following table sets forth our net sales for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004 for each of our segments described above (in millions):

	Three Months Ended			
	January 28, 2005		January 31, 2004	
	Net Sales	%	Net Sales	%
Broadband Infrastructure and Access	\$ 186.3	76.5%	\$ 103.0	75.4%
Professional Services:				
Product	13.6	5.6	8.4	6.1
Service	43.5	17.9	25.3	18.5
Total Professional Services	57.1	23.5	33.7	24.6
Total	\$ 243.4	100.0%	\$ 136.7	100.0%

Net sales were \$243.4 million and \$136.7 million for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively, an increase of 78.1%. International sales comprised 51.1% and 29.3% of our net sales for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively. The increase in international sales primarily is due to our acquisition of KRONE, which has a greater mix of international sales.

During the three months ended January 28, 2005, net sales of Broadband Infrastructure and Access products increased 80.9% over the comparable 2004 period. Our Broadband Infrastructure and Access segment includes infrastructure (connectivity) and access (wireless and wireline) products. The KRONE acquisition reflects 94.7% of the increase over the comparable 2004 period.

During the three months ended January 28, 2005, connectivity product sales increased 139.8% over the comparable 2004 period whereas wireless product sales decreased approximately \$1.6 million, or 19.8%, over the comparable 2004 period. The KRONE acquisition accounted for 82.6% of the connectivity increase over the comparable 2004 period. Sales of our fiber connectivity products represented 19.2% of the connectivity increase over the comparable 2004 period. This fiber sales increase was boosted by increased sales of our FTTX products, which were not being sold in the comparable 2004 period. The decrease in wireless product line sales was a result of lower demand for tower top amplifier products as well as decreased revenues for our Digivance product line due to the timing of product development and production for our new dual band product as well as supply chain delays for certain Digivance components. We do not expect the decreased revenues on our Digivance product line

to be an ongoing trend. During the three months ended January 28, 2005, net sales of our wireline products decreased 43.5% over the comparable 2004 period. The decrease in wireline product sales was caused primarily by a general industry-wide decrease in the market demand for high-bit-rate digital subscriber line products, a situation we do not expect to change significantly in the near future.

During the three months ended January 28, 2005, net sales of our Professional Services products increased by 69.4% over the comparable 2004 period. The KRONE acquisition represents 59.8% of the increase in net sales over the comparable 2004 period. In addition, market share gains

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with several legacy customers contributed to the increase in sales.

Gross Profit

During the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, our gross profit percentages were 33.5% and 39.4% respectively. The decrease in the gross profit percentage primarily was due to increases in sales of lower margin products caused by the KRONE acquisition and increased revenues from FTTX products and Professional Services as well as from the decrease in sales of our wireline products which have relatively high margins. The mix of products we sell in any one quarter is variable and is prone to shift in ways that cannot always be predicted accurately.

Operating Expenses

Total operating expenses for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, were \$79.4 million and \$45.5 million, respectively, representing 32.6% and 33.3% of net sales, respectively. Included in these operating expenses were restructuring charges of \$3.2 million and \$1.8 million for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively. KRONE operating expenses were \$25.4 million for the three months ended January 28, 2005. Excluding the effect of the KRONE acquisition, operating expenses increased 18.7% due mainly to the change in selling and administration expenses discussed below.

Research and development expenses were \$15.2 million and \$12.4 million for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively, or an increase of 22.6%. KRONE represented 11.2% of research and development expenses for the quarter ended January 28, 2005. We believe that, given the rapidly changing technological and competitive environment in the communications equipment industry, continued commitment to product development efforts will be required for us to remain competitive. Accordingly, we intend to continue to allocate substantial resources, as a percentage of our net sales, to product development in each of our segments while directing most of our research and towards projects that we believe directly advance our strategic aims and have a higher probability to return our investment because of our beliefs about segments in the marketplace that are most likely to grow.

Selling and administration expenses were \$61.0 million and \$31.3 million for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively, or an increase of 94.9%. The KRONE acquisition represents 75.4% of the increase in expenses over the comparable 2004 period. The remaining increase was due to the fact that expenses for the three months ended January 31, 2004 were unusually low due almost entirely to bad debt recoveries of \$4.5 million.

In fiscal 2005, we expect to incur added administrative expense, including external fees that we expect to be approximately \$3.0 million, associated with the requirements to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. This section of the Act will require us to conduct a thorough evaluation of our internal controls and we are and will be working with independent advisors in this process.

Restructuring charges were \$3.2 million and \$1.8 million for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively. Restructuring charges relate principally to employee severance costs and facility consolidation costs resulting from the closure of facilities and other workforce reductions attributable to our efforts to reduce costs. Of the \$3.2 million charge for the three months ended January 28, 2005, \$1.3 million relates to our KRONE business acquired in fiscal 2004. During the three months ended January 28, 2005, approximately 39 employees were impacted by reductions in force, principally in our Broadband Infrastructure and Access segment. During the three months ended January 31, 2004, approximately 31 employees were impacted by reductions in force.

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Other Income, Net

Other income, net consists of the following (in millions):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Interest income	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.8
Foreign exchange income (loss)	1.2	(1.2)
Gain on sale of note receivable	9.0	

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>	
Gain on sale of product lines	0.6	3.3
Gain on write-down or sale of investments		4.4
Gain on sale of fixed assets	0.5	0.4
Other	0.2	0.1
Total Other Income, Net	\$ 12.4	\$ 7.8

During the three months ended January 28, 2005, fully reserved notes receivable of \$15.8 million were sold resulting in a gain on sale of \$9.0 million.

