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

For the quarterly period ended December 31, 2011
or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission File Number 0-21272
Sanmina-SCI Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

77-0228183
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

2700 N. First St., San Jose, CA
(Address of principal executive
offices)

95134
(Zip Code)

(408) 964-3500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

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

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

As of January 18, 2012, there were 81,061,664 shares outstanding of the issuer's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| | As of December 31, 2011 (Unaudited) (In thousands) | October 1, 2011 |
|---|--|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$604,469 | \$640,288 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$13,650 and \$14,537, respectively | 931,034 | 1,014,121 |
| Inventories | 903,780 | 891,325 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 77,519 | 83,512 |
| Total current assets | 2,516,802 | 2,629,246 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 587,807 | 588,097 |
| Other | 134,512 | 136,630 |
| Total assets | \$3,239,121 | \$3,353,973 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$859,337 | \$984,014 |
| Accrued liabilities | 114,344 | 109,478 |
| Accrued payroll and related benefits | 104,249 | 112,193 |
| Short-term debt | 59,100 | 60,200 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,137,030 | 1,265,885 |
| Long-term liabilities: | | |
| Long-term debt | 1,184,620 | 1,182,308 |
| Other | 132,873 | 135,263 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 1,317,493 | 1,317,571 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 6) | | |
| Stockholders' equity | 784,598 | 770,517 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$3,239,121 | \$3,353,973 |

See accompanying notes.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| | (In thousands, except per share data) | |
| Net sales | \$1,502,366 | \$1,662,451 |
| Cost of sales | 1,393,341 | 1,534,404 |
| Gross profit | 109,025 | 128,047 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 59,141 | 58,471 |
| Research and development | 4,133 | 4,166 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 956 | 958 |
| Restructuring and integration costs | 4,054 | 5,039 |
| Asset impairments | 1,053 | 85 |
| Gain on sales of long-lived assets, net | — | (1,627) |
| Total operating expenses | 69,337 | 67,092 |
| Operating income | 39,688 | 60,955 |
| Interest income | 284 | 572 |
| Interest expense | (21,863) | (26,661) |
| Other income (expense), net | (1,518) | 1,217 |
| Interest and other, net | (23,097) | (24,872) |
| Income before income taxes | 16,591 | 36,083 |
| Provision for income taxes | 8,016 | 7,724 |
| Net income | \$8,575 | \$28,359 |
| Net income per share: | | |
| Basic | \$0.11 | \$0.36 |
| Diluted | \$0.10 | \$0.34 |
| Weighted average shares used in computing per share amounts: | | |
| Basic | 80,833 | 79,846 |
| Diluted | 82,668 | 82,825 |

See accompanying notes.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 (Unaudited) | January 1, 2011 (Unaudited) |
| | (In thousands) | |
| CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net income | \$8,575 | \$28,359 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 25,494 | 25,131 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 4,064 | 3,687 |
| Benefit from doubtful accounts, product returns and other sales adjustments | (622) | (195) |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,965 | (66) |
| Gain on disposals of property, plant and equipment | — | (1,627) |
| Asset impairments | 1,053 | 85 |
| Other, net | (669) | 330 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 82,766 | 15,533 |
| Inventories | (13,208) | 11,438 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | 1,242 | (5,259) |
| Accounts payable | (124,429) | (78,480) |
| Accrued liabilities and other long-term liabilities | 518 | (1,195) |
| Cash used in operating activities | (13,251) | (2,259) |
| CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (24,259) | (33,219) |
| Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment | — | 5,161 |
| Cash paid in connection with a previous business combination | — | (8,509) |
| Cash used in investing activities | (24,259) | (36,567) |
| CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Change in restricted cash | 2,030 | 2,927 |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings | 12,000 | 26,400 |
| Repayments of short-term borrowings | (13,100) | (38,000) |
| Net proceeds from stock issuances | 94 | 715 |
| Cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 1,024 | (7,958) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes | 667 | 2,491 |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (35,819) | (44,293) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 640,288 | 592,812 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$604,469 | \$548,519 |
| Cash paid during the period for: | | |
| Interest | \$11,534 | \$5,853 |
| Income taxes, net of refunds | \$4,100 | \$1,069 |

See accompanying notes.

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of Sanmina-SCI Corporation (the "Company") have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Certain information and note disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") have been omitted pursuant to those rules or regulations. The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited, but reflect all normal recurring and non-recurring adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended October 1, 2011, included in the Company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Results of operations for the three months ended December 31, 2011 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full fiscal year.

The Company operates on a 52 or 53 week year ending on the Saturday nearest September 30. Fiscal 2012 and 2011 are each 52-week years. All references to years relate to fiscal years unless otherwise noted.

Note 2. Inventories

Components of inventories were as follows:

| | As of December 31, 2011 | October 1, 2011 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | (In thousands) | |
| Raw materials | \$672,137 | \$641,918 |
| Work-in-process | 85,796 | 98,097 |
| Finished goods | 145,847 | 151,310 |
| Total | \$903,780 | \$891,325 |

Note 3. Fair Value

Fair Value Option for Long-term Debt

The Company has elected not to record its long-term debt instruments at fair value, but has measured them at fair value for disclosure purposes. As of December 31, 2011, the carrying amount and estimated fair value of the Company's long-term debt instruments were \$1,157.4 million and \$1,150.8 million, respectively. Fair value was estimated based on quoted prices (Level 2 input).

Assets/Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The Company's primary financial assets and financial liabilities are as follows:

- Money market funds
- Time deposits
- Foreign currency forward contracts
- Interest rate swaps

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Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, defines fair value as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When determining fair value measurements for assets and liabilities required to be recorded at fair value, the Company considers the principal or most advantageous market in which it would transact and also considers assumptions that market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability.

Inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value are prioritized into three broad levels (fair value hierarchy), as follows:

Level 1: Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs that reflect quoted prices, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable for the assets or liabilities, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in less active markets; or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the measurement of the fair value of assets or liabilities.

There were no transfers between levels in the fair value hierarchy during any period presented herein. The following table presents information as of December 31, 2011 with respect to assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

| Balance Sheet Classification: | Money market funds | Time deposits | Derivatives | | Total |
|---|---------------------------|---------------|---|---|-------------|
| | | | designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815: Foreign Currency Forward Contracts and Interest Rate Swaps | Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815: Foreign Currency Forward Contracts | |
| | Level 1 (In thousands) | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 2 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$435 | \$12,231 | \$— | \$— | \$12,666 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$— | \$— | \$117 | \$4,570 | \$4,687 |
| Other assets | \$— | \$— | \$27,210 | \$— | \$27,210 |
| Accrued liabilities (1) | \$— | \$— | \$(332) | \$(803) | \$(1,135) |
| Other long-term liabilities (1) | \$— | \$— | \$(29,751) | \$— | \$(29,751) |

(1) Liabilities, or credit balances, are presented as negative amounts.

The following table presents information as of October 1, 2011 with respect to assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

| | Money market funds | Time deposits | Derivatives designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815: Foreign Currency Forward Contracts and Interest Rate Swaps | Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments under ASC 815: Foreign Currency Forward Contracts | Total |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|--|--|-------------|
| | Level 1 (In thousands) | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 2 | |
| Balance Sheet Classification: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$435 | \$52,120 | \$— | \$— | \$52,555 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$— | \$— | \$59 | \$8,243 | \$8,302 |
| Other assets | \$— | \$— | \$24,898 | \$— | \$24,898 |
| Accrued liabilities (1) | \$— | \$— | \$(331) | \$(8,211) | \$(8,542) |
| Other long-term liabilities (1) | \$— | \$— | \$(33,211) | \$— | \$(33,211) |

(1) Liabilities, or credit balances, are presented as negative amounts.

The Company sponsors deferred compensation plans for eligible employees and non-employee members of its Board of Directors that allow participants to defer payment of part or all of their compensation. The Company's results of operations are not significantly affected by these plans since changes in the fair value of the assets substantially offset changes in the fair value of the liabilities. As such, assets and liabilities associated with these plans have not been included in the above tables. As of December 31, 2011 and October 1, 2011, assets and liabilities associated with these plans of approximately \$10.0 million were recorded as other non-current assets and other long-term liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The Company values derivatives using observable Level 2 market inputs at the measurement date and standard valuation techniques to convert future amounts to a single present value amount assuming that participants are motivated, but not compelled, to transact. The Company seeks high quality counterparties for all financing arrangements. For interest rate swaps, Level 2 inputs include short-term LIBOR rates, futures contracts on LIBOR between two and four years, longer term swap rates at commonly quoted intervals, and credit default swap rates for the Company and relevant counterparties. For currency contracts, Level 2 inputs include foreign currency spot and forward rates and interest rates at commonly quoted intervals. Mid-market pricing is used as a practical expedient for fair value measurements. ASC Topic 820 requires the fair value measurement of an asset or liability to reflect the nonperformance risk of the entity and the counterparty. Therefore, the counterparty's creditworthiness when in an asset position and the Company's creditworthiness when in a liability position have been considered in the fair value measurement of derivative instruments. The effect of nonperformance risk on the fair value of derivative instruments was not material as of December 31, 2011 or October 1, 2011.

Non-Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value on a Nonrecurring Basis

Assets held-for-sale, consisting of land and buildings, are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis since these assets are subject to fair value adjustments only when the carrying amount of such assets exceeds the fair value of such assets or such assets have been previously impaired and the fair value exceeds the carrying amount by less than the amount of the impairment that has been recognized. Level 2 inputs consist of independent third party valuations based on market comparables. The carrying value of the Company's assets held-for-sale was \$12.8 million as of December 31, 2011 and \$13.9 million as of October 1, 2011, and is included in prepaid expenses and other current assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

Note 4. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company is exposed to certain risks related to its ongoing business operations. The primary risks managed by using derivative instruments are interest rate risk and foreign exchange rate risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate swaps are used to manage interest rate risk associated with borrowings under the Company's long-term debt arrangements.

Cash Flow Hedges

The Company has \$257.4 million of floating rate notes outstanding as of December 31, 2011 and has interest rate swap agreements with two independent counterparties to hedge its interest rate exposure. The swap agreements, with an aggregate notional amount of \$257 million and expiration dates of June 15, 2014, effectively convert the variable interest rate obligation to a fixed interest rate obligation and are accounted for as cash flow hedges under ASC Topic 815, Derivatives and Hedging. Under the terms of the swap agreements, the Company pays the independent swap counterparties a fixed rate and the swap counterparties pay the Company an interest rate equal to the three-month LIBOR. These swap agreements effectively fix the interest rate at 8.344% through maturity. As of December 31, 2011, the fair value of the interest rate swaps was \$29.8 million and is included in other long-term liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Fair Value Hedge

The Company has \$500 million of fixed-rate senior notes (the "2019 Notes") outstanding as of December 31, 2011 and has an interest rate swap with a single counterparty to hedge its exposure to changes in the fair value of the notes resulting from fluctuations in interest rates. The swap agreement, with a notional amount of \$500 million and an expiration date of May 15, 2019, effectively converts these notes from fixed-rate debt to variable-rate debt. Pursuant to the interest rate swap, the Company pays the swap counterparty a variable rate equal to the three-month LIBOR plus a spread and receives a fixed rate of 7.0% from the swap counterparty. The swap counterparty has the unilateral right to terminate the swap beginning in 2014. In accordance with ASC Topic 815, the interest rate swap is accounted for as a fair value hedge but is exempt from periodic assessment of hedge effectiveness. Therefore, the change in the fair value of the 2019 Notes resulting from changes in interest rates is assumed to be equal and opposite to the change in the fair value of the interest rate swap. As of December 31, 2011, the fair value of the interest rate swap was \$27.2 million and is included in other non-current assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

Forward contracts on various foreign currencies are used to manage foreign currency risk associated with forecasted foreign currency transactions and certain monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. The Company's primary foreign currency cash flows are in certain Asian and European countries, Israel and Mexico.

