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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

or  
 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 1-134  
CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 13-0612970  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4 Becker Farm Road, Roseland, NJ 07068  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (973) 597-4700

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, par value \$1 per share	New York Stock Exchange
Class B common stock, par value \$1 per share	New York Stock Exchange

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

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, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates\* of the Registrant as of June 30, 2004, was approximately \$1.0 billion.

The number of shares outstanding of each of the Registrant's classes of Common Stock as of February 28, 2005:

Class	Number of Shares
Common stock, par value \$1 per share	12,673,912
Class B common stock, par value \$1 per share	8,764,246

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Annual Report to Stockholders of the Registrant for the year ended December 31, 2004 are incorporated by reference into Parts I, II, III, and IV of this Form 10-K. Portions of the Proxy Statement of the Registrant with respect to the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 19, 2005 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

\* All directors and executive officers of the Registrant and shareholders possessing greater than 10% of the Registrant's Class B Common stock have been excluded from the amount shown in accordance with the definition of the term "affiliate" in the regulations promulgated pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. See material referred to under Item 12, below.

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## FORWARD- LOOKING INFORMATION

Except for historical information, this Annual Report on Form 10-K may be deemed to contain “forward-looking” information. Examples of forward-looking information include, but are not limited to, (a) projections of or statements regarding return on investment, future earnings, interest income, other income, earnings or loss per share, growth prospects, capital structure, and other financial terms, (b) statements of plans and objectives of management, (c) statements of future economic performance, and (d) statements of assumptions, such as economic conditions underlying other statements. Such forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “anticipates,” or the negative of any of the foregoing or other variations thereon or comparable terminology, or by discussion of strategy. No assurance can be given that the future results described by the forward-looking information will be achieved. Such statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Such statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K include, without limitation, those contained in (a) Item 1. Business, (b) Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and (c) Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data including, without limitation, the Environmental Matters Note. Important factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those in these forward-looking statements include, among other items, the Corporation’s successful execution of internal performance plans; performance issues with key suppliers, subcontractors, and business partners; the ability to negotiate financing arrangements with lenders; legal proceedings; changes in the need for additional machinery and equipment and/or in the cost for the expansion of the Corporation’s operations; ability of outside third parties to comply with their commitments; product demand and market acceptance risks; the effect of economic conditions; the impact of competitive products and pricing; product development, commercialization, and technological difficulties; social and economic conditions and local regulations in the countries in which the Corporation conducts its businesses; unanticipated environmental remediation expenses or claims; capacity and supply constraints or difficulties; an inability to perform customer contracts at anticipated cost levels; changing priorities or reductions in the U.S. Government defense budget; contract continuation and future contract awards; U.S. and international military budget constraints and determinations; and the factors discussed under the caption “Risk Factors”; other factors that generally affect the business of companies operating in the Corporation’s markets and/or industries.

The Corporation assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in or additions to the factors affecting such forward-looking statements.

## INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant, Curtiss-Wright Corporation hereby files its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. References in the text to the “Corporation,” “Company,” “Curtiss-Wright,” “we,” “our,” “us,” or the “Registrant” include Curtiss-Wright Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries unless the context indicates otherwise. References to the Corporation’s “Annual Report” are to its 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 13.

## PART I

### Item 1. Business.

#### BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Curtiss-Wright Corporation was incorporated in 1929 under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Corporation reports its operations in three segments: flow control, motion control, and metal treatment, as described below. For a summary of the products and services and the major markets by segment, please refer to the information provided on the inside cover of the Registrant's Annual Report to Shareholders, which is incorporated by reference and attached hereto as Exhibit 13 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Flow Control

This segment designs, manufactures, distributes, and services a broad range of highly engineered flow control products for severe service military and commercial applications. Military sales, primarily to the U.S. Navy as a subcontractor, comprised 50%, 56%, and 42% of segment sales in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. Flow control products are used by the U.S. Navy, nuclear power plants, the oil and gas refineries, and other commercial businesses through the various business units discussed below.

This segment consists of four operating divisions: Valves, Commercial Power Services, Electromechanical Systems, and Control Systems.

The Valve division of Curtiss Wright Flow Control designs, manufactures, distributes, and services highly engineered valve products for fluid flow systems and subsystems. This division is composed of the Target Rock, Farris, Sprague, Solent & Pratt, DeltaValve & Tapco business units. Revenues derived from the sale of valves during 2004, 2003, and 2002 represented 14%, 16%, and 18%, respectively, of the Corporation's consolidated revenue.

Flow Control's Target Rock division, located in East Farmingdale, New York, designs, manufactures, refurbishes, and tests highly engineered valves and related actuators and controllers. Target Rock valves, such as motor operated and solenoid operated globe, gate, control, safety relief, and ball valves, are used to control the flow of liquids and gases and to provide safety relief in high-pressure applications. Target Rock valves are installed on every nuclear submarine and aircraft carrier commissioned by the U.S. Navy. It currently supplies all the relief valves utilized by the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. Applications include various Navy submarine classes, such as Los Angeles, Trident, and Virginia, as well as Naval Aircraft Carrier classes including the Nimitz. The U.S. Navy utilizes Target Rock valves in its nuclear propulsion systems. Recently, the segment has focused its attention on non-nuclear U.S. Navy business in an effort to diversify the product offering. Growth in this sector has been generated through sales of aircraft launch shuttles and control valves for aircraft carriers and ball valves for submarines. Target Rock also provides products to the commercial markets, mainly the nuclear power industry. The Target Rock division provides its valves to owners and operators of commercial power utilities who use them in new and existing nuclear and fossil fuel power plants. Over the past few years, all newly built nuclear power plants have been outside the U.S., and segment sales for such plants have been mainly to South Korea and Taiwan. A small investment has been made in South Korea to gain a foothold in the commercial nuclear valve market in Asia. The production of valves for the U.S. Navy and for power plants is characterized by long lead times from order placement to delivery.

The Farris, Solent & Pratt, DeltaValve, and Tapco divisions operate facilities in the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. that design, engineer, and manufacture spring-loaded and pilot operated pressure-relief valves as well as metal-seated industrial gate, butterfly, and ball valves used in standard and advanced applications including high-cycle, high-pressure, extreme temperature, and corrosive plant environments within the petroleum, petrochemical, chemical, and oil and gas process industries. Included in these products is the recent commercialization of the DeltaGuard™ coke-drum unheading device, which represents a significant advancement in coke-drum unheading technology. This new DeltaGuard™ technology is safe, easy to operate, reliable, cost effective, and can be configured for any coke-drum application. Currently, the patents associated with the DeltaGuard™ technology are not material to the operations of the business. However, we believe that this technology has significant potential and thus, these patents may become material to the Corporation's future operations. The flow control segment also provides inspection, installation, repair and maintenance, and other field services for harsh environment flow control systems.

The Commercial Power and Services division designs, manufactures, distributes, and qualifies flow control products, fasteners, custom fittings, and machined products for use in the global commercial nuclear power markets and by the U.S. Department of Energy. This division is composed of the Enertech, Nova Machine, and Trentec business units, with operations located in Brea, California, Middleburg Heights, Ohio and Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively. Enertech's product line includes snubbers, advanced valves, valve actuators, pumps, test and diagnostic equipment, as well as related diagnostic services. In addition, this business unit provides training, on-site services, staff augmentation, and engineering programs to nuclear power plants. Nova Machine and Trentec were both acquired by the segment in May 2004. Nova Machine's product lines include nuclear safety related fasteners, custom fittings and machined products, and also provide custom welding fabrication. Trentec's product line includes airlocks and hatches, special doors, pressure vessels, precision machined components, and spent fuel pool gates. In addition, the Trentec business unit provides consulting services, inspection and testing services, and diamond wire cutting services used to create large, thick cuts from concrete structures.

The Electromechanical Systems division develops, designs, manufactures, and performs qualification of critical-function, electro-dynamic solutions for the U.S. Navy, including pumps, advanced motors, generators, and secondary propulsion systems. This division is composed of the Electro-Mechanical Division ("EMD"), located in Cheswick, Pennsylvania, and Engineered Pump Division ("EPD") located in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, which were acquired in November 2002 and November 2004, respectively. This division provides reactor and main coolant pumps, design engineering services, purification pump motors, and other critical function pumps to the nuclear U.S. Navy. Specific applications include the Los Angeles, Virginia, Ohio, and Seawolf class submarines, and the CVN Aircraft Carrier. In addition, the segment provides ship service generators and secondary propulsion systems to the non-nuclear U.S. Navy, including the Destroyer program. Flow Control is strengthening its relationship with the Navy by teaming with Northrop Grumman in the design and development of major subsystems for the Navy's Electro-Mechanical Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) for installation in its aircraft carrier fleet. Sales of pumps to the U.S. Navy represented 9%, 10%, and 3% of consolidated revenue in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. EMD supplies products to the commercial markets, mainly the nuclear power industry. EMD supplies reactor coolant pumps, seals, motors, and control rod drive mechanisms to owners and operators of commercial power utilities who use them in new and existing nuclear and fossil fuel power plants.

The Control Systems division consists of the Peerless Instrument business unit, located in East Farmingdale, New York. This business unit designs, develops, manufactures, tests, and services specialized instrumentation and control equipment, which includes plant instrumentation for primary and secondary controls, steam generator control equipment, and valve and heater controls. Sales are made by responding directly to requests for proposals from customers.

Other products within the flow control segment produced at its Sprague business unit include hydraulic power units and components primarily for the automotive and entertainment industries, specialty hydraulic and pneumatic valves, air-driven pumps, and gas boosters used in various industrial applications as well as in directional control valves for truck transmissions and car transport carriers.

Strong competition in commercial flow control products and services is encountered from a large number of domestic and foreign sources. Competition occurs on the basis of technical expertise, price, delivery, contractual terms, previous installation history, and reputation for quality. Delivery speed and the proximity of service centers are important with respect to aftermarket products. Sales to commercial end users are accomplished by a combination of direct sales employees and manufacturers' representatives located in the segment's primary market areas. This representation provides sales coverage of nuclear power utilities, principal boiler and reactor builders, architectural engineers, and hydrocarbon processing industry and chemical processing industry plants worldwide. For its military contracts, the segment receives requests for quotes from prime contractors as a result of being an approved supplier for naval propulsion system pumps and valves. Sales engineers support non-nuclear military sales activities. The segment uses the direct distribution basis for military and commercial valves and associated spare parts.

Backlog for this segment at December 31, 2004, was \$396.3 million, of which 34% will be shipped after one year, compared with \$317.8 million at December 31, 2003. Additionally, 49% of this segment's backlog as of December 31, 2004 is comprised of orders with the U.S. Navy through its prime contractor, Bechtel Group, Inc. ("Bechtel") Sales by this segment to Bechtel accounted for 33%, 34%, and 30% of total segment sales in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively, or 13%, 16%, and 10% of the Corporation's consolidated revenue. Additionally, sales to one of the segment's commercial customers represented approximately 9% of total segment sales in 2004. The loss of these customers

would have a material adverse effect on the business of this segment and the Corporation. Sales to another subcontractor for the U.S. Navy represented 16% total segment sales in 2003. The loss of this customer would not have a material adverse effect on the business of this segment. This segment may be impacted by the timing of milestones in military contracts and none of the commercial business of this segment is seasonal. Raw materials are generally available in adequate quantities.

### Motion Control

This segment designs, develops, manufactures, and maintains sophisticated, high-performance mechanical actuation and drive systems, mission-critical electronic component and control systems, and sensors for the aerospace, defense, and industrial equipment markets. This segment consists of three operating divisions: Engineered Systems, Integrated Sensing, and Embedded Computing.

The Engineered Systems division's product offering to the aerospace industry consists of electro-mechanical and hydro-mechanical actuation components and systems, which are designed to position aircraft control surfaces, or to operate canopies, cargo doors, weapons bay doors, or other devices used on aircraft. Aircraft applications include actuators and electronic control systems and sensors for the Boeing 737, 747, 757, 767, 777, Airbus A320, A330, and A340 civil air transports, the Lockheed Martin F-16 Falcon fighter jet, the Boeing F/A-18 fighter jet, the F/A-22 Raptor fighter jet, the Bell Boeing V-22 Osprey, and the Sikorsky Black Hawk and Seahawk helicopters. The Engineered Systems division is also developing flight control actuators for the Engineering and Manufacturing Development phase of Lockheed Martin's F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) program. The JSF is the next-generation fighter aircraft being designed for use by all three branches of the U.S. military as well as several foreign governments. The U.S. Air Force's Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV) weapons bay door system is another major development effort for the Corporation. The manufacturing of these products is performed at the Shelby, North Carolina facility. Revenue from these products accounted for 7%, 9%, and 14%, of the Corporation's consolidated revenues in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. The division also provides electric motors, controllers and smaller electromechanical actuation subsystems for flight control, engine control, and environmental control applications on various commercial transports, regional aircraft, military aircraft and spacecraft through its facility in Stratford, Canada.

As a related service within the Engineered Systems division, Curtiss-Wright also provides commercial airlines, the military, and general aviation customers with component overhaul and repair services. The services provided include the overhaul and repair of hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, electro-mechanical, and electronic components, aircraft parts sourcing, and component exchange services for a wide array of aircraft. The division provides these services from facilities in Gastonia and Shelby, North Carolina, Miami, Florida, Stratford, Ontario, and a marketing and distribution facility in Singapore.

In addition, the division's Drive Technology business unit designs, manufactures, and distributes electro-mechanical and electro-hydraulic actuation components and systems, including electronic controls designed for the military tracked and wheeled vehicle, high-speed tilting train, and commercial marine propulsion markets. These products, which are designed and manufactured at the division's facility in Switzerland, primarily consist of turret aiming and stabilization, weapons handling systems and suspension systems for armored military vehicles sold to defense equipment manufacturers, and tilting systems for high-speed train applications. The products are sold using a direct sales force to customers primarily in Western Europe, Asia, South Africa, and the Middle East. In 2004, a North American presence was established with the creation of a Drive Technologies USA unit located in Gastonia, North Carolina.

The Engineered Systems division primarily markets its products using a direct sales force. These products are sold in competition with a number of other suppliers, some of whom have broader product lines and greater financial, technical, and human resources. The competitive environment for this division is focused on a short list of players with recent strategic trends at the prime contractor level resulting in a smaller market of vertically integrated suppliers, with the prime contractors specializing in integration and final assembly. Price, technical capability, performance, service, and "overall value" are the primary forces of competition with a focus on offering solutions to perform control and actuation functions on a limited number of new production programs. This division's overhaul and repair services are sold in competition with a number of other overhaul and repair providers with a focus on quality, delivery, and price. Marketing for overhaul and repair services is accomplished through independent sales representatives and by direct sales employees.

The Integrated Sensing division develops and manufactures position and fire detection sensors and systems, electronic control hardware, air data computers, joysticks, and other electronics for the military and commercial aerospace and industrial markets through its facilities in the U.K. and the U.S. These products include Linear Variable Displacement Transducers (“LVDTs”), multi-purpose flight recorders, solenoids, potentiometers, joysticks, and faders. This division sells its products primarily to prime contractors and system integrators, both directly and through a network of independent sales representatives on a worldwide basis. Competition with the integrated sensing division, especially in the aerospace market, is increasingly being driven by price concerns. The ability to service the customer with superior performance and quality is expected of all vendors, but downward pricing pressure is emerging as a key discriminator.

The Embedded Computing division designs, develops, and manufactures mission-critical electronic control systems primarily for defense markets. Mission-critical electronic control products include electronic components and subsystems used in fire control, aiming and stabilization, munitions loading, and environmental processors for military ground vehicles. These products are used on demanding combat platforms including the Bradley fighting vehicle, the Abrams M1A2/A3 tank, and the Brigade Combat Team Interim Armored Vehicle, which is part of the U.S. Army’s modernization and transformation efforts. This division also provides the mission management, flight control computers, and the sensor management units used on the U.S. Air Force Global Hawk, a high-altitude and high-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle. This division’s products are manufactured at the Vista Controls (“Vista”) Littleton, Massachusetts and Santa Clarita, California facilities. Vista sells their products primarily to the prime contractors and subsystem suppliers, both directly and through a network of independent sales representatives.

On January 31, 2004, the segment acquired the outstanding shares of Dy 4 Systems, Inc. (“Dy 4”). Dy 4 has a significant presence in ruggedized, embedded computing solutions for the defense and aerospace industries. Using commercial off-the-shelf (“COTS”) products, Dy 4 customizes the products to perform reliably in rugged conditions, such as extreme temperature, terrain and/or speed. Dy 4’s product mix includes single board computers, digital signal processing, communications and Input/Output products, and graphics output. The acquisition increases the segment’s presence in embedded computing solutions for the military, medical, and industrial controls markets. In addition, the motion control segment expanded its Embedded Computing division by acquiring the stock of Synergy Microsystems and Primagraphics, which strengthened its COTS product lines, in particular the digital signal processing technology. Competition in the electronic systems market has changed from traditional board competitors to subsystem and system providers selling to prime and second tier defense and aerospace companies. Competition in this market is based on quality of technology, price, and delivery times.

Sales by this segment to its largest customer, the Boeing Company (“Boeing”), in 2004, 2003, and 2002 accounted for 10%, 11%, and 15%, respectively, of total segment revenue, or 4%, 4%, and 7% of the Corporation’s consolidated revenue. The loss of Boeing as a customer would have a material adverse effect on the motion control segment. Direct and end use sales of this segment to government agencies, primarily the U.S. Government, in 2004, 2003, and 2002, accounted for 62%, 56%, and 49%, respectively, of total segment sales. Although the loss of this business would also have a material adverse affect on this segment, no single prime contractor to the U.S. Government through which this segment is a subcontractor provided greater than 10% of the motion control segment revenue during any of the last three years.

Backlog for this segment at December 31, 2004, was \$229.6 million, of which 19% will be shipped after one year, compared with \$186.3 million at December 31, 2003. None of the business of this segment is seasonal. Raw materials are generally available in adequate quantities from a number of suppliers. However, this segment utilizes sole source suppliers, the failure and/or inability of which to provide product to this segment could have an adverse impact on the Corporation’s financial performance. While alternatives could be identified to replace a sole source supplier, a transition could result in increased costs and manufacturing delays.

#### Metal Treatment

This segment provides various metallurgical services, which strengthen or otherwise enhance the performance of metal parts. Principal services include shot peening, coatings and heat treating. Shot peening is the process by which the durability of metal parts are improved by the bombardment of the part’s surface with spherical media such as steel shot or ceramic or glass beads to compress the outer layer of the metal. Revenue of shot peening services in 2004, 2003, and 2002 accounted for 12%, 12%, and 15%, respectively, of the Corporation’s consolidated revenues. Coatings consist of the application of primarily solid film lubricant coatings, which are designed to enhance the performance of components used in a broad range of products and industries. The coatings are applied by air spray or by a dipping and spinning process for bulk applications. Heat treating is a metallurgical process of

subjecting metal objects to heat and/or cold, or otherwise treating the material to change the physical and/or chemical characteristics or properties of the material. In addition to shot peening, heat treating, and coatings, other metal treatment services that are provided on a job shop basis include shot peen forming, laser peening, wet finishing, chemical milling, and reed valve manufacturing.

These processes are used principally to improve the service life, strength, and durability of metal parts. They are also used to form curvatures in metal panels, which are assembled as wing skins of commercial and military aircraft, and to manufacture reed valves used in compressors. The segment provides these services to a broad spectrum of customers in various industries, including aerospace, automotive, construction equipment, oil and gas, and metal working.

Working in conjunction with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the metal treatment segment has developed an advanced metal surface treatment process utilizing laser technology. The laser process is being used in production to extend the life of critical turbine engine components. Future applications include additional turbine engine components and potentially wing skin forming, allowing for placement of more extreme aerodynamic curvatures of wing skins of greater thickness. The segment opened a laser peening facility in the U.S. in 2002 and another in the U.K. during 2003. It currently has four operational lasers and is in the process of testing two new lasers, which utilize a mobile, as opposed to stationary, laser. The Corporation retains the exclusive worldwide rights to the intellectual property necessary for its use on commercial products. Currently, the patents associated with the laser peening technology are not material to the operations of the business. However, we believe that this technology has significant potential and thus, these patents may become material to the Corporation's future operations.

During 2004 this segment increased its coatings capabilities with the acquisitions of selected assets of Evesham and Everlube, located in Evesham, UK and Peachtree, Georgia, respectively. These acquisitions provided an entry into the European coatings market and added the capability to manufacture bulk coatings.

Through a combination of acquisitions and new plant openings, this segment continues to increase its network of regional facilities. Operations are now conducted from 56 facilities located in the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany, Sweden, Belgium and Italy. The services are marketed directly by employees of the segment. Although numerous companies compete in this field and many customers have the resources to perform such services themselves, Curtiss-Wright believes that its technical knowledge and quality of workmanship provide a competitive advantage. The segment competes on the basis of quality, service, and price.

The backlog of this segment as of December 31, 2004, was \$1.9 million, all of which is expected to be recognized in the first quarter of 2005, compared with \$1.4 million as of December 31, 2003. Due to the nature of the metal treatment services provided by this segment, it operates with a very limited backlog of orders and services that are provided primarily on newly manufactured parts. Thus, the backlog of this segment is not indicative of future sales, and as a result, the segment's sales and profitability are closely aligned with general industrial economic conditions and, in particular, the commercial aerospace market.

The business of this segment is not seasonal. Raw materials are generally available in adequate quantities from a number of suppliers, and the segment is not materially dependent upon any single source of supply. There are no significant working capital requirements outside of normal industry accounts receivable and inventory turnover. The segment's largest customer accounted for 8%, 8%, and 5% of segment sales during 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. Although the active customer base is in excess of 5,000, the loss of this customer would have a material adverse effect on this segment.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Certain Financial Information

Financial information about the Corporation's segments and geographical presence is presented in Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, which appears on pages 63 through 65 of the Registrant's Annual Report, which note is incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. In 2004, 2003, and 2002, foreign operations of the Corporation generated 33%, 20%, and 23%, respectively, of the Corporation's pre-tax earnings. The Corporation does not regard the risks associated with these foreign operations to be materially greater than those applicable to its businesses in the U.S.



## Government Sales

The Corporation's direct sales to the U.S. Government and sales for U.S. Government and foreign government end use represented 47%, 46%, and 41% of consolidated revenue during 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. U.S. Government sales, both direct and indirect, are generally made under standard types of government contracts, including fixed price and fixed price-redeterminable. As of December 31, 2004, approximately 3% of the Corporation's backlog was redeterminable, downward and upward, with incentive profit features.

In accordance with normal practice in the case of U.S. Government business, contracts and orders are subject to partial or complete termination at any time, at the option of the customer. In the event of a termination for convenience by the government, there generally are provisions for recovery by the Corporation of its allowable incurred costs and a proportionate share of the profit or fee on the work completed, consistent with regulations of the U.S. Government. Contracts for naval nuclear programs usually provide that Curtiss-Wright absorb most of any cost overrun. In the event that there is a cost underrun, the customer recoups a portion of the underrun based upon a formula in which the customer's portion increases as the underrun exceeds certain established levels.

Generally, long-term contracts with the U.S. Government require the Corporation to invest in and carry significant levels of inventoriable costs. However, the Corporation utilizes progress payments and other interim billing practices on nearly all of these contracts, thus reducing the overall working capital requirements. It is the policy of the Corporation to seek customary progress payments on certain of its contracts. Where such payments are obtained by the Corporation under U.S. Government prime contracts or subcontracts, the U.S. Government has either title to, or a secured interest in, the materials and work in process allocable or chargeable to the respective contracts. (See Notes 1.F, 3, and 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, on pages 42, 50, and 50, respectively, of the Registrant's Annual Report, which notes are incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.) In the case of most motion control and flow control segment products for U.S. Government end use, the contracts typically provide for the retention by the customer of stipulated percentages of the contract price, pending completion of contract closeout conditions.

## Patents

The Corporation owns and is licensed under a number of United States and foreign patents and patent applications, which have been obtained or filed over a period of years. The Corporation also licenses intellectual property to and from third parties. Specifically, the U.S. Government has licenses in our patents that are developed in performance of government contracts, and it may use or authorize others to use the inventions covered by such patents for government purposes. Additionally, unpatented research, development and engineering skills, some of which has been acquired by the Corporation through business acquisitions, make an important contribution to our business. While our intellectual property rights in the aggregate are important to the operation of our business, we do not consider the successful conduct of its business or its business segments is materially dependent upon the protection of any one of the patents, patent applications, or patent license agreements under which it now operates.

## Research and Development

We conduct research and development activities under customer-funded contracts and with our own independent research and development funds. Customer sponsored research and development costs are charged to costs of goods sold when the associated revenue has been recognized, while corporation-sponsored research and development costs are charged to expense when incurred. Customer sponsored research and development activity amounted to \$26.5 million, \$31.2 million, and \$10.3 million, in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively, and were attributed to customers within the flow control and motion control segments. Research and development expenditures incurred by the Corporation amounted to \$33.8 million in 2004 as compared with \$22.1 million in 2003 and \$11.6 million in 2002.

## Environmental Protection

The effect of compliance upon the Corporation with present legal requirements concerning protection of the environment is described in Notes 1.M and 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements which appear on pages 43 and 57, respectively, of the Registrant's Annual Report, which notes are incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

## Employees

At the end of 2004 the Corporation had 5,599 employees, 845 of which were represented by labor unions and are covered by collective bargaining agreements.

## Available information

The Corporation files annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and proxy statements for our annual shareholders' meetings, as well as any amendments to those reports, with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The public may read and copy any materials the Corporation files with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains an Internet site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC, including the Corporation. These reports are also available free of charge through our web site at [www.curtisswright.com](http://www.curtisswright.com) as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file that material with, or furnish it to, the SEC.

## RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks described below and other information in this annual report. The Corporation's business, financial condition and operating results could be seriously harmed if any of these risks materialize. The trading price of the Corporation's common stock may also decline due to any of these risks.

### Risk Factors Relating to Our Business

*Approximately 47% of our revenues are derived from government business, which is dependent upon the continued willingness of the U.S. Government to buy our products and services.*

In 2004, approximately 47% of our revenues were derived from defense contracts or subcontracts with domestic and foreign government agencies of which approximately 44% is attributed to U.S. Navy procurements. The development and success of our business in the future will depend upon the continued willingness of the U.S. Government to commit substantial resources to such defense programs and, in particular, upon continued purchases of our products.

Our business with the U.S. Government is subject to various risks, including termination of contracts at the convenience of the U.S. Government; termination, reduction or modification of contracts or subcontracts in the event of changes in the U.S. Government's requirements or budgetary constraints; shifts in spending priorities; and when we are a subcontractor, the failure or inability of the prime contractor to perform its prime contract. Certain contract costs and fees are subject to adjustment as a result of audits by government agencies. In addition, all defense businesses are subject to risks associated with the frequent need to bid on programs in advance of design completion, which may result in unforeseen technological difficulties and/or cost overruns.

Multi-year U.S. Government contracts and related orders are subject to cancellation if funds for contract performance for any subsequent year become unavailable. In addition, if certain technical or other program requirements are not met in the developmental phases of the contract, then the follow-on production phase may not be realized. Upon termination, other than for a contractor's default, the contractor normally is entitled to reimbursement for allowable costs, but not necessarily all costs, and to an allowance for the proportionate share of profit for the work completed. Foreign defense contracts generally contain comparable provisions relating to termination at the convenience of the foreign government.

*Our earnings will be reduced by less spending in the defense industry.*

Reductions in spending in the defense industry may or may not have an effect on programs to which we provide products and services; however, in the event expenditures for products of the type manufactured by us are reduced and not offset by greater foreign sales or revenues from other new programs or products that we manufacture, we will experience a reduction in our volume of contracts or subcontracts awarded to us.

*Our government contracts have limited terms and, sometimes, undetermined pricing terms at the time they are entered into.*

Our contracts with the U.S. Government or a prime contractor of the U.S. Government (“U.S. Government Contracts”) are for varying fixed terms, which may not be renewed or followed by follow-on contracts awarded to us by the U.S. Government or the prime contractor upon the expiration of any such U.S. Government Contract. The loss of revenue resulting from the failure to obtain a renewal or follow-on contract with respect to any significant contract or a number of lesser contracts, in either case without the substitution of revenues from the award of new contracts, would have a material adverse effect upon our results of operations and financial position. In addition, from time to time we enter into U.S. Government Contracts with a fully funded backlog, but in which the final price per unit may not be determined until sometime in the future.