Income Taxes

Our effective income tax rate from continuing operations for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004 was 6.8% and (0.6)%, respectively. Substantially all of our income tax provision for the three months ended January 28, 2005 is due to foreign income taxes. Our effective income tax rate has been reduced by changes in the valuation allowance recorded for our deferred tax assets. See Note 9 to the financial statements for a detailed description of the accounting standards related to our recording of the valuation allowance. Beginning in fiscal 2002 we have not recorded income tax benefits in most jurisdictions where we have incurred pretax losses since the deferred tax assets generated by the losses have been offset with a corresponding increase in the valuation allowance. Likewise, we have not recorded income tax expense in most jurisdictions where we have pretax income since the deferred tax assets utilized to reduce income taxes payable have been offset with a corresponding reduction in the valuation allowance. We will continue to maintain a nearly full valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets until we have sustained a level of profitability that demonstrates our ability to utilize the deferred assets in the future. Until that time, we expect our effective income tax rate will be substantially reduced.

Income from Continuing Operations

Income from continuing operations was \$13.6 million (or \$0.02 per diluted share) and \$16.3 million (or \$0.02 per diluted share) for the three months ended January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, respectively.

Discontinued Operations

BroadAccess40

During the first quarter of fiscal 2004, we entered into an agreement to sell our BroadAccess40 business, which was included in our Broadband Infrastructure and Access segment. We classified this business as a discontinued operation in the first quarter of fiscal 2004. This transaction closed on February 24, 2004. We recorded a loss on the sale of the business of \$3.6 million based on the value of the business assets and liabilities as of January 31, 2004. Subsequent to January 31, 2004, adjustments of \$3.0 million were made to increase the previous loss recorded.

The purchasers of the BroadAccess40 business acquired all of the stock of our subsidiary that operated this business and assumed substantially all liabilities associated with this business, with the exception of a \$7.5 million note payable that was paid in full by us prior to the closing of the transaction. The purchasers issued a promissory note to us for \$3.8 million that is payable within two years of the closing.

Cuda/FastFlow

During the third quarter of fiscal 2004, we entered into an agreement to sell the business related to our Cuda cable modem termination system product line and related FastFlow Broadband Provisioning Manager software, to BigBand Networks, Inc. (BigBand). This transaction closed on June 29, 2004. The business had been included in our Broadband Infrastructure and Access segment. In consideration for this sale, we were issued a non-voting minority interest in BigBand, which was accounted for under the cost method and has a nominal value. We also provided BigBand with a non-revolving credit facility of up to \$12.0 million with a term of three years. As of January 28, 2005, \$7.0 million was drawn on the credit facility. We classified this business as a discontinued operation beginning in the third quarter of fiscal 2004, and recorded a loss on sale of \$2.6 million. In the fourth quarter, adjustments of \$2.3 million were made to increase the total loss to \$4.9 million.

Singl.eView

During the third quarter of fiscal 2004, we entered into an agreement to sell the business related to our Singl.eView product line to Intec Telecom Systems PLC for a cash purchase price of \$74.5 million, subject to purchase price adjustments. The transaction closed on August 27, 2004. This business had been included in our Professional Services segment. We also agreed to provide Intec with a \$6.0 million non-revolving credit facility with a term of 18 months. As of January 28, 2005, \$4.0 million was drawn on the credit facility. We classified this business as a discontinued operation in the third quarter of fiscal 2004. In the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004, we recognized a gain on sale of \$61.7 million.

Metrica

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004, we entered into an agreement to sell the business related to our Metrica service assurance software group to Vallent Corporation (formerly known as WatchMark Corporation) (Vallent) for a cash purchase price of \$35.0 million, subject to purchase price adjustments, and a \$3.9 million equity interest in Vallent. The transaction closed on November 19, 2004. The equity interest constitutes less than a five percent ownership in Vallent. This business had been included in our Professional Services segment. We classified this business as a discontinued operation in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2004. In the first quarter of fiscal 2005, we recognized a gain on sale of \$36.0 million.

The financial results of our BroadAccess40, Cuda/FastFlow, Singl.eview and Metrica businesses included in discontinued operations are as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended	
	January 28, 2005	January 31, 2004
Net sales	\$ 0.9	\$ 36.8
Income (Loss) from discontinued operations	\$ 2.7	\$(15.1)
Gain (Loss) on sale of subsidiaries	36.2	(3.6)
Gain (Loss) from discontinued operation, net of tax	\$38.9	\$(18.7)

Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

There were no significant changes to our critical accounting policies during the three months ended January 28, 2005. See our most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for fiscal 2004 for a discussion of our critical accounting policies.

Liquidity and Capital Resources*Cash & Short-Term Investments*

Cash and cash equivalents, consisting primarily of short-term money market instruments with maturities of three months or less, was \$88.4 million at January 28, 2005, or an increase of \$21.4 million compared to October 31, 2004. The major source of cash during the first quarter of fiscal 2005 was net income of \$13.6 million, receivable collections of \$15.5 million and \$33.6 million related to proceeds from the sale of our Metrica service assurance

software group. This source of cash was partially offset by a \$10.1 million increase in inventory caused by the manufacture of future shipments of FTTX and wireless products and a \$33.6 million reduction in accrued liabilities, primarily for restructuring and incentive payments.

As of January 28, 2005, \$417.2 million of auction rates securities, previously classified as cash and cash equivalents, were classified as current available-for-sale securities. Securities reclassified from cash and cash equivalents to current available-for-sale securities as of October 31, 2004 were \$427.3 million.

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As of January 28, 2005, we had restricted cash of \$24.9 million compared to \$21.9 million as of October 31, 2004, an increase of \$3.0 million. The majority of our restricted cash represents collateral for letters of credit and lease obligations. Restricted cash is expected to become available to us upon satisfaction of the obligations pursuant to which the letters of credit or guarantees were issued. We are entitled to the interest earnings on our restricted cash balances.

Finance-Related Transactions

As of January 28, 2005, we had \$400.0 million of convertible unsecured subordinated notes, consisting of \$200.0 million in 1.0% fixed rate convertible unsecured subordinated notes maturing on June 15, 2008, and \$200.0 million of convertible unsecured subordinated notes with a variable interest rate and maturing on June 15, 2013. The interest rate for the variable rate notes is equal to the 6-month LIBOR plus 0.375%. The interest rate for the variable rate notes will be reset on each semi-annual interest payment date (i.e., which are June 15 and December 15 of each year beginning on December 15, 2003 for both the fixed and variable rate notes). The interest rate on the variable rate notes is 3.065% for the current six-month period ending June 15, 2005. The holders of both the fixed and variable rate notes may convert all or some of their notes into shares of our common stock at any time prior to maturity at a conversion price of \$4.013 per share. We may not redeem the fixed rate notes anytime prior to their maturity date. We may redeem any or all of the variable rate notes at any time on or after June 23, 2008.