The Company enters into short-term foreign currency forward contracts to hedge currency exposures associated with certain monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. These contracts have maturities of up to two months and are not designated as accounting hedges under ASC Topic 815. Accordingly, these contracts are marked-to-market at the end of each period with unrealized gains and losses recorded in other income (expense), net, in the condensed consolidated statements of income. For the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, the Company recorded gains of \$5.3 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, associated with these forward contracts. From an economic perspective, gains on forward contracts substantially offset losses on the underlying hedged items for both periods

presented herein.

The Company also utilizes foreign currency forward contracts to hedge certain operational (“cash flow”) exposures resulting from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Such exposures generally result from 1) forecasted sales denominated in currencies other than those used to pay for materials and labor and 2) anticipated capital expenditures denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity making the expenditures. These contracts are up to twelve months in duration and are accounted for as cash flow hedges under ASC Topic 815.

The Company had the following outstanding foreign currency forward contracts that were entered into to hedge foreign currency exposures:

| | As of | |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | October 1, 2011 |
| Derivatives Designated as Accounting Hedges: | | |
| Notional amount (in thousands) | \$97,059 | \$117,224 |
| Number of contracts | 41 | 57 |
| Derivatives Not Designated as Accounting Hedges: | | |
| Notional amount (in thousands) | \$297,962 | \$466,007 |
| Number of contracts | 32 | 34 |

For derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative is reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI), an equity account, and reclassified into earnings in the same period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. Gains and losses on derivative instruments representing hedge ineffectiveness are recognized in current earnings and were not material for any period presented herein. As of December 31, 2011, AOCI related to foreign currency forward contracts was not material and AOCI related to interest rate swaps was a loss of \$28.4 million, of which \$11.9 million is expected to be amortized to interest expense over the next 12 months.

The following table presents the effect of cash flow hedging relationships on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income:

| Derivative Type and Income Statement Location | Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivative (Effective Portion) | | Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from Accumulated OCI into Income (Effective Portion) | |
|--|--|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| | Three Months Ended | | Three Months Ended | |
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Interest rate swaps - Interest expense | \$73 | \$1,785 | \$(3,313) |) \$(3,415) |
| Foreign currency forward contracts - Cost of sales | (1,201) |) 225 | (951) |) 223 |
| Total | \$(1,128) |) \$2,010 | \$(4,264) |) \$(3,192) |

Note 5. Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

| | As of December 31, 2011 | October 1, 2011 |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| | (In thousands) | |
| Senior Floating Rate Notes due 2014 | \$257,410 | \$257,410 |
| 8.125% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2016 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Senior Notes due 2019 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Fair value adjustment (1) | 27,210 | 24,898 |
| Total long-term debt | \$1,184,620 | \$1,182,308 |

(1) Represents fair value hedge accounting balance related to interest rate swaps. See Note 4 for discussion.

None of the Company's notes have financial covenants, but do have covenants that limit the Company's ability to, among other things: incur additional debt, make investments and other restricted payments, pay dividends on capital stock, redeem or repurchase capital stock or subordinated obligations; create specified liens; sell assets; create or permit restrictions on the ability of its restricted subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other distributions to the Company; engage in transactions with affiliates; incur layered debt; consolidate or merge with or into other companies; and sell all or substantially all of its assets. The restricted covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. The Company was in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2011. Additionally, as of December 31, 2011, the Company had \$25 million in letters of credit outstanding under its loan agreements against an available amount of \$50 million.

The Company intends to redeem up to \$150.0 million of debt due in 2016 using cash on hand. The call date is anticipated to be March 1, 2012.

Short-term debt

During the first quarter of 2012, three of the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries in China entered into a \$50 million unsecured working capital loan facility that contains no covenants and expires in October 2012. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at a rate equal to LIBOR plus a spread.

As of December 31, 2011, the Company had \$135 million of short-term borrowing facilities, under which \$59.1 million was outstanding.

Note 6. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation and other contingencies. From time to time, the Company is a party to litigation, claims and other contingencies, including environmental and employee matters and examinations and investigations by governmental agencies, which arise in the ordinary course of business. The Company records a contingent liability when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of loss is reasonably estimable in accordance with ASC Topic 450, Contingencies, or other applicable accounting standards. As of December 31, 2011 and October 1, 2011, the Company had reserves of \$18.6 million and \$18.9 million, respectively, for environmental matters, litigation and other contingencies, not including uncertain tax positions. Such reserves are included in accrued liabilities and other long-term liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The Company is subject to various federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations concerning environmental protection, including those addressing the discharge of pollutants into the air and water, the management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, the cleanup of contaminated sites, the materials used in products, and the recycling, treatment and disposal of materials. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had been named in a lawsuit alleging its current and former sites contributed to groundwater contamination and was also a party to a regulatory agency order with respect to a former site. Although it is reasonably possible that the Company may incur a loss in connection with these matters, the amount of loss or a range of loss cannot be reasonably estimated.

On January 19, 2012, one of the Company's customers, Kodak, filed a petition for reorganization under bankruptcy law. Although it is reasonably possible that the Company may incur a loss associated with this matter, the Company is not able to estimate the possible loss or range of loss at this time. However, the Company does not believe its loss, if any, will be material.

Warranty Reserve. The following table presents information with respect to warranty reserves, which are included in accrued liabilities on the condensed consolidated balance sheets:

| | As of December 31, 2011 (In thousands) | January 1, 2011 |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Beginning balance — end of prior year | \$15,672 | \$17,752 |
| Additions to accrual | 1,422 | 974 |
| Utilization of accrual | (1,902) | (2,624) |
| Ending balance — current quarter | \$15,192 | \$16,102 |

Note 7. Income Taxes

Various factors affect the provision for income taxes, including the geographic composition of pre-tax income (loss), expected annual pre-tax income (loss), implementation of tax planning strategies and possible outcomes of audits and other uncertain tax positions. Management carefully monitors these factors and adjusts the interim income tax rate accordingly.

The provision for income taxes was \$8.0 million and \$7.7 million for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2011, respectively. Although income before taxes was significantly lower in the first quarter of 2012 than it was in the first quarter of 2011, the provision for income taxes was slightly higher primarily as a result of a \$1.9 million write-down of certain deferred tax assets associated with our Mexico operations to reflect changes in tax law that occurred during the quarter.

Note 8. Restructuring

Costs associated with restructuring activities are accounted for in accordance with ASC Topic 420, Exit or Disposal Cost Obligations, or ASC Topic 712, Compensation - Nonretirement Postemployment Benefits, as applicable. Pursuant to ASC Topic 712, liabilities for employee severance are recorded when payment of severance is considered probable and the amount is estimable. For restructuring costs other than employee severance accounted under ASC Topic 712, a liability is recognized in accordance with ASC Topic 420 only when incurred.

Restructuring Plans — Prior to 2012

Due to completion of all actions under restructuring plans initiated prior to 2012 and immateriality of the remaining accrual balance related to such plans, these plans have been combined for disclosure purposes. In connection with these plans, the Company expects to incur restructuring costs in future periods associated primarily with vacant facilities until such time as those facilities have been sold or leased to third parties.

Below is a summary of restructuring costs associated with facility closures and other consolidation efforts that were implemented prior to 2012:

| | Employee Termination Severance and Related Benefits (In thousands) | Leases and Facilities Shutdown and Consolidation Costs | Total |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|----------|
| Accrual balance at October 1, 2011 | \$6,327 | \$1,416 | \$7,743 |
| Charges to operations | 77 | 3,977 | 4,054 |
| Utilization of accrual | (3,699 |) (3,091 |) (6,790 |
| Accrual balance at December 31, 2011 | \$2,705 | \$2,302 | \$5,007 |

Costs incurred with respect to facilities consist primarily of 1) costs to maintain vacant facilities that are owned until such facilities can be sold and 2) the portion of the Company's lease payments that have not been recovered due to the absence of sublease income for vacant leased properties. The Company expects to pay the majority of accrued restructuring costs by the end of 2012.

Note 9. Earnings Per Share

Basic and diluted amounts per share are calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period, as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands, except per share data) | |
| Numerator: | | |
| Net income | \$8,575 | \$28,359 |
| Denominator: | | |
| Weighted average used in computing per share amount: | | |
| —Basic | 80,833 | 79,846 |
| —Diluted | 82,668 | 82,825 |
| Net income per share: | | |
| —Basic | \$0.11 | \$0.36 |
| —Diluted | \$0.10 | \$0.34 |

The following table presents weighted-average dilutive securities that were excluded from the above calculation because their inclusion would have had an anti-dilutive effect:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Potentially Dilutive Securities: | | |
| Employee stock options | 7,643 | 6,271 |
| Restricted stock units | 1,188 | 52 |
| Total | 8,831 | 6,323 |

As of December 31, 2011, the Company's outstanding stock options and restricted stock units noted above were anti-dilutive under ASC Topic 260, Earnings per Share, either because the exercise price was higher than the Company's stock price or the application of the treasury stock method resulted in an anti-dilutive effect.

Note 10. Comprehensive Income

Other comprehensive income, net of tax as applicable, was as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Net income | \$8,575 | \$28,359 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (1,656) | 400 |
| Net unrealized gain on derivative financial instruments, net of tax | 3,136 | 5,202 |
| Changes in unrealized components of defined benefit plans, net of tax | (133) | 38 |
| Comprehensive income | \$9,922 | \$33,999 |

The net unrealized gain on derivative financial instruments is primarily attributable to changes in the fair market value of the Company's liability under its interest rate swaps that are accounted for as cash flow hedges. The fair market value of these swaps changes primarily as a result of changes in interest rates.

Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of tax as applicable, consisted of the following:

| | As of | |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | October 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | \$108,607 | \$110,263 |
| Unrealized holding losses on derivative financial instruments | (28,848) | (31,984) |
| Unrealized components of defined benefit plans | (7,674) | (7,541) |
| Total | \$72,085 | \$70,738 |

Note 11. Business Segment, Geographic and Customer Information

ASC Topic 280, Segment Reporting, establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments, products and services, geographic areas of operations and major customers. Operating segments are defined as components of an enterprise for which separate financial information is available and is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision maker or decision making group in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company operates in one reportable segment, Electronic Manufacturing Services.

Information by geographic segment, determined based on the country in which a product is manufactured, was as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|----------|---|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 | | |
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Net sales | | | | |
| Domestic | \$277,874 | \$287,909 | | |
| Mexico | 289,637 | 344,953 | | |
| China | 451,237 | 467,362 | | |
| Other international | 483,618 | 562,227 | | |
| Total | \$1,502,366 | \$1,662,451 | | |
| Percentage of net sales represented by ten largest customers | 49 | % | 49 | % |
| Number of customers representing more than 10% of net sales | 1 | | 2 | |
| Operating income (loss) | | | | |
| Domestic | \$(5,552 |) | \$(180 |) |
| International | 45,240 | | 61,135 | |
| Total | \$39,688 | | \$60,955 | |

Note 12. Stock-Based Compensation

Stock compensation expense was as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Cost of sales | \$907 | \$1,039 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 3,130 | 2,606 |
| Research and development | 27 | 42 |
| Total | \$4,064 | \$3,687 |

| | Three Months Ended | |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Stock options | \$2,455 | \$2,750 |
| Restricted stock units | 1,609 | 937 |
| Total | \$4,064 | \$3,687 |

As of December 31, 2011, an aggregate of 15.2 million shares were authorized for future issuance and 1.4 million shares of common stock were available for grant under the Company's stock plans, which include stock options and restricted stock awards and units.