*Future terror attacks, war, or other civil disturbances could negatively impact our business.*

Continued terrorist attacks, war or other disturbances could lead to further economic instability and decreases in demand for our commercial products, which would negatively impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and subsequent terrorist attacks worldwide have caused instability from time to time in global financial markets. The disruption of our business as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11 included a decrease in customer demand in the commercial aerospace market for our products and commercial overhaul and repair services, from which our business has not completely recovered. As of December 31, 2004, approximately 18% of the Company’s business is related to commercial aerospace. The business activity levels in the third and fourth quarters of 2001 dropped as a result of these attacks, and continued to impact the results of operations in 2002 and 2003. Since the metal treatment segment operates with a limited backlog of unfilled orders, reductions in order activity very quickly reduces sales and profitability of this segment and could adversely affect our revenues. The long-term effects of the September 11 and subsequent attacks on us are unknown. These attacks and the U.S. Government’s continued efforts against terrorist organizations may lead to additional armed hostilities or to further acts of terrorism and civil disturbance in the U.S. or elsewhere, which may further contribute to economic instability.

*We rely on certain suppliers as a sole source of certain necessary components of our products.*

Our manufacturing process for our products often consists of the assembly of purchased components and testing of the product at various stages in the assembly process.

Although materials and purchased components generally are available from a number of different suppliers, several suppliers are our sole source of certain components. If a supplier should cease to deliver such components, other sources for these components are available; however, added cost and manufacturing delays would result.

*Our ability to implement our growth strategy is dependent upon our ability to complete acquisitions and on our ability to integrate acquired businesses successfully, both of which are subject to various uncertainties.*

Our strategy includes growth through acquisitions. Our markets primarily include mature industries. As a result, our historical growth has depended, and our future growth is likely to continue to depend in large part, our ability to implement successfully our acquisition strategy, and the successful integration of acquired businesses into our existing operations. Management intends to continue to seek additional acquisition opportunities in accordance with its acquisition strategy both to expand into new markets and to enhance our position in existing markets throughout the world. If we are unable to successfully identify suitable candidates, negotiate appropriate acquisition terms, obtain financing which may be needed to consummate such acquisitions, complete proposed acquisitions, successfully integrate acquired businesses into our existing operations, or expand into new markets, such inability could negatively impact our growth strategy.

*We operate in highly competitive markets with competitors who may have greater resources than we possess, possibly reducing the volume of products we can sell and our operating margins.*

Many of our products are sold in highly competitive markets. Management believes that the principal points of competition in these markets are product quality, price, design and engineering capabilities, product development,

conformity to customer specifications, quality of post-sale support, timeliness of delivery, and effectiveness of the distribution organization. Maintaining and improving our competitive position will require continued investment in manufacturing, engineering, quality standards, marketing, customer service and support, and the distribution networks. If we do not maintain sufficient resources to make such investments or are not successful in maintaining our competitive position, our operations and financial performance would be reduced. If our competitors develop products that are superior to our products, or develop methods of more efficiently and effectively providing products and services or adapt more quickly than we do to new technologies or evolving customer requirements, our operations and financial performance would be negatively impacted. Certain of our competitors are larger, more diversified corporations and may have greater financial, marketing, production, and research and development resources. As a result, they could be better able to withstand the effects of periodic economic downturns. Pricing pressures could also cause us to adjust the prices of certain of our products to stay competitive. We may not be able to compete successfully with our existing competitors or with new competitors.

*Our business is exposed to volatility in foreign currency exchange rates which can increase the costs of and reduce the revenues from foreign operations.*

We are exposed to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly with respect to the Canadian dollar, the euro and the British pound. Any significant change in the value of the currencies of the countries in which we do business against the U.S. dollar could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations by making capital investments in dollars more expensive and by creating possible charges against earnings. We seek to minimize the risk from these foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations principally through invoicing our customers in the same currency as the source of the products.

*Our operations in foreign countries expose us to political risks and adverse changes in local legal, tax and regulatory schemes.*

During the year ended December 31, 2004, approximately 23% of our consolidated revenue was from customers outside of the United States. Management expects international operations and export sales to continue to contribute to earnings for the foreseeable future. Both the sales from international operations and export sales are subject in varying degrees to risks inherent in doing business outside of the United States. Such risks include, without limitation, the following:

- Possibility of unfavorable circumstances arising from host country laws or regulations;
- Partial or total expropriation;
- Potential negative consequences from changes to significant taxation policies;
- Changes in tariff and trade barriers and import or export licensing requirements;
- Insurrection, civil disturbance or war; and
- Potential negative consequences from the requirements of partial local ownership of operations in certain countries.

*The U.S. Government has an unrestricted right to use certain of our technology which may negatively impact our ability to protect our intellectual property.*

We seek to protect the competitive benefits we derive from our patents, proprietary information and other intellectual property. However, we do not have the right to prohibit the U.S. Government from using certain technologies developed or acquired by us or to prohibit third party companies, including our competitors, from using those technologies in providing products and services to the U.S. Government. The U.S. Government has the right to royalty-free use of technologies that we have developed under U.S. Government Contracts. We are free to commercially exploit those government-funded technologies and may assert our intellectual property rights to seek to block other non-government users thereof.

*Government regulation could limit our ability to sell our products outside the United States.*

A portion of our sales are subject to compliance with the United States Export Administration Regulations. Our failure to obtain the requisite licenses, meet registration standards or comply with other government export regulations would hinder our ability to generate revenues from the sale of our products outside the United States. Compliance with U.S. Government regulations may also subject us to additional fees and costs. The absence of comparable restrictions on competitors in other countries may adversely affect our competitive position.

In order to sell our products in European Union countries, we must satisfy certain technical requirements. If we are unable to comply with those requirements with respect to a significant quantity of our products, our sales in Europe would be restricted.

*We are exposed to potential environmental liabilities and litigation and continually changing governmental environmental regulation.*

Compliance with environmental regulations could require us to discharge environmental liabilities, increase the cost of manufacturing our products, or otherwise adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our past and present business operations and ownership and operations of real property are subject to continually changing federal, state, foreign, and local environmental laws and regulations pertaining to the discharge of materials into the environment, the handling and disposition of waste (including hazardous waste), or otherwise relating to protection of the environment. In the future, we may be identified as a potentially responsible party and be subject to liability under applicable law. We have experienced, and management expects us to continue to experience, costs to comply with environmental laws and regulations and court and governmental agency orders and decrees. In addition, new laws and regulations, stricter enforcement of existing laws and regulations, the discovery of previously unknown contamination, or the imposition of new clean-up requirements could require us to incur costs or become the basis for new or increased liabilities.

We use and generate hazardous substances and waste in our operations. In addition, many of our current and former properties are or have been used for industrial purposes. Accordingly, our management is conducting investigation and remediation activities at several on-site and off-site locations. We may be subject to potential material liabilities relating to any investigation and clean up of contaminated properties and to claims alleging personal injury. In addition, some of our products previously sold contained asbestos components that were acquired from third parties and incorporated into our products. Although the Corporation has never been the subject of an adverse judgment nor settled a claim for more than immaterial amounts, it may be subject to potential liabilities relating to claims alleging personal injury as a result of exposure to such products.

The Corporation has been named as a potentially responsible party (“PRP”) with many other corporations and municipalities in a number of environmental clean-up sites. The Corporation continues to make progress in resolving these claims through settlement discussions and payments from established reserves. Significant sites remaining open at the end of the year are: Caldwell Trucking landfill superfund site, Fairfield, New Jersey; Sharkey landfill superfund site, Parsippany, New Jersey; Amenia landfill site, Amenia, New York; Chemsol, Inc. superfund site, Piscataway, New Jersey, and the Lower Passaic River, New Jersey. At this time, the Corporation believes that the outcome for any of these remaining sites will not have a materially adverse effect on the Corporation’s results of operations or financial condition.

*Our profitability will be reduced by increasing interest rates.*

Our profitability may also be reduced during any period of unexpected or rapid increases in interest rates. Our market risk for a change in interest rates relates primarily to our debt obligations. As a result of the September 25, 2003 Senior Notes issue and two subsequent interest rate swap agreements dated November 10, 2003, we shifted our interest rate exposure from 100% variable to 65% variable as of December 31, 2004. The net proceeds of the Senior Notes allowed us to pay down the majority of our outstanding debt under our then existing credit facility. This blended rate strategy for debt borrowings reduces the uncertainty of shifts in future interest rates. However, the variable rate on both the revolving credit agreement and the interest rate swap agreements are based on market rates. Accordingly, if interest rates changed by one percentage point, the impact on consolidated interest expense would have been approximately \$2 million in 2004.

*Some of our employees are employed under collective bargaining agreements, some of which expire in the next twelve months and, accordingly, we may be exposed to the risks attendant to unsuccessful labor negotiations to renew such agreements.*

As of December 31, 2004, 845 of our 5,599 employees were employed under collective bargaining agreements. Collective bargaining agreements covering approximately 56% of those employees will expire during 2005.

If we are unsuccessful in renegotiating these agreements we may be subject to strikes and works stoppages. While management believes that relations with our union employees are generally good, we could be subject to work stoppages by some of our employees and, if such stoppages were to occur, they could have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

*Our future growth and continued success is dependent upon our key personnel.*

Our success is dependent upon the efforts of our senior management personnel. The loss of members of our senior management group could have a material and adverse effect on our business. In addition, competition for qualified technical personnel in our industries is intense, and we believe that our future growth and success will depend upon our ability to attract, train and retain such personnel.

*We currently maintain a substantial amount of indebtedness which may increase the risks inherent in our business.*

We have indebtedness that is significant in relation to our stockholders' equity. Our debt to capitalization ratios were 37%, 32%, and 27% as of December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. Our degree of leverage could:

- Impair our future ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, general corporate, or other purposes;
- Hinder our ability to adjust rapidly to changing market conditions; and
- Make us more vulnerable if a downturn in general economic conditions or our business occurs.

In addition, a portion of our cash flow from operations must be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness. Management anticipates using approximately \$14 million to \$16 million of our cash flow from operations for interest payments on our debt obligations during 2005. This use of cash flow reduces the funds available for other purposes, which may adversely affect the continued success of our business. We have the capacity to raise approximately \$365 million in additional indebtedness without exceeding our financial covenants.

We have a revolving credit facility in the aggregate of \$400 million (the "Credit Facility") with The Bank of America, as administrative agent for ten lenders, which contains operating and financial restrictions. Under certain circumstances, the restrictions affect our ability to incur additional indebtedness and pay dividends. The credit agreement also contains covenants limiting, among other things, fundamental changes, such as certain types of mergers or a sale of substantially all of our assets.

#### Risk Factors Associated With Our Securities

*There is a limited trading volume in our common stock which may contribute to market price volatility.*

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2004, the average daily trading volume for our common stock as reported by the NYSE was approximately 57,000 shares and average daily trading volume for our Class B common stock as reported by the NYSE was approximately 6,000 shares. Even if we achieve a wider dissemination as to the shares offered by us, we are uncertain as to whether a more active trading market in our common stock will develop. As a result, relatively small trades may have a significant impact on the price of our common stock.

*Restrictions contained in our revolving credit facility may limit our ability to issue additional debt securities in the future.*

The Credit Facility may restrict our ability to issue additional debt securities and, if we issue additional debt securities, the Credit Facility may limit the kind of debt securities that we issue.

*Restrictions contained in our privately placed debt may limit our ability to issue additional debt securities in the future.*

The Note Purchase Agreement related to our privately placed Senior Notes may restrict our ability to issue additional debt securities and, if we issue additional debt securities, our Note Purchase Agreement may limit the kind of debt securities that we issue.

*Our ability to sell or issue substantial amounts of additional shares of common stock or Class B common stock may adversely affect the future market price of such securities.*

Part of our business strategy is to expand into new markets and enhance our position in existing markets throughout the world through acquisitions. In order to successfully complete targeted acquisitions or fund our other activities, we may issue additional equity securities that could be dilutive to our earnings per share and to your stock ownership. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock or Class B common stock (including shares issued upon the exercise of stock options and warrants or in connection with acquisition financing), or the perception that such sales could occur, may adversely affect prevailing market prices for our common stock and Class B common stock.

*The Preferred Stock Purchase Rights associated with our outstanding shares of common stock and Class B common stock and certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation, by-laws and Delaware General Corporate Law have anti-takeover effects.*

Some of the provisions of our certificate of incorporation and by-laws could discourage, delay or prevent an acquisition of our business at a premium price. The provisions:

- Permit the Board of Directors to increase its own size and fill the resulting vacancies;
- Authorize the issuance of up to 650,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series without a shareholder vote.

In addition, on November 20, 2001, our Board of Directors declared a dividend of one preferred share purchase right for each outstanding share of both our common stock and Class B common stock, at a par value \$.01. The rights have certain anti-takeover effects. The rights will cause substantial dilution to a person or group that attempts to acquire us on terms not approved by our Board of Directors, except pursuant to any offer conditioned on a substantial number of rights being acquired. These rights could discourage, delay or prevent an acquisition of our business at a premium price.

Also, Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporate Law imposes restrictions on mergers and other business combinations between us and any holder of 15% or more of our common stock.

*We may not be able to pay dividends on our common stock and Class B common stock.*

We have no obligation to pay dividends on either class of our common stock. The declaration and payment of dividends on our common stock and Class B common stock is subject to, and will depend upon, among other things:

- Our future earnings and financial condition, liquidity and capital requirements;
- Our ability to pay dividends under our Credit Facility and our Senior Notes; and
- Other factors deemed relevant by our Board of Directors.

*In the absence of a sinking fund, we may not be able to fund our payment and repurchase obligations under \$200 million of outstanding senior unsecured notes.*

On September 25, 2003, the Company completed an offering of \$200 million of guaranteed senior unsecured notes consisting of \$125 million 5.74% Senior Notes due 2013 and \$75 million 5.13% Senior Notes due 2010. There is no sinking fund with respect to these notes, and at maturity the entire outstanding principal amount thereof will become due and payable. Also, upon the occurrence of certain events we will be required to offer to repurchase all or a portion of the outstanding notes. The source of funds for any such payment at maturity or earlier repurchase will be our available cash or cash generated from operating or other sources, including, without limitation, borrowings or sales of our assets or equity securities. There can be no assurance that sufficient funds will be available at the time of any such event to pay such principal or to make any required repurchase.

## Item 2. Properties.

At December 31, 2004, the Corporation had 118 facilities worldwide, including manufacturing, metal treatment service, aerospace component overhaul, engineering, selling, and other facilities and administrative offices. Of these, the Corporation owned 37 locations and leased the remaining 81 facilities.

The principal physical properties of the Corporation and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 2004, are described below:

Location	Description	Segment	Total Sq. Ft. Owned <sup>(1)</sup>
Cheswick, Pennsylvania	Manufacturing	Flow Control	630,000
East Farmingdale, New York <sup>(2)</sup>	Manufacturing	Flow Control	260,000
Chester, Wales United Kingdom	Metal Treatment Services – Shot Peening and Wing Forming	Metal Treatment	200,000
Shelby, North Carolina	Manufacturing	Motion Control	168,000

The aggregate remaining properties leased and owned, by business segment, are as follows:

Segment	Description	Total Sq. Ft. Owned <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Sq. Ft. Leased <sup>(1)</sup>
Metal Treatment	Metal treatment service and other facilities and administrative offices	777,000	858,000
Motion Control	Manufacturing, aerospace component overhaul, engineering, and other facilities	139,000	658,000
Flow Control	Manufacturing, engineering, and other facilities	169,000	511,000

(1) Sizes are approximate. Unless otherwise indicated, all properties are owned in fee, are not subject to any major encumbrance, and are occupied primarily by factory and/or warehouse operations.

(2) The Bank of New York, as successor trustee for the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency, has a Uniform Commercial Code lien on approximately six acres of land and the building located thereon in connection with the issuance of industrial revenue bonds.

The Corporation also leases 21,400 square feet of office space for its corporate headquarters located in Roseland, New Jersey.

None of the properties listed above are individually material to the Corporation's business. The buildings on the properties referred to in this Item are well maintained, in good condition, and are suitable and adequate for the uses presently being made of them. Management believes the productive capacity of the Corporation's properties is adequate to meet its anticipated volume for the foreseeable future.

The Registrant currently owns 450,000 square feet of space situated on 39.8 acres of property located in Fairfield, New Jersey (the "Fairfield Property"). The Fairfield Property is currently under a sales contract, which is anticipated to close during 2005. In September 2002 the Corporation sold 7.4 acres of land in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. In January 2002 the Corporation sold 21 acres of land located in Hardwick Township, New Jersey.



**Item 3. Legal Proceedings.**

In the ordinary course of business, the Corporation and its subsidiaries are subject to various pending claims, lawsuits, and contingent liabilities. The Corporation does not believe that the disposition of any of these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Curtiss-Wright Corporation or its subsidiaries have been named in approximately 100 lawsuits that allege injury from exposure to asbestos. To date, Curtiss-Wright has secured its dismissal without prejudice in approximately 20 lawsuits, and is currently in discussions for similar dismissal in several others, and has not been found liable or paid any material sum of money in settlement in any case. Curtiss-Wright believes that the minimal use of asbestos in its operations and the relatively non-friable condition of asbestos in its products makes it unlikely that it will face material liability in any asbestos litigation, whether individually or in the aggregate. Curtiss-Wright does maintain insurance coverage for these lawsuits and it believes adequate coverage exists to cover any unanticipated asbestos liability.

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

Not applicable.

**PART II****Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Equity And Related Stockholder Matters.**

See the information contained in the Registrant's Annual Report on the inside back cover under the captions "Stock Price Range," "Dividends," and "Stock Exchange Listing," which information is incorporated herein by reference. The approximate total number of record holders of the Common stock, \$1.00 par value, and the Class B common stock, \$1.00 par value, of the Registrant was 7,415 as of February 28, 2005.

**Item 6. Selected Financial Data.**

See the information contained in the Registrant's Annual Report on page 20 under the caption "Consolidated Selected Financial Data," which information is incorporated herein by reference.

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

See the information contained in the Registrant's Annual Report on pages 21 through 32, under the caption "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," which information is incorporated herein by reference.

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

See the information contained in the Registrant's Annual Report on page 33, under the caption "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk," which information is incorporated herein by reference.

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

The following Consolidated Financial Statements of the Registrant and its subsidiaries, and supplementary financial information, are included in the Registrant's Annual Report, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, page 38.

Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2004 and 2003, page 39.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, page 40.

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, page 41.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, pages 42 through 65, inclusive, and Quarterly Results of Operations, page 20.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, page 37.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the year ended December 31, 2002, page 37.

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

Information required by this Item is included in the Registrant's Form 8-K filed on March 26, 2003, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9A. Controls And Procedures.**

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of December 31, 2004, the Corporation's management, including the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, conducted an evaluation of the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Based on such evaluation, the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures are effective, in all material respects, to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports the Corporation files and submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported as and when required.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Information required by this item is contained in the Registrant's Annual Report on pages 35 and 36 under the captions "Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting" and "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm," respectively, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

There were no changes in the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting during the most recently completed fiscal quarter that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 9B. Other Information.**

Not Applicable.

PART III

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

Identification of Directors

Information required by Item 401(a) of Regulation S-K is included in the Proxy Statement under the captions Proposals One and Two: “*ELECTION OF DIRECTORS*” and “*Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance*” and is incorporated by reference in this report.

Identification of Executive Officers

Name	Principal Occupation and Employment	Age
Martin R. Benante	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer since April 2000; formerly President and Chief Operating Officer from April 1999 to April 2000; formerly Vice President of the Corporation from April 1996 to April 1999; President of Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary from March 1995 to April 1999.	52
George J. Yohrling	Executive Vice President since May 2001; President, Curtiss-Wright Controls, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary, since April 1998; Executive Vice President for Aerospace Operations of Curtiss-Wright Controls, Inc. from April 1997 to April 1998; Senior Vice President from July 1996 to April 1997 of Curtiss-Wright Controls, Inc.; Vice President and General Manager of Curtiss-Wright Controls/Shelby, Inc., then a wholly-owned subsidiary, since 1985.	64
Edward Bloom	Vice President since June 2002; President of Metal Improvement Company, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary, since June 2002; formerly Executive Vice President of Metal Improvement Company, Inc. from December 1995 to June 2002.	63
David Linton	Vice President and President of Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation since May 2004; Vice President of Program Management, Raytheon Network Centric Systems from November 2003 to April 2004; Chief Executive Officer, Cordiem, Inc. from April 2001 to March 2002; Vice President and General Manager of Electric Systems, Hamilton Sundstrand Corporation, June 1998 to April 2001.	49
Glenn E. Tynan	Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer since June 2002; Controller from June 2000 to May 2002; Vice President and Corporate Controller of the Movado Group from 1999 to 2000; Corporate Controller of Dexter Corporation from 1998 to 1999; Vice President Finance and Controller of Lightolier from 1995 to 1998.	46
Michael J. Denton	Secretary and General Counsel since August 2001; Corporate Counsel of Honeywell International, Inc. (previously AlliedSignal Inc.) from 1993 to 2001.	49
Kevin McClurg	Corporate Controller since September 2002; Assistant Controller from February 2002 to September 2002; Director of Accounting of Toys R Us, Inc. until January 2002; Director of International Reporting of Random House from January 1998 to May 2001.	41

The executive officers of the Registrant are elected by the Board of Directors at its annual organizational meeting, to serve until the next annual organization meeting of the Board.

#### Audit Committee Financial Expert and Audit Committee

Information required by Item 401(h) and (i) of Regulation S-K is set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption Proposals One and Two: “*Board Committees*” and is incorporated by reference in this report.

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

Information required by Item 405 of Regulation S-K is set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption Proposals One and Two: “*Section 16 (a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance*” and is incorporated by reference in this report.

#### Code of Ethics

Information required by Item 406 of Regulation S-K is set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption Proposals One and Two: “*Code of Conduct*” and is incorporated by reference in this report.

#### New York Stock Exchange

In 2004, the CEO submitted his required certification under Section 3034 of the New York Stock Exchange listing requirements. The CEO’s certification was unqualified. The CEO and CFO of the Corporation have filed all of their required certifications under Section 302 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.

#### **Item 11. Executive Compensation.**

Information required by Item 402 of Regulation S-K is set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption Proposals One and Two: “*COMPENSATION AND OTHER BENEFITS OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT*” and is incorporated by reference in this report.

#### **Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.**

Information required by Items 201(d) and 403 of Regulation S-K is set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption Proposals One and Two: “*Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management,*” and “*Equity Compensation Plan Information*” and is incorporated by reference in this report.

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

Information required by Item 404 of Regulation S-K is set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption Proposals One and Two: “*Certain Relationships and Related Transactions*” and is incorporated by reference in this report.

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

Information required by this item is set forth in the Proxy Statement under the caption Proposal Seven: “*Disclosure About Fees*” and is incorporated by reference in this report.

PART IV

**Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedule.**

(a)(1) Financial Statements:

The following Consolidated Financial Statements of the Registrant and supplementary financial information, included in the Registrant's Annual Report, are incorporated herein by reference in Item 8:

- (i) Consolidated Statements of Earnings for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, page 38.
- (ii) Consolidated Balance Sheets at December 31, 2004 and 2003, page 39.
- (iii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, page 40.
- (iv) Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002, page 41.
- (v) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, pages 42 through 65, inclusive, and Quarterly Results of Operations, page 20.
- (vi) Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, page 37.
- (vii) Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the year ended December 31, 2002, page 37.

(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedule:

The items listed below are presented herein on pages 25 and 26 of this Form 10-K:

- (i) Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Financial Statement Schedule as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003.
- (ii) Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Financial Statement Schedule as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002.
- (iii) Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

Schedules other than those listed above have been omitted, since they are not required, are not applicable, or because the required information is included in the financial statements or notes thereto.

(a)(3) Other Matters – Subsequent Events

See the information contained in the Registrant's Annual Report on page 32 under the caption "Recent Development" and on page 65 under the caption "Subsequent Event", which information is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibits:

- (2) Plan of acquisition, reorganization, arrangement, liquidation, or succession
  - (i) Second Amended and Restated Distribution Agreement, dated as of August 17, 2001, between the Corporation and Unitrin, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Registrant's Proxy Statement Schedule on 14A with respect to the recapitalization of the Corporation dated September 5, 2001).
  - (ii) Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 17, 2001, among the Corporation, Unitrin, Inc., and CW Disposition Company (incorporated by reference to Appendix

- B to the Registrant's Proxy Statement Schedule on 14A with respect to the recapitalization of the Corporation dated September 5, 2001).
- (iii) Real Estate Sale and Purchase Agreement dated August 2, 2001, between Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Curtiss-Wright Flight Systems, Inc., and Shaw Achas, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed January 4, 2002).
  - (iv) Addendum to Real Estate Sale and Purchase Agreement dated September 10, 2001, by and between Curtiss-Wright Corporation Curtiss-Wright Flight Systems, Inc., and Shaw Achas, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed January 4, 2002).
  - (v) Share and Asset Purchase Agreement dated February 19, 2002, between Spirent Plc. and Curtiss-Wright Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed April 15, 2002).
  - (vi) Asset Purchase Agreement dated October 25, 2002, between Westinghouse Government Services Company LLC and Curtiss-Wright Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed November 12, 2002).
  - (vii) Asset Purchase Agreement dated January 31, 2004, between Solectron Corporation and Curtiss-Wright Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (2)(viii) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).
- (3) Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Registrant
- (i) Restated Certificate of Incorporation as amended May 23, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003).
  - (ii) By-laws as amended through November 29, 2001 (incorporated by reference to Appendix D-1 to Registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A with respect to the recapitalization of the Corporation dated September 5, 2001).
- (4) Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures
- (i) Agreement to furnish to the Commission upon request, a copy of any long-term debt instrument where the amount of the securities authorized thereunder does not exceed 10% of the total assets of the Registrant and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1985).
  - (ii) Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement dated July 23, 2004, between Registrant, the Lenders parties thereto from time to time, the Issuing Banks referred to therein and The Bank of America, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended June 30, 2004).
  - (iii) Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of November 6, 2000, as amended and restated as of November 20, 2001, between the Corporation and Mellon Investor Services LLC (f/k/a ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C.), as Rights Agent, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-K, filed November 20, 2001).
  - (iv) Amendment to Restated Rights Agreement dated February 1, 2002, naming American Stock Transfer & Trust Company as Rights Agent, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4(iv) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed March 18, 2002).
- (10) Material Contracts:
- (i) Modified Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended November 9, 1989 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(a) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 1989). \*

- (ii) Curtiss-Wright Corporation 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Form S-8, filed December 15, 1995). \*
- (iii) Revised Standard Employment Severance Agreement with Certain Management of Curtiss-Wright (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2001). \*
- (iv) Retirement Benefits Restoration Plan as amended April 15, 1997 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 1997). \*
- (v) Restated and Amended Curtiss-Wright Corporation Retirement Plan and Instrument of Amendment No. 1, as amended through February 28, 2002, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (10)(v) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001), and Instrument of Amendment No. 2 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2004).\*
- (vi) Restated and Amended Curtiss-Wright Corporation Savings and Investment Plan dated February 28, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (10)(v) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001).\*
- (vii) Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Division Pension Plan dated October 29, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (10)(vii) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002). \*
- (viii) Curtiss-Wright Corporation 1996 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Registrant's Form S-8, filed June 19, 1996). \*
- (ix) Curtiss-Wright Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, as of January 31, 2005, filed herewith.\*
- (x) Change In Control Severance Protection Agreement dated July 9, 2001, between the Registrant and Chief Executive Officer of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2001). \*
- (xi) Standard Change In Control Severance Protection Agreement dated July 9, 2001, between the Registrant and Key Executives of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2001). \*
- (xii) Trust Agreement dated January 20, 1998, by and between Curtiss-Wright Corporation and PNC Bank, National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10(a) to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 1998). \*
- (xiii) Consulting Agreement dated April 10, 2000, between Registrant and David Lasky (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (10)(xi) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000). \*
- (xiv) Standard Supplemental Retirement Agreement dated April 27, 1999, between the registrant and certain Officers of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2000). \*
- (xv) Consulting Agreement dated June 18, 2002, between Registrant and Gerald Nachman (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2002). \*
- (xvi) Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Division Savings Plan dated January 1, 2004, (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (10)(xviii) to Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).\*

- (xvii) Curtiss-Wright Corporation 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated by reference to Appendix VII to Registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on March 28, 2003). \*
- (xviii) Note Purchase Agreement between Curtiss-Wright Corporation and certain Institutional Investors, dated September 25, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed October 3, 2003).
- (xix) Restrictive Legends on Notes subject to Purchase Agreement between Curtiss-Wright Corporation and certain Institutional Investors, dated September 25, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed October 3, 2003).
- (13) Annual Report to Stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2004.
- (16) Letter from Deloitte & Touche and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, dated March 25, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Registrant's Form 8-K, filed March 26, 2003).
- (21) Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
- (23) Consents of Experts and Counsel.
  - (i) Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
  - (ii) Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- (31) Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications.
  - (i) Certification of Martin R. Benante, Chairman and CEO, Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
  - (ii) Certification of Glenn E. Tynan, Chief Financial Officer, Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, filed herewith.
- (32) Certification of Martin R. Benante, Chairman and CEO and Glenn E. Tynan, Chief Financial Officer, Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, furnished herewith.