Vendor Financing

We have worked with customers and third-party financiers to find a means of financing projects by negotiating financing arrangements. As of January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004, we had commitments to extend credit of \$1.8 million and \$21.5 million for such arrangements, respectively. The total amount drawn and outstanding under the commitments was \$1.8 million and \$18.2 million, respectively, as of January 28, 2005 and January 31, 2004. The decrease in vendor financing is due to the sale of a major note receivable in the three months ended January 28, 2005. The commitments to extend credit are conditional agreements generally having fixed expiration or termination dates and specific interest rates, conditions and purposes. These commitments may expire without being drawn. We regularly review all outstanding commitments, and the results of these reviews are considered in assessing the overall risk for possible credit losses. At January 28, 2005, we have recorded \$1.8 million in loss reserves in the event of non-performance related to these financing arrangements.

Working Capital and Liquidity Outlook

Our main source of liquidity continues to be our unrestricted cash and our current available-for-sale securities. We believe that our unrestricted cash and our current available-for-sale securities should be adequate to fund our working capital requirements, planned capital expenditures and restructuring costs through fiscal 2005. If we are able to maintain break-even or positive cash flow from operations, our existing cash should be adequate to fund such expenditures for several years.

We believe that our entire restructuring accrual of \$32.6 million as of January 28, 2005 will be paid from our unrestricted cash as follows:

\$5.0 million for employee severance will be paid by the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2006;

\$8.0 million for facilities consolidation costs, which relate principally to excess leased facilities, will be paid by the end of the first quarter in fiscal 2006; and

the remainder of \$19.6 million, which also relates to excess leased facilities, will be paid over the respective lease terms ending through 2015.

We also believe that our unrestricted cash on hand will also enable us to pursue strategic opportunities, including possible product line or business acquisitions. However, if the cost of one or more acquisition opportunities exceeds our existing capital resources, additional sources of capital may be required. We do not currently have any committed lines of credit or other available credit facilities, and it is uncertain whether such facilities could be obtained in sufficient amounts or on acceptable terms. Any plan to raise additional capital may involve an equity-based or equity-linked financing, such as another issuance of convertible debt or the issuance of common stock or preferred stock, which would be dilutive to existing shareholders.

Cautionary Statement for Purposes of the Safe Harbor Provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995

The foregoing Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, as well as the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, contain various forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements represent our expectations or beliefs concerning future events, including but not limited to the following: any statements regarding future sales, profit percentages, earnings per share and other results of operations, our estimates of probable liabilities relating to pending litigation, the continuation of historical trends, the sufficiency of our cash balances and cash generated from operating and financing activities for our future liquidity and capital resource needs and the effect of regulatory changes. We caution that any forward-looking statements made by us in this report or in other announcements made by us are qualified by important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, without limitation: the magnitude and duration of the recovery from the significant downturn in the communications equipment industry which began in 2001, particularly with respect to the demand for equipment by telecommunication service providers, from which a majority of our revenues are derived; our ability to restructure our business to achieve and maintain operating profitability; macroeconomic factors that influence the demand for telecommunications services and the consequent demand for communications equipment; possible consolidation among our customers, competitors or vendors which could cause disruption in our customer relationships or displacement of us as an equipment vendor to the surviving entity in a customer consolidation; our ability to keep pace with rapid technological change in our industry; our ability to make the proper strategic choices with respect to product line acquisitions or divestitures; our ability to integrate the operations of KRONE, or other acquired businesses, with our own operations; increased competition within our industry and increased pricing pressure from our customers; our dependence on relatively few customers for a majority of our revenues as well as potential revenue growth in market segments we presently feel have the greatest growth potential; fluctuations in our operating results from quarter-to-quarter, which are influenced by many factors outside of our control, including variations in demand for particular products in our portfolio which have varying profit margins; the impact of regulatory changes on our customers' willingness to make capital expenditures for our equipment and services; financial problems, work interruptions in operations or other difficulties faced by some of our customers, which can influence future sales to these customers as well as our ability to collect amounts due us; economic and regulatory conditions outside of the United States, as approximately 51.1% of our sales come from non-U.S. jurisdictions; our ability to protect our intellectual property rights and defend against infringement claims made by third parties; possible limitations on our ability to raise additional capital if required, either due to unfavorable market conditions, lack of investor demand or the current corporate charter limitation on our ability to issue additional shares of common stock; our ability to attract and retain qualified employees; our ability to maintain key competencies during a period of reduced resources and restructuring; potential liabilities that could arise if there are design or manufacturing defects with respect to any of our products; our ability to obtain raw materials and components, and our increased dependence on contract manufacturers to make certain of our products; changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and equity securities prices, all of which will impact our operating results; our ability to successfully defend or satisfactorily settle our pending litigation; and other risks and uncertainties, including those identified in this prospectus supplement under the caption Risk Factors. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk from changes in security prices, foreign exchange rates and interest rates. Market fluctuations could affect our results of operations and financial condition adversely. We, at times, reduce this risk through the use of derivative financial instruments. We do not enter into derivative financial instruments for the purpose of speculation.

We are exposed to interest rate risk as a result of issuing \$200.0 million of convertible unsecured subordinated notes on June 4, 2003 that have a variable interest rate. The interest rate on these notes is equal to 6-month LIBOR plus 0.375%. The interest rate on these notes is reset semiannually on each interest payment date, which is June 15 and December 15 of each year until their maturity in fiscal 2013. The interest rate for the current six-month period ending June 15, 2005 is 3.065%. Assuming interest rates rise an additional 1%, 5% and 10%, our annual interest expense would increase by \$2.0 million, \$10.0 million and \$20.0 million, respectively.