Stock Options

Assumptions used to estimate the fair value of stock options granted were as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| | December 31, 2011 | | January 1, 2011 | |
| Volatility | 85.4 | % | 81.9 | % |
| Risk-free interest rate | 0.96 | % | 1.3 | % |
| Dividend yield | — | % | — | % |
| Expected life of options (years) | 5.0 | | 5.0 | |

Stock option activity was as follows:

| | Number of Shares | Weighted- Average Exercise Price (\$) | Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value of In-The-Money Options (\$) (In thousands) |
|--|---------------------|--|---|---|
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Outstanding, October 1, 2011 | 10,922 | 13.85 | 6.89 | 14,195 |
| Granted | 892 | 8.64 | | |
| Exercised/Cancelled/Forfeited/Expired | (208) | 12.88 | | |
| Outstanding, December 31, 2011 | 11,606 | 13.46 | 6.91 | 16,839 |
| Vested and expected to vest, December 31, 2011 | 10,681 | 13.84 | 6.76 | 12,235 |
| Exercisable, December 31, 2011 | 7,282 | 16.04 | 5.87 | 10,721 |

The weighted-average grant date fair value of stock options granted during the three months ended December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2011 was \$5.78 per share and \$7.33 per share, respectively. The aggregate intrinsic value in the preceding table represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value of in-the-money options that would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their options at the Company's closing stock price on the date indicated.

As of December 31, 2011, unrecognized compensation expense related to stock options was \$28.0 million, and is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.7 years.

Restricted Stock Units

The Company grants restricted stock units to executive officers, directors and certain management employees. These units vest over periods ranging from one to four years and are automatically exchanged for shares of common stock at the vesting date. Compensation expense associated with these units is recognized ratably over the vesting period.

As of December 31, 2011, unrecognized compensation expense related to restricted stock units was \$14.0 million, and is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.2 years.

Activity with respect to the Company's restricted stock units was as follows:

| | Number of Shares | Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value (\$) | Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Term (Years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value (\$) (In thousands) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|--|
| | (In thousands) | | | |
| Outstanding, October 1, 2011 | 1,838 | 11.42 | 1.63 | 14,249 |
| Granted | 610 | 8.69 | | |
| Vested/Cancelled | (235) | 11.39 | | |
| Outstanding, December 31, 2011 | 2,213 | 10.67 | 1.79 | 19,119 |
| Expected to vest, December 31, 2011 | 1,542 | 10.80 | 1.80 | 13,326 |

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

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). These statements relate to our expectations for future events and time periods. All statements other than statements of historical fact are statements that could be deemed to be forward-looking statements, including any statements regarding trends in future revenues or results of operations, gross margin or operating margin, expenses, earnings or losses from operations, synergies or other financial items; any statements of the plans, strategies and objectives of management for future operations; any statements concerning developments, performance or industry ranking; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; any statements regarding pending investigations, claims or disputes; any statements regarding the financial impact of customer bankruptcies; any statements regarding timing of closing of future cash outlays for and benefits of acquisitions; any statements about future repurchases or redemptions of debt; any statements concerning the adequacy of our liquidity; any statements of expectation or belief; and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Generally, the words "anticipate," "believe," "plan," "expect," "future," "intend," "may," "will," "should," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "continue" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. Our forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, forecasts and assumptions and are subject to the risks and uncertainties contained in or incorporated from Part II, Item 1A of this report. As a result, actual results could vary materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly disclose any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring subsequent to filing this report with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Overview

We are a leading independent global provider of customized, integrated electronics manufacturing services (EMS). Our revenue is generated from sales of our services primarily to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in the communications; industrial, defense and medical; enterprise computing and storage; and multimedia markets.

Our strategy is to leverage our comprehensive service offering, vertically integrated manufacturing services, technology products and solutions, advanced technologies, and global capabilities to further penetrate diverse end markets that we believe offer significant growth opportunities and have complex products that require higher value-added services. We believe this strategy differentiates us from our competitors and will drive more sustainable revenue growth and provide opportunities for us to ultimately achieve operating margins that exceed industry standards.

There are many challenges to successfully executing our strategy. For example, we compete with a number of companies in each of our key end markets. These include companies that are much larger than we are and smaller companies that focus on a particular niche. Although we believe we are well-positioned in each of our key end markets and are continuing to differentiate ourselves from our competitors, competition remains intense. Additionally, growing and leveraging our components manufacturing services to drive vertical integration and improve our operating margins continues to be challenging due primarily to excess capacity. Revenue from our vertically integrated components operations decreased this quarter, which creates pressure on our operating margins since our vertically integrated components operations typically have a higher contribution margin than our standard EMS operations. We continue to address these challenges on both a short-term and long-term basis.

In 2011, our annual net sales increased 4.5% despite an economic environment that continued to be challenging due to high levels of unemployment, concerns about debt levels and possible recessions in certain countries, and other factors. These conditions caused general weakness in demand in each of our market segments in the first quarter of 2012, most notably in the communications market as demand for cellular wireless access products decreased

significantly. Because of these factors, we continue to remain cautious about 2012. We have experienced fluctuations in our results of operations in the past and may continue to experience such fluctuations in the future.

A relatively small number of customers have historically generated a significant portion of our net sales. Sales to our ten largest customers represented 49% of our net sales for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2011. Additionally, one customer represented more than 10% of our net sales during the three months ended December 31, 2011 and two customers each represented more than 10% of our net sales during the three months ended January 1, 2011.

We typically generate a significant portion of our net sales from international operations. Sales derived from products manufactured in international locations during the three months ended December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2011 were 81.5% and 82.7%, respectively, of our total net sales. The concentration of international operations has resulted primarily from a desire on

the part of many of our customers to move production to lower cost locations such as Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. We expect this trend to continue.

Historically, we have had substantial recurring sales from existing customers. We typically enter into supply agreements with our major OEM customers. These agreements generally have terms ranging from three to five years and cover the manufacture of a range of products. Under these agreements, a customer typically agrees to purchase its requirements for specific products in particular geographic areas from us. These agreements generally do not obligate the customer to purchase minimum quantities of products. In some circumstances, our supply agreements with customers provide for cost reductions objectives during the term of the agreement.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We review the accounting policies used in reporting our financial results on a regular basis. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, net sales and expenses and related disclosure of contingent liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate the process used to develop estimates for certain reserves and contingent liabilities, including those related to product returns, accounts receivable, inventories, investments, intangible assets, income taxes, warranty obligations, environmental matters, restructuring, contingencies and litigation. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Our actual results may differ materially from these estimates.

For a complete description of our critical accounting policies and estimates, refer to our 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 22, 2011.

Results of Operations

Key operating results

| | Three Months Ended | |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Net sales | \$1,502,366 | \$1,662,451 |
| Gross profit | \$109,025 | \$128,047 |
| Operating income | \$39,688 | \$60,955 |
| Net income | \$8,575 | \$28,359 |

Net Sales

Net sales decreased from \$1.7 billion in the first quarter of 2011 to \$1.5 billion in the first quarter of 2012, a decrease of 9.6%. Sales by end market were as follows (dollars in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | | Increase/(Decrease) | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|----|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 | | | |
| Communications | \$668,623 | \$797,940 | \$(129,317) | (16.2) |)% |
| Industrial, defense and medical | 376,415 | 408,700 | (32,285) | (7.9) |)% |
| Enterprise computing and storage | 233,293 | 223,790 | 9,503 | 4.2 | % |

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|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|----|
| Multimedia | 224,035 | 232,021 | (7,986) | (3.4) |)% |
| Total | \$1,502,366 | \$1,662,451 | \$(160,085) | (9.6) |)% |

Sales to customers in our communications end market decreased primarily as a result of reduced demand from existing customers, particularly for wireless communications and optical products. Sales in our industrial, defense and medical end market decreased due to weaker demand for semiconductor capital equipment and softness in defense spending. Despite supply constraints resulting from the recent floods in Thailand, sales in our enterprise computing and storage end market increased

primarily as a result of increased demand from existing customers, both for established programs and new program wins for new technologies introduced by our customers. Sales in the multimedia market decreased primarily as a result of disk drive shortages resulting from the recent floods in Thailand.

Gross Margin

Gross margin decreased to 7.3% for the first quarter of 2012 from 7.7% for the first quarter of 2011. The decrease was primarily attributable to under absorption of fixed costs due to lower capacity utilization and revenue declining at a rate faster than that at which costs could be reduced.

We expect gross margins to continue to fluctuate based on overall production and shipment volumes and changes in the mix of products demanded by our major customers. Fluctuations in our gross margins may also be caused by a number of other factors, some of which are outside of our control, including (a) greater competition in the EMS industry and pricing pressures from OEMs due to greater focus on cost reduction; (b) provisions for excess and obsolete inventory that we are not able to charge back to a customer or sales of inventories previously written down; (c) changes in operational efficiencies; (d) pricing pressure on electronic components resulting from economic conditions in the electronics industry; and (e) our ability to transition manufacturing and assembly operations to lower cost regions in an efficient manner.

Operating Expenses

Selling, general and administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses were essentially unchanged at \$58.5 million, or 3.5% of net sales, in the first quarter of 2011 compared to \$59.1 million, or 3.9% of net sales, in the first quarter of 2012.

Research and Development

Research and development expenses decreased from \$4.2 million, or 0.3% of net sales, in the first quarter of 2011 to \$4.1 million, or 0.3% of net sales, in the first quarter of 2012.

Restructuring

Restructuring Plans — Prior to 2012

Due to completion of all actions under restructuring plans initiated prior to 2012 and immateriality of the remaining accrual balance related to such plans, these plans have been combined for disclosure purposes. We expect to incur restructuring costs in future periods associated primarily with vacant facilities until such time as those facilities have been sold or leased to third parties.

Below is a summary of restructuring costs associated with facility closures and other consolidation efforts that were implemented prior to 2012:

| | Employee Termination Severance and Related Benefits (In thousands) | Leases and Facilities Shutdown and Consolidation Costs | Total |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---------|
| Accrual balance at October 1, 2011 | \$6,327 | \$1,416 | \$7,743 |
| Charges to operations | 77 | 3,977 | 4,054 |

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|--------------------------------------|---------|---|---------|---|---------|---|
| Utilization of accrual | (3,699 |) | (3,091 |) | (6,790 |) |
| Accrual balance at December 31, 2011 | \$2,705 | | \$2,302 | | \$5,007 | |

Costs incurred with respect to facilities consist primarily of 1) costs to maintain vacant facilities that are owned until such facilities can be sold and 2) the portion of our lease payments that have not been recovered due to the absence of sublease income for vacant leased properties. We expect to pay the majority of accrued restructuring costs by the end of 2012.

Asset Impairments

We recorded asset impairment charges of \$1.1 million and \$0.1 million for the first quarter of 2012 and 2011,

respectively, related to a decline in the fair value of certain properties below the carrying amount of such properties.

Gain on Sales of Long-lived Assets

For the first quarter of 2011, we recognized \$1.6 million of gains from sales of long-lived assets, consisting primarily of buildings that had been classified as assets held-for-sale on our condensed consolidated balance sheets. We recognized no such gains in the first quarter of 2012.