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\*Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement



REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
Curtiss-Wright Corporation  
Roseland, New Jersey

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Curtiss-Wright Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2004, management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004, and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004, and have issued our reports thereon dated March 15, 2005; such reports are incorporated by reference in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004. Our audits also included the consolidated financial statement schedule of the Company listed in Item 15(a)(2). The consolidated financial statement schedule is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our audits. In our opinion, the consolidated financial statement schedule when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Parsippany, New Jersey  
March 15, 2005

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

To the Board of Directors  
of Curtiss-Wright Corporation:

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements referred to in our report dated March 12, 2003, appearing in the 2004 Annual Report to Stockholders of Curtiss-Wright Corporation (which report and consolidated financial statements are incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K) also included an audit of the financial statement schedule, for the year ended December 31, 2002, listed in Item 15(a)(2) of this Form 10-K. In our opinion, this financial statement schedule presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein when read in conjunction with the related consolidated financial statements.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP  
Florham Park, New Jersey  
March 12, 2003

C URTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION and SUBSIDIARIES  
SCHEDULE II – VALUATION and QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS  
for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002  
(In thousands)

<u>Description</u>	Balance at Beginning of Period	Additions		Deductions (Describe)	Balance at End of Period
		Charged to Costs and Expenses	Charged to Other Accounts (Describe)		
Deducted from assets to which they apply:					
<u>Year-ended December 31, 2004</u>					
Reserves for inventory obsolescence	\$ 22,278	\$ 4,212	\$ 6,539 (A)	\$ 6,753 (B)	\$ 26,276
Reserves for doubtful accounts and notes	3,449	802	368 (A)	607 (C)	4,012
Total	<u>\$ 25,727</u>	<u>\$ 5,014</u>	<u>\$ 6,907</u>	<u>\$ 7,360</u>	<u>\$ 30,288</u>
<u>Year-ended December 31, 2003</u>					
Reserves for inventory obsolescence	\$ 23,548	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,566 (A)	\$ 4,988 (D)	\$ 22,278
Reserves for doubtful accounts and notes	3,244	1,388	110 (A)	1,293 (C)	3,449
Total	<u>\$ 26,792</u>	<u>\$ 3,540</u>	<u>\$ 1,676</u>	<u>\$ 6,281</u>	<u>\$ 25,727</u>
<u>Year-ended December 31, 2002</u>					
Reserves for inventory obsolescence	\$ 14,384	\$ 1,958	\$ 7,818 (A)	\$ 612 (D)	\$ 23,548
Reserves for doubtful accounts and notes	2,808	197	546 (A)	307 (C)	3,244
Total	<u>\$ 17,192</u>	<u>\$ 2,155</u>	<u>\$ 8,364</u>	<u>\$ 919</u>	<u>\$ 26,792</u>

Notes:

- (A) Primarily amounts acquired from business combinations and currency translation adjustments.
- (B) Write-off and sale of obsolete inventory.
- (C) Write-off of bad debts and the reduction of reserve requirements.
- (D) Primarily the write-off of obsolete inventory.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ Martin R. Benante

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Martin R. Benante  
Chairman and CEO

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

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ Glenn E. Tynan

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Glenn E. Tynan  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ Kevin McClurg

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Kevin McClurg  
Controller

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ Martin R. Benante

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Martin R. Benante  
Director

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ James B. Busey IV

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James B. Busey IV  
Director

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ S. Marce Fuller

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S. Marce Fuller  
Director

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ David Lasky

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David Lasky  
Director

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ Carl G. Miller

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Carl G. Miller  
Director

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ William B. Mitchell

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William B. Mitchell  
Director

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ John R. Myers

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John R. Myers  
Director

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ William W. Sihler

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William W. Sihler  
Director

Date: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ J. McLain Stewart

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J. McLain Stewart  
Director

**CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION**  
**EXECUTIVE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

**Originally Effective November 18, 1997**

**Amended and Restated Effectivewith  
respect to**

**Compensation Earned after December 31, 2004**

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**FOREWORD**

This Curtiss-Wright Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (herein, “the Plan”) was authorized by the Board of Directors of Curtiss-Wright Corporation (herein, “the Company”) to be effective as of November 18, 1997 and was thereafter amended.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide to certain employees of the Company the opportunity to defer a portion of their salary, annual bonus, or payments under the Company’s long term incentive program, in accordance with the terms of the Plan as herein set forth.

The Plan is not intended to be qualified under Sec. 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (“the Code”) and is intended to constitute an unfunded deferred compensation plan for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, within the meaning of Secs 201(2), 301(3), and 401(a)(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

All payments made in accordance with the terms of the Plan shall be made from the general assets of the Company, provided, however, that the Company may establish and fund a trust in order to aid it in providing payments due under the terms of the Plan.

The Plan as herein restated shall apply to elections with respect to compensation earned after December 31, 2004 and shall be deemed to be a new plan for purposes of Sec. 409A of the Code and Sec. 885 of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.

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## DEFINITIONS

**1.01 Board** shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

**1.02 Beneficiary** shall mean the person or entity designated by a Participant to receive the proceeds of his Deferral Account in the event of his death prior to the complete distribution thereof.

**1.03 Bonus** shall mean the amount that would become payable to an Eligible Employee with respect to a calendar year under a Participating Employer's annual bonus arrangement applicable to such Eligible Employee, on the basis of performance and such other factors as might be taken into account under such arrangement, prior to any reduction of such amount on account of a Deferral Election.

**1.04 Code** shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

**1.05 Committee** shall mean the individuals designated by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company to administer the Plan.

**1.06 Company** shall mean Curtiss-Wright Corporation or any successor, by merger, purchase, or otherwise, with respect to its employees.

**1.07 Deferral Account** shall mean the account maintained on behalf of a Participant under Section 3.02, to which shall be credited the Participant's Deferral Amounts and all earnings attributable to such Deferral Amounts.

**1.08 Deferral Amount** shall mean, with respect to each Participant, the total amount of Salary, Bonus, and Long Term Incentive Award that is subject to his Deferral Election for a Plan Year.

**1.09 Deferral Election** shall mean the irrevocable election made by a Participant to defer a portion of his Salary, Bonus or Long Term Incentive Award for a Plan year, in accordance with Section 3.01.

**1.10 Eligible Employee** shall mean an employee of a Participating Employer who satisfies the requirements of Section 2.01 for participation in the Plan, provided, however, that in no event shall a non-resident alien employee of a Participating Employer be an eligible Employee.

**1.11 Effective Date** shall mean November 18, 1997, provided however, that the first Deferral Elections permitted under the Plan related to Salary, Bonus, or Long Term Incentive Awards for 1998, and provided further, however, that the effective date of this Restated Plan shall be December 1, 2004 and the first Deferral Elections permitted under this Restated Plan shall relate to Salary, Bonus, or Long Term Incentive Awards for 2005.

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**1.12 ERISA** shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

**1.13 Long Term Incentive Award** shall mean the amount that would become payable to an Eligible Employee with respect to any award period, under a Participating Employer's long term incentive plan, on the basis of performance and such other factors as may be taken into account under the long term incentive plan for such period, determined without regard to any amount that is payable in the form of stock in the Company or options to buy stock in the Company, prior to any reduction of such amount on account of a Deferral Election.

**1.14 Participant** shall mean an Eligible Employee who has made one or more Deferral Elections in accordance with Section 3.01 and on whose behalf a Deferral Account has been established.

**1.15 Participating Employer** shall mean the Company and any corporation of which the Company owns at least a majority of the capital stock and which, with the approval of the Company, adopts the Plan with respect to its own employees.

**1.16 Plan** shall mean this Curtiss-Wright Corporation Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, as in effect from time to time. For purposes of Sec. 409A of the Code and Sec. 885 of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, this Restated Plan shall be deemed to be a new Plan.

**1.17 Plan Year** shall mean the calendar year.

**1.18 Salary** shall mean the salary and any sales commission payable to an Eligible Employee by a Participating Employer for a calendar year, determined without regard to any reduction thereof in accordance with Sec. 125 or Sec. 401(k) of the Code, prior to any reduction of such amount on account of a Deferral Election. The term Salary shall not include any amount paid as a retainer or as payment for services as an independent contractor.

## ARTICLE 2

### ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

#### 2.01 Eligibility.

An employee of a Participating Employer shall be an Eligible Employee and shall be eligible to participate in the Plan for a Plan Year if the sum of his Salary, Bonus, and other compensation taken into account under Sec. 415(c)(3) of the Code for the preceding Plan Year exceeds the amount specified in Sec. 414(q)(1)(B)(i) of the Code. For purposes of this section, any compensation paid to an employee by an entity that has become a Participating Employer or has been acquired by a Participating Employer shall be taken into account in the same manner as compensation paid by a Participating Employer.

#### 2.02 Participation

(a) An Eligible Employee shall become a Participant in the Plan upon his completion of a Deferral Election in accordance with Section 3.01. Each Deferral Election shall remain in effect for the Plan Year to which it relates and shall cease to be effective at the end of such Plan Year, provided, however, that the portion of Deferral Election that applies to a Long Term Incentive Award shall remain in effect throughout the period to which such Long Term Incentive Award relates.

(b) A Participant who has made a Deferral Election for a Plan Year shall be eligible to make a Deferral Election for a subsequent Plan Year if and only if he is then an Eligible Employee.

(c) An Eligible Employee who has made a Deferral Election shall continue to be a Participant in the Plan until the entire balance of his Deferral Account has been distributed to him.

#### 2.03 Suspension of Deferral Elections

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 2.02(a) and 3.01, a Participant may, in the event of an unforeseeable emergency, request a suspension of his Deferral Election under the Plan. The request shall be made in the time and manner specified by the Committee and shall be effective as specified by the Committee.

(b) In the event that a Participant's Deferral Election is suspended during a Plan Year, on account of an unforeseeable emergency, such suspension shall remain in effect for the remainder of such Plan Year, provided, however, that, in no event shall the amount payable to the Participant as a result of the suspension of his Deferral Election exceed the amount necessary to satisfy such emergency.

(c) For purposes of this Section, the term "unforeseeable emergency" shall have the meaning specified in Section 4.05(b).

#### 2.04 Designation of Beneficiary.

(a) Each Eligible Employee shall designate a Beneficiary who shall be entitled to receive the amount, if any, payable under the Plan in the event of his death. The designation shall be made in the manner specified by the Committee. In the event that an Eligible Employee fails to designate a Beneficiary, or in the event that no designated Beneficiary survives an Eligible Employee, his estate shall be deemed to be his Beneficiary.

(b) A Participant may, from time to time, revoke or change his designation of Beneficiary, without the consent of any prior Beneficiary, by filing a new designation with the Committee. The last such designation received by the Committee shall be controlling, provided, however, that no designation, or change or revocation thereof, shall be effective unless received by the Committee prior to the Participant's death.

## ARTICLE 3

## DEFERRALS AND DEFERRAL ACCOUNTS

### 3.01 Deferral Elections

- (a) Prior to the first day of each Plan Year, each Eligible Employee shall be permitted to make an irrevocable Deferral Election. Such Deferral Election shall be in writing, on forms provided by the Committee, or by such electronic means as the Committee may authorize, and shall be filed at the time specified by the Committee.
- (b) An Eligible Employee's Deferral Election shall specify the percentage of Salary or Bonus otherwise payable to him in or with respect to such Plan Year and the percentage of the Long Term Incentive Award otherwise payable to him with respect to an award period commencing in such Plan Year that he wishes to defer, provided, however, that:
- (i) the percentage of his Salary that an Eligible Employee may elect to defer shall not exceed 25%;
  - (ii) the percentage of his Bonus that an Eligible Employee may elect to defer shall not exceed 50%; and
  - (iii) the percentage of his Long Term Incentive Award that an Eligible Employee may elect to defer shall not exceed 50%.

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- (c) The Deferral Election shall specify that the Company will reduce the amounts of Salary, Bonus, or Long Term Incentive Award otherwise payable to the Eligible Employee by the percentage specified in such Deferral Election and that the Deferral Amounts shall instead be credited to his Deferral Account under the Plan.
- (d) The Deferral Amounts specified in a Participant's Deferral Election shall be payable as provided in Article 4.

### 3.02 Deferral Accounts.

- (a) The Company shall establish on its books a Deferral Account for each Participant.
- (b) A Participant's Deferral Account shall be credited with a Deferral Amount equal to the percentage of his Salary, Bonus, or Long Term Incentive Award, as applicable, specified in his Deferral Election. Such Deferral Amounts shall be credited as of the first day of the calendar quarter that includes the date on which the specified percentages of Salary, Bonus, or Long Term Incentive Award would have been paid to the Participant in the absence of a Deferral Election, provided, however, that for purposes of Section 3.03, the portion of a Participant's Bonus that is subject to a Deferral Election shall be credited as of the first day of the Plan Year following the Plan Year to which such Bonus relates and the portion of a Participant's Long Term Incentive Award that is subject to a Deferral Election shall be credited as of the first day of the Plan Year following the latest calendar year to which such Long Term Incentive Award relates.

### 3.03 Crediting of Earnings to Deferral Accounts.

- (a) Each Participant's Deferral Account shall be credited with an annual rate of earnings equal to the sum of (i) the average annual rate of interest payable on United States Treasury Bonds of 30 years maturity, as of the last month of the preceding calendar year, as determined by the Federal Reserve Board, plus (ii) 2%. Earnings shall be credited to Deferral Accounts on a quarterly basis and shall be based on the balance of the Deferral Account as of the first day of the calendar quarter.
- (b) The Committee may, in its discretion, modify the rate of earnings to be credited to Deferral Accounts. Any such modification shall apply only to Deferral Amounts attributable to Deferral Elections for Plan Years beginning subsequent to the date on which the Committee provides notice to the Eligible Employees of such modification.

### 3.04 Records and Statements of Deferral Accounts.

The Committee shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, records showing the balances of each Participant's Deferral Account. At least once a year, a Participant shall be furnished with a statement setting forth the balance of his Deferral Account.

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## ARTICLE 4

### PAYMENT OF DEFERRAL ACCOUNTS

#### 4.01 Options for Time and Form of Payment of Deferral Account.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c), a Participant may irrevocably specify in any Deferral Election under the Plan that the Deferral Amount resulting from such Deferral Election, plus any earnings attributable thereto, in accordance with Section 3.03, shall be paid to him in a single sum in the first quarter of either the third calendar year or the fifth calendar year following the Plan Year to which such Deferral Election relates.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c), a Participant may irrevocably specify in a Deferral Election under the Plan that the Deferral Amount resulting from such Deferral Election shall be paid to him upon his retirement or termination of employment from the Company, at or after his attainment of age 55, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02.
- (c) In the event that (i) a Participant who has made an election in accordance with subsection (a) terminates from the employ of the Company, or dies, before payment is made pursuant thereto, or (ii) a Participant who has made an election in accordance with subsection (b) terminates from the employ of the Company prior to the attainment of age 55, then, notwithstanding the terms of his election made in accordance with subsection (a) or subsection (b), payment of his Deferral Account shall be made in accordance with Section 4.03, or 4.04, as applicable.
- (d) A Participant who has made a Deferral Election with respect to a Plan Year beginning after December 31, 2004 that included a specification in accordance with subsection (a) of the year in which the Deferral Amount resulting from such Deferral Election shall be paid may make a subsequent election to extend the period of such deferral by 5 years. An election in accordance with this subsection shall be effective only if made prior to the first day of the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which payment was scheduled to be made pursuant to his specification in accordance with subsection (a); for purposes of subsection (c) and for purposes of Sections 4.02 and 4.03, such election shall be deemed to be an election in accordance with subsection (a).

#### 4.02 Payment at Retirement.

- (a) A Participant who makes a Deferral Election pursuant to Section 4.01(b) that the Deferral Amount resulting from such Deferral Election shall be paid to him upon retirement or termination from the employ of the Company at or after his attainment of age 55, may further irrevocably elect that such amount shall be paid to him in annual installments over a specified period of 5, 10, or 15 years, provided, however, that the first election made by a Participant under this subsection shall apply to all later elections made by the Participant under Section 4.01(b) and to the Deferral Amount resulting from any Deferral Election made prior to January 1, 2004 in which the Participant did not make an election in accordance with Section 4.01(a).
- (b) A Participant who has specified the installment form of payment described in subsection (a) and who retires from the employ of the Company at or after his attainment of age 55 shall receive in the first quarter of each calendar year, beginning with the year following the year in which he retired, an amount determined by dividing the balance of his Deferral Account as of the last day of the calendar year preceding the year of payment, by the number of years remaining in the installment payment period, provided, however, that the amount of the initial installment shall be determined after subtracting from the Deferral Account any portion thereof which is not subject to an installment payment election under subsection (a) and provided further, however, that no payment shall be made earlier than the time permitted by Section 4.06.
- (c) In the event of the death of a Participant who is in receipt of installment payments in accordance with subsection (b), the remaining balance of his Deferral Account shall be paid to his Beneficiary in a single sum.
- (d) The Deferral Account of a Participant who has elected the installment form of payment shall continue to be credited with earnings, in accordance with Section 3.03 during such installment payment period.

#### 4.03 Payment upon Termination of Employment.

In the event that a Participant terminates from the employ of the Company prior to the date that the balance of his Deferral Account would be payable to him in accordance his election under Section 4.01(a) or 4.01(b), the balance of his Deferral Account shall be paid to him in a single sum in the calendar quarter following the quarter in which occurred his termination of employment, except as may be otherwise required in accordance with Section 4.06.

#### **4.04 Payment upon Death.**

In the event of the death of a Participant prior to his receipt of the payment of his Deferral Account, the balance of his Deferral Account shall be paid to his Beneficiary in a single sum in the calendar quarter following the quarter in which his death occurred.

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#### **4.05 Payment upon Incurrence of Unforeseeable Emergency.**

(a) If, upon the application of a Participant, the Committee determines that he has incurred a unforeseeable emergency, the Committee may direct the payment of all or a portion of the balance of his Deferral Account. The amount paid shall not exceed the amount reasonably necessary to meet the unforeseeable emergency, plus amounts necessary to pay taxes reasonably anticipated as a result of the payment, after taking into account the extent to which such hardship is or may be relieved through reimbursement or compensation by insurance or otherwise, by liquidation of the Participant's assets, to the extent that such liquidation itself would not cause a severe financial hardship, or by cessation of deferrals in accordance with Section 2.03(a).

(b) For purposes of this Section, the term "unforeseeable emergency" shall mean a severe financial hardship resulting from the unexpected illness or accident of the Participant or a dependent, within the meaning of Sec. 152(a) of the Code, loss of the Participant's property due to casualty, or other similar extraordinary circumstances arising as a result of events beyond the control of the participant.

#### **4.06 Special Rule for Key Employees**

Notwithstanding any provision hereof, in no event shall any portion of the Deferral Account of a Participant who is a "key employee" within the meaning of Sec. 416(i) of the Code for the year in which occurs his termination of employment or the immediately preceding year be paid prior to six months after the date of his termination of employment.

### **ARTICLE 5**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **5.01 Funding.**

(a) All amounts payable in accordance with the Plan shall constitute general, unsecured obligations of the Company. Such amounts, as well as any administrative expenses related to the Plan, shall be paid out of the general assets of the Company, except to the extent that they may be paid from a trust fund described in subsection (c).

(b) The Company shall have no obligation to invest any portion of its assets in any type of investment or investment fund, notwithstanding any reference to specific rates for crediting earnings on Deferral Account in accordance with Section 3.03.

(c) The Company may, in its sole discretion, establish a grantor trust to facilitate payment to Participants under the Plan. Any assets of any such trust shall be held separate and apart

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from other assets of the Company and shall be used exclusively for the purposes set forth in the applicable trust agreement, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The creation or any such trust or the contribution of assets thereto shall not cause the Plan to be other than "unfunded" for purposes of Secs. 201(2), 301(3), and 401(a)(1) of ERISA.
- (ii) The company shall be treated as the "grantor" of any such trust for purposes of Sec. 677 of the Code.
- (iii) The trust agreement shall specify that the assets of any such trust may be used to satisfy claims of the Company's general creditors.

## **5.02 No Contract of Employment.**

The establishment of the Plan, and any elections made by Eligible Employees hereunder, shall not be construed as conferring any legal rights upon any person for continuation of employment, nor shall the establishment of the Plan interfere with the rights of the Company to discharge any employee and to treat him without regard to the effect which such treatment might have upon him as a Participant in the Plan.

## **5.03 Tax Withholding.**

- (a) The Company shall have the right to deduct from each payment made under the Plan any amount required to be withheld for taxes.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision hereof, the Company may, to extent permitted or required by the Code, take into account any amount that is the subject of a Participant's Deferral Election in determining the amount to be withheld from the Participant's compensation for taxes.

## **5.04 Facility of Payment.**

In the event that the Committee shall find that a Participant is unable to care for his affairs because of illness or accident, the Committee may direct that any payment due him, unless claim shall have been made therefor by a duly appointed legal representative, be paid to his spouse, a child, a parent, or other blood relative, or to a person with whom he resides, and any such payment shall be a complete discharge of the liabilities of the Plan.

## **5.05 Nonalienation.**

No amount due under the Plan shall be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or charge, and any attempt to do so shall be void, nor shall any such amount be in any manner liable for or subject to garnishment, attachment,

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execution or levy, or liable to or subject to the debts, contracts, liabilities, engagements or torts of any Participant, except to the extent required by applicable law.

## **5.06 Rules of Construction.**

- (a) The Plan shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey, without regard to its rules on conflicts of laws.
- (b) The masculine pronoun shall include the feminine and the singular number shall include the plural, except to the extent that the context otherwise requires.

# **ARTICLE 6**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **6.01 Appointment of Committee.**

The Chief Executive Officer of the Company shall appoint the Committee that shall be responsible for the administration of the Plan. The Chief Executive Officer, in his sole discretion, may remove any member of the Committee and may appoint a new member or members to the Committee.

### **6.02 Authority and Duties of Committee.**

In addition to the specific authority granted to and the specific duties imposed upon the Committee hereunder, the Committee shall have the exclusive authority to establish rules for the operation of the Plan, which rules shall be in writing and shall have the exclusive authority to interpret the Plan. The decision of the Committee on any disputed question shall be final.

### **6.03 Claims Procedure.**

The Committee shall establish a procedure for claims to benefits under the Plan, which procedure shall comply with the requirements of Sec. 503 of ERISA.

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## **ARTICLE 7**

### **AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION**

#### **7.01 Authority of the Board.**

The Board reserves the right to modify or amend, in whole or in part, or to terminate the Plan at any time. However, no modification or termination of the Plan shall adversely affect the right of any Participant to receive the amounts credited to his Deferral Account in accordance with the terms of the Plan as in effect prior to the date of modification, amendment, or termination.

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**High Performance.**

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Curtiss-Wright Corporation  
Annual Report 2004

High performance.

One trait that is common  
to all our products  
is high performance.  
Highly engineered.  
Formidable quality.  
Absolute reliability.

## High Performance.

The same can be said  
of our operating results.  
Strong, sustainable  
growth and profitability.  
Unlimited opportunity  
for the future.

## Consolidated Historical Performance

NET SALES (\$000S) SALES PER EMPLOYEE (\$)	OPERATING INCOME (\$000S) REPORTED NORMALIZED	NET EARNINGS (\$000S) REPORTED NORMALIZED
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### Flow Control

Design, manufacture, testing and qualification of severe service valves, pumps, motors, generators, instrumentation and controls used to regulate the flow of liquid, gases and vapors in severe marine, industrial and nuclear environments.

\$388 million

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### Products and Services

- o Nuclear/non-nuclear valves (butterfly, globe, gate, control, safety, relief, solenoid)
- o Processing industry valves, including coke drum unheading, catalytic cracking systems, relief valves
- o Nuclear/non-nuclear pumps, motors and instrumentation and controls
- o Nuclear/non-nuclear marine service generators
- o Marine secondary plant propulsion systems
- o Electromechanical equipment, including aircraft launch and recovery systems, ElectroMagnetic gun, elevator drives
- o Aircraft carrier flight-critical components
- o Nuclear reactor plant containment air locks and doors, fasteners and bolting solutions
- o Engineering, inspection, testing and qualification services
- o Process safety management software

### Major Markets

- o U.S. Navy nuclear and non-nuclear programs
- o Commercial power generation (nuclear and fossil)
- o Oil and gas exploration, production and refining
- o Petrochemical and chemical processing
- o Natural gas production and transmission
- o Pharmaceutical
- o Automotive/truck
- o Department of Energy waste treatment facilities

### Motion Control

Innovative and highly engineered mechanical, electromechanical and

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electronic components and subsystems providing flight and drive control actuation, fire control, sensors and graphic data displays for aerospace, defense and industrial applications worldwide.

\$389 million

Products and Services

Major Markets

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Secondary flight control actuators</li> <li>o Weapons bay door actuation systems</li> <li>o Integrated weapons hoisting systems</li> <li>o Aircraft utility actuation systems</li> <li>o Integrated mission management and flight control computers</li> <li>o Single board embedded computing cards and graphic solutions</li> <li>o Fractional horsepower (HP) specialty motors</li> <li>o Force transducers</li> <li>o Fire detection and suppression control systems</li> <li>o Digital electromechanical aiming and stabilization systems</li> <li>o Hydropneumatic suspension systems</li> <li>o Fire control, sight head, and environmental control processors for military ground vehicles</li> <li>o Linear and rotary position sensing devices</li> <li>o Power conversion products</li> <li>o Control electronics</li> <li>o High-performance data communication products</li> <li>o Component overhaul and logistics support services</li> <li>o Perimeter intrusion detection equipment</li> <li>o Fuel valves for large HP marine engines</li> <li>o Servo valves and controllers</li> <li>o Control handles, joysticks and throttle quadrants</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Commercial jet transports</li> <li>o Business/regional jets</li> <li>o Military transport and fighter aircraft</li> <li>o Ground defense vehicles</li> <li>o Unmanned aerial vehicles</li> <li>o Automated industrial equipment</li> <li>o High-speed trains</li> <li>o Marine propulsion</li> <li>o Space programs</li> <li>o Security systems</li> <li>o Naval ships</li> <li>o Homeland security</li> <li>o Air, sea and ground simulation</li> </ul> |
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 Metal Treatment

Specialized metal treatment services that extend the life and improve the performance of critical components used in the aerospace, ground transportation, power generation, oil and gas industries.

\$178 million

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Products and Services

Major Markets



o Shot peening o Commercial jet transports

o Shot peen forming o Business/regional jets

o Laser peening o Military transport and fighter aircraft

o Heat treating

o Automotive/truck

o Specialty coatings

o Power generation

o Reed valve manufacturing

o Oil and gas exploration

o Architectural structures

o Agricultural equipment

o Construction and mining equipment

o Industrial processing equipment

o Medical devices

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## Historical Financial Performance

(In thousands, except per share data; unaudited)	2004	2003	2002
<b>PERFORMANCE:</b>			
Net sales	\$ 955,039	\$ 746,071	\$ 513,278
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and pension	152,026	119,435	85,030
Net earnings	65,066	52,268	45,136
Cash flow from operations	105,347	83,524	89,785
Diluted earnings per share (1)	3.02	2.50	2.16
Return on sales (2)	7.3%	6.7%	9.1%
Return on capital (2)	7.5%	7.6%	8.3%
New orders	998,936	743,115	478,197
Backlog at year-end	627,679	505,519	478,494
<b>YEAR-END FINANCIAL POSITION:</b>			
Working capital	\$ 212,159	\$ 238,640	\$ 137,237
Current ratio	2.1 to 1	2.8 to 1	1.8 to 1
Total assets	1,278,440	973,665	810,102
Stockholders' equity	575,614	478,881	411,228
Stockholders' equity per share (1)	26.85	23.04	20.02
<b>OTHER YEAR-END DATA:</b>			
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 40,742	\$ 31,327	\$ 18,693
Capital expenditures	32,452	33,329	34,954
Shares of stock outstanding at December 31, (1)	21,438,158	20,785,856	20,544,586
Number of registered stockholders	7,460	7,768	8,034
Number of employees	5,599	4,655	4,244
<b>DIVIDENDS PER SHARE:</b>	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.30

(1) Share and per share data for all years have been adjusted to reflect the 2-for-1 stock split on December 17, 2003.