We offer a non-qualified 401(k) excess plan to allow certain executives to defer earnings in excess of the annual individual contribution and compensation limits on 401(k) plans imposed by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Under this plan, the salary deferrals and our matching contributions are not placed in a separate fund or trust account. Rather, the deferrals represent our unsecured general obligation to pay the balance owing to the executives upon termination of their employment. In addition, the executives are able to elect to have their account balances indexed to a variety of diversified mutual funds (stock, bond and balanced), as well as to our common stock. Accordingly, our outstanding deferred compensation obligation under this plan is subject to market risk. As of January 28, 2005, our outstanding deferred compensation obligation related to the 401(k) excess plan was \$4.4 million, of which \$0.7 million was indexed to ADC common stock. Assuming a 20%, 50% and 100% aggregate increase in the value of the investment alternatives to which the account balances may be indexed, our outstanding deferred compensation obligation would increase by \$0.9 million, \$2.2 million and \$4.4 million, respectively, and we would incur an expense of a like amount.

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We are exposed to market risk from changes in foreign exchange rates. Our primary risk is the effect of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on the U.S. dollar value of foreign currency denominated operating revenues and expenses. Our largest exposure comes from the euro. The result of a 10% strengthening in the U.S. dollar to our euro denominated revenues and expenses would result in an decrease in operating income of \$0.4 million for the quarter ended January 28, 2005. We are also exposed to foreign currency risk as a result of changes in intercompany balance sheet accounts and other balance sheet items. At January 28, 2005, we did not hedge any foreign currency exposures; however, from time to time we may implement certain risk management strategies that include the use of derivative instruments. These strategies include:

The use of foreign currency forwards and options to hedge a portion of anticipated future sales denominated in foreign currencies, principally the euro, British pound and Australian dollar, in order to offset the effect of changes in exchange rates.

The use of foreign currency forwards and options to hedge certain foreign currency denominated intercompany receivables, primarily in the euro, British pound, Australian dollar and Canadian dollar, to offset the effect on earnings of changes in exchange rates until these receivables are collected.

A description of the risks to our business related to market risk, along with other risk factors associated with our business, can be found in this prospectus supplement under the caption Risk Factors.

DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act)). Based on that evaluation, our CEO and CFO have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are adequately designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the applicable rules and forms. During the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, there was no change in our internal control over financial reporting

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(as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

On March 5, 2003, we were served with a shareowner lawsuit brought by Wanda Kinerman that was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. The complaint named ADC, William J. Cadogan, our former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Robert E. Switz, our Chief Executive Officer and former Chief Financial Officer, as defendants. After this lawsuit was served, we were named as a defendant in 11 other substantially similar lawsuits. Certain additional current and former of our directors were also named as defendants. These shareowner lawsuits were consolidated into a single lawsuit, that is captioned *In Re ADC Telecommunications, Inc. Securities Litigation*. This lawsuit purports to bring suit on behalf of a class of purchasers of our publicly traded securities from August 17, 2000 to March 28, 2001. The complaint alleged that we violated the securities laws by making false and misleading statements about our financial performance and business prospects during this period. On November 24, 2003, we filed a motion to dismiss this lawsuit, and the court granted our motion and dismissed the case with prejudice on May 17, 2004. The plaintiffs have appealed this decision to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and that appeal is pending.

On May 19, 2003, we were served with a lawsuit brought by Lorraine Osborne that was filed in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. The complaint names ADC and several of our current and former officers, employees and directors as defendants. After this lawsuit was served, we were served with two substantially similar lawsuits. All three of these lawsuits were then consolidated into a single lawsuit that is captioned *In Re ADC Telecommunications, Inc. ERISA Litigation*. This lawsuit has been brought by individuals who seek to represent a class of participants in our Retirement Savings Plan who purchased our common stock as one of the investment alternatives under the plan from February 2000 to present. The lawsuit alleges a breach of fiduciary duties under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. On February 2, 2004, we filed a motion to dismiss this lawsuit, which was denied by the court. This case is now in the discovery phase.

We are a party to various lawsuits, proceedings and claims arising in the ordinary course of business or otherwise. As of January 28, 2005, we had recorded \$5.2 million in loss reserves in the event of such adverse outcomes in these matters. At this time we believe the ultimate resolution of these lawsuits, proceedings and claims will not have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

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However, litigation by its nature is uncertain, and we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these matters, or any potential liability associated with the same, with certainty.

SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

Our annual meeting of shareowners was held on March 1, 2005. At the annual meeting, James C. Castle, Mickey P. Foret, J. Kevin Gilligan and John D. Wunsch were elected as directors for terms expiring at the annual meeting of our shareowners in 2008; William R. Spivey was elected as a director for a term expiring at the annual meeting of our shareowners in 2007; and Lois M. Martin and John Rehfeld were elected as directors for terms expiring at the annual meeting of our shareowners in 2006. The following table shows the vote totals with respect to the election of these directors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Authority Withheld</u>
James C. Castle, Ph.D.	712,871,922	16,815,721
Mickey P. Foret	715,064,358	14,623,285
J. Kevin Gilligan	715,202,360	14,485,283
John D. Wunsch	708,198,931	21,488,712
William R. Spivey	714,868,220	14,819,423
Lois M. Martin	714,331,194	15,356,449
John E. Rehfeld	712,839,212	16,848,431

John J. Boyle III, Robert E. Switz and Larry W. Wangberg continued as directors for terms expiring at the annual meeting of our shareowners in 2007 and John A. Blanchard III, B. Kristine Johnson and Jean-Pierre Rosso continued as directors for terms expiring at the annual meeting of our shareowners in 2006.