Interest Expense

Interest expense decreased to \$21.9 million for the first quarter of 2012, from \$26.7 million for the first quarter of 2011. The decrease was due to repurchases of \$580 million of fixed rate long-term debt in 2011, partially offset by the issuance of \$500 million of variable-rate long-term debt.

Other Income (Expense), net

The following table presents the major components of other income (expense), net:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Foreign exchange gains (losses) | \$(1,839) | \$709 |
| Other, net | 321 | 508 |
| Total | \$(1,518) | \$1,217 |

We reduce our exposure to currency fluctuations through the use of foreign currency hedging instruments; however, our hedges are established based on estimated foreign currency balances. To the extent actual amounts differ from estimated amounts, we will have exposure to currency fluctuations that results in foreign exchange gains or losses.

Provision for Income Taxes

We estimate our annual effective income tax rate at the end of each quarterly period. Our estimate takes into account the geographic mix of our expected pre-tax income (loss), expected total annual pre-tax income (loss), implementation of tax planning strategies and possible outcomes of audits and other uncertain tax positions. To the extent there are fluctuations in any of these variables during a period, our provision for income taxes may vary.

Our provision for income taxes was \$8.0 million and \$7.7 million for the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively. Although income before taxes was significantly lower in the first quarter of 2012 than it was in the first quarter of 2011, our provision for income taxes was slightly higher primarily as a result of a \$1.9 million write-down of certain deferred tax assets associated with our Mexico operations to reflect changes in tax law that occurred during the quarter.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | January 1, 2011 |
| | (In thousands) | |
| Net cash provided by (used in): | | |
| Operating activities | \$(13,251) | \$(2,259) |
| Investing activities | (24,259) | (36,567) |
| Financing activities | 1,024 | (7,958) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 667 | 2,491 |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | \$(35,819) | \$(44,293) |

Key liquidity performance measures

| | Three Months Ended | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | December 31, 2011 | October 1, 2011 |
| Days sales outstanding (1) | 58 | 55 |
| Inventory turns (2) | 6.2 | 7.0 |
| Accounts payable days (3) | 60 | 57 |
| Cash cycle days (4) | 57 | 50 |

(1) Days sales outstanding (a measure of how quickly we collect our accounts receivable), or "DSO", is calculated as the ratio of average accounts receivable, net, to average daily net sales for the quarter.

(2) Inventory turns (annualized) are calculated as the ratio of four times our cost of sales for the quarter to average inventory.

(3) Accounts payable days (a measure of how quickly we pay our suppliers), or "DPO", is calculated as the ratio of 365 days divided by accounts payable turns, in which accounts payable turns is calculated as the ratio of four times our cost of sales for the quarter to average accounts payable.

(4) Cash cycle days is calculated as the ratio of 365 days to inventory turns, plus days sales outstanding minus accounts payable days.

Cash and cash equivalents were \$604.5 million at December 31, 2011 and \$640.3 million at October 1, 2011. Our cash levels vary during any given quarter depending on the timing of collections from customers and payments to suppliers, borrowings under credit facilities, redemptions and repurchases of debt, and other factors. Our working capital was \$1.4 billion as of December 31, 2011 and October 1, 2011.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$13.3 million and \$2.3 million for the three months ended December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2011, respectively. Cash flows from operating activities consists of: 1) net income adjusted to exclude non-cash items such as depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation expense, etc., and 2) changes in net operating assets, which are comprised of accounts receivable, inventories, prepaid expenses and other assets, accounts payable, accrued liabilities and other long-term liabilities.

During the first quarter of 2012, we generated \$39.9 million of cash from net income, excluding non-cash items, and we utilized \$53.1 million of cash for net operating assets, resulting primarily from a decrease in accounts payable of \$124.4 million and an increase in inventory of \$13.2 million, partially offset by a decrease in accounts receivable of

\$82.8 million. The decrease in accounts payable was due primarily to decreased business volume. Although accounts payable decreased, our DPO increased from 57 days at October 1, 2011 to 60 days at December 31, 2011 primarily as a result of a change in the composition of our accounts payable from suppliers with shorter payment terms to suppliers with longer payment terms and the effect of using average ending accounts payable in our calculation of DPO. The decrease in accounts receivable was due primarily to lower net sales, partially offset by a change in payment terms for certain customers. The impact of the change in payment

terms, as well as the effect of using average ending accounts receivable in our calculation of DSO, caused our DSO to increase from 55 days as of October 1, 2011 to 58 days as of December 31, 2011. Inventory turns decreased from 7.0 turns as of October 1, 2011 to 6.2 turns as of December 31, 2011 due to revenue declining at a faster rate than that at which inventory could be reduced. Our working capital metrics tend to fluctuate from quarter-to-quarter based on factors such as the linearity of our shipments and purchases, customer and supplier mix, and the negotiation of payment terms with customers and suppliers. These fluctuations can significantly affect our cash flows from operating activities.

Net cash used in investing activities during the first quarter of 2012 was \$24.3 million, consisting of capital expenditures. Net cash used in investing activities during the first quarter of 2011 was \$36.6 million, consisting of capital expenditures of \$33.2 million and payments of \$8.5 million in connection with a previous business combination, partially offset by proceeds of \$5.1 million primarily from the sale of a building.

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities was \$1.0 million and \$(8.0) million for the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively. During the first quarter of 2012, we reduced our restricted cash by \$2.0 million and repaid \$1.1 million of short-term debt. During the first quarter of 2011, we reduced our restricted cash by \$2.9 million and repaid \$11.6 million of short-term debt.

Other Liquidity Matters

Our debt agreements currently contain a number of restrictive covenants, including prohibitions on incurring additional debt, making investments and other restricted payments, selling assets, paying dividends and redeeming or repurchasing capital stock and debt, subject to certain exceptions. We were in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2011. Our debt agreements do not contain any financial covenants that are currently applicable to us. We may be required to seek waivers or amendments to certain covenants for our debt instruments if we are unable to comply with the requirements of the covenants in the future. We may not be able to obtain such waivers or amendments on terms acceptable to us or at all, and, in such case, these covenants could materially adversely impact our ability to conduct our business.

Our next long-term debt maturity is in 2014. We may, however, consider early redemptions of our debt in future periods, possibly using proceeds from additional debt or equity financings. For example, we recently announced our intention to redeem up to \$150.0 million of debt due in 2016 using our existing cash. The call date is anticipated to be March 1, 2012. In addition to our existing covenant requirements, future debt financing may require us to comply with financial ratios and covenants. Equity financing, if required, may result in dilution to existing stockholders.

As of December 31, 2011, we were actively marketing a number of properties for sale. These properties are listed for sale at over \$100 million. There can be no assurance as to when we will be able to sell these properties, the amount we will realize upon sale of the properties, or if we will be able to sell them at all.

As of December 31, 2011, we had a long-term liability of \$61.9 million for uncertain tax positions. Our estimate of liabilities for uncertain tax positions is based on a number of subjective assessments, including the likelihood of a tax obligation being assessed, the amount of taxes (including interest and penalties) that would ultimately be payable, and our ability to settle any such obligations on favorable terms. Therefore, the amount of future cash flows associated with uncertain tax positions may be significantly higher or lower than our recorded liability. Additionally, we are unable to reliably estimate when cash settlement may occur.

We have entered into, and continue to enter into, various transactions that periodically require collateral. These obligations have historically arisen from customs, import/export, VAT, utility services, debt financing, foreign exchange contracts and interest rate swaps. We have collateralized, and may from time to time collateralize, such obligations as a result of counterparty requirements or for economic reasons. As of December 31, 2011, we had posted

collateral of \$15.1 million in the form of cash against certain of our collateralized obligations. Cash used for collateral is not available for other purposes.

Our liquidity needs are largely dependent on changes in our working capital, including the extension of trade credit by our suppliers, investments in manufacturing inventory, facilities and equipment, repayments of obligations under outstanding indebtedness and repurchases of our outstanding debt. Our primary sources of liquidity include 1) cash of \$604.5 million; 2) our \$235 million credit facility, of which none is currently outstanding and of which we were eligible to borrow \$186.2 million as of December 31, 2011 based on the levels of eligible accounts receivable and inventories at that date; 3) short-term foreign borrowing facilities of \$135 million, of which \$75.9 million was available as of December 31, 2011; and 4) cash generated from operations.

Our \$235 million credit facility expires in November 2013, \$85 million of our short-term foreign borrowing facilities expire in the third quarter of 2012, and \$50 million of our short-term foreign borrowing facilities expire in the fourth quarter of 2012. Should we be unable to extend or replace these facilities when required, our liquidity would be materially reduced.

We believe our existing cash resources and other sources of liquidity, together with cash generated from operations, will be sufficient to meet our working capital requirements for the next 12 months. Should demand for our services change significantly over the next 12 months or we experience increases in delinquent or uncollectible accounts receivable, our cash provided by operations would be adversely impacted.

As of December 31, 2011, approximately half of our cash balance was held outside of the U.S. by our foreign subsidiaries. Certain foreign countries impose taxes and penalties on transfers of cash. Should we choose or need to remit cash to the U.S., we may incur tax obligations which would reduce the amount of cash ultimately available to the U.S. We believe that cash held in the U.S., together with cash available under U.S. credit facilities and cash from foreign subsidiaries that could be remitted to the U.S. without tax consequences, will be sufficient to meet our U.S. liquidity needs for at least the next year.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest Rate Risk

Our primary exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates to certain of our outstanding debt obligations. Currently, we do not use derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio. As of December 31, 2011, we had no short-term investments.

As of December 31, 2011, we had \$1.2 billion of long-term debt, of which \$400.0 million bears interest at a fixed rate, \$257.4 million of variable rate debt has been converted to fixed rate through the use of interest rate swaps and \$500.0 million of fixed rate debt has been converted to variable rate debt through the use of an interest rate swap. Accordingly, our exposure to interest rates is limited to variable rate long-term debt of \$500.0 million and \$59.1 million of variable-rate short-term borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2011. An immediate 10% change in interest rates would not have a significant impact on our results of operations.

Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

We transact business in foreign countries. Our foreign exchange policy requires that we take certain steps to limit our foreign exchange exposures in certain assets and liabilities and forecasted cash flows. However, such policy does not require us to hedge all foreign exchange exposures. Furthermore, foreign currency hedges are based on forecasted transactions and estimated balances, the amount of which may differ from that actually incurred. As a result, we can experience foreign exchange rate gains and losses in our results of operations.

Our primary foreign currency cash flows are in certain Asian and European countries, Israel and Mexico. We enter into short-term foreign currency forward contracts to hedge currency exposures associated with certain monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies. These contracts typically have maturities of up to two months and are not designated as part of a hedging relationship in accordance with ASC Topic 815. All outstanding foreign currency forward contracts are marked-to-market at the end of the period with unrealized gains and losses included in other income (expense), net, in the condensed consolidated statements of income. As of December 31, 2011, we had outstanding foreign currency forward contracts to exchange various foreign currencies for U.S. dollars in the aggregate notional amount of \$298.0 million.

We also utilize foreign currency forward contracts to hedge certain operational (“cash flow”) exposures resulting from changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Such exposures result from 1) forecasted sales denominated in currencies other than those used to pay for materials and labor and 2) anticipated capital expenditures denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity making the expenditures. In addition, we also hedge capital expenditures related to certain plant expansions in Asia. These contracts are up to twelve months in duration and are accounted for as cash flow hedges under ASC Topic 815. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of the contracts is recorded in stockholders' equity as a separate component of accumulated other comprehensive income and recognized in earnings when the hedged item affects earnings. We had forward contracts related to cash flow hedges in various foreign currencies in the aggregate notional amount of \$97.1 million as of December 31, 2011.