(2) The performance ratios for all years have been shown on a pro forma basis, excluding the results of the acquired companies in those respective years.

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Safety and efficiency, combined with long-term reliability, are the hallmarks of Flow Control's world-renowned product performance.

Process Safety Management Software ensures plant safety systems are properly designed and maintained.

Hermetically Sealed Valves eliminate fugitive emissions from the process thereby protecting personnel and the environment.

FCC Catalyst Control Valve and Actuator Systems promote efficient and reliable operation of fluidic catalytic cracking units.

Safety Relief Valves prevent plant malfunctions by ensuring that systems and components operate within an acceptable range.

## [GRAPHIC]

Flow Control provides products that satisfy our customers' unique requirements in markets spanning defense, commercial power, oil and gas processing. We focus on high-performance, niche markets where our technological expertise can achieve optimum performance for the systems and components our customers rely on. Our dedication to precision engineering and long-term reliability reduces our customers' cost of ownership while improving personnel safety, environmental controls and efficiency of operations.

Digital Valve Controllers with embedded sensors remotely monitor and control operating conditions of the process system, valves and actuators to achieve optimum performance levels.

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Expansion into new markets yields record financial results in Flow Control.

- o 43% Sales CAGR 1999 - 2004
- o Development of electromagnetic technologies
- o Expansion of product offerings through select acquisitions
- o Diversification into complementary commercial markets

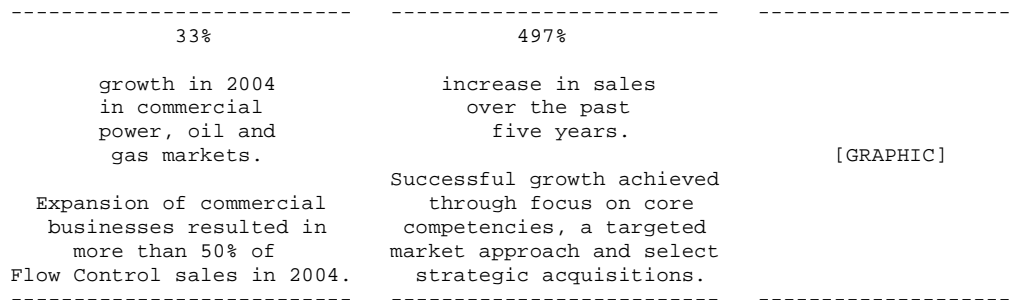
## Flow Control Products Support Diverse Markets

**Defense Market:** For over 50 years, Flow Control has provided highly engineered products in support of the United States Nuclear Navy, a customer demanding excellence in delivery, performance and reliability. Our products are in mission-critical applications at the very heart of the United States Navy's current and future technologies for submarines, aircraft carriers and surface ships.

Flow Control has extended this tradition of excellence, customer focus and loyalty to a broader and more diverse range of applications and markets, supplying the highest quality products to the commercial power generation, oil and gas processing markets.

**Commercial Power Market:** Our products are helping to ensure reliable and safe operation of nuclear power plants worldwide. Today, nuclear power supplies electricity at an operating cost among the lowest in the industry, has minimal impact on the environment and reduces reliance on non-renewable fossil fuels. We are committed to providing advanced technologies and innovative solutions that support installed equipment worldwide, and providing plant performance enhancements. In addition, we are developing state-of-the art technologies for emerging markets in nuclear power, including new construction in Asia, Europe and other parts of the world.

**Oil and Gas Market:** In a typical oil refinery, our valves and control systems regulate the flow of liquids, gases, solids and vapors, providing assurance of critical plant systems' integrity and personnel safety, while promoting reliable and efficient plant operation. By working with refineries to improve plant performance, our products are helping to reduce dependence on foreign oil.



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DeltaValve's DeltaGuard(R)  
unheading device eliminates severe  
personnel safety issues, while  
improving the efficiency of the  
delayed coking process.  
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EMD  
workers perform final functional testing  
and quality checks on a reactor coolant  
pump motor to ensure optimum operating  
performance and reliability once  
installed in a commercial nuclear  
power plant.  
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Nova's HydraNut(R)  
bolting solution reduces the time  
required to perform bolting  
operations in nuclear power plants  
when compared with conventional  
bolting, improving safety and  
significantly reducing the exposure  
of maintenance personnel.  
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From takeoff to landing,  
Motion Control products  
combine the most advanced  
technologies with the highest

level of performance.

Single Board Computers  
and Graphics Cards

Data Concentration and  
Mass Memory Units

Weapons Bay Door Actuation  
and Hoist Systems

Mission Computers and Navigation  
and Radar Control Electronics

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On high-performance platforms, every component and system must be synchronized to maximize performance. That's why our emphasis is not just on supplying sophisticated components but designing fully interoperable and integrated subsystems. Through our core product groups, Engineered Systems, Embedded Computing and Integrated Sensing, we provide advanced technology solutions for our customers' most challenging requirements in the air, on the ground, at sea and under fire.

Canopy Actuation and  
Cockpit Sensors

Flight Control Actuation,  
Position Sensing and  
Control Electronics

Engine and Fuel Control  
Position Sensing

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Continuous improvement,  
customer satisfaction and  
successful acquisition  
integration resulted  
in record sales.

- o 26% CAGR 1999 - 2004
- o Established core electronics capability
- o Expanded land-based drive technologies
- o Balanced growth in commercial and military markets



## Innovation in Motion Control

A commitment to innovation, technical excellence, superior product quality and customer satisfaction is the cornerstone of the Motion Control segment of Curtiss-Wright. We specialize in high-performance mechanical, electromechanical and electronic components and subsystems for the aerospace, defense and commercial markets.

Engineered Systems' high performance designs and precision manufacturing capabilities provide customers with a single source for severe-service, mission-critical components. From flight controls to tank turret systems and advanced industrial actuation, we develop the most advanced technologies and transform individual components into fully integrated systems. And we consistently provide value-added solutions for our customers' repair and overhaul requirements.

Embedded Computing provides open systems architecture, benign and ruggedized Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) computing solutions that span the full range of embedded computing technologies, from board level products to fully integrated subsystems. Our core capabilities include high-performance graphics solutions, high-speed input/output (I/O), high-density computing, specialized chassis design, custom and component engineering and software services, and legacy manufacturing services.

Integrated Sensing is a global leader in the field of precision sensor engineering, specializing in the production of engine and flight controls, position sensors, airborne fire protection systems, rotor ice detection and protection systems, and power conversion units. Whether it's supplying jet engine controls, Formula One race car components or electric wheelchair joysticks, our product portfolio supports original equipment manufacturers (OEM) and retrofit designs to provide our customers with the latest advancements in technology.

----- 48% increase in operating profit in 2004. -----	----- 213% increase in sales over the past 5 years. -----	----- [GRAPHIC] -----
Tight cost controls in core businesses and select acquisitions in complementary, high-growth niches provided profitable growth. -----	New markets developed in military electronics and embedded computing technologies despite significant downturn in commercial aerospace. -----	

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Boeing 737

- o Trailing Edge Flap Actuation Components
  - o Flight Control Position Sensors
  - o Cabin Pressure Control Mechanisms
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From ground defense  
to space exploration,  
wherever it moves,  
we can drive it.  
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Global Hawk Unmanned Air Vehicle

- o Integrated Mission Management Computer

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Stryker

- o Weapon Autoloader Controller

- o Replenisher Controller
  - o Sensor Management Unit
  - o Turret System Electronic Unit
  - o Radar Data Communication Single Board Computer Cards
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Advanced technologies in Metal Treatment enhance performance and extend the life of critical components on the most demanding applications.

Shot Peen Forming shapes aluminum aircraft wing skins.

Laser Peening extends durability of titanium turbine engine fan blades and discs.

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The Metal Treatment segment provides precision metal surface treatments through four primary processes: Shot Peening, Laser Peening, Specialty Coatings and Heat Treating. These treatments provide enhanced protection against fatigue, corrosion and wear for highly stressed components. With a network of 56 facilities worldwide, Metal Treatment's portfolio of services includes the most sophisticated metallurgical technologies for demanding applications in the aerospace, automotive, power generation, and oil and gas industries.

Heat Treating ensures  
integrity of aluminum  
airframe structural parts.

Specialty Coatings protect  
titanium structural fasteners.

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2004 record sales  
and 11% 5-year CAGR

Shot Peening strengthens  
steel landing gear.

- o Tight operational cost controls
  - o Internal development of  
new technologies
  - o Expansion of services and  
markets through select  
acquisitions
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## Advanced Metal Treatment Technologies

Shot Peening bombards a metal surface with small metal or ceramic balls called "shot." Each piece of shot striking the material acts as a tiny peening hammer, compressing and stretching the metal's surface. The process greatly enhances the durability of the metal and extends the service life of critical components in aerospace, automotive and industrial applications. Shot peen forming takes the process one step further, enabling the metal stretching to precisely shape aerodynamic curvatures in aluminum aircraft wing skins.

Laser Peening impacts a metal surface with 4 times deeper benefit than shot peening, providing unprecedented resistance to fatigue and stress corrosion failure. Developed in partnership with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, potential applications have emerged for turbine engines, civil and military aircraft structures, nuclear power generation and waste disposal, petroleum drilling, and medical implants. We operate laser peening facilities in the United States and United Kingdom and will introduce our mobile laser in 2005 to provide this unique technology to customers on site.

Specialty Coatings provide lubrication, corrosion and oxidation resistance for metal components, which enhances their operating performance and longevity. Curtiss-Wright formulates proprietary coatings and applies them to steel, titanium and aluminum components utilized in automotive, aerospace and other industrial applications.

Heat Treating relieves internal stresses and improves the overall strength, ductility and hardness of fabricated metal parts. Curtiss-Wright specializes in the thermal processing of aluminum, titanium and alloy steel components used in aerospace, automotive and general industrial markets. Our facilities have heat treating capabilities and quality approvals specific to their local customer base.

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90%	21%	
of Metal Treatment's processes are performed on OEM parts.	organic sales growth in 2004.	[GRAPHIC]
These cost-effective and efficient processes enable critical components to achieve optimal performance.	Results yielded from improvements in the global commercial aerospace market, capture of new business in automotive markets and a competitive U.S. dollar environment.	
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New Mobile Laser  
Peening System

Completely self-contained,  
environmentally controlled  
system brings the technology  
to the customer:

- o Transportable by tractor  
trailer or cargo aircraft
  - o Ability to treat large,  
stationary parts
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Laser Peening  
of turbine engine airfoils increases their  
resistance to fatigue and damage.  
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Specialty Coatings  
applied by robotic machines provide  
corrosion protection and lubrication  
for ball studs used in the automotive  
industry.  
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Shot Peen Forming  
strengthens and shapes the complex  
curvatures of the Airbus A380 wing skins.  
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**75 Years of Innovation**

2004 marked our 75th anniversary on the New York Stock Exchange, a singular achievement that underscores the continued innovation and performance of our 5,600 employees worldwide. As a result of our employees' dedication and success, Curtiss-Wright has provided shareholders with another record year of outstanding growth and unlimited opportunity for our future.

Our strategy of providing advanced technologies for high-performance platforms consistently results in shareholder value by:

- o Meeting challenges in diversified markets;
- o Providing customers with innovative solutions and unsurpassed performance; and
- o Delivering disciplined growth and superior profitability.

**2004 Performance**

Successful execution of this strategy was demonstrated in our 2004 results with our 9th straight year of growth in sales and a 28% increase in our stock price. Net sales in 2004 grew 28% to \$955 million. Operating income growth of 24% to \$111 million reflects our focus on cost

Martin R. Benante  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

[PHOTO]	28% increase in total sales	High performance is the key to our success. From the products we create and the service we deliver to clients, to the results we achieve for our shareholders.
	24% increase in operating income	
	24% increase in net income	

controls and efficient integration of acquisitions. Both our Flow Control and Motion Control segments enjoyed a record year for sales and profitability, and our Metal Treatment segment achieved 21% organic sales growth and a 48% increase in profitability.

In addition, we continued to generate strong cash flow growth and added flexibility to our capital structure by completing a new, 5-year \$400 million credit facility. While we made new investments that expanded our portfolio of complementary markets and products, we remained focused on profitability and cash flow. Delivering strong performance enables us to provide our shareholders with a consistent dividend, while maintaining a solid balance sheet.

We had many highlights in 2004, including winning many production contracts on a variety of platforms as well as several key developmental contracts that will lay the groundwork for continued growth in the future. We received a \$5 million contract for development work on the next generation of advanced marine propulsion technology for the U.S. Navy. In addition, we received a \$30 million developmental contract for the U.S. Army's next-generation ElectroMagnetic gun, which should provide significant additional opportunities for this technology in the future.

On the commercial side, we received an \$8 million contract to supply a replacement reactor vessel closure head and control rod drive mechanism assemblies to Texas Utility's Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station. Curtiss-Wright's unique technology introduces a one-piece design which will significantly enhance reliability for the customer because there are no welded connections. This contract award represents a significant milestone in the expansion and growth of our commercial power business. Our revolutionary Deltaguard(R) coke deheading system had a record year in both sales and new orders, and captured 100% of the new installations worldwide since the introduction of this product in 2001. Our revolutionary Laser Peening process continues to attract potential customers based upon our ability to improve the fatigue life and reliability of their products. We are currently working on approximately 50 potential applications for this highly technical and proprietary process. In addition to our four existing lasers, we will be introducing two additional lasers in early 2005, including a mobile laser, and we expect this business to grow significantly in the future.

In our embedded computing business, we have consolidated the six recent acquisitions under the Curtiss-Wright Controls Embedded Computing brand, creating a single sales channel and a centralized marketing and communications organization. We believe this structure will provide customers with a seamless transition for current business, as well as an attractive product portfolio of fully integrated, interoperable systems.

### **Achieving Growth**

Developing cutting-edge technologies is key to competing successfully in our core markets and achieving organic growth. Through the ingenuity of our employees, we have made great strides on both future and current applications.



## **Defense Market**

- o Delivering flight critical components on the U.S. military's F/A-22, F-16 and F/A-18 fighters, and development work for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter
- o Developing software and integrated electronics to control Unmanned Aerial Vehicles like the Global Hawk and JUCAS X-45
- o Providing electronic subsystems for the Mobile Gun System, a Stryker Light Armored Vehicle III variant
- o Designing electronic upgrades for U.S. Army fighting vehicles, such as Bradley and Abrams, and U.S. Army helicopters for refurbishment and recalibrating capabilities
- o Expanding product content on current U.S. Navy platforms like submarines and aircraft carriers
- o Winning development competitions on next-generation, advanced technology programs such as the ElectroMagnetic gun and marine propulsion technology
- o Winning ground defense contracts in Europe, Asia and the Middle East

## **Commercial Market**

- o Capturing 100% of the new installation market for oil refinery coke deheading valves with the most advanced technology available
- o Creating new market applications for laser peening technology on turbine engines, aircraft structures, nuclear waste disposal, power generation and medical implants
- o Penetrating markets with patented design for improved efficiency of tensioning operations in mining, oil drilling, power generation, and structural, heavy equipment
- o Expanding aftermarket capabilities and winning new business globally

In addition, we made select acquisitions to strengthen our portfolio and expand market share in complementary high-performance defense and commercial markets. In 2004, Curtiss-Wright completed 11 acquisitions for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$260 million. These transactions provide Curtiss-Wright with additional technical capabilities, additions to our talented workforce and access to new markets.

In Flow Control, we acquired five businesses which provide balanced growth in military and commercial markets. Enhancing our U.S. Navy business, the acquisition of Government Marine Business Unit provides an opportunity to expand our content on naval surface platforms such as destroyers, amphibious ships, frigates, cruisers, mine warfare ships and foreign military programs. In the commercial markets, our acquisitions of Nova and Trentec provide sophisticated new products to offer through our strong commercial nuclear power distribution network. Our acquisition of Groquip provides a more competitive, local presence in the Gulf Coast region for our oil and gas product portfolio, and our acquisition of Imes expands our process safety management engineering services for oil and gas refineries.

In Motion Control, we completed four acquisitions -- Dy 4, Primagraphics, Synergy and Dexter-Wilson. Today, Curtiss-Wright's Embedded Computing portfolio can support customers from

board-level components to fully integrated, interoperable electronic systems. In addition, we made significant strides in the integration process of this business division, rebranding the complete portfolio under the Curtiss-Wright banner and streamlining global sales and marketing channels through two distinct yet complementary product groups, Subsystems and Modular Components.

In Metal Treatment, we strengthened our presence in the specialty coatings market with the acquisitions of Everlube and Evesham. These companies formulate and apply proprietary specialty coatings that enhance the operating performance and longevity of severe-service metal components. The acquisitions provide additional product capabilities for our significant customer base, as well as the opportunity to cross-market our complementary metal treatment services.

### **Commitment to Shareholders**

Our primary goal remains a steadfast focus on profitability and cash flow, and we support this commitment to our shareholders with a conservative yet flexible capital structure and a steady dividend.

In addition, this year we provided shareholders with a proposal to collapse our dual-class share structure. Our dual-class structure resulted from the spin off of 44% of our stock, which was held at the time by the Unitrin Corporation, to the Unitrin shareholders in November 2001. While both classes trade on the NYSE, the segregation of the classes restricts the liquidity of both classes, but in particular the Class B shares. We believe that a recapitalization of the two classes into one will simplify our capital structure and enhance the trading liquidity and market valuation of Curtiss-Wright as a whole.

The Board of Directors has recommended the proposal to shareholders and it will be presented at the Annual Meeting scheduled for May 19, 2005.

### **2005 Outlook**

Overall, I am pleased to report that our growth has continued its steady climb despite the difficult geopolitical environment and modest economic expansion in recent years. We have been cautious in our expectations and are particularly proud of our performance. We believe the modest but healthy expectations for improvements in the U.S. and global economy, as well as the current U.S. Administration's strong stance on defense, will continue to benefit the Company. Together, our diversified portfolio should experience improved markets across the board, which will result in another year of solid growth in 2005.

*/s/ Martin R. Benante*

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## QUARTERLY RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

(In thousands, except per share data)	First	Second	Third	Fourth
2004				
Net sales	\$ 214,933	\$ 222,428	\$ 236,574	\$ 281,104
Gross profit	71,595	76,022	81,849	101,037
Net earnings	15,609	14,324	14,720	20,413
Earnings per share:				
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.75	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.95
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.94
Dividends per share	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.09
2003				
Net sales	\$ 179,933	\$ 182,857	\$ 189,618	\$ 193,663
Gross profit	59,032	56,682	57,017	68,187
Net earnings	14,122	10,873	12,519	14,754
Earnings per share:				
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.53	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.71
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.70
Dividends per share	\$ 0.075	\$ 0.075	\$ 0.075	\$ 0.09

All per share amounts have been adjusted to reflect the Corporation's 2-for-1 stock split on December 17, 2003.

See notes to the consolidated financial statements for additional financial information.

## CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

(In thousands, except per share data)	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Net sales	\$ 955,039	\$ 746,071	\$ 513,278	\$ 343,167	\$ 329,575
Net earnings	65,066	52,268	45,136	62,880	41,074
Total assets	1,278,440	973,665	810,102	500,428	409,416
Long-term debt	340,860	224,151	119,041	21,361	24,730
Basic earnings per share	\$ 3.07	\$ 2.53	\$ 2.21	\$ 3.12	\$ 2.05
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 3.02	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.16	\$ 3.07	\$ 2.02
Cash dividends per share	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.26

All per share amounts have been adjusted to reflect the Corporation's 2-for-1 stock split on December 17, 2003.

See notes to the consolidated financial statements for additional financial information.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report contains not only historical information but also forward-looking statements regarding expectations for future performance of the Corporation. Forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty. Please refer to the Corporation's 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion relating to forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report and risk factors that could cause future results to differ from current expectations.

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

**General**

Curtiss-Wright Corporation is a multinational provider of highly engineered products and services. The Corporation is positioned as a market leader across a diversified array of niche markets through engineering and technological leadership, precision manufacturing, and strong relationships with our customers. The Corporation provides products and services to a number of global markets, such as defense, commercial aerospace, nuclear power, oil and gas, automotive, and general industrial. The Corporation has achieved balanced growth through the successful application of its core competencies in engineering and precision manufacturing, adapting these competencies to new markets through internal product development and a disciplined program of strategic acquisitions. Approximately 50% of revenues are generated from defense-related markets.

**Company Organization**

The Corporation manages and evaluates its operations based on the products and services it offers and the different markets it serves. Based on this approach, the Corporation has three reportable segments: Flow Control, Motion Control, and Metal Treatment. The Flow Control segment primarily designs, manufactures, distributes, and services a broad range of highly engineered flow-control products. These products are for severe service military and commercial applications including power generation, oil and gas, and general industrial. The Motion Control segment primarily designs, develops, and manufactures high-performance mechanical systems, drive systems, embedded computing solutions, and electronic controls and sensors for the defense, aerospace, and general industrial markets. Metal Treatment provides a variety of metallurgical services, principally shot peening, laser peening, heat treating, and coatings, for various industries including aerospace, automotive, construction equipment, oil and gas, petrochemical, and general industrial. For further information on our products and services and the major markets served by our three segments, see the inside cover page of this Annual Report.

The Corporation records sales and related profits on production and service type contracts as units are shipped or as services are rendered. This method is used in our Metal Treatment segment and in some of the business units within the Motion Control and Flow Control segments, which serve commercial markets. For certain contracts that require performance over an extended period before deliveries begin, sales and estimated profits are recorded by applying the percentage-of-completion method of accounting.

**Results of Operations**

**ANALYTICAL DEFINITIONS**

Throughout management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, the terms "incremental" and "base" are used to explain changes from period to period. For quarterly reporting purposes, acquisitions are segregated from the results of the Corporation's base businesses for a full year or, in the more likely event of a mid-quarter acquisition, 5 quarters. For full-year reporting purposes, acquisitions remain segregated for two years, and the remaining businesses are referred to as the "base" businesses. An acquisition is considered base when the reporting period includes fully comparable current and prior-period data. Therefore, for the year ended December 31, 2004, our organic growth excludes all acquisitions since January 1, 2003.

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004 COMPARED WITH  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Curtiss-Wright Corporation recorded consolidated net sales of \$955.0 million and net earnings of \$65.1 million, or \$3.02 per diluted share, for the year ended December 31, 2004. Sales for the current year increased 28% over 2003 sales of \$746.1 million. Net earnings for 2004 increased 24% from 2003 net earnings of \$52.3 million, or \$2.50 per diluted share.

The increase in revenues was mainly driven by a complete year of revenues generated from the 2003 acquisitions of Systran Corporation, Novatronics/Pickering, E/M Engineered Coatings Solutions, Advanced Materials Process, and Collins Technology and contributions from the 2004 acquisitions, primarily Dy 4 Systems, Inc., Primagraphics, Nova Machine Products, Trentec, Inc., Groquip, Synergy, and the Government Marine Business Unit of Flowserve Corporation. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding acquisitions. Including the eleven businesses acquired in 2004, the Corporation has acquired twenty-four new businesses since 2001. The acquisitions made during the last two years contributed \$154.2 million in incremental sales in 2004 (or 74% of the total sales increase from 2003). The remaining base business units experienced organic sales growth of 7% in 2004, led by the Metal Treatment segment, which grew organically by 21%. The Flow Control and Motion Control segments experienced solid organic sales growth of 5% and 4%, respectively. The organic growth in the Flow Control segment was achieved in 2004 despite a decrease in overall revenue from the U.S. Navy of approximately \$9 million.

In our base businesses, higher metal treatment sales of our global shot peening, laser peening, and heat treating services of \$21.8 million, higher sales of certain flow control products to the power generation market of \$15.0 million, the oil and gas industry of \$6.4 million, and the defense electronics markets of \$5.7 million, and higher sales of our motion control products to the military aerospace market of \$14.7 million and commercial aerospace aftermarket services of \$5.9 million all contributed to the organic sales growth for 2004 as compared to 2003. These

increases in our base businesses were partially offset by lower sales of certain flow control products to the U.S. Navy due to timing of contractual revenues, a decrease of \$14.5 million, and lower sales of motion control electronic products of \$10.6 million for use in global ground defense markets due to the wind down on certain production projects. Favorable foreign currency translation had a favorable impact on sales of \$15.8 million for 2004 as compared to 2003.

Operating income for 2004 totaled \$110.7 million, an increase of 24% from operating income of \$89.3 million in 2003. The increase is primarily attributed to higher sales volume, favorable mix, and previously implemented cost reduction initiatives. The contributions of the 2003 and 2004 acquisitions mentioned above amounted to \$11.0 million in incremental operating income in 2004 as compared to 2003. In addition to the contribution of the new acquisitions, 2004 operating income benefited from organic growth in our remaining base businesses, which improved 13% overall and was driven by strong organic growth in our Metal Treatment and Motion Control segments of 55% and 22%, respectively, from the prior year period. The improvement in Metal Treatment's base businesses' operating income was the result of higher volume and favorable sales mix due to the higher laser peening sales. The improvement in the Motion Control's base businesses' operating income was due to higher volume, reductions in certain

reserve requirements, favorable sales mix from commercial aerospace aftermarket services and spares, and implemented cost control initiatives. Operating income from the base businesses within our Flow Control segment increased 9% in 2004 over 2003, due to higher volume, contract cost overruns and inventory write-offs in 2003 that did not reoccur in 2004, and a stronger sales mix for our power generation products. The increase was partially offset by the lower overall volume to the U.S. Navy, driven by the profit impact related to the two large higher margin contracts in 2003 that did not reoccur in 2004. Additionally, the Corporation increased its reserves for environmental remediation during 2004, resulting in a \$3.9 million increase in environmental remediation and administrative expenses over 2003. Foreign currency translation had a favorable impact on operating income of \$2.9 million for 2004 as compared to 2003.

Overall consolidated operating margins were down slightly in 2004 as compared to 2003. Strong margins within our business segments were achieved despite the absorption of \$5.3 million of environmental costs, \$2.5 million in costs associated with Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 compliance, and lower pension income of \$2.1 million in 2004, due to additional costs resulting from the acquisitions and slightly lower investment returns. The operating margins have been somewhat lower than historical levels in recent years, principally related to the large number of acquisitions made since 2001. Although the new acquisitions continue to have a positive effect on operating income, the operating margins of the overall Corporation are lower because the margins of the newly acquired companies are below those of our base businesses. We consider this to be a short-term issue that will be more than offset by the benefits of diversification, the implementation of cost control measures, and increased future profitability. The integration of our recent acquisitions continues to progress as planned. In addition to having improved operating margins for almost all of our recent acquisitions, we have initiated programs to cross-market products and share technologies across our businesses.

The increase in net earnings for 2004 as compared to 2003 is mainly due to higher segment operating income. The improvement in operating income was partially offset by higher interest expense due to higher debt levels associated with the funding of the Corporation's acquisition program, which accounted for approximately 60% of the increase, and higher interest rates. Net earnings for 2004 included certain one-time tax benefits of \$3.4 million. The tax benefits primarily resulted from the change in legal structure of one of our subsidiaries and a favorable IRS Appeals settlement relating to the 1993 tax year.

Backlog at December 31, 2004 was \$627.7 million compared with \$505.5 million at December 31, 2003 and \$478.5 million at December 31, 2002. Acquisitions made during 2004 represented \$75.8 million of the backlog at December 31, 2004. New orders received in 2004 totaled \$998.9 million, which represents a 34% increase over 2003 new orders of \$743.1 million and a 109% increase over new orders received in 2002. Acquisitions made during 2003 and 2004 contributed \$158.4 million in incremental new orders received in 2004. It should be noted that metal treatment services, repair and overhaul services, and after-market sales, which represent approximately 25% of the Corporation's total sales for 2004, are sold with very modest lead times. Accordingly, the backlog for these businesses is less of an indication of future sales than the backlog of the majority of the products and services of the Motion Control and Flow Control segments, in which a significant portion of sales is derived from long-term contracts.