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At the annual meeting, our shareowners also approved a proposal made by one of our shareowners requesting that our Board of Directors redeem our shareowner rights plan unless that plan is approved by our shareowners. Approximately 35% of our total outstanding shares voted in favor of this proposal. However, because over 50% of our total outstanding shares voted on this matter and this plurality of total outstanding shares represented a majority of the shares that voted on this matter, the proposal passed under Minnesota law. The following table shows the vote totals with respect to the proposal regarding our shareowner rights plan:

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
282,315,049	140,514,134	9,617,461

At the annual meeting our shareowners also ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2005. The following table shows the vote totals with respect to this ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm:

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
716,202,234	7,072,319	6,413,090

RISK FACTORS

Our business faces many risks. The risks described below may not be the only risks we face. Additional risks that we do not yet know of or that we currently think are immaterial may also impair our business operations. If any of the events or circumstances described in the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could suffer, and the trading price of our common stock could decline.

Risks Related to Our Business

Our operating results have been adversely affected by the significant downturn in the communications equipment industry and the slowdown in the United States economy.

Our operating results during the last four fiscal years have been significantly impacted by the substantial downturn in the telecommunications equipment industry. In this market environment, many of our customers reduced their equipment purchases and have deferred capital spending. As a result, our revenues decreased in fiscal 2003 and 2002 and the increase in 2004 was primarily because of our acquisition of KRONE in May 2004. A majority of our revenues are derived from telecommunication service providers. These customers have greatly reduced their spending on communications equipment. Our business also has been impacted negatively by reduced or deferred capital spending by our other customers. Further, when our customers announce spending initiatives that might positively impact one or more of our products; it is possible the customers will contemporaneously reduce spending in a manner that would negatively impact other of our products. Some of our customers have experienced serious financial difficulties. In certain cases, these difficulties have resulted in bankruptcy filings or cessation of operations.

The general slowdown in the United States economy in the last several years has also negatively impacted our business and operating results. While there is debate about the strength of an ongoing general recovery in the overall economy and we have experienced modest revenue growth, we expect any significant recovery in the communications market to lag behind a general economic recovery. Our customers are dependent on the level of end user demand for communication services, and they are likely to continue to defer significant network expansions until there is greater demand for Internet, data, video and voice services. If general economic conditions in the United States and globally do not improve, or if there is a worsening of the United States or global economy, we may continue to experience material adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We incurred significant net losses in fiscal 2003, 2002 and 2001. No assurance can be given that we will consistently maintain operating profitability in the future.

We incurred losses from continuing operations of \$42.6 million, \$980.2 million in fiscal 2003 and 2002, respectively. We also incurred significant losses in fiscal 2001. While we returned to profitability in fiscal 2004, it is not clear that we will be able to achieve revenue and gross margin levels needed to sustain profitability.

When the significant reduction in communications equipment spending became evident in fiscal 2001, we began implementing a restructuring plan to reduce operating expenses and capital expenditures and to narrow the strategic focus of our business. As a result in large part of this restructuring plan, we incurred impairment and restructuring charges of \$14.0 million, \$43.7 million and \$543.1 million in fiscal years 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Although most of the restructuring plan initiatives have been implemented, we may be required to further restructure our business if we do not achieve sustained profitability.

As a result of the restructuring plans, we have significantly reduced expenses and lowered our quarterly revenue break-even point. However, we may not be able to achieve anticipated revenue levels in future quarters or further reduce our expenses if revenue shortfalls occur. As a result, no assurance can be given that we will achieve and maintain operating profitability.

Shifts in our product mix may result in declines in gross profit, as a percentage of net sales.

Our gross profit, as a percentage of net sales, varies among our product groups. Our overall gross profit, as a percentage of net sales, has fluctuated from quarter to quarter as a result of shifts in product mix (that is, how much of each product type we sell in any particular quarter), the introduction of new products, decreases in average selling prices and our ability to reduce manufacturing costs. We expect such fluctuation in gross profit to continue in the future. Further, as KRONE has historically sold certain products at margins lower than the margins at which our products have sold, the integration of KRONE's business with our own is likely to impact our gross profit levels. In addition, our gross margins could be lower based on the amount of new products we sell that have lower startup gross margins.

Consolidation among our customers could result in our losing a customer or experiencing a slowdown as integration takes place.

We believe it is likely that there will be increased consolidation among our customers in order for them to increase market share, diversify product portfolios and achieve greater economies of scale. Consolidation is likely to impact our business as our customers focus on integrating their operations and choosing their equipment vendors. After a consolidation occurs, there can be no assurance that we will continue to supply equipment to the surviving communications service provider. The impact of significant mergers on our business, like those recently announced between Cingular and AT&T Wireless or Sprint and Nextel, is likely to be unclear until sometime after such transactions have closed.

Our sales could be negatively impacted if one or more of our key customers substantially reduce orders for our products.

Our customer base is relatively concentrated with our top ten customers accounting for 46.3%, 55.3% and 54.1% of net sales for fiscal years 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. While our recent acquisition of KRONE has diversified our customer base, if we lose a significant customer, our sales and gross margins would be negatively impacted. Further, in the product areas where we believe the potential for revenue growth is most pronounced (e.g. fiber-to-the-X initiatives and wireless products), our sales remain highly concentrated with the large incumbent local exchange carriers. The loss of sales may require us to record additional impairment and restructuring charges or exit a particular business or product line.

Our market is subject to rapid technological change, and to compete effectively, we must continually introduce new products that achieve market acceptance.

The communications equipment industry is characterized by rapid technological change. In our industry, we also face evolving industry standards, changing market conditions and frequent new product and service introductions and enhancements by our competitors. The introduction of products using new technologies or the adoption of new industry standards can make our existing products or products under development obsolete or unmarketable. For example, it is possible that fiber-to-the-X initiatives may negatively impact sales of non-fiber products. In order to grow and remain competitive, we will need to adapt to these rapidly changing technologies, to enhance our existing solutions and to introduce new solutions to address our customers' changing demands.