The net impact of an immediate 10% change in exchange rates would not be material to our condensed consolidated financial statements, provided we accurately forecast and estimate our foreign currency exposure. If such forecasts are materially inaccurate, we could incur significant gains or losses.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2011 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act. Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent all error and all fraud. Disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that their objectives are met. Further, the design of disclosure controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of disclosure controls and procedures must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures can provide absolute assurance that all disclosure control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. Nonetheless, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of December 31, 2011, (1) our disclosure controls and procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives, and (2) our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file and submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported as and when required, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding its required disclosure.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Please refer to Item 1 of Part II to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 1, 2011.

See also Note 6 of Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

From time to time, we may become involved in other routine legal proceedings, as well as demands, claims and threatened litigation, that arise in the normal course of our business. The ultimate outcome of any litigation is uncertain and unfavorable outcomes could have a negative impact on our results of operations and financial condition. Regardless of outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on us as a result of incurrence of defense costs, diversion of management resources and other factors. We record liabilities for legal proceedings when a loss becomes probable and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated.

Item 1A. Risk Factors Affecting Operating Results

Adverse market conditions in the electronics industry could reduce our future sales and earnings per share.

We cannot accurately predict future levels of demand for our customers' electronics products. Consequently, our past operating results, earnings and cash flows may not be indicative of our future operating results, earnings and cash flows. Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2011 and continuing through the first quarter of 2012, adverse worldwide economic conditions led to challenging conditions in the electronics industry. A number of factors, including lower asset values, price instability, geopolitical issues, the availability and cost of credit, high unemployment and concerns about the stability and solvency of financial institutions, financial markets, businesses, and sovereign nations slowed global economic growth and resulted in recessions in many countries, including in the United States, Europe and certain countries in Asia. These conditions resulted in our customers delaying purchases or placing purchase orders for lower volumes of products than previously experienced or anticipated. These conditions have persisted and, in some cases, worsened, increasing the risk of a renewed economic downturn, in one or more geographies, particularly in Europe. Such conditions could cause a number of adverse conditions, including the insolvency of one or more customers, reduction or delay in orders from our customers or potential customers due to a reduced availability of credit or demand for their products, the insolvency of key suppliers, which could result in production delays and, shorter payment terms from suppliers due to reduced availability of credit default insurance in the market. Any of these effects could impact our ability to effectively manage inventory levels and collect receivables, increase our need for cash, and decrease our net revenue and profitability.

We may experience component shortages or price increases, which could cause us to delay shipments to customers and reduce our sales and net income; the natural disasters in Japan and Thailand could also reduce our sales and profitability.

We are dependent on certain suppliers, including limited and sole source suppliers, to provide key components we incorporate into our products. We have experienced, and may experience in the future, delays in component deliveries, which in turn could cause delays in product shipments to customers, result in reduced revenue from and have an adverse effect on our relationship with affected customers, and our reputation generally as a reliable service provider. In addition, component shortages, whether anticipated or not, can increase our cost of goods sold and therefore decrease our gross margin since we may be required to pay higher prices for components in short supply and redesign or reconfigure products to accommodate substitute components. Additionally, we may purchase components in advance of our requirements for such components as a result of a threatened or anticipated shortage. In this event, we may incur additional inventory carrying costs and have a heightened risk of exposure to inventory obsolescence, the cost of either of which may not be recoverable from our customers. Such costs would reduce our margins and net income. Finally, if key components become scarce, we may be required to look to second tier vendors or to procure components through brokers. Such components may be of lesser quality than those otherwise available and could cause us to incur costs to qualify such components or to replace them if they prove to be defective.

The continuing economic effects of the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan may result in our customers based in Japan ordering reduced amounts of product from us resulting from interruptions in their own businesses and diminished demand from Japanese consumers. In addition, recent floods in Thailand have adversely affected and may adversely impact our ability to source components in that country in the future. A slow-down in the pace of recovery in Japan or a continuation of adverse conditions in Thailand could harm our business in the future by preventing us from building products that require components sourced in those countries or increasing our expenses as we are forced to find alternative sources of supply. Should such reduction of demand and tightening supply conditions continue over an extended period of time, our revenue, margins and net income could be reduced, perhaps significantly.

Our customers could experience credit problems, which would reduce our future revenues and net income.

Many of the industries to which we provide products have previously experienced significant financial difficulty, with some of the participants filing for bankruptcy. Such financial difficulty, if experienced by one or more of our customers, may negatively affect our business due to the decreased demand from these financially distressed customers, the lengthening of customer payment terms, the potential inability of these companies to make full payment on amounts owed to us or to purchase inventory we acquired to support their businesses, or any of these factors. Customer bankruptcies also entail the risk of potential recovery by the bankruptcy estate of amounts previously paid to us that are deemed a preference under bankruptcy laws. We do not carry insurance against the risk of customer default on their payment obligations to us.

We seek to mitigate the impact of collection problems with our customers on our financial results by evaluating their creditworthiness on an ongoing basis and by maintaining an allowance for doubtful accounts that is assessed for adequacy quarterly. Should customer defaults increase substantially or exceed the level of our allowance, our revenue, net income and cash position would be reduced, perhaps significantly.

Our cash generated from operations is variable, which can adversely affect our ability to plan and invest in the business.

Cash generated from operations is highly variable. For example, during 2010, we used \$78 million of cash in operating activities, in 2011 we generated \$235 million in cash from operating activities and in the first quarter of 2012, we used \$13 million of cash in operating activities. Our cash generated by or used in operations is impacted by a number of variables, including customer and supplier payment terms, timeliness of customer payments to us and the extent to which we need to increase inventories in response to customer forecasts. Our ability to make capital expenditures and pay down debt or whether we need to utilize our borrowing facilities depends in large part on our ability to generate cash from operations. To the extent our cash from operations fluctuates significantly in the future, our ability to make such investments and payments could be adversely impacted, which could also adversely impact our ability to expand our business and reduce our indebtedness.

Our strategy to pursue higher margin business depends in part on the success of our components business, which, if not successful, could cause our future gross margins and operating results to be lower.

A key part of our strategy is to grow our components business, which includes printed circuit board, memory modules mechanical systems, cables and optical products. A decrease in orders for these products can have a disproportionate adverse impact on our profitability since these products generally carry higher than average contribution margins. For example, in the second quarter of 2011, a sudden drop in optical product orders contributed to a failure of our revenue and gross margin to meet analyst expectations. In order to grow this portion of our business profitability, we must continue to make substantial investments in the development of our components capabilities, research and development activities, test and tooling equipment and skilled personnel. The success of our components business also depends on our ability to achieve commercially viable production yields and to manufacture components in commercial quantities to the specifications and quality standards required by customers. In particular, our customers require that all new components used in their products be qualified in advance which can be costly both in terms of time and cost and may not result in the customers' acceptance of our components. Any of these factors could cause our components revenue or margins to be less than expected, which would have an overall adverse and potentially disproportionate effect on our revenues and profitability.

Adverse changes in the key end markets we target could harm our business by reducing our sales.

We provide EMS services to companies that sell products in the communications, industrial, defense, medical, enterprise computing and storage, multimedia, clean technology and automotive industries. Adverse changes in any of these markets could reduce demand for our customers' products and make these customers more sensitive to the cost of our EMS services, either of which could reduce our sales, gross margins and net income. Factors affecting any of our customers' industries in general, or our customers in particular, have led to reductions in net sales in certain end markets, and such factors could seriously harm our business in the future. These factors include:

- short product life cycles of our customers' products leading to continuing new requirements and specifications and product obsolescence, either of which could cause us to lose business;
- failure of our customers' products to gain widespread commercial acceptance which could decrease the volume of orders customers place with us; and
- recessionary periods in our customers' markets which decrease orders from affected customers.

In addition, in the case of our defense business, future U.S. government budget conditions and the scheduled withdrawal of armed forces from Afghanistan could result in a decrease in defense spending, which in turn could

cause a reduction in orders placed by the government or defense contractors for products manufactured by our defense and aerospace (DAS) division. Since such products carry higher margins than many of our other products and services, such a decrease would contribute disproportionately to a reduction in our gross margin and profitability. An unexpected decline in DAS orders during the second quarter of 2011 contributed to our financial results not meeting analyst expectations for such quarter. Although it appears that revenue levels from our defense and aerospace customers have stabilized, there can be no assurance that we will not experience declines in demand in the future.

We may be unable to obtain sufficient financing to reduce our debt levels or maintain or expand our operations, which may cause our stock price to fall and reduce the business our customers and vendors do with us.

Our liquidity is largely dependent on changes in working capital, including inventory requirements, the extension of trade credit by our suppliers, the degree of alignment of payment terms from our suppliers to payment terms granted to our customers, investments in facilities and equipment, acquisitions, repayments of obligations under outstanding indebtedness and repurchases of our outstanding debt. In order to improve our liquidity, we entered into a five-year \$135 million asset-backed credit facility in November 2008, which we later increased to \$235 million, under which we could borrow \$186.2 million as of December 31, 2011. We also have \$135 million in foreign short-term financing facilities under which \$75.9 million remained available to be borrowed as of December 31, 2011. Our asset-backed credit facility expires in November 2013 and our next long-term debt maturity is in 2014. In addition, \$85 million of our foreign short-term credit facilities expire in the third quarter of 2012 and \$50 million expires in the fourth quarter of 2012. In the event we need additional capital, whether for working capital, debt repayment or otherwise, there can be no assurance that debt or equity capital will be available on acceptable terms or at all. New financing could result in us issuing additional equity securities, which could cause dilution to existing stockholders. If additional or continued financing, including the continued extension of trade credit by our suppliers, is not available when required, our liquidity would be reduced. The risks of reduced liquidity include an inability to maintain or increase our rates of production, to make necessary capital expenditures in order to maintain and expand our manufacturing capacity as needed, and to repay, reduce or refinance our debt. Any of these issues could cause our stock price to fall and reduce our customers' and vendors' willingness to do business with us.

Our credit arrangements contain covenants which may adversely impact our business and the failure to comply with such covenants could cause our outstanding debt to become immediately payable.

Our debt agreements do not contain financial covenants currently applicable to us, but do include a number of negative covenants, including restrictions on incurring additional debt, making investments and other restricted payments, acquiring new businesses, paying dividends and redeeming or repurchasing capital stock and debt, subject to certain exceptions. These covenants could constrain our ability to grow our business through acquisition or engage in other transactions which the covenants would otherwise restrict, including refinancing our existing debt. In addition, such agreements include affirmative covenants requiring, among other things, that we file quarterly and annual financial statements with the SEC, comply with all laws, pay all taxes and maintain casualty insurance. If we are not able to comply with all of these covenants, for any reason, some or all of our outstanding debt as well as all amounts payable under our interest rate swaps on such debt, if any, could become immediately due and payable and the incurrence of additional debt under our asset-backed credit facility would not be allowed.

Early redemptions and repurchases of debt reduce our working capital and liquidity; debt refinancing can entail higher interest expense, which would lower our net income; interest payments on variable rate debt can increase, which would lower our net income.