#### **YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003 COMPARED WITH YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

Curtiss-Wright Corporation recorded consolidated net sales of \$746.1 million and net earnings of \$52.3 million, or \$2.50 per diluted share, for the year ended December 31, 2003. Sales during 2003 increased 45% over 2002 sales of \$513.3 million. Net earnings for 2003 increased 16% from 2002 net earnings of \$45.1 million, or \$2.16 per diluted share.

The increase in revenues was mainly driven by a complete year of revenues generated from the 2002 acquisitions of EMD, Tapco International, Penny & Giles, and Autronics and contributions from the 2003 acquisitions, primarily E/M Engineered Coatings Solutions and Collins Technologies. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information regarding acquisitions. Including the seven businesses acquired in 2003, the Corporation had acquired thirteen new businesses since 2001. The acquisitions made during 2002 and 2003 contributed \$221.8 million in incremental sales during 2003. The remaining business units experienced organic sales growth of 6% in 2003, led by the Flow Control segment, which grew organically by 13% due to higher valve sales to the nuclear and non-nuclear naval programs and higher sales of new products to the commercial nuclear power generation market. Higher sales of shot peening services for the aerospace market in Europe, sales from our new laser peening technology, and higher sales from our domestic aerospace and ground defense businesses also contributed to the higher sales in 2003. These increases in our base businesses were partially offset by sales declines in commercial aerospace component overhaul and repair services and commercial aerospace original equipment manufacturers' ("OEM") products. Foreign currency translation had a favorable impact on sales of \$14.1 million for the 2003 as compared to 2002.

Operating income for 2003 totaled \$89.3 million, an increase of 29% from operating income of \$69.0 million in 2002. The increase is primarily attributed to the contributions of acquisitions mentioned above, which amounted to \$25.1 million in incremental operating income. In 2003, we reclassified pension income derived from the Curtiss-Wright Pension Plan into operating income for all periods presented. The 2003 pension income decreased \$5.6 million from 2002 due to lower investment returns on the Corporation's pension assets. The amount recorded as pension income reflects the extent to which the return on plan assets exceeds the cost of providing benefits in the same year, as detailed further in Note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. In addition to the contribution of the new acquisitions, 2003 operating income benefited from higher sales to the commercial nuclear power generation markets, higher sales and more favorable sales mix of products to the military aerospace, domestic ground defense, and naval markets. These increases were offset by lower margins as a result of lower volume in the commercial aerospace OEM and overhaul and repair businesses, and cost overruns and inventory adjustments within our Flow Control segment. Foreign currency translation had a favorable impact on operating income of \$2.7 million for 2003 as compared to 2002.

The increase in net earnings for 2003 as compared to 2002 was mainly due to the higher segment operating income. The improvement in operating income was partially offset by lower non-operating other income and higher interest expense associated with higher debt levels.



Backlog at December 31, 2003 was \$505.5 million compared with \$478.5 million at December 31, 2002 and \$242.3 million at December

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31, 2001. Acquisitions made during 2003 represented \$15.6 million of the backlog at December 31, 2003. New orders received in 2003 totaled \$743.1 million, which represented a 55% increase over 2002 new orders of \$478.2 million and a 128% increase over new orders received in 2001. Acquisitions made during 2002 and 2003 contributed \$208.0 million in incremental new orders received in 2003.

### Economic and Industry-wide Factors

The softness in both the U.S. economy and the global commercial aerospace industry in recent years have had an adverse impact on growth of the Corporation; however, economic reports suggest that both sectors are showing signs of improvement. In addition, steady U.S. military spending levels and increased penetration into certain other served markets have provided a positive offset to weaker commercial markets. Looking forward, many factors could impact the Corporation's future performance, including future defense spending in the U.S., changes in global gross domestic product, volatility of the geopolitical situations, and the pace of economic recovery.

### GENERAL ECONOMY

Many of our industrial businesses are driven in large part by growth of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Based upon certain economic reports, the U.S. economy's output (real GDP) is expected to grow at a modest but healthy rate slightly below 4% in 2005. This forecast is predicated on the assumption that oil prices will stabilize or even decline after reaching extremely high levels in 2004. If this were to occur, it should help to restrain inflation which should prompt the U.S. Federal Reserve to show restraint in its campaign to raise interest rates in 2005. According to the economic reports, however, interest rates are expected to rise modestly throughout 2005. Unemployment is also expected to drop slowly over the next two years, as the corporate sector increases output first through productivity gains followed by the addition of labor. This, combined with the recent weakness in the U.S. dollar, should lead to improvement in the performance of U.S. companies.

It appears that, at least in the U.S., economic indicators are showing signs of a recovery; however, we remain cautiously optimistic that this recovery, in fact, will occur in the near term. If and when it does, our businesses that are largely economic driven, such as commercial aerospace, oil and gas, and general industrial, are well positioned to take advantage of the recovery.

### DEFENSE

Approximately 50% of our business is in the military sector, predominantly in the U.S., characterized by long-term programs and contracts driven primarily by the U.S. Department of Defense ("DoD") budget.

The U.S. DoD budget reflects growing pressure from costs to support the global war on terrorism and in part initiatives aimed at transforming and modernizing its current platforms and capabilities. The fiscal 2005 DoD procurement budget reflects a 7% overall increase over fiscal 2004 funding levels, after taking into account Congressionally directed rescissions. The 2005 budget includes continued investment funding for key programs supportive of transformation initiatives but is balanced with increased spending for modernization and upgrading of existing equipment in support of current global operations and requirements. We anticipate future DoD spending to produce increased investment specifically in electronics for military hardware necessary to upgrade existing platforms and facilitate "network centric warfare" equipment and systems as part of the military's transformation plans.

Curtiss-Wright's Flow Control and Motion Control segments are well positioned on many high performance defense platforms, including the next-generation aircraft carrier, the nuclear submarine program, the F/A-22, the V-22, the Joint Strike Fighter and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle programs, such as the Global Hawk. As a result of our reputation and past performance, we are involved in many of the future systems that are currently in various stages of development. However, growing cost concerns are driving serious review of critical defense programs, which may have an impact on U.S. DoD budget levels going forward, as could many other uncertainties such as budget deficit levels and geopolitical uncertainty.

In early January 2005, certain news reports indicated that the as yet unpublished U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense's fiscal 2006 Future Year Defense Plan (FYDP) includes a \$30 billion proposed cut in the overall DoD budgets over the next six years. The proposed cuts, if approved in their entirety, which the Corporation considers unlikely at this time, are not expected to have a material impact on the Corporation. The primary proposed budget cut that could impact the Corporation would be the decrease in the F/A-22 production program from 277 aircraft to 180, which is proposed to take effect primarily in 2009. Currently, there is much debate about this program cut and it is unclear whether or not this proposed cut will, in fact, occur. If this proposed reduction were to be approved, it is not expected to have a material impact on the Corporation. In addition, the reports suggest that the FYDP includes a substantial increase in appropriations to the Army, potentially for programs for which we have content. Although the program detail is not as of yet clear as to what programs will be affected, we are well positioned on many high performance platforms for the Army which could potentially receive increased funding. In the short term, the "War on Terrorism" is placing demand on the prime contractors to service current field operations which should lead to increased outsourcing for the procurement of certain electronic products that the Company provides. Additionally, delays in new program funding may result in increased upgrades of existing equipment upon which the Corporation currently has content.

There is the possibility that defense spending may decrease in the future, which could adversely affect the Corporation's operations and financial condition. While DoD funding fluctuates year-by-year and program-by-program, the biggest risk facing the Corporation would be the termination of a major program. Other than the proposed reduction in the F/A-22 program mentioned above, the Corporation is not aware of any other such material program termination for which the Corporation has content. If a material program were to be terminated, the termination

process takes several years to wind down, which may provide the Corporation ample time to react before any potential impact occurs. In addition to the above, there are other risks associated with our defense businesses, such as failure of a prime contractor customer to perform on a contract, pricing and/or design specifications that may not always be finalized at the time the contract is bid, and the failure and/or inability of certain sole source suppliers to provide product to the Corporation, which could have an adverse impact on the Corporation's financial performance. While alternatives could be identified to replace a sole source supplier, a transition could result in increased costs and manufacturing delays. Our outlook for our defense business looks positive for the near to intermediate term.

## **COMMERCIAL AEROSPACE**

Approximately 18% of our business serves the global commercial aerospace industry. Global airline traffic is a primary driver for long-term growth in the commercial aerospace industry. Economic growth is the prime driver of global airline traffic demand. For the past several years global airline traffic has stagnated primarily due to the impact of terrorist attacks, SARS, and the war in Iraq. However, recent improvement in the global economy has led to increased demand for both passenger and freight air transport. Based upon industry data, global Revenue Passenger Miles for 2004 have increased approximately 15% over 2003 and are expected to increase at an average annual rate of 6% over the period 2004-2008. Although a sharp rise in fuel costs in late 2004 put profitability pressure on airlines, which slowed procurement of new aircraft and extended maintenance schedules, fuel prices are expected to recover in 2005, which should stimulate procurement of new aircraft, a key driver of the Corporation's commercial aerospace business. In fact, the two major global aircraft manufacturers are projecting healthy increases in production levels in both 2005 and 2006. Growth in airline traffic will require increased passenger carrying capacity ("seats") in the system, which can be met by a mix of large commercial aircraft and smaller regional jets supporting the hub-and-spoke system, and mid-sized long-range aircraft servicing point-to-point routes. Based upon market data, we expect to see a steady improvement in the commercial aerospace market in 2005.

Curtiss-Wright's Motion Control segment is a provider of OEM aerospace components and systems and its Metal Treatment segment provides services to aircraft manufacturers. While the emergence of low cost carriers and improved economic conditions has contributed to this industry's recovery, concerns still exist regarding the financial weakness of many airlines and the threat of another major terrorist attack, which could have an adverse impact on this industry and the Corporation's operating results and financial position.

Over the past several years, the Corporation has diversified itself away from dependence on commercial aerospace and has sized its resources to appropriate levels in order to protect profitability. The Corporation is well positioned on a number of commercial aerospace platforms and will benefit from a recovery in this industry, which is expected to occur over the next couple of years.

## **POWER GENERATION**

There are several factors that might precipitate an expansion in commercial nuclear power, including increasing pressure on environmental issues, a pro-nuclear U.S. political leadership, and continued growth in global demand for power. Nuclear power has minimal impact on the environment, is one of the most economical forms of generating electricity, and does not depend upon oil and gas imports. The U.S. nuclear power industry is expected to grow primarily since most of the 103 existing plants are or will be applying for plant life extensions. As of December 31, 2004, approximately 30 plants have received 20 year life extensions and 16 additional plants' applications are pending approval. In addition, several plants are evaluating the potential to add capacity through plant expansion and upgrades. This expansion, combined with new plant construction in Asia and other parts of the world, as well as the possibility of new plant construction in the U.S., should drive expansion in this industry.

Curtiss-Wright's Flow Control segment is well positioned to take part in this expansion. The recent history of plant life extension approvals in the U.S. and continued strong build programs in Asia are encouraging. However, there is no guarantee that the nuclear alternative will continue to be fully endorsed in the U.S. and other parts of the world, or that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will authorize the construction of new facilities in the U.S. In addition, the geopolitical climate is volatile, which could impact future nuclear plant construction levels around the world.

## **OIL AND GAS**

The drivers that impact this market include capital spending in North America, Asia, and Europe for new construction and upgrades to comply with environmental regulations and maintenance and overhaul spending to retrofit existing facilities with improved equipment and technologies to increase plant flexibility, reliability, production and profitability. Additionally, increased usage of oil and natural gas, increased demand from emerging economies and increased demand for aftermarket services will also affect this market going forward.

The current outlook for hydrocarbon products continues to be optimistic. According to market data, several encouraging developments occurred in 2004, including strengthened global refining margins, refining operating rates continuing to be over 94% in the U.S., increases in petrochemical production on a global basis, and continued global economic recovery. Increases in consumer product demand for petrochemicals and refined products are projected to continue through 2005.

Capital expenditures in the processing industries are expected to increase in the next few years. A recent article in an industry trade publication indicated improving economic fundamentals that will bolster most flow control product-consuming sectors and strengthen underdeveloped infrastructures in Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

Based upon market data, capital expenditures in the processing industries are expected to increase over the next few years. The long-term global forecast is projecting a solid increase in sales of flow control products (valves, pumps, motors) to the processing industries. As the world continues to depend on natural resources, oil exploration deepens, and transport requirements widen, there should be opportunities to provide our flow control products to meet these challenges. The proposed and enacted environmental regulations in the U.S. and other developed countries could drive increased demand for flow control products by as much as 8-10% over the next few years. However, it is uncertain whether certain economic recoveries can be sustained or whether anticipated future environmental regulatory changes will actually occur, and whether such regulatory changes will have an impact on this industry.



## Curtiss-Wright and Subsidiaries

### 2004 Segment Performance

Curtiss-Wright operates in three principal operating segments on the basis of products and services offered: Flow Control, Motion Control, and Metal Treatment. See Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further segment financial information. The following table sets forth revenues, operating income, operating margin, and the percentage changes on those items, as compared with the prior year periods, by operating segment:

(In thousands, except percentages)	Year Ended December 31,			Percent Changes	
	2004	2003	2002	2004 vs. 2003	2003 vs. 2002
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SALES:					
Flow Control	\$ 388,139	\$ 341,271	\$ 172,455	13.7%	97.9%
Motion Control	388,576	265,905	233,437	46.1%	13.9%
Metal Treatment	178,324	138,895	107,386	28.4%	29.3%
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Total Curtiss-Wright	\$ 955,039	\$ 746,071	\$ 513,278	28.0%	45.4%
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OPERATING INCOME:					
Flow Control	\$ 44,651	\$ 39,991	\$ 20,693	11.7%	93.3%
Motion Control	44,903	30,350	29,579	48.0%	2.6%
Metal Treatment	28,279	19,055	14,403	48.4%	32.3%
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Total Segments	117,833	89,396	64,675	31.8%	38.2%
Pension (Expense) Income	(500)	1,611	7,208	-131.0%	-77.6%
Corporate & Other	(6,614)	(1,677)	(2,846)	294.4%	41.1%
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Total Curtiss-Wright	\$ 110,719	\$ 89,330	\$ 69,037	23.9%	29.4%
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OPERATING MARGINS:					
Flow Control	11.5%	11.7%	12.0%		
Motion Control	11.6%	11.4%	12.7%		
Metal Treatment	15.9%	13.7%	13.4%		
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Total Segments	12.3%	12.0%	12.6%		
Total Curtiss-Wright	11.6%	12.0%	13.5%		
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### FLOW CONTROL

The Corporation's Flow Control segment reported sales of \$388.1 million for 2004, a 14% increase over 2003 sales of \$341.3 million. The higher sales are primarily due to the contributions of the 2004 asset acquisitions of Nova Machine Products Corporation, Trentec, Inc., Groth Equipment Corporation, and the Government Marine Business Unit. The 2004 incremental sales from these acquisitions amounted to \$30.7 million. The remaining business units of this segment produced organic sales growth of 5%. The solid organic growth was led by stronger sales of valves, pumps, other electro-mechanical products, and field services to the power generation market, which increased \$15.0 million due to additional orders, new teaming arrangements, and expedited plant outage service requirements. Increased demand helped drive record new orders of our coker valves for the oil and gas industry, which positively impacted sales by \$9.2 million, and higher sales of our electronic products to the U.S. Navy, which increased \$5.7 million, also contributed to the organic growth. This increase was partially offset by lower sales of flow control products to the U.S. Navy of \$14.5 million due to the timing of contractual revenues. In 2003, the Flow Control segment completed the shipment of two large projects to the U.S. Navy, which generated approximately \$25 million in sales. The segment was able to partially offset the impact of these completed naval projects with higher sales of pumps and other generators for aircraft carriers and submarines and increased demand for the non-nuclear ball valves to the U.S. Navy. Sales of the remaining valve product lines to the oil and gas industry were down in 2004 as compared to the prior year. In addition, foreign currency translation favorably impacted sales by \$2.3 million in 2004 as compared to 2003.

Operating income for the year increased by 12% over the prior year. The increase was mainly due to solid organic growth of 9% and the contributions from the 2004 acquisitions, which generated operating income of \$1 million in 2004. The increase in organic operating income is mainly due to contract cost overruns on a safety relief valve project and inventory write-offs of approximately \$2.9 million in 2003 that did not reoccur in 2004, higher volume and a stronger sales mix within our power generation products, and higher overall volumes for our valve products to the oil and gas industry and electronic products to the U.S. Navy. The increase was partially offset by the lower volume to the U.S. Navy, driven by the profit impact related to the two large higher margin contracts in 2003 that did not reoccur in 2004. These projects contributed approximately \$9.7 million in operating income in 2003. Foreign currency translation had a \$0.2 million positive impact on 2004 operating income as compared to 2003.

The Corporation's Flow Control segment reported sales of \$341.3 million for 2003, a 98% increase over 2002 sales of \$172.5 million. The higher sales largely reflect the full year of revenues from the acquisitions of EMD and TAPCO International, Inc. completed in the fourth quarter of 2002. The 2003 incremental sales from these acquisitions



amounted to \$170.3 million, driven mainly by strong financial performance from EMD. The remaining business units of this segment produced organic sales growth of 13%, which was driven by higher sales to the commercial nuclear power generation market, nuclear and non-nuclear naval programs, and domestic and international oil and gas markets. Higher sales to the commercial nuclear power generation markets were due to the launch of new product lines and the expedited outage service requirements by the power generation plants. The non-nuclear naval products sales growth was due to new products, such as ball valves and JP-5 fuel valve systems, and higher electronic sales drove the nuclear naval product growth. Sales of the coker valve products to the petrochemical and oil and gas markets were up due to new orders while the remaining product lines in those markets were essentially flat with the prior year. In addition, foreign currency translation favorably impacted sales by \$2.4 million in 2003 as compared to 2002.

Operating income for 2003 increased by 93% over 2002. Acquisitions made in the fourth quarter of 2002 generated incremental operating income of \$21.3 million in 2003, while the balance of the segment businesses rose 2% over 2002. The organic growth was mainly driven by higher volume mentioned above, favorable sales mix, and improved productivity gained from the relocation of the electronics unit, offset by slightly lower margins related to start-up costs on the new product launches and cost overruns on a safety relief valve project. In addition, unanticipated shipping delays and a delay in launching strategic plans for improved operating cost efficiencies at our international unit resulted in an operating loss for the year. However, in late 2003, a new enterprise resource planning system was installed and various process improvements were implemented. Foreign currency translation had a \$0.2 million positive impact on 2003 operating income as compared to 2002.

Backlog at December 31, 2004 is \$396.3 million compared with \$317.8 million at December 31, 2003 and \$304.3 million at December 31, 2002. New orders received in 2004 totaled \$436.7 million, which represents a 24% increase over 2003 new orders of \$353.7 million and a 160% increase over new orders received in 2002. Approximately 50% of the increase in new orders for 2004 is due to the 2004 acquisitions. The remaining improvement is due to record orders for our coker valves to the oil and gas industry and higher overall commercial orders.

## **MOTION CONTROL**

The Corporation's Motion Control segment reported sales of \$388.6 million for 2004, a 46% increase over 2003 sales of \$265.9 million. The higher sales largely reflect the contributions of the 2004 acquisitions of Dy 4, Primagraphics, and Synergy, and the full year contributions of the December 2003 acquisitions of Systran, Novatronics, and Pickering. The 2004 incremental sales associated with these acquisitions amounted to \$110.8 million. Sales from the remaining base businesses grew 4% organically. Improvement in commercial aerospace aftermarket sales contributed \$5.9 million to the growth, \$2.8 million of which came from the Corporation's repair and overhaul business, with the remainder attributable mainly to increased sensors and controls sales. Drive system sales to the European ground defense market declined by \$2.9 million as expedited customer delivery requirements shifted production from the beginning of 2004 into 2003. Domestic electro-mechanical systems production experienced a slight increase in domestic military aerospace sales, with F/A-22 production and spares revenue replacing F-16 spares sales, which had ramped up at the end of 2003. The base embedded computing businesses were essentially flat, with increased sales to the domestic military aerospace market of \$10.1 million driven by new contract wins including the start of full scale production of radar warning systems for the U.S. Army's helicopter programs and the design, development, and integration of the actuators for the 767 refueling program. These wins were offset by declines to the domestic ground defense market of \$10.6 million mainly from scheduled production declines on the Abrams tank and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, while Bradley spares revenue remained strong through 2004 due to the support of the Iraqi war effort. Additionally, foreign currency translation favorably impacted sales in 2004 by \$7.7 million as compared to 2003.

Operating income for 2004 increased 48% over the prior year. Acquisitions made in 2003 and 2004 generated incremental operating income of \$8.9 million, while the base businesses increased 22%. The improvement was driven by the higher sales volume, favorable sales mix from commercial aerospace aftermarket services and spares, and implemented cost control initiatives, offset by lower margin development work performed in anticipation of follow on production orders. The segment benefited from reductions in reserve requirements at its European sensors business totaling \$1.7 million during 2004, resulting in a \$2.5 million variance in a year over year comparison, since the majority of the reserves were recorded in 2003. Foreign currency translation had a \$1.2 million positive impact on 2004 operating income as compared to 2003.

Motion Control segment sales in 2003 were 14% higher than 2002 sales of \$233.4 million. The higher sales largely reflect the full year contributions of the April 2002 acquisitions of Penny & Giles ("P&G") and Autronics and the contributions of the 2003 acquisitions of Collins Technologies, Peritek, Systran, and Novatronics. The 2003 incremental sales associated with these acquisitions amounted to \$28.0 million. Sales from the remaining base businesses were essentially flat. Strong domestic ground defense sales, primarily related to the expedited deliveries of spare parts for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle to support the Iraqi war effort, an increase in sales of military aerospace products, primarily resulting from new orders for F-16 spare parts and the Joint Strike Fighter development, and higher sales of military electronics for the Global Hawk unmanned aerial reconnaissance system were offset by lower volume associated with the overhaul and repair services provided to the global commercial airline industry and lower OEM commercial aircraft production. The softening in the demand for the commercial aerospace business and related services, which began in 2001, continued through 2003. In addition, foreign currency translation favorably impacted sales in 2003 by \$6.4 million as compared to 2002.

Operating income for 2003 increased 3% over the prior year. Acquisitions made in 2002 and 2003 generated incremental operating income of \$2.3 million, while the balance of the segment businesses was essentially flat as compared to 2002. Slightly lower operating income from the base businesses was mainly due to the lower volume, lower overhead absorption, and the write-off of obsolete inventory at our overhaul and repair services business unit. Operating income of our commercial aerospace OEM business also declined due to lower volume. This decline was offset by higher operating income for our military aerospace products, which rose due to volume and cost improvements. Higher operating income for our land-based defense businesses was due to higher volume and more favorable sales mix



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from the spare parts for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Foreign currency translation had a \$0.9 million favorable impact on operating income in 2003 as compared to 2002.

Backlog at December 31, 2004 was \$229.6 million compared with \$186.3 million at December 31, 2003 and \$173.2 million at December 31, 2002. Acquisitions made during 2004 represents \$37.5 million of the backlog at December 31, 2004. New orders received in 2004 totaled \$383.5 million, which represents a 53% increase over 2003 new orders of \$250.1 million and an 89% increase over new orders received in 2002. The increase is mainly due to the segment's 2003 and 2004 acquisitions, which accounted for \$105.5 million in incremental new orders in 2004 versus 2003.

### METAL TREATMENT

The Corporation's Metal Treatment segment reported sales of \$178.3 million in 2004, an increase of 28% over 2003 sales of \$138.9 million. Organic sales growth of 21% contributed \$24.7 million to the increase. The organic growth was due to strong sales growth from our new laser peening technology, which contributed \$4.8 million in incremental sales, as well as solid growth in our global shot peening services, which contributed \$14.2 million of incremental sales mainly in the German automotive, European commercial aerospace, and North American commercial and military aerospace markets. Sales from the heat treating division were up \$2.8 million over the prior year period mainly due to overflow from a competitor and new aluminum treatment capabilities for the aerospace industry. The remaining sales increase was due to contributions from 2003 and 2004 acquisitions, which contributed \$12.7 million of incremental sales during 2004. The main contributor to this increase was the E/M Engineered Coatings Solutions businesses, which were acquired in April 2003. In addition, foreign currency translation favorably impacted sales by \$5.8 million as compared to 2003.

Operating income for 2004 increased 48% to \$28.3 million from \$19.1 million during 2003. Margin improvement was due to higher sales volume, favorable sales mix due to higher laser peening sales, and implemented cost reduction initiatives. Offsetting the margin improvements were increased medical costs and higher energy costs as compared to the prior year period. Foreign currency translation had a \$1.5 million positive impact on 2004 operating income as compared to the prior year period.

Metal Treatment sales for 2003 were 29% higher than 2002 sales of \$107.4 million. The higher sales largely reflect the contributions from the acquisition of the assets of Advanced Material Process ("AMP") in March 2003 and E/M Engineered Coatings Solutions in April 2003 and the full year contributions of the 2002 acquisitions of the assets of Brenner Tool & Die, Inc. and Ytstruktur Arboga AB. The 2003 incremental sales associated with these acquisitions amounted to \$23.5 million. Sales from the remaining base businesses grew 7% mainly due to domestic and international sales from our new laser peening technology. Our core shot peening sales were down slightly in our North American divisions due mainly to slow downs in the commercial aerospace and automotive markets. The improvement in core shot peening sales from our European divisions was mainly driven by favorable foreign currency translation. Sales from our heat treating services were essentially flat year over year, whereas the sales from our reed valve product line declined due to the softness in the automotive industry. Foreign currency translation had a \$5.2 million positive impact on 2003 sales as compared to 2002.

Operating income for 2003 increased 32% from the prior year. Acquisitions made in 2002 and 2003 generated incremental operating income of \$1.6 million. This incremental income is net of a loss associated with our finishing division, which was negatively impacted by a customer bankruptcy. The base businesses rose 22% over 2002. The organic operating income growth is due to favorable sales mix from our laser peening services, higher volume overall, and the benefit from cost reduction initiatives. In 2002, this segment incurred higher start-up costs at new facilities and nonrecurring costs associated with the relocation of a shot peening facility. Foreign currency translation favorably impacted 2003 operating income by \$1.6 million as compared to 2002.

Backlog at December 31, 2004 was \$1.9 million compared with \$1.4 million at December 31, 2003 and \$1.0 million at December 31, 2002. New orders received in 2004 totaled \$178.7 million, which represents a 28% increase from 2003 new orders of \$139.4 million and a 67% increase over new orders received in 2002. The increase is mainly due to the improvement in the global economy, which positively impacted the core shot peening business and the segment's recent acquisitions.

### CORPORATE AND OTHER EXPENSES

The Corporation had non-segment operating costs of \$6.6 million in 2004. The operating costs consisted mainly of environmental remediation and administrative expenses, consulting fees associated with Sarbanes-Oxley Section 404 compliance, incremental compensation cost, debt financing expenses, and other administrative expenses.

The Corporation had non-segment operating costs of \$1.7 million in 2003. The operating costs consisted mainly of environmental remediation and administrative expenses, incremental compensation cost, additional workers compensation insurance cost, director fees associated with additional Board of Directors' meetings and a stock award, debt financing expenses, and other administrative expenses. These expenses were partially offset by the collection of interest on a 2002 net legal settlement.

Non-segment operating costs for 2002 were \$2.8 million, which consisted mainly of net environmental remediation and administrative expenses, post-employment expenses, professional consulting costs associated with the integration of the recent acquisitions, debt commitment fee expenses associated with the Corporation's prior credit agreements, insurance costs, charitable contributions, and other administrative expenses. These expenses were partially offset by a net legal settlement.

## **NON-OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSES**

The Corporation recorded non-operating other income (excluding interest expense) in 2004, 2003 and 2002, of \$0.1 million, \$0.4 million, and \$4.5 million, respectively. In 2002, the Corporation recorded nonrecurring items, the net effect of which had a favorable pre-tax impact in 2002 of \$3.6 million.

## **INTEREST EXPENSE**

Interest expense increased \$6.4 million in 2004 as compared to 2003. Higher debt levels associated with the funding of acquisitions accounted for approximately 60% of the increase, and the remaining increase was due to higher interest rates. Similarly, 2003 increased \$3.9 million from 2002.