We may not accurately predict technological trends or new products in the communications equipment market. New product development often requires long-term forecasting of market trends, development and implementation of new technologies and processes and a substantial capital commitment. In addition, we do not know whether our products and services will meet with market acceptance or be profitable. Many of our competitors have greater engineering and product development resources than us. Although we expect to continue to invest substantial resources in product development activities, our efforts to achieve and maintain profitability will require us to be more selective and focused with our research and development expenditures. If we fail to anticipate or respond in a cost-effective and timely manner to technological developments, changes in industry standards or customer requirements, or if we have any significant delays in product development or introduction, our business, operating results and financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

We may make additional strategic changes to our product portfolio, but our strategic changes and restructuring programs may not yield the benefits that we expect.

In connection with the downturn in the communications industry we divested or closed numerous product lines and businesses that either were not profitable or did not match our new strategic focus. As necessary, we may make further divestitures or closures of product lines and businesses. We also may make strategic acquisitions.

The impact of potential changes to our product portfolio and the effect of such changes on our business, operating results and financial condition, are unknown at this time. If we acquire other businesses in our areas of strategic focus, we may have difficulty assimilating these businesses and their products, services, technologies and personnel into our operations. These difficulties could disrupt our ongoing business, distract our management and workforce, increase our expenses and adversely affect our operating results and financial condition. In addition to these integration risks, if we acquire new businesses, we may not realize all of the anticipated benefits of these acquisitions, and we may not be able to retain key management, technical and sales personnel after an acquisition. Divestitures or elimination of existing businesses or product lines could also have disruptive effects and may cause us to incur material expenses.

If we seek to secure additional financing, we may not be able to obtain it. Also, if we are able to secure additional financing, our shareowners may experience dilution of their ownership interest or we may be subject to limitations on our operations.

We currently anticipate that our available cash resources, which include existing cash and cash equivalents, will be sufficient to meet our anticipated needs for working capital and capital expenditures for the remainder of fiscal 2005 and, if we are able to maintain breakeven or positive cash flow from operations, for the next several years. If our estimates are incorrect and we are unable to generate sufficient cash flows from operations, we may need to raise additional funds. In addition, if one or more of our strategic acquisition opportunities exceeds our existing resources, we may be required to seek additional capital. We do not currently have any significant available lines of credit or other significant credit facilities, and we are not certain that we can obtain commercial bank financing or, if it is available, whether it will be on acceptable terms. If we raise additional funds through the issuance of equity or equity-related securities, our shareowners may experience dilution of their ownership interests, and the newly issued securities may have rights superior to those of common stock. See **Risks Related to our Common Stock** below. If we raise additional funds by issuing debt, we may be subject to restrictive covenants that could limit our operating flexibility.

Our industry is highly competitive and subject to significant downward pressure on the pricing for our products.

Competition in the communications equipment and related services industry is intense. We believe our success in competing with other manufacturers of communications equipment products and related services will depend primarily on our engineering, manufacturing and marketing skills, the price, quality and reliability of our products, our delivery and service capabilities and our control of operating expenses. We have experienced and anticipate experiencing increasing pricing pressures from current and future competitors as well as general pricing pressure from our customers as part of their cost containment efforts. Our industry is currently characterized by many vendors pursuing relatively few and very large customers, which provides our customers with the ability to exert significant pressure on their suppliers. Many of our competitors have more extensive engineering, manufacturing, marketing,

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financial and personnel resources than us. As a result, other competitors may be able to respond more quickly to new or emerging technologies, changes in customer requirements or offer more aggressive price reductions.

Possible consolidation among our competitors could result in a loss of sales.

We expect to see continued consolidation among communication equipment vendors. This can result in our competitors becoming financially stronger and obtaining broader product portfolios. It is possible that such consolidation can lead to a loss of sales for us as our competitors increase their resources through consolidation.

Our operating results fluctuate significantly, and if we miss quarterly financial expectations, our stock price could decline.

Our operating results are difficult to predict and fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter. It is likely that our operating results in some periods will be below investor expectations. If this happens, the market price of our common stock is likely to decline. Fluctuations in our future quarterly earnings results may be caused by many factors, including:

the volume and timing of orders from and shipments to our customers;

work stoppages and other developments affecting the operations of our customers;

the timing of and our ability to obtain new customer contracts and sales recognition;

the timing of new product and service announcements;

the availability of products and services;

the overall level of capital expenditures by our customers;

the market acceptance of new and enhanced versions of our products and services;

variations in the mix of products and services we sell;

the utilization of our production capacity and employees; and

the availability and cost of key components.

Our expense levels are based in part on expectations of future revenues. If revenue levels in a particular period are lower than expected, our operating results will be affected adversely.

In addition, prior to fiscal 2001 and during fiscal 2004, our operating results were subject to seasonal factors. We historically have had stronger demand for our products and services in the fourth fiscal quarter ending October 31, primarily as a result of our year-end incentives and

customer budget cycles. We typically have experienced weaker demand for our products and services in the first fiscal quarter ending January 31, primarily as a result of the number of holidays in late November, December and early January, the development of annual capital budgets by our customers during that period and a general industry slowdown during that period.

Due to the economic downturn in the communications equipment and services market, this historical trend of seasonality was not evident during fiscal years 2001-2003. Our historical seasonal pattern returned in fiscal 2004 and we presently expect it to continue in fiscal 2005.

The regulatory environment in which our customers operate is changing.

Although our business is not subject to a significant amount of direct regulation, the communications service industry in which our customers operate is subject to significant federal and state regulation in the United States as well as regulation in other countries. In early 1996, the United States Telecommunications Act of 1996 was enacted. This Act lifted certain restrictions on the ability of companies, including the RBOCs and other ADC customers, to compete with one another. The Act also made other significant changes in the regulation of the telecommunications industry. These changes generally have increased our opportunities to provide solutions for our customers' Internet, data, video and voice needs.

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However, the established telecommunications providers have stated that some of these changes have diminished the profitability of additional investments made by them in their networks, which reduces their demand for our products. On February 20, 2003, the FCC adopted rules under this Act concerning the obligation of the established telecommunication service providers to share their networks with competitors, a practice known as unbundling. The FCC essentially retained the existing unbundling obligations of the carriers with respect to their historic copper-based network infrastructure, and ruled not to require the unbundling of certain network elements in their next generation hybrid and fiber networks. In August 2003, the FCC issued its final rules on these unbundling obligations and in October 2004 conclusively affirmed that RBOCs are not required to unbundle their networks for the provision of fiber-based services all the way or almost all the way to end user premises. In turn, several RBOCs have stated their intention to increase capital spending on fiber-to-the-X initiatives.