During 2010 and 2011, we redeemed \$195.7 million and net \$80 million of our long-term debt, respectively. In addition, in January 2012, we announced that we would redeem \$150 million of our long-term debt using cash on hand. Although redemptions and repurchases of debt improve our operating results by reducing our interest expense, these actions reduce our liquidity. If we should repurchase or redeem additional debt or equity, our working capital and liquidity would be further reduced. In addition, should we undertake to refinance any of our outstanding long-term debt, the next maturity of which is 2014, there can be no assurance that the terms of such refinancing, particularly the interest rate, would be favorable to us. Should we be forced to replace lower interest rate debt with higher interest rate debt, our net income would be reduced. In addition, an aggregate of \$500 million of our long-term debt and \$59.1 million in short-term borrowings bear interest at a variable rate based upon LIBOR. Interest rates, including LIBOR, can rise due to a variety of factors, including governmental debt levels, ratings downgrade of U.S. or other sovereign debt, the pace of economic growth and central bank actions. Should LIBOR increase substantially in the future for any

reason, interest payments on our variable interest rate debt would also increase, lowering our net income.

We are subject to intense competition in the EMS industry which could cause us to lose sales and therefore hurt our financial performance.

The EMS industry is highly competitive and the industry has been experiencing a surplus of manufacturing capacity, particularly in light of the slowdowns in the U.S. and certain international economies. Our competitors include major global EMS providers such as Celestica, Inc., Flextronics International Ltd., Hon Hai (Foxconn) and Jabil Circuit, Inc., as well as other EMS companies that have a regional, product, service or industry specific focus. Some of

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those companies have greater manufacturing and financial resources than we do. We also face competition from current and potential OEM customers who may elect to manufacture their own products internally rather than outsourcing to EMS providers.

We may not be able to offer prices as low as some of our competitors because those competitors may have lower operating costs as a result of their geographic location, greater economies of scale or the services they provide or because these competitors are willing to provide EMS services at prices we are unable or unwilling to offer. There can be no assurance that we will not lose business in the future in response to such competitive pricing or other inducements which may be offered by our competitors, which would decrease our sales and net income.

If demand for our higher-end, higher margin manufacturing services does not increase, our future gross margins and operating results may be lower than expected.

We typically earn lower gross margins when we provide less complex EMS services. We experience continued pressure from OEMs to reduce prices, and competition remains intense. Pricing pressure is typically more intense for less complex, lower margin EMS services. This price competition has affected, and could continue to adversely affect, our gross margins. If demand for our higher-end, higher margin manufacturing services does not increase in the future, our gross margins and operating results in future periods may be lower than expected.

Our operating results are subject to significant uncertainties, which make predictability of our future sales and net income difficult.

Our operating results are subject to significant uncertainties, including:

- conditions in the economy as a whole and in the electronics industry;
- fluctuations in components prices and component shortages caused by high demand, natural disaster or otherwise;
- timing of new product development by our customers which creates demand for our services;
- levels of demand in the end markets served by our customers;
- our ability to replace declining sales from end-of-life programs with new business wins;
- timing of orders from customers and the accuracy of their forecasts;
- inventory levels of customers, which if high relative to their normal sales volume, could cause them to reduce their orders to us;
- timing of expenditures in anticipation of increased sales, customer product delivery requirements and shortages of components or labor;
- increased labor costs in the regions in which we operate;
- mix of products ordered by and shipped to major customers, as high volume and low complexity manufacturing services typically have lower gross margins than more complex and lower volume services;
- degree to which we are able to utilize our available manufacturing capacity;
- our ability to maintain desired plant operating efficiencies, including achieving acceptable yields, effectively planning production and managing our inventory and fixed assets to avoid high carrying costs and excess working capital;
- our ability to effectively plan production and manage our inventory and fixed assets;
- customer insolvencies resulting in bad debt or inventory exposures that are in excess of our reserves;
- our ability to efficiently move manufacturing activities to lower cost regions without adversely affecting customer relationships while controlling costs related to the closure of facilities and employee severance;
- pricing and other competitive pressures;
- fluctuations in the values of our assets, including real property and assets held for sale, which could result in charges to income;
- volatility of foreign currency exchange rates;
- changes in our tax provision due to changes in our estimates of pre-tax income in the jurisdictions in which we operate; and

political and economic developments in countries in which we have operations which could restrict our operations or increase our costs.

If any of these uncertainties should be realized, our financial results could be adversely impacted.

A portion of our operating expenses is relatively fixed in nature and planned expenditures are based in part on anticipated orders, which are difficult to predict. If we do not receive anticipated orders as expected, our profitability will

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decline. Moreover, our ability to reduce our costs as a result of current or future restructuring efforts may be limited because consolidation of operations can be a costly and lengthy process to complete.

We generally do not obtain long-term volume purchase commitments from customers and, therefore, cancellations, reductions in production quantities, delays in production by our customers and changes in customer requirements could reduce our sales and net income.

We generally do not obtain firm, long-term purchase commitments from our customers and our bookings may generally be cancelled prior to the scheduled shipment date. Customers may cancel their orders, reduce production quantities or delay production for a number of reasons, including significant decreases in demand for their products and services. Although the customer is generally liable for finished goods and work-in-process at the time of cancellation, we may be unable or, for other business reasons, choose not to enforce our contractual rights. Cancellations, reductions or delays of orders by customers would:

• reduce our sales and net income by decreasing the volumes of products that we manufacture for our customers;

• delay or eliminate recovery of our expenditures for inventory purchased in preparation for customer orders; and

• lower our asset utilization, which would result in lower gross margins and lower net income.

In addition, customers sometimes require that we transfer the manufacturing of their products from one facility to another to achieve cost reductions and other objectives. These transfers have resulted in increased costs to us due to facility downtime or less than optimal utilization of our manufacturing capacity. These transfers also have required us to close or reduce operations at certain facilities, particularly those in high cost locations such as the United States, Canada and Western Europe, and as a result we have incurred significant costs for the closure of facilities, employee severance and related matters. We also have encountered occasional delays and complications related to the transition of manufacturing programs to new locations. We may be required to relocate our manufacturing operations in the future and, accordingly, we may incur additional costs that decrease our net income.

Commodity price fluctuations may negatively impact our results of operations.

Our components are manufactured using a number of commodities, including petroleum, gold, copper and other metals that are subject to frequent and unpredictable changes in price due to worldwide demand, investor interest and economic conditions. We do not hedge against the risk of these fluctuations, but rather attempt to adjust our product pricing to reflect such changes. Should significant increases in commodities prices occur and should we not be able to increase our product prices enough to offset these increased costs, our gross margins and profitability would decrease, perhaps significantly.

Energy price increases may negatively impact our results of operations.

We, along with our suppliers and customers, rely on various energy sources (including oil) in our manufacturing and transportation activities. Significant uncertainty currently exists about the future levels of energy prices and significant long-term increases are possible. Increased energy prices could cause an increase to our raw material costs and transportation costs. In addition, increased transportation costs of certain of our suppliers could be passed along to us. We may not be able to increase our product prices enough to offset these increased costs. In addition, any increase in our product prices may reduce our future customer orders and profitability.

We rely on a relatively small number of customers for a substantial portion of our sales, and declines in sales to these customers would reduce our net sales and net income.

One customer represented more than 10% of our net sales and sales to our ten largest customers represented 49% of our net sales during the first quarter of 2012. We expect to continue to depend upon a relatively small number of customers for a significant percentage of our sales. Consolidation among our customers may further concentrate our business in a limited number of customers and expose us to increased risks related to dependence on a small number of customers. In addition, a significant reduction in sales to any of our large customers or significant pricing and margin pressures exerted by such a customer would adversely affect our operating results. In the past, some of our

large customers have significantly reduced or delayed the volume of manufacturing services ordered from us as a result of changes demand for their product, consolidations or divestitures or for other reasons. In particular, certain of our

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customers have from time to time entered into manufacturing divestiture transactions with other EMS companies, and such transactions could reduce our revenues with these customers. We cannot assure you that present or future large customers will not terminate their manufacturing arrangements with us or significantly change, reduce or delay the amount of manufacturing services ordered from us, any of which would reduce our net sales and net income.

We are subject to risks arising from our international operations.

We conduct our international operations primarily in Asia, Latin America, Canada and Europe, and we continue to consider additional opportunities to make foreign acquisitions and construct new foreign facilities. We generated 81.5% of our net sales from non-U.S. operations in the first quarter of 2012 and a significant portion of our manufacturing material was provided by international suppliers during this period. As a result of our international operations, we are affected by economic and political conditions in foreign countries, including:

- the imposition of government controls;
- compliance with U.S. and foreign laws concerning trade and employment practices;
- difficulties in obtaining or complying with export license requirements;
- trade restrictions;
- changes in tariffs;
- labor unrest, including strikes, and difficulties in staffing;
- inflexible employee contracts in the event of business downturns;
- coordinating communications among and managing international operations;
- fluctuations in currency exchange rates;
- currency controls;
- increases in duty and/or income tax rates;
- adverse rulings in regards to tax audits;
- excess costs associated with reducing employment or shutting down facilities;
- misappropriation of intellectual property; and
- constraints on our ability to maintain or increase prices.

Our operations in certain foreign locations receive favorable income tax treatment in the form of tax holidays or other incentives. In the event that such tax holidays or other incentives are not extended, are repealed, or we no longer qualify for such programs, our taxes may increase, which would reduce our net income.

Additionally, a significant portion of our worldwide cash reserves are generated by, and therefore held in, foreign jurisdictions. Certain of such jurisdictions restrict the amount of cash that can be transferred to the U.S. or impose taxes and penalties on such transfers of cash. To the extent we have excess cash in foreign locations that could be used in, or is needed by, our U.S. operations, we may incur significant taxes to repatriate these funds.

We operate in countries that have experienced labor unrest and political instability, including China, India, Thailand and other countries in Southeast Asia and we have experienced work stoppages and similar disruptions in certain foreign jurisdictions, including India. To the extent such developments prevent us from adequately staffing our plants and manufacturing and shipping products in those jurisdictions, our margins and net income could be reduced and our reputation as a reliable supplier could be negatively impacted.

We have taken substantial restructuring charges in the past and we may need to take material restructuring charges in the future.

We have incurred significant expenses related to restructuring of our operations in the past and may continue to do so in the future. For example, we have moved, and may continue to move, our operations from higher-cost to lower-cost locations to meet customer requirements. We have incurred costs related to workforce reductions, facilities closure,

work stoppages and labor unrest resulting from the closure of our facilities in higher cost locations. In addition, we have incurred unanticipated costs related to the transfer of operations to lower-cost locations, including costs related to integrating new facilities, managing operations in dispersed locations and realigning our business processes. We also have incurred costs to restructure operations that have been acquired in order to integrate them into our Company. We expect to be required to record additional charges related to restructuring activities in the future, but cannot predict the timing or amount of such charges. Any such charges would reduce our net income.

Our results can be adversely affected by rising labor costs.

There is substantial uncertainty about future labor costs, in particular within the lower-cost regions in which we operate. In the past, labor disputes and strikes based partly on wages have slowed or stopped production at certain manufacturers in China and India. In some cases, employers have responded by significantly increasing the wages of workers at such plants. In addition, the cost structure in certain countries that are now considered to be favorable may increase as economies develop, causing local wages to rise. If we are required to make any substantial increase in wages that we are unable to recover from our customers, our profitability would be reduced.

As a result of our components ordering policies, and customer-requested ship dates, we may incur carrying costs or not be compensated for components, work-in-process or finished goods, which would decrease our margins and net income.