## **PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES**

The effective tax rates for 2004, 2003, and 2002 are 34.1%, 37.8%, and 37.1%, respectively. The 2004 effective tax rate included nonrecurring benefits totaling \$3.4 million resulting primarily from the change in legal structure of one of our subsidiaries and a favorable IRS appeals settlement relating to the 1993 tax year.

The 2003 effective tax rate included the benefit of the restructuring of some of our European operations. The 2002 effective rate included a one-time benefit of 1.3% associated with the recovery of research and development tax credits related to earlier years.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

### **SOURCES AND USES OF CASH**

The Corporation derives the majority of its operating cash inflow from receipts on the sale of goods and services and cash outflow for the procurement of materials and labor and is therefore subject to market fluctuations and conditions. A substantial portion of the Corporation's business is in the defense sector, which is characterized by long-term contracts. Most of our long-term contracts allow for several billing points (progress or milestones) that provide the Corporation with cash receipts as costs are incurred throughout the project rather than upon contract completion, thereby reducing working capital requirements. In some cases, these payments can exceed the costs incurred on a project.

### **OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

The Corporation's working capital was \$212.2 million at December 31, 2004, a decrease of \$26.4 million from the working capital at December 31, 2003 of \$238.6 million. The ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 2.1 to 1 at December 31, 2004, compared with a ratio of 2.8 to 1 at December 31, 2003. Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$41.0 million in the aggregate at December 31, 2004, down from \$98.7 million at December 31, 2003. The decrease is primarily due to the use of available cash to fund the acquisition of Dy 4 Systems, Inc. on January 31, 2004. Excluding the impact on cash, working capital increased \$33.1 million due to the acquisition of eleven businesses in 2004. In addition to the impact of these acquisitions, working capital changes were highlighted by an increase in receivables of \$39.9 million and an increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$19.8 million. Unbilled receivables increased substantially due to funding and other operational delays by certain customers as well as increased contracts for which progress billings do not apply. The increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses is due to the timing of year-end payments and higher accrued compensation.

Short-term debt was \$1.6 million at December 31, 2004 and \$1.0 million at December 31, 2003. Long-term debt was \$340.9 million at December 31, 2004, an increase of \$116.7 million from the balance at December 31, 2003. The increase in long-term debt is due to additional funds borrowed to purchase eleven businesses during 2004. Days sales outstanding at December 31, 2004 decreased to 47 days from 56 days at December 31, 2003 while inventory turnover increased to 5.8 turns at December 31, 2004 as compared to 5.5 turns at December 31, 2003.

The Corporation's balance of cash and cash equivalents totaled \$98.7 million at December 31, 2003, an increase of \$51.0 million from the balance at December 31, 2002. Excluding the impact on cash, working capital increased \$9.2 million due to the acquisition of seven businesses in 2003. In addition to the impact of these acquisitions, working capital changes were also highlighted by a decrease in deferred revenue due to a reduction in those contracts whose billings were in excess of incurred costs. Accrued expenses increased mainly due to higher accrued interest on the Senior Notes. Short-term debt was \$1.0 million at December 31, 2003, a decrease of \$31.8 million from the balance at December 31, 2002. The decrease in short-term debt was due to repayment of the majority of outstanding indebtedness under the existing revolving credit facilities. Days sales outstanding at December 31, 2003 increased to 56 days from 51 days at December 31, 2002, while inventory turnover increased to 5.5 turns at December 31, 2003 as compared to 4.8 turns at December 31, 2002.

### **INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

The Corporation has acquired twenty-four businesses since 2001 and expects to continue to seek acquisitions that are consistent with our long-term growth strategy. A combination of cash resources, funds available under the Corporation's credit agreement, and proceeds from the Corporation's Senior Notes issue were utilized to fund these acquisitions, which totaled \$247.4 million and \$69.8 million in 2004 and 2003, respectively. As noted in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, certain acquisition agreements contain contingent purchase price adjustments, such as potential earn-out payments. During 2004, the Corporation made approximately \$3.0 million in such payments relative to prior period acquisitions. Additional acquisitions will depend, in part, on the availability of financial resources at a cost of capital that meets our stringent criteria. As such, future acquisitions, if any, may be funded through the use of the Corporation's cash and cash equivalents, through additional financing available under the credit agreements, or through new financing alternatives.

Capital expenditures were \$32.5 million in 2004, \$33.3 million in 2003, and \$35.0 million in 2002. In 2004 principal capital expenditures included new and replacement machinery and equipment within the business segments and for the expansion of new product lines and facilities. Capital expenditures in 2003 included building expansions, a new laser peening facility and associated laser machinery, and various other machinery and equipment. Capital expenditures in 2002 included the construction of a new facility, additional machinery and equipment for start-up operations, and new Enterprise Resource Planning computer systems at two facilities.

### **FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

On July 23, 2004, the Corporation amended its existing credit facility, increasing the available line of credit from \$225 million to \$400 million. The Corporation plans to use the credit line for working capital purposes, internal growth initiatives, funding of future acquisitions, and other general corporate purposes. The agreement expires in 2009.

At December 31, 2004, the Corporation had a \$400 million revolving credit agreement (the "Agreement") with a group of ten banks. Borrowings under the Agreement bear interest at a floating rate based on market conditions. In addition, the Corporation's interest rate and level of facility fees are dependent on certain financial ratio levels, as defined in the Agreement. The Corporation is subject to annual facility fees on the commitments under the Agreement. In connection with the Agreement, the Corporation paid customary transaction fees that have been deferred and are being amortized over the term of the Agreement. The Corporation is required under the Agreement to maintain certain

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financial ratios and meet certain financial tests, the most restrictive of which is a debt to capitalization limit of 55%. The Agreement does not contain any subjective acceleration clauses. At December 31, 2004, the Corporation is in compliance with these covenants and had the flexibility to issue additional debt of \$365 million without exceeding the covenant limit defined in the Agreement. The Corporation would consider other financing alternatives to maintain capital structure balance and ensure compliance with all debt covenants. Cash borrowings (excluding letters of credit) under the Agreement at December 31, 2004 were \$124.5 million as compared to \$8.9 million at December 31, 2003. The unused credit available under the agreement at December 31, 2004 was \$256.7.

On September 25, 2003 the Corporation issued \$200.0 million of Senior Notes (the "Notes"). The Notes consist of \$75.0 million of 5.13% Senior Notes that mature on September 25, 2010 and \$125.0 million of 5.74% Senior Notes that mature on September 25, 2013. The Notes are senior unsecured obligations and are equal in right of payment to the Corporation's existing senior indebtedness. The Corporation, at its option, can prepay at any time all or from time to time any part of, the Notes, subject to a make-whole amount in accordance with the terms of the Note Purchase Agreement. In connection with the Notes, the Corporation paid customary fees that have been deferred and will be amortized over the terms of the Notes. The Corporation is required under the Note Purchase Agreement to maintain certain financial ratios, the most restrictive of which is a debt to capitalization limit of 60%. At December 31, 2004, the Corporation is in compliance with these covenants.

On November 6, 2003 the Corporation entered into two interest rate swap agreements with notional amounts of \$20 million and \$60 million effectively to convert the fixed interest on the \$75 million 5.13% Senior Notes and \$125 million 5.74% Senior Notes, respectively, to variable rates based on specified spreads over six-month LIBOR. In the short-term, the swaps are expected to provide the Corporation with a lower level of interest expense related to the Notes.

Industrial revenue bonds, which are collateralized by real estate, were \$14.3 million at December 31, 2004 and \$14.4 million at December 31, 2003. The loans outstanding under the Senior Notes, Interest Rate Swaps, Revolving Credit Agreement, and Industrial Revenue Bonds had variable interest rates averaging 3.65% for 2004 and 2.88% for 2003.

### FUTURE COMMITMENTS

Cash generated from operations are considered adequate to meet the Corporation's operating cash requirements for the upcoming year, including planned capital expenditures of approximately \$50 million, interest payments of approximately \$14 million to \$16 million, estimated income tax payments of approximately \$40 million to \$50 million, dividends of approximately \$8 million, pension funding of approximately \$10 million, and additional working capital requirements. The Corporation has approximately \$2 million in short-term environmental liabilities, which is management's estimation of cash requirements for 2005. Additionally, the Corporation is committed to potential earn-out payments on seven of its acquisitions dating back to 2001, which are estimated to be approximately \$4 million to \$6 million in 2005. There can be no assurance, however, that the Corporation will continue to generate cash flow at the current level. If cash generated from operations is not sufficient to support these requirements and investing activities, the Corporation may be required to reduce capital expenditures, refinance a portion of its existing debt, or obtain additional financing.

In 2005, capital expenditures are expected to be approximately \$50 million due to the full-year effect of the 2004 acquisitions and the continued expansion of the segments. These expenditures will include construction of new facilities, expansion of facilities to accommodate new product lines, and new machinery and equipment, such as additional investment in our laser peening technology.

The following table quantifies our significant future contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of December 31, 2004:

(In thousands)	Debt Principal Repayments (1)	Operating Leases	Total
2005	\$ 1,630	\$ 15,846	\$ 17,476
2006	59	12,933	12,992
2007	5,060	11,074	16,134
2008	62	9,141	9,203
2009	124,564	6,016	130,580
Thereafter	208,994	17,727	226,721
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$340,369</b>	<b>\$ 72,737</b>	<b>\$413,106</b>

(1) Amounts exclude a \$2.1 million adjustment to the fair value of long-term debt relating to the Corporation's interest rate swap agreements that will not be settled in cash.

The Corporation does not have material purchase obligations. Most of our raw material purchase commitments are made directly pursuant to specific contract requirements.

Undistributed earnings of \$23.3 million from the Corporation's foreign subsidiaries are considered permanently reinvested. The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 provides a one-time dividends received deduction on the repatriation of certain foreign earnings to a U.S. taxpayer, of which the Corporation is considering for possible repatriation a range of zero to \$23 million, which would result in additional income tax expense of zero to \$3 million. Additional information regarding the repatriation of foreign earnings is presented in Note 9.

On March 3, 2005, the Corporation completed the acquisition of Indal Technologies, Inc. The purchase price of 78 million Canadian dollars (approximately \$63 million) was funded from the revolving credit facility. See Recent Development for more information on this acquisition.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. Preparing consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. These estimates and assumptions are affected by the application of our accounting policies. Critical accounting policies are those that require application of management's most difficult, subjective, or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain and may change in subsequent periods. We believe that the following are some of the more critical judgment areas in the application of our accounting policies that affect our financial condition and results of operations:

## **REVENUE RECOGNITION**

The realization of revenue refers to the timing of its recognition in the accounts of the Corporation and is generally considered realized or realizable and earned when the earnings process is substantially complete and all of the following criteria are met: 1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; 2) delivery has occurred or services have been rendered; 3) the Corporation's price to its customer is fixed or determinable; and 4) collectibility is reasonably assured.

The Corporation records sales and related profits on production and service type contracts as units are shipped and title and risk of loss has transferred or as services are rendered. This method is used in our Metal Treatment segment and in some of the business units within the Motion Control and Flow Control segments that serve non-military markets.

For certain contracts in our Flow Control and Motion Control segments that require performance over an extended period before deliveries begin, sales and estimated profits are recorded by applying the percentage-of-completion method of accounting. The percentage-of-completion method of accounting is used primarily for the Corporation's defense contracts and certain long-term commercial contracts. This method recognizes revenue and profit as the contracts progress towards completion. For certain contracts that contain a significant number of performance milestones, as defined by the customer, sales are recorded based upon achievement of these performance milestones. The performance milestone method is an output measure of progress towards completion made in terms of results achieved. For certain fixed price contracts, where none or a limited number of milestones exist, the cost-to-cost method is used, which is an input measure of progress towards completion. Under the cost-to-cost input method, sales and profits are recorded based on the ratio of costs incurred to an estimate of costs at completion.

Application of percentage-of-completion methods of revenue recognition requires the use of reasonable and dependable estimates of the future material, labor, and overhead costs that will be incurred. The percentage-of-completion method of accounting for long-term contracts requires a disciplined cost estimating system in which all functions of the business are integrally involved. These estimates are determined based upon industry knowledge and experience of the Corporation's engineers, project managers, and financial staff. These estimates are significant and reflect changes in cost and operating performance throughout the contract and could have a significant impact on operating performance. Adjustments to original estimates for contract revenue, estimated costs at completion, and the estimated total profit are often required as work progresses throughout the contract and as experience and more information is obtained, even though the scope of work under the contract may not change. These changes are recorded on a cumulative basis in the period they are determined to be necessary.

Under the percentage-of-completion method of accounting, provisions for estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are recognized in the period in which the likelihood of such losses is determined. Certain contracts contain provisions for the redetermination of price and, as such, management defers a portion of the revenue from those contracts until such time as the price has been finalized.

Some of the Corporation's customers withhold certain amounts from the billings they receive. These retainages are generally not due until the project has been completed and accepted by the customer.

## **INVENTORY**

Inventory costs include materials, direct labor, and manufacturing overhead costs, which are stated at the lower of cost or market, where market is limited to the net realizable value. The Corporation estimates the net realizable value of its inventories and establishes reserves to reduce the carrying amount of these inventories to net realizable value, as necessary. We continually evaluate the adequacy of the inventory reserves by reviewing historical scrap rates, on-hand quantities, as compared with historical and projected usage levels and other anticipated contractual requirements. The stated inventory costs are also reflective of the estimates used in applying the percentage-of-completion revenue recognition method.

The Corporation purchases materials for the manufacture of components for sale. The decision to purchase a set quantity of a particular item is influenced by several factors including: current and projected price, future estimated availability, existing and projected contracts to produce certain items, and the estimated needs for its businesses.

For certain of its long-term contracts, the Corporation utilizes progress billings, which represent amounts billed to customers prior to the delivery of goods and services and are recorded as a reduction to inventory and receivables. Progress billings are generally based on costs incurred, including direct costs, overhead, and general and administrative costs.

## **PENSION AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS**

The Corporation, in consultation with its actuaries, determines the appropriate assumptions for use in determining the liability for future pension and other postretirement benefits. The most significant of these assumptions include the number of employees who will receive benefits along with the tenure and salary level of those employees, the expected return on plan assets, the discount rates used to determine plan obligations, and the trends in the costs of medical and other health care benefits in the case of the postretirement benefit obligations. Changes in these assumptions, if significant in future years, will have an effect on the Corporation's pension and postretirement expense, associated pension and postretirement assets and liabilities, and our annual cash requirements to fund these plans.

The discount rate used to determine the benefit obligations of the plans as of December 31, 2004 and the annual periodic costs for 2005 were lowered in 2004 for the EMD Pension Plan and EMD Postretirement Benefit Plan to better reflect current economic conditions. The reduction in

the discount rate increased the benefit obligation on the plans. The Corporation also increased the rate of future compensation costs for the EMD Pension Plan to better reflect current conditions. This rate increase caused an additional increase to the benefit obligation. The change in these two assumptions was based upon current and future economic indicators. A quarter of one percentage point decrease in the discount rate would have the effect of increasing the annual pension expense by \$0.4 million and the pension benefit obligation by \$7.7 million.

The overall expected return on assets assumption is based on a combination of historical performance of the pension fund and expectations of future performance. The historical returns are determined using the market-related value of assets, which is the same value used in the calculation of annual net periodic benefit cost. The market-related value of assets includes the recognition of realized and unrealized gains and losses over a five-year period, which effectively



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averages the volatility associated with the actual performance of the plan's assets from year to year. Although over the last ten years the market related value of assets had an average annual yield of 10.9%, the actual returns averaged 9.4% during the same period. The Corporation has consistently used the 8.5% rate as a long-term overall average return. Given the uncertainties of the current economic and geopolitical landscapes, we consider the 8.5% to be a reasonable assumption of the future long-term investment returns.

The long-term medical trend assumptions starts with a current rate that is in line with expectations for the near future, and then grades the rates down over time until it reaches an ultimate rate that is close to expectations for growth in GDP. The reasoning is that medical trends cannot continue to be higher than the rate of GDP growth in the long term. Any change in the expectation of these rates to return to a normal level will have an impact on the Corporation.

The timing and amount of future pension income or expense to be recognized each year is dependent on the demographics and expected earnings of the plan participants, the expected interest rates in effect in future years, and the actual and expected investment returns of the assets in the pension trust.

See Note 14 for further information on the Corporation's pension and postretirement plans, including an estimate of future cash contributions.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVES**

The Corporation provides for environmental reserves on a site by site basis when, in conjunction with internal and external legal counsel, it is determined that a liability is both probable and estimable. In many cases, the liability is not fixed or capped when the Corporation first records a liability for a particular site. If only a range of potential liability can be estimated and no amount within the range is more probable than another, a reserve will be established at the low end of that range. At sites involving multiple parties, the Corporation accrues environmental liabilities based upon its expected share of the liability, taking into account the financial viability of other jointly liable partners. Judgment is required when we make assumptions and estimate costs expected to be incurred for environmental remediation activities due to, among other factors, difficulties in assessing the extent and type of environmental remediation to be performed, the impact of complex environmental regulations and remediation technologies, and agreements between potentially responsible parties to share in the cost of remediation. In estimating the future liability and continually evaluating the sufficiency of such liabilities, the Corporation weighs certain factors including the Corporation's participation percentage due to a settlement by or bankruptcy of other potentially responsible parties, a change in the environmental laws requiring more stringent requirements, an increase or decrease in the estimated time required to remediate, a change in the estimate of future costs that will be incurred to remediate the site, and changes in technology related to environmental remediation. The Corporation does not believe that continued compliance with environmental laws applicable to its operations will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operation. However, given the level of judgment and estimation used in the recording of environmental reserves, it is reasonably possible that materially different amounts could be recorded if different assumptions were used or if circumstances were to change, such as environmental regulations or remediation solution remedies.

As of December 31, 2004, the Corporation's environmental reserves totaled \$25.2 million, the majority of which is long-term. Approximately 80% of the environmental reserves represent the current value of anticipated remediation costs and are not discounted primarily due to the uncertainty of timing of expenditures. The remaining environmental reserves are discounted to reflect the time value of money since the amount and timing of cash payments for the liability are reliably determinable. The discount rate used was 4%, which produces an amount at which the environmental liability could be settled in an arm's length transaction with a third party. All environmental reserves exclude any potential recovery from insurance carriers or third-party legal actions.

### **PURCHASE ACCOUNTING**

The Corporation applies the purchase method of accounting to its acquisitions. Under this method, the purchase price, including any capitalized acquisition costs, is allocated to the underlying tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their respective fair market values, with any excess recorded as goodwill. The Corporation, generally in consultation with third-party valuation advisors, determines the fair values of such assets and liabilities. During 2004, the fair value of assets acquired, net of cash, and liabilities assumed through acquisitions were estimated to be \$303.0 million and \$42.3 million, respectively. The assigned initial fair value to these acquisitions are tentative and may be revised prior to finalization, which is to be completed within a reasonable period, generally within one year of acquisition.

### **GOODWILL**

The Corporation has \$364.3 million in goodwill as of December 31, 2004. The recoverability of goodwill is subject to an annual impairment test based on the estimated fair value of the underlying businesses. Additionally, goodwill is tested for impairment when an event occurs or if circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying amount. These estimated fair values are based on estimates of future cash flows of the businesses. Factors affecting these future cash flows include the continued market acceptance of the products and services offered by the businesses, the development of new products and services by the businesses and the underlying cost of development, the future cost structure of the businesses, and future technological changes. Management estimates are also used for the Corporation's cost of capital in discounting the projected future cash flows and the Corporation utilizes an independent third party cost of capital analysis in determination of its estimates. If it has been determined that impairment has occurred, the Corporation may be required to recognize an impairment of its asset, which would be limited to the difference between the book value of the asset and its fair value. Any such impairment would be recognized in full in the reporting period in which it has been identified.

## **OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Other intangible assets are generally the result of acquisitions and consist primarily of purchased technology, customer related intangibles, trademarks and service marks, and technology licenses. Intangible assets are recorded at their fair values as determined through purchase accounting and are amortized ratably to match their cash flow streams over their estimated useful lives, which range from 1 to 20 years. The Corporation reviews the recoverability of intangible assets, including the related useful lives, whenever events or changes in cir-

cumstances indicate that the carrying amount might not be recoverable. Any impairment would be recorded in the reporting period in which it has been identified.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Standards**

In May 2004, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") 106-2, "Accounting and Disclosure Requirements Related to the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003." This guidance supersedes FSP 106-1 issued in January 2004 and clarifies the accounting and disclosure requirements for employers with postretirement benefit plans that have been or will be affected by the passage of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 ("the Act"). The Act introduces two new features to Medicare that an employer needs to consider in measuring its obligation and net periodic postretirement benefit costs. The effective date for the new requirements is the first interim or annual period beginning after June 15, 2004. Additional information regarding the impact of the Act is presented in Note 14.

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, ("Inventory Costs -- an amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4"). This Statement amends the guidance in ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, "Inventory Pricing," to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage), requiring that these items be recognized as current-period charges regardless of whether they meet the criterion of "so abnormal." In addition, this Statement requires that allocation of fixed production overheads to the costs of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. This Statement is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2005. The Corporation does not anticipate that the adoption of this statement will have a material impact on the Corporation's results of operation or financial condition.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." This Statement requires a public entity to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award (with limited exceptions). That cost will be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award -- the requisite service period (usually the vesting period). No compensation cost is recognized for equity instruments for which employees do not render the requisite service. Employee share purchase plans will not result in recognition of compensation cost if certain conditions are met; those conditions are much the same as the related conditions in Statement 123. This Statement is effective as of the beginning of the first interim or annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005. The Corporation has not yet determined the impact of this pronouncement.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 153, "Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets and Amendment of APB Opinion No. 29." This statement eliminates the exception from fair value measurement for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets in paragraph 21 (b) of APB Opinion No. 29 and replaces it with an exception for exchanges that do not have commercial substance. This Statement specifies that a nonmonetary exchange has commercial substance if the future cash flows of the entity are expected to change significantly as a result of the exchange. This Statement is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2005. The Corporation does not anticipate that the adoption of this statement will have a material impact on the Corporation's results of operation or financial condition.

In December 2004, the FASB issued FSP 109-1, "Accounting for Income Taxes, to the Tax Deduction on Qualified Production Activities Provided by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004." The FASB staff believes that the deduction should be accounted for as a special deduction in accordance with Statement 109. The staff also believes that the special deduction should be considered by an enterprise in measuring deferred taxes when graduated tax rates are a significant factor and when assessing whether an evaluation allowance is required. This FSP became effective upon issuance. The adoption of this FSP did not have a material impact on the Corporation's results of operation or financial position.

In December 2004, the FASB issued FSP 109-2, "Accounting and Disclosure Guidance for the Foreign Earnings Repatriation Provision within the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004." The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 provides for a special one-time tax deduction of 85 percent of certain foreign earnings that are repatriated. FASB 109 left intact the provisions of APB Opinion No. 23 "Accounting for Income Taxes -- Special Areas," which provides an exception related to foreign earnings that will not be repatriated. Under this exception, income taxes were not required to be accrued. This FSP became effective upon issuance; however the FASB staff is allowing additional time to evaluate its effect. The Corporation does not anticipate that the adoption of this FSP will have a material impact on the Corporation's results of operation or financial condition. Additional information regarding this FSP is presented in Note 9.

### **Recent Development**

On March 3, 2005, the Corporation acquired the outstanding shares of Indal Technologies, Inc ("Indal"). The purchase price of the acquisition, subject to customary adjustments as provided for in the Stock Purchase Agreement, was 78.0 million Canadian dollars (approximately \$63 million). Management funded the purchase from the Corporation's revolving credit facility. Revenues of the purchased business were 49.4 million Canadian dollars (approximately \$38.2 million) for the year ended December 31, 2004. Indal's operations are located in Toronto, Canada. Management intends to incorporate the operations of Indal into the Corporation's Motion Control segment.

**QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES  
ABOUT MARKET RISK**

The Corporation is exposed to certain market risks from changes in interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates as a result of its global operating and financing activities. Although foreign currency translation had a favorable impact on sales and operating income in 2004, the Corporation seeks to minimize any material risks from foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations through its normal operating and financing activities and, when deemed appropriate, through the use of derivative financial instruments. The Corporation did not use such instruments for trading or other speculative purposes. The Corporation used interest rate swaps and forward foreign currency contracts to manage interest rate and currency rate exposures during the year ended December 31, 2004. Information regarding the Corporation's accounting policy on financial instruments is contained in Note 1-K to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Corporation's market risk for a change in interest rates relates primarily to the debt obligations. The Corporation shifted its interest rate exposure from 46% variable at December 31, 2003 to 65% variable at December 31, 2004. The variable rates on the revolving credit agreement and the interest rate swap agreements are based on market rates. The increase in variable interest rate exposure is due to the Corporation funding its 2004 acquisition activity through its revolving credit facility. A change in interest rates of 1% would have an impact on consolidated interest expense of approximately \$2 million. Information regarding the Corporation's Senior Notes, Revolving Credit Agreement, and Interest Rates Swaps is contained in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Financial instruments expose the Corporation to counter-party credit risk for non-performance and to market risk for changes in interest and foreign currency rates. The Corporation manages exposure to counter-party credit risk through specific minimum credit standards, diversification of counter-parties, and procedures to monitor concentrations of credit risk. The Corporation monitors the impact of market risk on the fair value and cash flows of its investments by investing primarily in investment grade interest bearing securities, which have short-term maturities. The Corporation attempts to minimize possible changes in interest and currency rates to amounts that are not material to the Corporation's consolidated results of operations and cash flows.

The acquisitions of Dy 4 and Primagraphics have increased the Corporation's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations related primarily to the Canadian dollar. The Corporation currently has a hedging program in place to mitigate the Canadian dollar foreign currency risk. Although the majority of the Corporation's sales, expenses, and cash flows are transacted in U.S. dollars, the Corporation does have some market risk exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, primarily as it relates to the value of the U.S. dollar versus the Canadian dollar, the British pound, the euro, and the Swiss franc. Any significant change in the value of the currencies of those countries in which the Corporation does business against the U.S. dollar could have an adverse effect on the Corporation's business, financial condition, and results of operations. Management seeks to minimize the risk from these foreign currency fluctuations principally through invoicing the Corporation's customers in the same currency as that of the manufacturer of the products. However, the Corporation's efforts to minimize these risks may not be successful. If foreign exchange rates were to collectively weaken or strengthen against the dollar by 10%, net earnings would have been reduced or increased, respectively, by approximately \$3 million as it relates exclusively to foreign currency exchange rate exposures.

## **REPORT OF THE CORPORATION**

The consolidated financial statements appearing on pages 38 through 41 of this Annual Report have been prepared by the Corporation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial statements necessarily include some amounts that are based on the best estimates and judgments of the Corporation. Other financial information in the Annual Report is consistent with that in the financial statements.

The Corporation maintains accounting systems, procedures, and internal accounting controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and that transactions are executed in accordance with the appropriate corporate authorization and are properly recorded. The accounting systems and internal accounting controls are augmented by written policies and procedures; organizational structure providing for a division of responsibilities; selection and training of qualified personnel; and an internal audit program. The design, monitoring, and revision of internal accounting control systems involve, among other things, management's judgment with respect to the relative cost and expected benefits of specific control measures. Management of the Corporation has completed an assessment of the Corporation's internal controls over financial reporting and has included "Managements' Annual Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting" on page 35 of this Annual Report.

Deloitte & Touche LLP, independent auditors, performed an audit of the Corporation's financial statements that also included forming an opinion on management's assessment of internal controls over financial reporting as well as the effectiveness of such controls for the year ended December 31, 2004. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The objective of their audit is the expression of an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the Corporation's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, in all material respects, on management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting, and on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors, composed entirely of directors who are independent of the Corporation, appoints the independent auditors for ratification by stockholders and, among other things, considers the scope of the independent auditors' examination, the audit results and the adequacy of internal accounting controls of the Corporation. The independent auditors and the internal auditor have direct access to the Audit Committee, and they meet with the committee from time to time, with and without management present, to discuss accounting, auditing, non-audit consulting services, internal control, and financial reporting matters.

### **CHANGES IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT**

On March 21, 2003, Curtiss-Wright Corporation replaced PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") as the Corporation's principal accountants. The decision to change principal accountants was approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

In connection with the audits of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002 and to the date of change, there were no disagreements with PwC on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreement, if not resolved to PwC's satisfaction, would have caused PwC to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in connection with its reports.