Future regulatory changes affecting the communications industry are anticipated both in the United States and internationally. These changes could affect our customers and alter demand for our products. Recently announced or future changes could also come under legal challenge and be altered, thereby reversing the effect the initial announcement of changes was expected to have on our business. In addition, competition in our markets could intensify as the result of changes to existing regulations or new regulations. Accordingly, changes in the regulatory environment could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Customer payment defaults could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

As a result of adverse conditions in the communications market, some of our customers have and may continue to experience serious financial difficulties, which in some cases have resulted or may result in bankruptcy filings or cessation of operations. In the future, if customers experiencing financial problems default and fail to pay amounts owed to us, we may not be able to collect these amounts or recognize expected revenue. In the current environment in the communications equipment and related services industry and the United States and global economy, it is possible that customers from whom we expect to derive substantial revenue will default or that the level of defaults will increase. Any material payment defaults by our customers would have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

We also have provided financing to some of our customers for purchases of our equipment. We have not closed on a transaction where new financing was made available to a customer, however, since 2003.

Many of our competitors engage in similar financing transactions in order to obtain customer orders. To remain competitive, we believe that it may be necessary for us to continue to offer financing arrangements in the future. We intend under certain circumstances to sell all or a portion of these commitments and outstanding receivables to third parties. In the past, we have sold some receivables with recourse and have had to compensate the purchaser for the loss.

Our ability to collect on these financing arrangements is contingent on the financial health of the companies to which we extend credit. The condition of these companies is affected by many factors, including, among others, general conditions in the communications equipment and services industry, general economic conditions and changes in telecommunications regulations. We may experience credit losses that could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.

Conditions in global markets could affect our operations.

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Our non-United States sales accounted for approximately 40.4%, 26.0% and 20.2% of our net sales in fiscal 2004, 2003 and 2002, respectively. We expect non-United States sales to remain a significant percentage of net sales in the future. In fact, absent additional acquisitions or divestitures, we expect our acquisition of KRONE to cause our non-United States sales to represent approximately one-half our net sales. In addition to sales and distribution in numerous countries, we own or lease operations located in Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Puerto Rico, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States, Venezuela and Vietnam. Due to our non-United States sales and our non-United States operations, we are subject to the risks of conducting business globally. These risks include:

local economic and market conditions;

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political and economic instability;

unexpected changes in or impositions of legislative or regulatory requirements;

fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;

tariffs and other barriers and restrictions;

longer payment cycles;

difficulties in enforcing intellectual property and contract rights;

greater difficulty in accounts receivable collection;

potentially adverse taxes; and

the burdens of complying with a variety of non-United States laws and telecommunications standards.

We also are subject to general geopolitical and environmental risks, such as terrorism, political and economic instability, changes in diplomatic or trade relationships and natural disasters. We maintain business operations and have sales in many non-United States markets. Economic conditions in many of these markets represent significant risks to us. We cannot predict whether our sales and business operations in these markets will be affected adversely by these conditions.

Instability in non-United States markets, which we believe is most likely to occur in the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, could have a negative impact on our business, financial condition and operating results. The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and other turmoil in the Middle East and the global war on terror also may have negative effects on the operating results of some of our businesses. In addition to the effect of global economic instability on non-United States sales, sales to United States customers having significant non-United States operations could be impacted negatively by these conditions.

Our intellectual property rights may not be adequate to protect our business.

Our future success depends in part upon our proprietary technology. Although we attempt to protect our proprietary technology through patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets, these protections are limited. Accordingly, we cannot predict whether such protection will be adequate, or whether our competitors can develop similar technology independently without violating our proprietary rights.

Also, rights that may be granted under any patent application in the future may not provide competitive advantages to us. Intellectual property protection in foreign jurisdictions may be limited or unavailable. In addition, many of our competitors have substantially larger portfolios of patents and other intellectual property rights than us.

As the competition in the communications equipment industry increases and the functionality of the products in this industry further overlaps, we believe that companies in the communications equipment industry are becoming increasingly subject to infringement claims. We have received and may continue to receive notices from third parties, including some of our competitors, claiming that we are infringing third-party patents or other proprietary rights. We cannot predict whether we will prevail in any litigation over third-party claims, or whether we will be able to license any valid and infringed patents on commercially reasonable terms. It is possible that unfavorable resolution of such litigation could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations or financial condition. Any of these claims, whether with or without merit, could result in costly litigation, divert our management's time, attention and resources, delay our product shipments or require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements, which could be expensive. A third party may not be willing to enter into a royalty or licensing agreement on acceptable terms, if at all. If a claim of product infringement against us is successful and we fail to obtain a license or develop or license non-infringing technology, our business, financial condition and operating results could be affected adversely.

We are dependent upon key personnel.

Like all technology companies, our success is dependent on the efforts and abilities of our employees. Our ability to attract, retain and motivate skilled employees is critical to our success. In addition, because we may acquire

one or more businesses in the future, our success will depend, in part, upon our ability to retain and integrate our own personnel with personnel from acquired entities who are necessary to the continued success or the successful integration of the acquired businesses.

Our recent initiatives to focus our business on core operations and products by restructuring and streamlining operations, including substantial reductions in our workforce, have created uncertainty on the part of our employees regarding future employment with us. This uncertainty, together with our operating losses and lower stock price, may have an adverse effect on our ability to retain and attract key personnel.