In order to satisfy customer orders, we are frequently required to order components and other parts in advance of customer payment, particularly for long lead-time items. Furthermore, we may be required to keep additional components, work-in-process and finished goods in inventory in order to meet customer delivery dates. While our supply agreements with our customers generally allocate most of the liability for payment for such items to the customers, we may nonetheless incur additional carrying costs or not ultimately be compensated for these items should the customer default upon its obligations. To the extent we incur any such costs, our gross margins and net income would be reduced.

If we manufacture or design defective products, or if our manufacturing processes do not comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, we could be subject to claims, damages and fines and lose customers.

We manufacture products to our customers' specifications, and in some cases our manufacturing processes and facilities may need to comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. For example, many of the medical devices that we manufacture, as well as the facilities and manufacturing processes that we use to produce them, are regulated by the United States Food and Drug Administration. In addition, our customers' products and the manufacturing processes that we use to produce them often are highly complex. As a result, products that we design or manufacture may at times contain design or manufacturing defects, and our manufacturing processes may be subject to errors or may not be in compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. Defects in the products we design or manufacture may result in product recalls, warranty claims by customers, including liability for repair costs, delayed shipments to customers or reduced or cancelled customer orders. If these defects or deficiencies are significant, our results of operations and business reputation could be harmed. The failure of the products that we design or manufacture or of our manufacturing processes and facilities to comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements may subject us to legal fines or penalties and, in some cases, require us to shut down or incur considerable expense to correct a manufacturing program or facility. In addition, these defects may result in product liability claims against us. The magnitude of such claims may increase as we expand our medical, automotive, and aerospace and defense manufacturing services because defects could result in death or significant injury to end users of these products. Even if our customers are contractually responsible for defects in the design of a product, we could nonetheless be named in a product liability suit over such defects and could be required to expend significant resources defending ourselves.

We sometimes design products on a contract basis or jointly with our customers. The design services that we provide can expose us to different or greater potential liabilities than those we face when providing our regular manufacturing services. For example, we have increased exposure to potential product liability claims resulting from injuries caused by defects in products we design, as well as potential claims that products we design infringe third-party intellectual property rights. Such claims could subject us to significant liability for damages and, regardless of their merits, could be time-consuming and expensive to resolve. Any such costs and damages could be significant and would reduce our net income.

Our business could be adversely affected by any delays, or increased costs, resulting from the use of common carriers to transport our materials and, products.

We rely on a variety of common carriers to transport our raw materials and components from our suppliers to us, and to transport our products to our customers. The use of common carriers is subject to a number of risks, including increased costs due to rising energy prices and labor, vehicle and insurance costs, criminal activity, such as hijackings, resulting in losses of shipments, delivery delays resulting from labor disturbances and strikes and other factors beyond our control. While we attempt to mitigate our liability for any losses resulting from these risks through contracts with our customers, suppliers and insurance carriers, any costs or losses that cannot be mitigated could reduce our profitability, require us to manufacture replacement product or damage our relationships with our customers.

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Our key personnel are critical to the continued growth of our business and we cannot assure you that they will remain with us.

Our success depends upon the continued service of our key personnel. Generally, these employees are not bound by employment or non-competition agreements. We cannot assure you that we will retain our key employees, particularly our highly skilled operations managers and engineers involved in the manufacture of existing products and development of new products and processes. The competition for these employees is intense. In addition, if one or more of our key employees were to join a competitor or otherwise compete directly or indirectly with us or otherwise become unavailable to us, we could lose customers and our sales and gross margins could decrease.

If we are unable to maintain our technological and manufacturing process expertise, our business could be adversely affected.

Improvements to and refinements of our manufacturing processes are necessary to manufacture next generation products for our customers in a cost-efficient manner. As a result, we are continually evaluating the cost-effectiveness and feasibility of new manufacturing processes. In some cases, we will be required to make capital expenditures and incur engineering expense in order to qualify and validate any such new process. Such expenses would reduce our net income. In addition, any delay in the deployment of such new process, or problems commencing volume production using a new process could also reduce our margins and net income and harm our reputation with our customers. Unanticipated changes in our tax rates or exposure to additional income tax liabilities could increase our taxes and decrease our net income.

We are subject to income, sales, value-added and other taxes in the United States and various foreign jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required in determining our worldwide provision for taxes and, in the ordinary course of business, there are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. Our effective tax rates could be adversely affected by changes in the mix of earnings in countries with differing statutory tax rates, changes in the valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities, changes in tax laws and other factors. Our tax determinations are regularly subject to audit by tax authorities and developments in those audits could adversely affect our tax provisions, including through assessment of back taxes, interest and penalties. Although we believe that our tax estimates are reasonable, the final determination of tax audits or tax disputes may be different from what is reflected in our historical tax provisions which could lead to an increase in our taxes payable and a decrease in our net income.

Our international sales are subject to laws relating to trade, export controls and foreign corrupt practices, the violation of which could adversely affect our operations.

We are required to comply with all applicable domestic and foreign export control laws, including the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (“ITAR”) and the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR”). Some items manufactured by us are controlled for export by the United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security under the EAR. In addition, we are subject to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and international counterparts relating to bribery of foreign governments and officials. Violation of any of these laws or regulations could result in significant sanctions, including large monetary penalties and suspension or debarment from participation in future government contracts, which could reduce our future revenue and net income.

We are subject to a number of U.S. governmental procurement rules and regulations, the failure to comply with which could result in damages or reduction of future revenue.

We are subject to a number of laws and regulations relating to the award, administration and performance of U.S. government contracts and subcontracts. Such laws and regulations govern, among other things, price negotiations, cost accounting standards and other aspects of performance under government contracts. These rules are complex and our performance under them is subject to audit by the Defense Contract Audit Agency and other government regulators. If an audit or investigation reveals a failure to comply with regulations or other improper activities, we may be subject to civil or criminal penalties and administrative sanctions by either the government or the prime

customer, including termination of the contract, payment of fines and suspension or debarment from doing further business with the U.S. government. Any of these actions would increase our expenses, reduce our revenue and damage our reputation as a reliable government supplier.

We can experience losses due to foreign exchange rate fluctuations, which would reduce our net income.

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Because we manufacture and sell a substantial portion of our products abroad, our operating costs are subject to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. If the U.S. dollar weakens against the foreign currencies in which we denominate certain of our trade accounts payable, fixed purchase obligations and other expenses, the U.S. dollar equivalent of such expenses would increase. We use financial instruments, primarily short-term foreign currency forward contracts, to hedge certain forecasted foreign currency commitments arising from trade accounts receivable, trade accounts payable and fixed purchase obligations. Our foreign currency hedging activities depend largely upon the accuracy of our forecasts of future sales, expenses, capital expenditures and monetary assets and liabilities. As such, our foreign currency forward contracts may exceed or not cover our full exposure to exchange rate fluctuations. If these hedging activities are not successful, we may experience significant unexpected expenses from fluctuations in exchange rates. Although we believe our foreign exchange hedging policies are reasonable and prudent under the circumstances, we can provide no assurances that we will not experience losses arising from currency fluctuations in the future, which could be significant.

Any failure to comply with applicable environmental laws could adversely affect our business by causing us to pay significant amounts for cleanup of hazardous materials or for damages or fines.

We are subject to various federal, state, local and foreign environmental laws and regulations, including those governing the use, storage, discharge and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes in the ordinary course of our manufacturing operations. We also are subject to laws and regulations governing the recyclability of products, the materials that may be included in products, and the obligations of a manufacturer to dispose of these products after end users have finished using them. If we violate environmental laws or if we occupy or occupied in the past a site at which a predecessor company caused contamination, we may be held liable for damages and the costs of remedial actions. We cannot assure you that we will not violate environmental laws and regulations in the future as a result of human error, equipment failure or other causes. Although we estimate and regularly reassess our potential liability with respect to violations or alleged violations and accrue for such liability, we cannot assure you that our accruals will be sufficient to cover the actual costs we incur as a result of these violations or alleged violations or that no violations will not occur for which a reserve has not been established. Any increase in existing reserves or establishment of new reserves for environmental liability would reduce our net income. Our failure to comply with applicable environmental laws and regulations could also limit our ability to expand facilities or could require us to acquire costly equipment or to incur other significant expenses to comply with these laws and regulations.

Asbestos containing materials, or ACM, are present at several of our manufacturing facilities. Although the ACM is being managed and controls have been put in place pursuant to ACM operations and maintenance plans, the presence of ACM could give rise to remediation obligations and other liabilities. No governmental or third-party claims relating to ACM have been brought at this time.

Our plants generally operate under environmental permits issued by governmental authorities. For the most part, these permits must be renewed periodically and are subject to revocation in the event of violations of environmental laws. Although we have not experienced any material revocations to date, any such revocation could require us to cease or limit production at one or more of our facilities, thereby having an adverse impact on our results of operations.

Primarily as a result of certain of our acquisitions, we have incurred liabilities associated with environmental contamination. These liabilities include ongoing investigation and remediation activities at a number of sites, including those located in Irvine, California; Owego, New York; Derry, New Hampshire; and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We have been named in a lawsuit alleging operations at our current and former facilities in Orange County, California contributed to groundwater contamination and our Canadian subsidiary is party to an order of the Ontario, Canada Ministry of Environment with respect to our former Brockville site. There can be no assurance that these or any other similar third-party or governmental claims that may be filed in the future will not result in material liability to us. In addition, there are some sites, including our acquired facility in Gunzenhausen, Germany, that are known to have groundwater contamination caused by a third-party, and that third-party has provided indemnity to us for the

liability.

We have also been named as a potentially responsible party at a contaminated disposal site operated by another party at the Casmalia Resources site in Southern California, as a result of the past disposal of hazardous waste by companies we have acquired or by our corporate predecessors. Although liabilities for such historical disposal activities have not materially affected our financial condition to date, we cannot assure you that past disposal activities will not result in liability that will materially affect us in the future, nor can we provide assurance that we do not have environmental exposures of which we are unaware and which could adversely affect our operating results.

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Over the years, environmental laws have become, and in the future may continue to become, more stringent, imposing greater compliance costs and increasing risks and penalties associated with violations. We operate in several environmentally sensitive locations and are subject to potentially conflicting and changing regulatory agendas of political, business and environmental groups. Changes in or restrictions on discharge limits, emissions levels, permitting requirements and material storage or handling could require a higher than anticipated level of operating expenses and capital investment or, depending on the severity of the impact of the foregoing factors, costly plant relocation.

In addition, the electronics industry became subject to the European Union's RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) and WEEE (Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment) directives which took effect beginning in 2005. Parallel initiatives have been adopted in other jurisdictions, including several states in the United States and the People's Republic of China. RoHS prohibits the use of lead, mercury and certain other specified substances in electronics products and WEEE requires industry OEMs to assume responsibility for the collection, recycling and management of waste electronic products and components. Although we believe we have implemented procedures to make our manufacturing process RoHS compliant, a successful assertion by a governmental entity of non-compliance could result in significant costs and/or penalties. In the case of WEEE, the compliance responsibility rests primarily with OEMs rather than with EMS companies. However, OEMs may turn to EMS companies for assistance in meeting their WEEE obligations, which could increase our costs.

Consolidation in the electronics industry may adversely affect our business by increasing competition or customer buying power and increasing prices we pay for components.