The audit report of PwC on the financial statements of the Corporation as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion, nor was the report qualified or modified as to audit scope or accounting principles.

During the most recent fiscal year and through date of change, there were no reportable events (as defined in Regulation S-K Item 304 (a)(1)(v)).

The Corporation requested that PwC furnish it with a letter addressed to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agreed with the above statements. A copy of such letter, dated March 25, 2003 is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to the Corporation's Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 26, 2003.

On March 21, 2003, the Corporation appointed Deloitte & Touche, LLP as the Corporation's new principal accountants for the fiscal year 2003 subject to their normal new client acceptance procedures. Prior to its appointment, the Corporation did not consult with Deloitte & Touche, LLP regarding any matters or events set forth in Items 304 (a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

**MANAGEMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNAL  
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Corporation's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15 (f) and 15d-15 (f) under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, amended.

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

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Corporation acquired Synergy Microsystems, Inc., Primagraphics Holdings Limited, Groth Equipment Corporation of Louisiana, Nova Machine Products Corporation, Trentec, Inc., the Everlube Products and Evesham divisions of Morgan Advanced Ceramics, Inc., and the Government Marine Business Unit of Flowserve Corporation during the year ended December 31, 2004. These acquisitions with combined assets and current year revenues at December 31, 2004 represent 13.6 and 5.2 percent, respectively, of the Corporation's consolidated amounts, and have been excluded from management's assessment of internal control over financial reporting.

The Corporation's management assessed the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004. In making this assessment, the Corporation's management used the criteria established by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control-Integrated Framework.

Based on management's assessment, excluding the acquired companies referred to in the third paragraph, management believes that, as of December 31, 2004, the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on the established criteria.

The Corporation's assessment of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004 has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, and their report thereon is included on page 36 of this Annual Report.

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED  
PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Roseland, New Jersey

We have audited management's assessment, included in the accompanying Management's Annual Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, that Curtiss-Wright Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004, based on the criteria established in Internal Control -- Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. As described in Management's Annual Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, management excluded from their assessment the internal control over financial reporting at Synergy Microsystems, Inc., Primagraphics Holdings Limited, Groth Equipment Corporation of Louisiana, Nova Machine Products Corporation, Trentec, Inc., the Everlube Products and Evesham divisions of Morgan Advanced Ceramics, Inc., and the Government Marine Business Unit of Flowserve Corporation (collectively the "Acquired Subsidiaries"), which were acquired during the year ended December 31, 2004 and whose financial statements reflect total assets and revenues constituting 13.6 and 5.2 percent, respectively, of the related consolidated financial statement amounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004. Accordingly, our audit did not include the internal control over financial reporting at the Acquired Subsidiaries. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, management's assessment that the Company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the criteria established in Internal Control -- Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004, based on the criteria established in Internal Control -- Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004 of the Company and our report dated March 15, 2005 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Parsippany, New Jersey  
March 15, 2005

## Curtiss-Wright and Subsidiaries

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Roseland, New Jersey

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Curtiss-Wright Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related consolidated statements of earnings, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. The financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2002 were audited by other auditors whose report, dated March 12, 2003, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated 2004 and 2003 financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004, based on the criteria established in Internal Control -- Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 15, 2005 expressed an unqualified opinion on management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

*/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP*

*Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Parsippany, New Jersey  
March 15, 2005*

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Curtiss-Wright Corporation

In our opinion, the consolidated statements of earnings, stockholders' equity and of cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2002, present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of Curtiss-Wright Corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

*/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Florham Park, New Jersey  
March 12, 2003*



## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

For the years ended December 31, (In thousands, except per share data)	2004	2003	2002
Net sales	\$ 955,039	\$ 746,071	\$ 513,278
Cost of sales	624,536	505,153	337,192
Gross profit	330,503	240,918	176,086
Research and development costs	(33,825)	(22,111)	(11,624)
Selling expenses	(61,648)	(38,816)	(29,553)
General and administrative expenses	(118,526)	(90,849)	(71,843)
Pension (expense) income, net	(500)	1,611	7,208
Environmental remediation and administrative expenses	(5,285)	(1,423)	(1,237)
Operating income	110,719	89,330	69,037
Interest expense	(12,031)	(5,663)	(1,810)
Other income, net	65	389	4,508
Earnings before income taxes	98,753	84,056	71,735
Provision for income taxes	(33,687)	(31,788)	(26,599)
Net earnings	\$ 65,066	\$ 52,268	\$ 45,136
NET EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Basic earnings per share	\$ 3.07	\$ 2.53	\$ 2.21
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 3.02	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.16

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

**Curtiss-Wright and Subsidiaries**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

At December 31, (In thousands)	2004	2003
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<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 41,038	\$ 98,672
Receivables, net	214,084	143,362
Inventories, net	115,979	97,880
Deferred tax assets, net	25,693	23,630
Other current assets	12,460	10,979
Total current assets	409,254	374,523
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Property, plant, and equipment, net	265,243	238,139
Prepaid pension costs	77,802	77,877
Goodwill	364,313	220,058
Other intangible assets, net	140,369	48,268
Other assets	21,459	14,800
Total assets	\$ 1,278,440	\$ 973,665
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<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term debt	\$ 1,630	\$ 997
Accounts payable	65,364	43,776
Accrued expenses	63,413	44,938
Income taxes payable	13,895	6,748
Other current liabilities	52,793	39,424
Total current liabilities	197,095	135,883
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Long-term debt	340,860	224,151
Deferred tax liabilities, net	40,043	21,798
Accrued pension and other postretirement benefit costs	80,612	75,633
Long-term portion of environmental reserves	23,356	21,083
Other liabilities	20,860	16,236
Total liabilities	702,826	494,784
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CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (Notes 10, 13, 15 & 17)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock, \$1 par value, 650,000 shares authorized, none issued	--	--
Common stock, \$1 par value, 33,750,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2004 and 2003, 16,646,359 and 16,611,464 shares issued at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively; outstanding shares were 12,673,912 at December 31, 2004 and 12,021,610 at December 31, 2003	16,646	16,611
Class B common stock, \$1 par value, 11,250,000 shares authorized and 8,764,800 shares issued at December 31, 2004 and 2003; outstanding shares were 8,764,246 at December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003	8,765	8,765
Additional paid-in capital	55,885	52,998
Retained earnings	601,070	543,670
Unearned portion of restricted stock	(34)	(55)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	36,797	22,634
Total stockholders' equity	719,129	644,623
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Less: Common treasury stock, at cost (3,973,001 shares at December 31, 2004 and 4,590,408 shares at December 31, 2003)	(143,515)	(165,742)
Total stockholders' equity	575,614	478,881
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Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,278,440	\$ 973,665
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the years ended December 31, (In thousands)	2004	2003	2002
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net earnings	\$ 65,066	\$ 52,268	\$ 45,136
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Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	40,742	31,327	18,693
Non-cash pension expense (income)	500	(1,611)	(7,208)
Net loss (gain) on sales and disposals of real estate and equipment	1,134	359	(681)
Deferred income taxes	(3,500)	6,035	4,011
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of businesses acquired:			
Proceeds from sales of short-term investments	--	--	77,050
Purchases of short-term investments	--	--	(35,600)
(Increase) decrease in receivables	(39,875)	(5,958)	31
Decrease in inventories	7,578	1,893	197
(Decrease) increase in progress payments	(4,338)	1,967	3,464
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	19,785	9,343	(61)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	4,849	(10,070)	(2,820)
Increase (decrease) in income taxes payable	8,403	3,240	(11,101)
Pension contributions	--	(5,729)	--
Increase in other current and long-term assets	(1,830)	(963)	(3,254)
Increase in other current and long-term liabilities	6,833	995	2,156
Other, net	--	428	(228)
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Total adjustments	40,281	31,256	44,649
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Net cash provided by operating activities	105,347	83,524	89,785
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sales and disposals of real estate and equipment	1,192	1,132	2,447
Acquisition of intangible assets	(2,100)	(1,575)	--
Additions to property, plant, and equipment	(32,452)	(33,329)	(34,954)
Acquisition of new businesses, net of cash acquired	(247,402)	(69,793)	(164,661)
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Net cash used for investing activities	(280,762)	(103,565)	(197,168)
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CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Borrowings of debt	624,106	384,712	220,400
Principal payments on debt	(508,025)	(314,204)	(92,795)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	7,458	3,868	6,226
Dividends paid	(7,666)	(6,520)	(6,141)
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Net cash provided by financing activities	115,873	67,856	127,690
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Effect of foreign currency	1,908	3,140	1,915
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Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(57,634)	50,955	22,222
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	98,672	47,717	25,495
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 41,038	\$ 98,672	\$ 47,717
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Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing activities:			
Fair value of assets acquired from current year acquisitions	\$ 303,041	\$ 78,231	\$ 317,003
Additional consideration on prior year acquisitions	3,027	3,147	928
Fair value of Common Stock issued as consideration for acquisitions	(14,000)	--	--
Liabilities assumed from current year acquisitions	(42,331)	(10,750)	(152,104)
Cash acquired	(2,335)	(835)	(1,166)
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Acquisition of new businesses, net of cash acquired	\$ 247,402	\$ 69,793	\$ 164,661
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

(In thousands)	Common Stock	Class B Common Stock	Additional Paid in Capital	Retained Earnings	Unearned Portion of Restricted Stock Awards	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Comprehensive Income	Treasury Stock
JANUARY 1, 2002	\$ 10,618	\$ 4,382	\$ 52,532	\$ 469,303	\$ (78)	\$ (6,831)		\$(179,972)
Comprehensive income:								
Net earnings	--	--	--	45,136	--	--	\$45,136	--
Translation adjustments, net	--	--	--	--	--	13,313	13,313	--
Total comprehensive income							\$58,449	
Dividends paid	--	--	--	(6,141)	--	--		--
Stock options exercised, net	--	--	(332)	--	--	--		9,280
Other	--	--	--	--	18	--		--
DECEMBER 31, 2002	10,618	4,382	52,200	508,298	(60)	6,482		(170,692)
Comprehensive income:								
Net earnings	--	--	--	52,268	--	--	\$ 52,268	--
Translation adjustments, net	--	--	--	--	--	16,152	16,152	--
Total comprehensive income							\$ 68,420	
Dividends paid	--	--	--	(6,520)	--	--		--
Stock options exercised, net	--	--	741	--	--	--		4,812
Other	--	--	57	--	5	--		138
Two-for-one common stock split effected in the form of a 100% stock dividend	5,993	4,383	--	(10,376)	--	--		--
DECEMBER 31, 2003	16,611	8,765	52,998	543,670	(55)	22,634		(165,742)
Comprehensive income:								
Net earnings	--	--	--	65,066	--	--	\$ 65,066	--
Translation adjustments, net	--	--	--	--	--	14,163	14,163	--
Total comprehensive income							\$ 79,229	
Dividends paid	--	--	--	(7,666)	--	--		--
Stock options exercised, net	--	--	(1,748)	--	--	--		11,345
Stock issued under employee stock purchase plan, net	35	--	1,358	--	--	--		--
Equity issued in connection with acquisitions	--	--	3,259	--	--	--		10,741
Other	--	--	18	--	21	--		141
DECEMBER 31, 2004	\$ 16,646	\$ 8,765	\$ 55,885	\$ 601,070	\$ (34)	\$ 36,797		\$(143,515)

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Curtiss-Wright Corporation and its subsidiaries (the "Corporation") is a diversified multinational manufacturing and service company that designs, manufactures, and overhauls precision components and systems and provides highly engineered products and services to the aerospace, defense, automotive, shipbuilding, processing, oil, petrochemical, agricultural equipment, railroad, power generation, security, and metalworking industries. Operations are conducted through 33 manufacturing facilities, 56 metal treatment service facilities, and 2 aerospace component overhaul and repair locations.

#### A. Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Curtiss-Wright and its majority-owned subsidiaries. All material intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated. Certain prior year information has been reclassified to conform to current presentation.

#### B. Use of Estimates

The financial statements of the Corporation have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in the accompanying financial statements. The most significant of these estimates include the estimate of costs to complete long-term contracts under the percentage-of-completion accounting methods, the estimate of useful lives for property, plant, and equipment, cash flow estimates used for testing the recoverability of assets, pension plan and postretirement obligation assumptions, estimates for inventory obsolescence, estimates for the valuation and useful lives of intangible assets, warranty reserves, and the estimate of future environmental costs. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

#### C. Revenue Recognition

The realization of revenue refers to the timing of its recognition in the accounts of the Corporation and is generally considered realized or realizable and earned when the earnings process is substantially complete and all of the following criteria are met: 1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; 2) delivery has occurred or services have been rendered; 3) the Corporation's price to its customer is fixed or determinable; and 4) collectibility is reasonably assured.

The Corporation records sales and related profits on production and service type contracts as units are shipped and title and risk of loss have transferred or as services are rendered, net of estimated returns and allowances. Sales and estimated profits under certain long-term contracts are recognized under the percentage-of-completion methods of accounting, whereby profits are recorded pro rata, based upon current estimates of direct and indirect costs to complete such contracts. In addition, the Corporation also records sales under certain long-term government fixed price contracts upon achievement of performance milestones as specified in the related contracts. Losses on contracts are provided for in the period in which the losses become determinable. Revisions in profit estimates are reflected on a cumulative basis in the period in which the basis for such revision becomes known. Deferred revenue represents the excess of the billings over cost and estimated earnings on long-term contracts.

#### D. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of money market funds and commercial paper that are readily convertible into cash, all with original maturity dates of three months or less.

#### E. Inventory

Inventories are stated at lower of production cost (principally average cost) or market. Production costs are comprised of direct material and labor and applicable manufacturing overhead.

#### F. Progress Payments

Certain long-term contracts provide for the interim billings as costs are incurred on the respective contracts. Pursuant to contract provisions, agencies of the U.S. government and other customers are granted title or a secured interest in the unbilled costs included in unbilled receivables and materials and work-in-process included in inventory to the extent of progress payments. Accordingly, these progress payments received have been reported as a reduction of unbilled receivables and inventories, as presented in Notes 3 and 4.

#### G. Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Major renewals and betterments are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the life of the asset are expensed in the period they are incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based upon the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

Average useful lives for property, plant and equipment are as follows:

Buildings and improvements 5 to 40 years Machinery, equipment, and other 3 to 15 years

#### **H. Intangible Assets**

Intangible assets are generally the result of acquisitions and consist primarily of purchased technology, customer related intangibles, trademarks and service marks, and technology licenses. The Corporation amortizes such assets ratably, to match their cash flow streams, over their estimated useful lives. Useful lives range from 1 to 20 years. See Note 7 for further information on other intangible assets.

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

The Corporation reviews the recoverability of all long-term assets, including the related useful lives, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a long-lived asset might not be recoverable. If required, the Corporation compares the estimated undiscounted future net cash flows to the related asset's carrying value to determine whether there has been an impairment. If an asset is considered impaired, the asset is written down to fair value, which is based either on discounted cash flows or appraised values in the period the impairment becomes known. There were no such write-downs in 2004, 2003, or 2002.

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### J. Goodwill

Goodwill results from business acquisitions. The Corporation accounts for business acquisitions by allocating the purchase price to tangible and intangible assets and liabilities. Assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their fair values, and the excess of the purchase price over the amounts allocated is recorded as goodwill. The recoverability of goodwill is subject to an annual impairment test, or whenever an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not result in an impairment. The impairment test is based on the estimated fair value of the underlying businesses. See Note 6 for further information on goodwill.

### K. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

SFAS No. 107, "Disclosure About Fair Value of Financial Instruments," requires certain disclosures regarding the fair value of financial instruments. Due to the short maturities of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued expenses, the net book value of these financial instruments are deemed to approximate fair value.

The estimated fair values of the Corporation's debt instruments at December 31, 2004 aggregated \$345.7 million compared to a carrying value of \$342.5 million. The carrying amount of the variable interest rate debt approximates fair value because the interest rates are reset periodically to reflect current market conditions. Fair values for the Corporation's fixed rate debt were estimated by management, utilizing valuations provided by third parties in accordance with their proprietary models.

The carrying amount of the interest rate swaps reflects their fair value as determined by management, utilizing third parties in accordance with their proprietary models.

The fair values described above may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, the use of different methodologies to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

### L. Research and Development

The Corporation funds research and development programs for commercial products and independent research and development and bid and proposal work related to government contracts. Development costs include engineering and field support for new customer requirements. Corporation-sponsored research and development costs are expensed as incurred.

Research and development costs associated with customer-sponsored programs are charged to inventory and are recorded in cost of sales when products are delivered or services performed.

### M. Environmental Costs

The Corporation establishes a reserve for a potential environmental remediation liability on a site by site basis when it concludes that a determination of legal liability is probable, and the amount of the liability can be reasonably estimated based on current law and existing technologies. Such amounts, if quantifiable, reflect the Corporation's estimate of the amount of that liability. If only a range of potential liability can be estimated and no amount within the range is more probable than another, a reserve will be established at the low end of that range. At sites involving multiple parties, the Corporation accrues environmental liabilities based upon its expected share of the liability, taking into account the financial viability of other jointly liable partners. Such reserves, which are reviewed quarterly, are adjusted as assessment and remediation efforts progress or as additional information become available. Approximately 80% of the Corporation's environmental reserves as of December 31, 2004 represent the current value of anticipated remediation costs and are not discounted primarily due to the uncertainty of timing of expenditures. The remaining environmental reserves are discounted to reflect the time value of money since the amount and timing of cash payments for the liability are reliably determinable. All environmental reserves exclude any potential recovery from insurance carriers or third-party legal actions.

### N. Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation

In accordance with SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation", the Corporation elected to account for its stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method under Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees". As such, the Corporation does not recognize compensation expense on non-qualified stock options granted to employees under the Corporation's 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTI Plan"), when the exercise price of the options is equal to the market price of the underlying stock on the date of the grant, or on non-qualified stock options granted under the Corporation's Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP").

Pro forma information regarding net earnings and earnings per share is required by SFAS No. 123 and has been determined as if the Corporation had accounted for its employee stock option grants under the fair value method prescribed by that Statement. Information with regard to the number of options granted, market price of the grants, vesting requirements, and the maximum term of the options granted appears by plan type in Note 12. The fair value of the LTI Plan options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

	2004	2003	2002
Risk-free interest rate	3.89%	3.68%	3.61%
Expected volatility	31.37%	31.68%	31.33%
Expected dividend yield	0.64%	0.94%	0.92%
Weighted-average option life	7 years	7 years	7 years
Weighted-average grant-date fair value of options	\$21.43	\$13.97	\$11.81

The fair value of the ESPP options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions:

	2004
Risk-free interest rate	1.33%
Expected volatility	23.99%
Expected dividend yield	0.35%
Weighted-average option life	0.5 years
Weighted-average grant-date fair value of options	\$11.21



The Corporation's pro forma information for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002 is as follows:

(In thousands, except per share data)	2004	2003	2002
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NET EARNINGS:			
AS REPORTED	\$ 65,066	\$ 52,268	\$ 45,136
Deduct:			
Total stock-based employee compensation expense determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects	(1,862)	(1,261)	(1,524)
Pro forma	\$ 63,204	\$ 51,007	\$ 43,612
NET EARNINGS PER SHARE:			
As reported:			
Basic	\$ 3.07	\$ 2.53	\$ 2.21
Diluted	\$ 3.02	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.16
Pro forma:			
Basic	\$ 2.98	\$ 2.47	\$ 2.14
Diluted	\$ 2.93	\$ 2.44	\$ 2.09
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The Corporation receives tax deductions related to the exercise of non-qualified LTI Plan options and disqualifying dispositions of stock granted under the ESPP, the offset of which is recorded in equity. The tax benefit of these deductions totaled \$3.5 million, \$1.7 million, and \$2.7 million in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively.

## O. Capital Stock

On May 23, 2003, the stockholders approved an increase in the number of authorized shares of the Corporation's Common Stock from 11,250,000 to 33,750,000. On November 18, 2003, the Board of Directors declared a 2-for-1 stock split in the form of a 100% stock dividend. The split, in the form of 1 share of Common Stock for each share of Common Stock outstanding and 1 share of Class B Common Stock for each share of Class B Common Stock outstanding, was payable on December 17, 2003. To effectuate the stock split, the Corporation issued 5,993,864 original shares of Common Stock and 4,382,400 original shares of Class B Common Stock, at \$1.00 par value from capital surplus, with a corresponding reduction in retained earnings of \$10.4 million. Accordingly, all references throughout this annual report to number of shares, per share amounts, stock options data and market prices of the Corporation's two classes of common stock have been adjusted to reflect the effect of the stock split for all periods presented, where applicable.

In February 2001, the Corporation increased the authorized number of shares for repurchase under its existing stock repurchase program by 600,000 shares. This increase was an addition to the previous authorization of 300,000 shares. Purchases were authorized to be made from time to time in the open market or privately negotiated transactions, depending on market and other conditions, whenever management believes that the market price of the stock does not adequately reflect the true value of the Corporation and, therefore, represented an attractive investment opportunity. The shares are held at cost and reissuance is recorded at the weighted average cost. Through December 31, 2004, the Corporation had repurchased 210,930 shares under this program. There was no stock repurchased during 2004, 2003, and 2002.

## P. Earnings Per Share

The Corporation is required to report both basic earnings per share ("EPS"), based on the weighted average number of Common and Class B shares outstanding, and diluted earnings per share, based on the basic EPS adjusted for all potentially dilutive shares issuable. The calculation of EPS is disclosed in Note 11.

## Q. Income Taxes

The Corporation applies SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." Under the asset and liability method of SFAS No. 109, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax laws is recognized in the results of operations in the period the new laws are enacted. A valuation allowance is recorded to reduce the carrying amounts of deferred tax assets unless it is more likely than not that such assets will be realized.

## R. Foreign Currency Translation

For operations outside the United States of America that prepare financial statements in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, the Corporation translates assets and liabilities at period-end exchange rates and income statement amounts using weighted average exchange rates for the period. The cumulative effect of translation adjustments is presented as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income within stockholders' equity. This balance is affected by foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and by the acquisition of foreign entities. Gains and losses from foreign currency transactions are included in results of operations.

## **S. Derivatives**

The Corporation uses interest rate swaps and forward foreign currency contracts to manage its exposure to fluctuations in interest rates on a portion of its fixed rate debt instruments and foreign currency rates at its foreign subsidiaries. The foreign currency contracts are marked to market with changes in the fair value reported in income in the period of change. The interest rate swap agreements are accounted for as fair value hedges. The interest rate swaps have been recorded at fair value on the balance sheet within other non-current assets with changes in fair value recorded currently in earnings. Additionally, the carrying amount of the associated debt is adjusted through earnings for changes in fair value due to change in interest rates. Ineffectiveness is recognized to the extent that these two adjustments do not offset. The interest rate swap agreements were assumed to be perfectly effective under the "short cut method" of SFAS 133. The differential to be paid or received based on changes in interest rates is recorded as an adjustment to interest expense in the statement of earnings. Additional information on these swap agreements is presented in Note 10.

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### T. Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2004, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") 106-2, "Accounting and Disclosure Requirements Related to the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003." This guidance supersedes FSP 106-1 issued in January 2004 and clarifies the accounting and disclosure requirements for employers with postretirement benefit plans that have been or will be affected by the passage of the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 ("the Act"). The Act introduces two new features to Medicare that an employer needs to consider in measuring its obligation and net periodic postretirement benefit costs. The effective date for the new requirements is the first interim or annual period beginning after June 15, 2004. Additional information regarding the impact of the Act is presented in Note 14.

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, "Inventory Costs -- an Amendment of ARB No. 43, Chapter 4". This Statement amends the guidance in ARB No. 43, Chapter 4, "Inventory Pricing," to clarify the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage), requiring that these items be recognized as current-period charges regardless of whether they meet the criterion of "so abnormal." In addition, this Statement requires that allocation of fixed production overheads to the costs of conversion be based on the normal capacity of the production facilities. This Statement is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2005. The Corporation does not anticipate that the adoption of this statement will have a material impact on the Corporation's results of operation or financial condition.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation." This Statement requires a public entity to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award (with limited exceptions). That cost will be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award -- the requisite service period (usually the vesting period). No compensation cost is recognized for equity instruments for which employees do not render the requisite service. Employee share purchase plans will not result in recognition of compensation cost if certain conditions are met; those conditions are much the same as the related conditions in Statement 123. This Statement is effective as of the beginning of the first interim or annual reporting period that begins after June 15, 2005. The Corporation has not yet determined the impact of this pronouncement.

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 153, "Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets and Amendment of APB Opinion No. 29." This statement eliminates the exception from fair value measurement for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets in paragraph 21 (b) of APB Opinion No. 29 and replaces it with an exception for exchanges that do not have commercial substance. This Statement specifies that a nonmonetary exchange has commercial substance if the future cash flows of the entity are expected to change significantly as a result of the exchange. This Statement is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2005. The Corporation does not anticipate that the adoption of this statement will have a material impact on the Corporation's results of operation or financial condition.

In December 2004, the FASB issued FSP 109-1, "Accounting for Income Taxes, to the Tax Deduction on Qualified Production Activities Provided by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004." The FASB staff believes that the deduction should be accounted for as a special deduction in accordance with Statement 109. The staff also believes that the special deduction should be considered by an enterprise in measuring deferred taxes when graduated tax rates are a significant factor, and when assessing whether an evaluation allowance is required. This FSP became effective upon issuance. The adoption of this FSP did not have a material impact on the Corporations' results of operation or financial position.

In December 2004, the FASB issued FSP 109-2, "Accounting and Disclosure Guidance for the Foreign Earnings Repatriation Provision within the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004." The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 provides for a special one-time tax deduction of 85 percent of certain foreign earnings that are repatriated. FASB 109 left intact the provisions of APB Opinion No. 23 "Accounting for Income Taxes -- Special Areas," which provides an exception related to foreign earnings that will not be repatriated. Under this exception, income taxes were not required to be accrued. This FSP became effective upon issuance; however the FASB staff is allowing additional time to evaluate its effect. The Corporation does not anticipate that the adoption of this FSP will have a material impact on the Corporation's results of operation or financial condition. Additional information regarding this FSP is presented in Note 9.

### 2. Acquisitions

The Corporation acquired eleven businesses in 2004, nine of which are described in more detail below, seven businesses in 2003, and six businesses in 2002 as described below. The remaining two businesses acquired in 2004 had an aggregate purchase price of \$1.1 million and are not considered material. All acquisitions have been accounted for as purchases with the excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the net tangible and intangible assets acquired recorded as goodwill. The Corporation makes preliminary estimates of the purchase price allocations, including the value of identifiable intangibles with a finite life and records amortization based upon the estimated useful life of those intangible assets identified. The Corporation will adjust these estimates based upon analysis of third party appraisals, when deemed appropriate, and the determination of fair value when finalized, within twelve months from acquisition.

The following unaudited pro forma financial information shows the results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, as though the 2003 and 2004 acquisitions had occurred on January 1, 2003. The unaudited pro forma presentation reflects adjustments for (i) the amortization of acquired intangible assets, (ii) depreciation of fixed assets at their acquired fair values, (iii) additional interest expense on acquisition-related borrowings, (iv) the issuance of stock as consideration, and (v) the income tax effect on the pro forma adjustments, using local statutory rates. The pro forma

adjustments related to certain acquisitions are based on preliminary purchase price allocations. Differences between the preliminary and final purchase

price allocations could have a significant impact on the unaudited pro forma financial information presented. The unaudited pro forma financial information below is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have been achieved had the acquisition been completed as of the date indicated above or the results that may be obtained in the future.