Internal Controls under Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we will be required, beginning with our fiscal year ending October 31, 2005, to include in our annual report our assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the end of fiscal 2005. Furthermore, our independent registered public accounting firm will be required to attest to whether our assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting is fairly stated in all material respects and separately report on whether it believes we maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2005. We presently are implementing a plan designed to assure compliance with these new requirements, but we have not yet completed our assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control. If we fail to timely complete this assessment, or if our independent registered public accounting firm cannot timely attest to our assessment, we could be subject to regulatory sanctions and a loss of public confidence in our internal control. In addition, any failure to implement required new or improved controls, or difficulties encountered in their implementation, could harm our operating results or cause us to fail to meet our regulatory reporting obligations timely.

Product defects could cause us to lose customers and revenue or to incur unexpected expenses.

If our products do not meet our customers' performance requirements, our customer relationships may suffer. Also, our products may contain defects. Any failure or poor performance of our products could result in:

delayed market acceptance of our products;

delays in product shipments;

unexpected expenses and diversion of resources to replace defective products or identify the source of errors and correct them;

damage to our reputation and our customer relationships;

delayed recognition of sales or reduced sales; and

product liability claims or other claims for damages that may be caused by any product defects or performance failures.

Our products are often critical to the performance of communication systems. Many of our supply agreements contain limited warranty provisions. If these contractual limitations are unenforceable in a particular jurisdiction or if we are exposed to product liability claims that are not covered by insurance, a successful claim could harm our business.

We may encounter difficulties obtaining raw materials and supplies needed to make our products.

Our ability to produce our products is dependent upon the availability of certain raw materials and supplies. The availability of these raw materials and supplies is subject to market forces beyond our control. From time to time, there may not be sufficient quantities of raw materials and supplies in the marketplace to meet the customer demand for our products. In addition, the costs to obtain these raw materials and supplies are subject to price fluctuations because of global market demands. Many companies utilize the same raw materials and supplies in the production of their products as we use in our products. Companies with more resources than our own may have a competitive advantage in obtaining raw materials and supplies due to greater purchasing power. Reduced supply and higher prices of raw materials and supplies may affect our business, operating results and financial condition adversely.

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In addition, we have significant reliance on contract manufacturers to make certain of our products on our behalf. If these contract manufacturers do not fulfill their obligations to us, or if we do not properly manage these relationships, our existing customer relationships may suffer. We may outsource additional functions in the future.

We have been named as a defendant in securities and other litigation.

We are the defendant in two purported shareowner class action lawsuits. In the first such lawsuit, *In Re ADC Telecommunications, Inc. Securities Litigation*, the complaint alleges that we violated the securities laws by making false and misleading statements about our financial performance and business prospects. Although the court granted our motion to dismiss this lawsuit, the plaintiffs have appealed this decision.

We have also been named as a defendant in a purported class action lawsuit alleging breach of fiduciary duties under ERISA. This case, *In Re ADC Telecommunications, Inc. ERISA Litigation*, has been brought by individuals who seek to represent a class of participants in our Retirement Savings Plan who purchased our common stock as one of the investment alternatives under the plan.

Litigation is by its nature uncertain and unfavorable resolutions of these lawsuits could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We are a party to various other lawsuits, proceedings and claims arising in the ordinary course of business or otherwise. Many of these disputes may be resolved amicably without resort to formal litigation. The amount of monetary liability resulting from the ultimate resolution of these matters cannot be determined at this time. As of January 28, 2005, we had recorded approximately \$5.2 million in loss reserves for these matters. Because of the uncertainty inherent in litigation, it is possible that unfavorable resolutions of these lawsuits, proceedings and claims could exceed the amount currently reserved and could have a material adverse affect on our business, results of operations or financial condition.

We are subject to risks associated with changes in security prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates.

We face market risks from changes in security prices and interest rates. Market fluctuations could affect our results of operations and financial condition adversely. At times, we reduce this risk through the use of derivative financial instruments. However, we do not enter into derivative instruments for the purpose of speculation.

Also, we are exposed to market risks from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. From time to time, we hedge our foreign currency exchange risk. The objective of this program is to protect our net monetary assets and liabilities in non-functional currencies from fluctuations due to movements in foreign currency exchange rates. We attempt to minimize exposure to currencies in which hedging instruments are unavailable or prohibitively expensive by managing our operating activities and net assets position. As a result of our increased international exposure due to the KRONE acquisition, we may hedge foreign currency exposures in the future. At January 28, 2005, we did not hedge any foreign currency exchange exposures.

Risks Related to Our Common Stock

Our stock price is volatile.

Based on the trading history of our common stock and the nature of the market for publicly traded securities of companies in our industry, we believe that some factors have caused and are likely to continue to cause the market price of our common stock to fluctuate substantially. The fluctuations could occur from day-to-day or over a longer period of time. The factors that may cause such fluctuations include:

- announcements of new products and services by us or our competitors;
- quarterly fluctuations in our financial results or the financial results of our competitors or our customers;
- customer contract awards to us or our competitors;
- increased competition with our competitors or among our customers;

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- consolidation among our competitors or customers;
- disputes concerning intellectual property rights;
- the financial health of ADC, our competitors or our customers;
- developments in telecommunications regulations;
- general conditions in the communications equipment industry; and
- general economic conditions in the U.S. or internationally.

In addition, stocks of companies in our industry in the past have experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that are often unrelated to the operating performance of such companies. This market volatility may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

We have not in the past and do not intend in the foreseeable future to pay cash dividends on our common stock.

We currently do not pay any cash dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We intend to retain future earnings, if any, to finance our operations and for general corporate purposes.

Anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents, our shareowner rights plan and Minnesota law could prevent or delay a change in control of our company.

Provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws, our shareowner rights plan (also known as a "poison pill") and Minnesota law may discourage, delay or prevent a merger or acquisition that a shareowner may consider favorable and may limit the market price for our common stock. These provisions include the following:

- advance notice requirements for shareowner proposals;
- authorization for our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock without shareowner approval;
- authorization for our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock purchase rights upon a third party's acquisition of 15% or more of our outstanding shares of common stock; and
- limitations on business combinations with interested shareowners.

Some of these provisions may discourage a future acquisition of ADC even though our shareowners would receive an attractive value for their shares or a significant number of our shareowners believed such a proposed transaction would be in their best interest.