Consolidation in the electronics industry among our customers, our suppliers and/or our competitors may increase as companies combine to achieve further economies of scale and other synergies. Consolidation in the electronics industry could result in an increasing number of very large electronics companies offering products in multiple sectors of the electronics industry. The significant purchasing and market power of these large companies could increase competitive pressures on us. In addition, if one of our customers is acquired by another company that does not rely on us to provide EMS services either because it has its own production facilities or relies on another provider of similar services, we may lose that customer's business. In addition, consolidation in the electronics industry may also result in excess manufacturing capacity among EMS companies, which could drive our profitability down. Similarly, consolidation among our suppliers could result in a sole or limited source for certain components used in our customers' products. Any such consolidation could cause us to be required to pay increased prices for such components, which would reduce our gross margin and profitability.

Failure to comply with employment and related laws could result in the payment of significant damages, which would reduce our net income.

We are subject to a variety of domestic and foreign employment laws, including those related to safety, discrimination, whistle-blowing, classification of employees, wages and severance payments. Such laws are subject to change as a result of judicial decisions or otherwise and there can be no assurance that we will not be found to have violated any such laws in the future. Such violations could lead to the assessment of significant fines against us by federal, state or foreign regulatory authorities or to the award of damages claims (including severance payments) against us in judicial proceedings by employees, any of which would reduce our net income.

Employee theft or fraud could result in loss.

Certain of our employees have access to, or signature authority with respect to, bank accounts or other company assets, which could expose us to fraud or theft. In addition, certain employees have access to key IT infrastructure and to customer and other information that is commercially valuable. Should any employee, for any reason, compromise our IT systems, or misappropriate customer or other information, we could incur losses, including losses relating to claims by our customers against us, the willingness of customers to do business with us may be damaged and, in the

case of our defense business, we could be debarred from future participation in government programs. Any such losses may not be fully covered by insurance.

We may not be successful in implementing and integrating strategic transactions or in divesting non-strategic assets, which could cause our financial results to fail to meet our forecasts.

From time to time, we may undertake strategic transactions that give us the opportunity to access new customers and new end-customer markets, to obtain new manufacturing and service capabilities and technologies, to enter new geographic manufacturing locations, to lower our manufacturing costs and improve the margins on our product mix, and

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to further develop existing customer relationships. Strategic transactions involve many difficulties, uncertainties and costs, including the following:

- integrating acquired operations and businesses;
- regulatory approvals or other conditions to closing that delay the completing of strategic transactions beyond the time anticipated;
- diversion of management attention from day-to-day duties in order to implement and integrate strategic transactions;
- scaling up production and coordinating management of operations at new sites;
- transaction expenses, including fees of investment bankers, attorneys and accountants, which could be significant;
- separating operations or support infrastructure for entities divested;
- managing and integrating operations in geographically dispersed locations;
- maintaining customer, supplier or other favorable business relationships of acquired operations and terminating unfavorable relationships;
- integrating the acquired company's systems into our management information systems;
- satisfying unforeseen liabilities of acquired businesses, including liability for past violations of law, which could require the expenditure of material amounts of cash or subject us to ongoing regulatory scrutiny or requirements;
- operating in the geographic market or industry sector of the business acquired in which we may have little or no experience;
- improving and expanding our management information systems to accommodate expanded operations; and
- losing key employees of acquired operations.

Any of these factors could prevent us from realizing the anticipated benefits of a strategic transaction, and our failure to realize these benefits could reduce our sales below and increase our costs above our forecasts and could cause write-downs of the value of the business acquired which would decrease our net income. Acquisitions may also be dilutive to our earnings per share, particularly if our projections and assumptions about the acquired business' future operating results prove to be inaccurate. As a result, although our goal is to improve our business and maximize stockholder value, any transactions that we complete may ultimately fail to increase our sales and net income and stock price.

If we are unable to protect our intellectual property or infringe, or are alleged to infringe, upon intellectual property of others, we could lose sales or be required to pay significant amounts in costs or damages.

We rely on a combination of copyright, patent, trademark and trade secret laws and restrictions on disclosure to protect our intellectual property rights. We cannot be certain that the steps we have taken will prevent unauthorized use of our intellectual property. For example, we rely in part upon patents to protect our intellectual property position. However, a number of our patents covering certain aspects of our manufacturing processes or products have expired or will expire in the near future. Such expirations reduce our ability to assert claims against competitors or others who use or sell similar technology. Any failure to protect our intellectual property rights would diminish or eliminate the competitive advantages that we derive from our proprietary technology.

We are also subject to the risk that former employees violate the terms of their proprietary information agreements with us which require them to keep confidential and not to use for their benefit information obtained in the course of their employment with us. Should a key former employee use or disclose such information, including information concerning our customers, pricing, capabilities or strategy, our ability to obtain new customers and to compete could be adversely impacted.

Finally, we may occasionally become involved in administrative proceedings, lawsuits or other proceedings if others allege that we infringe on their intellectual property rights. Some of these claims could subject us to significant liability for damages and invalidate our property rights. If successful, such claims could impair our ability to collect royalties or license fees or could force us or our customers to:

- stop producing products that use the challenged intellectual property;
- obtain from the owner of the infringed intellectual property, at our expense, a license to sell the relevant technology at an additional cost, which license may not be available on reasonable terms, or at all; or
- redesign those products or services that use the infringed technology.

Any of these results could have a material adverse effect on our revenue, costs and net income and could damage our reputation with our customers. In addition, any type of intellectual property lawsuit, whether initiated by us or a third party, would likely be time consuming and expensive to resolve and would divert management's time and attention.

We may not have sufficient insurance coverage for certain of the risks and liabilities we assume in connection with the products and services we provide to our customers, which could leave us responsible for certain costs and damages incurred by our customers.

We carry various forms of business and liability insurance in amounts we believe are reasonable and customary for similarly situated companies in our industry. However, we do not have insurance coverage for all of the risks and liabilities we assume in connection with the products and services we provide to our customers, such as potential warranty, product liability, intellectual property infringement, product recall claims and losses due to hacking or intrusion into our IT infrastructure. In addition, our policies generally have self-insured retentions, or deductibles, that would reduce the amount of our potential recoveries from insurance. As a result, not all of our potential business losses are covered under our insurance policies. Should we sustain a significant uncovered loss, our net income would be reduced.

Changes in financial accounting standards or policies have affected, and in the future may affect, our reported financial condition or results of operations. Additionally, changes in securities laws and regulations have increased, and are likely to continue to increase, our operating costs.

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. Our preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires that we make estimates and assumptions that affect the recorded amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of those assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the recorded amounts of expenses during the reporting period. A change in the facts and circumstances surrounding those estimates could result in a change to our estimates and could impact our future operating results.

In addition, these principles are subject to interpretation by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the SEC and various bodies formed to interpret and create accounting policies. A change in those policies can have a significant effect on our reported results and may affect our reporting of transactions which are completed before a change is announced. Accounting policies affecting many other aspects of our business, including rules relating to revenue recognition, off-balance sheet transactions, stock-based compensation, restructurings, acquisition accounting, asset disposals and asset retirement obligations, leases, intangible assets, derivative and other financial instruments and in-process research and development charges, have recently been revised or are under review. Changes to those rules or the questioning of how we interpret or implement those rules may have a material adverse effect on our reported financial results or on the way we conduct business. For example, a preliminary timetable by which U.S. companies would adopt International Financial Reporting Standards has been promulgated by the SEC. Although at a very early stage of consideration by regulatory agencies, adoption of such standards could substantially change our reporting practices in a number of areas, including revenue recognition and recording of assets and liabilities.

Finally, corporate governance, public disclosure and compliance practices continue to evolve based upon continuing legislative action, SEC rulemaking and stockholder advisory group policies. As a result, the number of rules and regulations applicable to us may increase, which would also increase our legal and financial compliance costs and the amount of time management must devote to compliance activities. For example, the SEC has issued proposed rules requiring disclosure of the extent to which we use certain minerals in the production of our products and California has enacted regulations requiring disclosure of our business practices intended to reduce the risk of human trafficking and slavery in our supply chain. Increasing regulatory burdens could also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified members of our board of directors, particularly to serve on our audit committee, and qualified executive officers in light of an increase in actual or perceived workload and liability for serving in such positions.

Outages, computer viruses, break-ins and similar events could disrupt our operations.

We rely on information technology networks and systems, some of which are owned and operated by third parties, to process, transmit and store electronic information. In particular, we depend on our information technology infrastructure for a variety of functions, including worldwide financial reporting, inventory management, procurement, invoicing and email communications. Any of these systems may be susceptible to outages due to fire, floods, power loss, telecommunications failures, terrorist attacks and similar events. Despite the implementation of network security measures, our systems and those of third parties on which we rely may also be vulnerable to computer viruses, break-ins

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and similar disruptions. If we or our vendors are unable to prevent such outages and breaches, our operations could be disrupted.

The market price of our common stock is volatile.

The stock market in recent years has experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that have affected the market prices of companies, including companies in the EMS business. These fluctuations have often been unrelated to the operating performance of these companies. The market for our common stock has been and may in the future be subject to similar volatility. Factors such as fluctuations in our operating results, announcements by our competitors or other events affecting companies in the electronics industry, currency fluctuations, general market fluctuations, and macro economic conditions may cause the market price of our common stock to decline.

We are subject to risks associated with natural disasters and global events.

We conduct a significant portion of our activities including manufacturing, administration and information technology management in areas that have experienced natural disasters, such as major earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and tsunamis. For example, in March 2011, Japan experienced a major earthquake and tsunami and in October 2011, flooding occurred in large parts of Thailand. Our insurance coverage with respect to damages to our facilities or our customers' products caused by natural disasters is limited and is subject to deductibles and coverage limits. Such coverage may not be adequate or continue to be available at commercially reasonable rates and terms. In the event of a major earthquake or other disaster affecting one or more of our facilities, our operations and management information systems, which control our worldwide procurement, inventory management, shipping and billing activities, could be significantly disrupted. Such events could also delay or prevent product manufacturing and shipment for the time required to transfer production or repair, rebuild or replace the affected manufacturing facilities. This time frame could be lengthy and result in significant expenses for repair and related costs. While we have in place disaster recovery plans, there can be no assurance that such plans will be sufficient to allow our operations to continue in the event of every natural or man-made disaster, pandemic or other extraordinary event. Any extended inability to continue our operations at unaffected facilities following such an event would reduce our revenue and potentially damage our reputation as a reliable supplier.

Our profitability could be adversely impacted by climate change initiatives.

Concern over climate change has led to state, federal and international legislative and regulatory initiatives aimed at reducing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions. While we don't expect existing or currently proposed initiatives to directly impact our business operations, these measures could lead to an increase in the cost of energy used in the manufacture of our products as a result of restrictions placed upon power generators and distributors. We can't currently estimate the impact of any such indirect costs. However, should our operating costs in fact rise as a result of any current, proposed or future greenhouse gas initiatives, and we are not able to pass such costs to our customers, our profitability would be reduced.

Item 6. Exhibits

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| 10.41 | Amendment No. 3 dated as of October 20, 2011 to Loan, Guaranty and Security Agreement dated as of November 19, 2008 among the Registrant and certain of its subsidiaries, as borrowers, Sanmina-SCI Systems (Canada), Inc. and SCI Brockville Corp., as Designated Canadian Guarantors, the financial institutions party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as agent for such lenders (filed herewith). |
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(2) XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) information is furnished and not filed or part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Section 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, is deemed not filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and otherwise is not subject to liability under these Sections.

SIGNATURES

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

SANMINA-SCI CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: /s/ JURE SOLA
Jure Sola
Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive
Officer)

Date: January 25, 2012

By: /s/ ROBERT K. EULAU
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