Unaudited (In thousands)	2004	2003
Revenue	\$1,021,634	\$ 956,454
Net earnings	\$ 66,046	\$ 60,091
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 3.05	\$ 2.84

The results of each acquired business have been included in the consolidated financial results of the Corporation from the date of acquisition in the segment indicated as follows:

## FLOW CONTROL

### GOVERNMENT MARINE BUSINESS UNIT

On November 10, 2004, the Corporation acquired certain assets of the Government Marine Business Unit ("GMBU") division of Flowserve Corporation. The effective date of the acquisition was November 1, 2004. The purchase price, subject to customary adjustments provided for in the Asset Purchase Agreement, was \$28.1 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. The purchase price was funded from credit available under the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired is \$7.0 million at December 31, 2004. Revenues of the purchased business were \$26.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

GMBU is a leading designer and manufacturer of highly engineered, critical function pumps for the U.S. Navy nuclear submarine and aircraft carrier programs and non-nuclear surface ships. GMBU is the sole source supplier of main and auxiliary seawater, fresh water, and cooling pumps, coolant purification pumps, injection, chilled water and other critical pumps. Approximately 85% of this business supports nuclear programs and 15% supports non-nuclear naval surface programs. GMBU has a strong and growing aftermarket business for repairs, refurbishments, and parts, which constitutes approximately 45% of total sales. GMBU's operations are located in Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

### GROQUIP

On July 12, 2004, the Corporation acquired the outstanding stock of Groth Equipment Corporation of Louisiana ("Groquip"). The purchase price, subject to customary adjustments provided for in the Stock Purchase Agreement, was \$4.5 million payable in approximately 18,000 shares of the Corporation's restricted Common Stock valued at \$1.0 million and cash of \$3.5 million, and the assumption of certain liabilities. The cash portion of the purchase price was funded from credit available under the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. The Corporation is holding \$0.3 million as security for potential indemnification claims. Any amount of holdback remaining after claims for indemnification have been settled will be paid to the seller within 12 months of the acquisition date. The purchase price approximated the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004.

Groquip is a market leader in the hydrocarbon and chemical processing industries. Groquip provides products and services for various pressure-related processes that ensure safe operation and regulatory compliance. Groquip is a manufacturer's sales representative for rupture discs, conservation vents, fire and gas detectors, and pressure relief valves. They also provide field and in-shop service and repairs for pressure relief valves and a variety of specialty valves. Groquip is headquartered in Geismar, Louisiana and has a sales and service center located in Sulphur, Louisiana. Revenues of the acquired business were \$10.1 million for the twelve months ended June 30, 2004.

### NOVA

On May 24, 2004, the Corporation acquired certain assets of NOVA Machine Products Corporation ("NOVA"). The purchase price was \$20.0 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. The purchase price was funded from credit available under the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. As of December 31, 2004, the Corporation has \$0.6 million included in other current liabilities as a result of the settlement of customary adjustments provided in the Asset Purchase Agreement. There are provisions in the agreement for additional payments upon the achievement of certain financial performance criteria through 2009 up to a maximum additional payment of \$9.2 million. Through December 31, 2004, the Corporation has made no payments of additional consideration under these provisions. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired is \$4.5 million at December 31, 2004.

NOVA is one of the largest suppliers of safety-related fasteners to the U.S. nuclear power industry and the Department of Energy, and also provides a wide range of manufactured and distributed products and related services. NOVA is headquartered in Middleburg Heights, OH, with distribution centers in Glendale Heights, IL, and Decatur, AL, and five sales offices throughout the U.S. Revenues of the acquired business were \$17.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

### TRENTEC

On May 24, 2004, the Corporation acquired certain assets of Trentec, Inc. ("Trentec"). The purchase price, subject to customary adjustments provided for in the Asset Purchase Agreement, was \$13.8 million, payable in approximately 280,000 shares of the Corporation's restricted

Common Stock valued at \$13.0 million, cash of \$0.8 million, and the assumption of certain liabilities. The cash portion of the purchase price is being held by the Corporation as security for potential indemnification claims. Any amount of holdback remaining after claims for indemnification have been settled will be paid to the seller within 18 months of the acquisition date. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired is \$5.3 million at December 31, 2004.

Trentec's services include specialty equipment fabrication, diamond wiresaw cutting, nuclear power plant equipment qualification, and third-party dedication and supply of nuclear components. Trentec's operations are located in Cincinnati, Ohio. Revenues of the acquired business were \$13.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

#### **TAPCO INTERNATIONAL**

On December 3, 2002, the Corporation acquired the assets of TAPCO International, Inc., ("TAPCO") for \$12.0 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities and was funded from the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value

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of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004 is \$6.4 million, including foreign currency translation adjustment gains of \$0.2 million.

TAPCO designs, engineers, and manufactures high-performance metal seated industrial gate valves, butterfly valves, flapper valves, actuators, and internal components used in high-temperature, highly abrasive, and highly corrosive environments in the petrochemical refining industry. Operations are located in Houston, Texas with a minor operation in the UK to serve the European market.

### ELECTRO-MECHANICAL DIVISION

On October 28, 2002, the Corporation acquired the net assets of the Electro Mechanical Division ("EMD") of Westinghouse Government Services Company LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Washington Group International. The purchase price of the acquisition was \$84.9 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities and was funded from the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. The purchase price has been allocated to the net tangible and intangible assets acquired, with the remainder recorded as goodwill, on the basis of fair values, as follows:

(In thousands)

Net working capital	\$ 455
Property, plant, and equipment	70,474
Deferred tax assets	36,097
Other noncurrent assets	6,511
Postretirement benefit obligation	(36,344)
Pension benefit obligation	(38,626)
Other noncurrent liabilities	(13,881)
Intangible assets	6,970
Net tangible and intangible assets	\$ 31,656
Purchase price	84,915
Goodwill	\$ 53,259

The purchase price includes \$5.1 million, which will be paid in early 2005 and has been recorded on the Corporation's balance sheet in other current liabilities as of December 31, 2004. The additional payment represents the final settlement of the working capital adjustment included in the Asset Purchase Agreement.

EMD is a designer and manufacturer of highly engineered critical function electro-mechanical solutions for the U.S. Navy, commercial nuclear power utilities, petrochemical, and hazardous waste industries. The addition of EMD further strengthens the Corporation's relationship with and broadens the product base that we currently provide to the U.S. Navy. The EMD product offerings complement the Corporation's product lines of control valves and electronic instrumentation and control technology. Operations are located in Cheswick, Pennsylvania.

### MOTION CONTROL

#### SYNERGY

On August 31, 2004, the Corporation acquired the outstanding stock of Synergy Microsystems, Inc ("Synergy"). The purchase price was \$49.3 million in cash and was funded from credit available under the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. Under the terms of the agreement, the Corporation deposited \$2.5 million into escrow as security for potential indemnification claims against the seller. Any escrow remaining after claims for indemnification have been settled will be paid to the seller 18 months from the acquisition date by the escrow agent. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired is \$31.8 million at December 31, 2004.

Synergy specializes in the design, manufacture and integration of single- and multi-processor, single-board computers for VME and CompactPCI systems to meet the needs of demanding real-time applications in military, aerospace, industrial and commercial markets. Synergy is headquartered in San Diego, CA and has a facility in Tucson, AZ. Revenues of the acquired business were \$17.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

### PRIMAGRAPHICS

On May 28, 2004, the Corporation acquired the outstanding stock of Primagraphics Holdings Limited ("Primagraphics"). The purchase price, subject to customary adjustments provided for in the Stock Purchase Agreement, was (pound)12.5 million (\$22.4 million) in cash. The purchase price was funded from credit available under the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. The estimated excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired is \$15.2 million at December 31, 2004, including foreign currency translation adjustment gains of \$1.0 million. The fair value of the net assets acquired was based on current estimates. The Corporation may adjust these estimates based upon analysis of third party appraisals and the final determination of fair value.

Primagraphics is a market leader in the development of radar processing and graphic display systems used throughout the world for military and commercial applications, such as ship and airborne command and control consoles, vessel tracking, air traffic control and air defense systems. Primagraphics' products include graphics and imaging technologies, video and sensor processing hardware, and software that can be readily engineered to provide vital components for a wide variety of systems. Primagraphics is headquartered near Cambridge in the United Kingdom, with an additional facility in Charlottesville, VA, and a worldwide network of dealers and distributors. Revenues of the acquired business were (pound) 6.8 million (\$10.9 million) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003.

Dy 4

On January 31, 2004, the Corporation acquired the outstanding stock of Dy 4 Systems, Inc. and Dy 4 (U.S.) Inc. (collectively "Dy 4"). The purchase price was \$110.4 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. Management funded the purchase price with cash on hand and from the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. The purchase price has been allocated to the net tangible and intangible assets acquired, with the remainder recorded as goodwill, on the basis of fair values as of December 31, 2004, as follows:

(In thousands)

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Net working capital	\$ 11,087
Property, plant, and equipment	6,238
Deferred tax liabilities	(10,256)
Intangible assets	40,549
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Net tangible and intangible assets	\$ 47,618
Purchase price, including capitalized acquisition costs	110,360
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Goodwill	\$ 62,742
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Dy 4 is considered a market leader in ruggedized embedded computing solutions for the defense and aerospace industries. Using standard, commercially available computing technologies, referred to as commercial-off-the-shelf or "COTS", Dy 4 customizes the products to perform reliably in rugged conditions, such as extreme temperature, terrain, and speed. The acquisition was made primarily to compliment the Corporation's existing businesses that serve the embedded computing market. Based in Ottawa, Canada, Dy 4 also has a facility in Virginia and a sales office in the United Kingdom. Revenues of the purchased business for the fiscal year ending August 29, 2003 were \$72.4 million.

## **NOVATRONICS/PICKERING**

On December 4, 2003, the Corporation acquired all of the outstanding stock of Novatronics Inc. ("Novatronics") and Pickering Controls Inc. ("Pickering"). The purchase price was \$13.6 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities and was funded with proceeds from the Senior Notes issued in September 2003. There are provisions in the agreement for an additional payment in 2006 upon the achievement of certain financial performance criteria up to a maximum of \$2.3 million. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004 is \$6.3 million, including foreign currency translation adjustment gains of \$0.2 million.

Novatronics and Pickering design and manufacture electric motors and position sensors (both linear and rotary) for the commercial aerospace, military aerospace, and industrial markets. Novatronics has operating facilities located in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, while Pickering is located in Plainview, NY. Revenues of the purchased business were \$12.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2002.

## **SYSTRAN CORPORATION**

On December 1, 2003, the Corporation acquired all of the outstanding shares of Systran Corporation ("Systran"). The purchase price was \$18.3 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities and was funded with proceeds from the Senior Notes issued in September 2003. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004 is \$9.1 million.

Systran is a leading supplier of highly specialized, high performance data communications products for real-time systems, primarily for the aerospace and defense, industrial automation, and medical imaging markets. Key applications include simulation, process control, advanced digital signal processing, data acquisition, image processing, and test and measurement. Systran's operations are located in Dayton, Ohio. Revenues of the purchased business were \$15.1 million for the year ended September 30, 2003.

## **PERITEK CORPORATION**

On August 1, 2003, the Corporation acquired the assets and certain liabilities of Peritek Corporation ("Peritek"). The purchase price was \$3.2 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. As of December 31, 2004, the Corporation has paid \$2.4 million in cash and has a promissory note of \$0.5 million payable in 2005. The remaining \$0.3 million is being held as security for potential indemnification claims. Any amount of holdback remaining after claims for indemnification have been settled will be paid nineteen months after the acquisition date. The purchase price of the acquisition approximates the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004, which includes developed technology of approximately \$2.6 million.

Peritek is a leading supplier of video and graphic display boards for the embedded computing industry and supplies a variety of industries including aviation, defense, and medical. In addition, Peritek supplies products for bomb detection, industrial automation, and medical imaging applications. Peritek's operations are located in Oakland, California. Revenues of the purchased business for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003 were \$2.7 million.

## **COLLINS TECHNOLOGIES**

On February 28, 2003, the Corporation acquired the assets of Collins Technologies ("Collins"). The purchase price was \$11.8 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. Management funded the purchase price from credit available under the Corporation's Short-Term Credit Agreement. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004 is \$6.2 million.

Collins designs and manufactures Linear Variable Displacement Transducers ("LVDTs") primarily for aerospace flight and engine control applications. Industrial LVDTs are used mostly in industrial automation and test applications. Collins' operations are located in Long Beach, California. Revenues of the purchased business were \$8.3 million for the year ended March 31, 2002.

## **PENNY & GILES/AUTRONICS**

On April 1, 2002, the Corporation acquired all of the outstanding shares of Penny & Giles Controls Ltd., Penny & Giles Controls Inc., Penny & Giles Aerospace Ltd., the assets of Penny & Giles International Plc. devoted to its aerospace component business (collectively "Penny & Giles"), and substantially all of the assets of Autronics Corporation ("Autronics"). The purchase price was \$59.5 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. Approximately \$40 million of the purchase price was funded from the Corporation's Revolving Credit facility. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004 is \$34.2 million, including foreign currency translation adjustment gains of \$6.5 million.

Penny & Giles is a designer and manufacturer of proprietary position sensors and control hardware for both military and commercial aerospace applications and industrial markets. Autronics is a leading provider of aerospace fire detection and suppression control systems, power

conversion products, and control electronics. The acquired business units are located in Wales, England, Germany, and the United States of America.

## **Curtiss-Wright and Subsidiaries**

### **METAL TREATMENT**

#### **EVERLUBE**

On April 2, 2004, the Corporation purchased the assets of the Everlube Products division ("Everlube") of Morgan Advanced Ceramics, Inc. The purchase price was \$6.5 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. The purchase price was funded from credit available under the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. The estimated excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired is \$3.3 million at December 31, 2004. The fair value of the net assets acquired was based on current estimates. The Corporation may adjust these estimates based upon analysis of third party appraisals and the final determination of fair value.

Everlube is a pioneer and leader in manufacturing solid film lubricant (SFL) and other specialty engineered coatings with more than 180 formulations available. Everlube's engineered coatings improve the functional performance of metal components in lubrication, temperature, and corrosion resistance. Everlube is located in Peachtree City, Georgia. Revenues of the acquired business were \$3.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2003.

#### **EVESHAM**

On February 24, 2004, the Corporation purchased the assets of the Evesham coatings business located in the United Kingdom ("Evesham") from Morgan Advanced Ceramics, Ltd. The purchase price was (pound)3.5 million (\$6.5 million) in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. The purchase price was funded from credit available under the Corporation's revolving credit facilities. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired is \$2.2 million at December 31, 2004, including foreign currency translation adjustment gains of \$0.1 million.

Evesham manufactures and applies an extensive range of solid film lubricant (SFL) coatings, which provide lubrication, corrosion resistance and enhanced engineering performance. Revenues of the acquired business were (pound)2.6 million (\$4.2 million) for the year ended December 31, 2003.

### **E/M ENGINEERED COATINGS SOLUTIONS**

On April 2, 2003, the Corporation purchased selected assets of E/M Engineered Coatings Solutions ("E/M Coatings"). The purchase price was \$16.8 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. The purchase price was funded from credit available under the Corporation's Short-Term Credit Agreement. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004 is \$6.4 million.

The Corporation acquired six E/M Coatings facilities operating in Chicago, IL; Detroit, MI; Minneapolis, MN; Hartford, CT; and North Hollywood and Chatsworth, CA. Combined, these facilities are one of the leading providers of solid film lubricant coatings in the United States. The E/M Coatings facilities have the capability of applying over 1,100 different coatings to impart lubrication, corrosion resistance, and certain cosmetic and dielectric properties to selected components. Revenues of the purchased business were approximately \$26 million for the year ended December 31, 2002.

### **ADVANCED MATERIAL PROCESS**

On March 11, 2003, the Corporation acquired selected net assets of Advanced Material Process Corp. ("AMP"), a private company with operations located in Wayne, Michigan. The purchase price was \$6.0 million in cash and the assumption of certain liabilities. There are provisions in the agreement for additional payments upon the achievement of certain financial performance criteria through 2008 up to a maximum additional payment of \$1.0 million. As of December 31, 2004, the Corporation has paid \$0.1 million in such additional consideration. Management funded the purchase from credit available under the Corporation's Short-Term Credit Agreement. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004 is \$1.4 million.

AMP is a supplier of commercial shot peening services primarily to the automotive market in the Detroit area. Revenues of the purchased business were \$5.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2002.

### **BRENNER TOOL & DIE**

On November 14, 2002, the Corporation acquired selected assets and liabilities of Brenner Tool and Die, Inc. ("Brenner") relating to Brenner's metal finishing operations in Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Brenner provides non-destructive testing, chemical milling, chromic and phosphoric anodizing, and painting services.

The purchase price was \$10.0 million in cash, which approximated the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004. There are provisions in the agreement for additional payments upon the achievement of certain financial performance criteria through 2007 up to a maximum additional payment of \$10.0 million. Through December 31, 2004, the Corporation has made no payments of additional consideration under these provisions.

## **YTSTRUKTUR ARBOGA AB**

On April 11, 2002, the Corporation acquired 100% of the stock of Ytstruktur Arboga AB, a metal treatment business located in Arboga, Sweden. This business, specializing in controlled shot peening, non-destructive testing, and other metal finishing processes, services the Scandinavian market.

The purchase price was \$1.2 million. The excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired as of December 31, 2004 is \$1.6 million, including \$0.6 million of foreign currency translation gains.

### 3. Receivables

Receivables include current notes, amounts billed to customers, claims and other receivables, and unbilled revenue on long-term contracts, consisting of amounts recognized as sales but not billed. Substantially all amounts of unbilled receivables are expected to be billed and collected in the subsequent year.

Credit risk is generally diversified due to the large number of entities comprising the Corporation's customer base and their geographic dispersion. The Corporation is either a prime contractor or subcontractor of various agencies of the U.S. Government. Revenues derived directly and indirectly from government sources (primarily the U.S. Government) were 47%, 46%, and 41% of consolidated revenues in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, accounts receivable due directly or indirectly from these government sources represented 42% and 34% of net receivables, respectively. Sales to one customer through which the Corporation is a subcontractor to the U.S. Government were 13% of consolidated revenues in 2004, 16% in 2003, and 10% in 2002. Accounts receivables due from this same customer were 14% of net receivables at December 31, 2003. No single customer accounted for more than 10% of the Corporation's net receivables as of December 31, 2004.

The Corporation performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers and establishes appropriate allowances for doubtful accounts based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of specific customers, historical trends, and other information.

The composition of receivables is as follows:

(In thousands) December 31,	2004	2003
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BILLED RECEIVABLES:		
Trade and other receivables	\$ 156,891	\$ 111,068
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(4,011)	(3,449)
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Net billed receivables	152,880	107,619
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UNBILLED RECEIVABLES:		
Recoverable costs and estimated earnings not billed	79,156	56,070
Less: Progress payments applied	(17,952)	(20,327)
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Net unbilled receivables	61,204	35,743
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Receivables, net	\$ 214,084	\$ 143,362
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The net receivable balance at December 31, 2004 included \$34.7 million related to the Corporation's 2004 acquisitions.

### 4. Inventories

In accordance with industry practice, inventoried costs contain amounts relating to long-term contracts and programs with long production cycles, a portion of which will not be realized within one year. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost (principally average cost) or market. The composition of inventories is as follows:

(In thousands) December 31,	2004	2003
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Raw material	\$ 49,616	\$ 40,624
Work-in-process	35,157	26,409
Finished goods and component parts	50,117	46,575
Inventoried costs related to U.S. Government and other long-term contracts	19,396	20,544
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Gross inventories	154,286	134,152
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Less: Inventory reserves	(26,276)	(22,278)
Progress payments applied, principally related to long-term contracts	(12,031)	(13,994)
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Inventories, net	\$ 115,979	\$ 97,880
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The net inventory balance at December 31, 2004 included \$21.1 million related to the Corporation's 2004 acquisitions.

### 5. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The composition of property, plant, and equipment is as follows:

(In thousands) December 31,	2004	2003
Land	\$ 12,563	\$ 12,206
Buildings and improvements	101,476	93,058
Machinery, equipment, and other	340,363	294,744
Property, plant, and equipment, at cost	454,402	400,008
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(189,159)	(161,869)
Property, plant, and equipment, net	\$ 265,243	\$ 238,139

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002 was \$32.4 million, \$27.7 million, and \$16.7 million, respectively. The net property, plant, and equipment balance at December 31, 2004 included \$23.7 million related to the Corporation's 2004 acquisitions.

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### 6. Goodwill

Goodwill consists primarily of the excess purchase price of acquisitions over the fair value of the net assets acquired.

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for 2004 and 2003 are as follows:

(In thousands)	Flow Control	Motion Control	Metal Treatment	Consolidated
December 31, 2002	\$ 95,409	\$ 78,727	\$ 6,965	\$ 181,101
Goodwill from 2003 acquisitions	--	21,369	8,581	29,950
Change in estimate to fair value of net assets acquired in prior years	(6,458)	5,003	13	(1,442)
Additional consideration of prior years' acquisitions	2,481	1,078	--	3,559
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,986	4,673	231	6,890
December 31, 2003	\$ 93,418	\$ 110,850	\$ 15,790	\$ 220,058
Goodwill from 2004 acquisitions	17,070	109,207	5,411	131,688
Change in estimate to fair value of net assets acquired in prior years	(2,260)	34	(871)	(3,097)
Additional consideration of prior years' acquisitions	5,777	4,024	20	9,821
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1,197	4,464	182	5,843
December 31, 2004	\$ 115,202	\$ 228,579	\$ 20,532	\$ 364,313

Additional consideration of prior years' acquisitions includes accruals of \$8.5 million and \$1.2 million as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, related to earn out and other required contractual payments. These amounts are classified in other current liabilities as additional amounts due to sellers.

During 2004, the Corporation finalized the allocation of the purchase price for the seven businesses acquired in 2003 and nine of the acquired businesses in 2004. The purchase price allocations relating to two of the businesses acquired in 2004 are based on estimates and have not yet been finalized. Approximately \$28 million and \$14 million of the goodwill on acquisitions made during 2004 and 2003, respectively, is deductible for tax purposes.

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, the Corporation completed its annual impairment test of goodwill during the third quarter of 2004 and concluded there was no impairment of goodwill.

### 7. Other Intangible Assets, net

Intangible assets are generally the result of acquisitions and consist primarily of purchased technology, customer related intangibles, trademarks and service marks, and technology licenses. Intangible assets are amortized over useful lives that range between 1 and 20 years.

The following table summarizes the intangible assets acquired (including their weighted average useful lives) by the Corporation during 2004 and 2003. The 2004 amounts include certain estimates that are subject to adjustment, while the 2003 amounts have been adjusted to reflect the changes in estimates of fair value made in 2004. Excluded from Other intangible assets are indefinite lived intangibles of \$8.0 million and \$0.9 million in 2004 and 2003, respectively.

(In thousands, except years data)	2004		2003	
	Amount	Years	Amount	Years
Developed technology	\$46,858	17.6	\$ 7,338	13.2
Customer related intangibles	39,961	18.7	14,977	15.9
Other intangible assets	1,391	8.2	2,229	11.1
Total	\$88,210	17.9	\$24,544	14.7

The following tables present the cumulative composition of the Corporation's acquired intangible assets as of December 31:

(In thousands) 2004	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Developed technology	\$ 75,970	\$ (7,436)	\$ 68,534
Customer related intangibles	62,049	(4,282)	57,767
Other intangible assets	15,952	(1,884)	14,068

Total	\$ 153,971	\$ (13,602)	\$ 140,369
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2003	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Developed technology	\$32,892	\$ (2,966)	\$ 29,926
Customer related intangibles	14,469	(863)	13,606
Other intangible assets	5,902	(1,166)	4,736
Total	\$53,263	\$ (4,995)	\$ 48,268

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The following table presents the changes in the net balance of other intangibles assets during 2004:

(In thousands)	Developed Technology	Customer Related Intangibles	Other Intangible Assets	Total
December 31, 2003	\$ 29,926	\$ 13,606	\$ 4,736	\$ 48,268
Acquired during 2004	46,858	39,961	9,364	96,183
Amortization expense	(4,307)	(3,413)	(628)	(8,348)
Change in estimate of fair value related to purchase price allocations	(5,146)	7,514	610	2,978
Net foreign currency translation adjustment	1,203	99	(14)	1,288
Total	\$ 68,534	\$ 57,767	\$ 14,068	\$ 140,369

During 2003, the Corporation removed \$1.5 million of fully amortized intangible assets from the gross and accumulated amortization of customer related intangibles, respectively. Included in other intangible assets at December 31, 2004 and 2003 are \$9.9 million and \$1.0 million, respectively, of intangible assets not subject to amortization.

Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 was \$3.6 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. The estimated future amortization expense of purchased intangible assets is as follows:

(In thousands)

2005	\$ 10,055
2006	9,177
2007	9,177
2008	9,125
2009	8,389
2010 and thereafter	94,446
Total amortization expense	\$140,369

#### 8. Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued expenses consist of the following:

(In thousands) December 31,	2004	2003
Accrued compensation	\$36,520	\$26,331
Accrued commissions	3,857	1,593
Accrued taxes other than income taxes	3,642	3,050
Accrued insurance	3,179	3,957
Accrued interest	3,170	3,264
Other	13,045	6,743
Total accrued expenses	\$63,413	\$44,938

Other current liabilities consist of the following:

(In thousands) December 31,	2004	2003
Deferred revenue	\$26,575	\$21,726
Additional amounts due to sellers on acquisitions	10,899	2,154
Warranty reserves	9,667	10,011
Current portion of environmental reserves	1,843	2,178
Other	3,809	3,355
Total other current liabilities	\$52,793	\$39,424

The accrued expenses and other current liabilities at December 31, 2004 included \$7.6 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, related to the Corporation's 2004 acquisitions.

The Corporation provides its customers with warranties on certain commercial and governmental products. Estimated warranty costs are charged to expense in the period the related revenue is recognized based on the terms of the product warranty, the related estimated costs, and quantitative historical claims experience. These estimates are adjusted in the period in which actual results are finalized or additional information

is obtained. The following table presents the changes in the Corporation's warranty reserves:

(In thousands) December 31,	2004	2003
Warranty reserves at January 1,	\$ 10,011	\$ 9,504
Provision for current year sales	3,275	1,650
Current year claims	(2,334)	(1,930)
Change in estimates to pre-existing warranties	(2,856)	(389)
Increase due to acquisitions	1,135	612
Foreign currency translation adjustment	436	564
Warranty reserves at December 31,	\$ 9,667	\$ 10,011

## 9. Income Taxes

Earnings before income taxes for the years ended December 31 consist of:

(In thousands)	2004	2003	2002
Domestic	\$65,963	\$67,429	\$55,314
Foreign	32,790	16,627	16,421
Total	\$98,753	\$84,056	\$71,735

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The provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31 consist of:

(In thousands)	2004	2003	2002
<b>Current:</b>			
Federal	\$ 21,158	\$ 17,018	\$ 13,582
State	5,481	4,103	3,648
Foreign	10,548	5,050	5,255
	37,187	26,171	22,485
<b>Deferred:</b>			
Federal	(878)	5,032	3,664
State	(1,969)	426	296
Foreign	(653)	159	154
	(3,500)	5,617	4,114
<b>Provision for income taxes</b>	<b>\$ 33,687</b>	<b>\$ 31,788</b>	<b>\$ 26,599</b>

The effective tax rate varies from the U.S. federal statutory tax rate for the years ended December 31, principally due to the following:

	2004	2003	2002
U.S. Federal statutory tax rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Add (deduct):			
State and local taxes, net of federal benefit	1.6	3.5	3.6
Recovery of research & development credits from prior years	--	--	(1.3)
Dividends received deduction and tax exempt income	--	--	(0.1)
All other, net	(2.5)	(0.7)	(0.1)
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>37.8%</b>	<b>37.1%</b>

The 2004 effective tax rate included nonrecurring benefits totaling \$3.4 million, primarily resulting from the change in legal structure of one of our subsidiaries, and a favorable IRS appeals settlement relating to the 1993 tax year.

The components of the Corporation's deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31 are as follows:

(In thousands)	2004	2003
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Environmental reserves	\$ 9,141	\$ 9,318
Inventories	10,730	8,992
Postretirement/postemployment benefits	16,204	15,601
Incentive compensation	7,086	5,383
Accrued vacation pay	4,229	3,806
Warranty reserve	1,950	1,686
Other	5,164	4,446
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<b>54,504</b>	<b>49,232</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Retirement plans	9,447	13,692
Depreciation	17,607	16,416
Goodwill amortization	20,974	4,936
Other intangible amortization	19,078	9,285
Other	1,748	3,071
<b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>68,854</b>	<b>47,400</b>
<b>Net deferred tax (liabilities) assets</b>	<b>\$(14,350)</b>	<b>\$ 1,832</b>

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are reflected on the Corporation's consolidated balance sheet at December 31 as follows:

(In thousands)	2004	2003
Current deferred tax assets	\$ 25,693	\$ 23,630
Noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	(40,043)	(21,798)
Net deferred tax assets	\$(14,350)	\$ 1,832

As of December 31, 2004, the Corporation had state and foreign net operating loss carryforwards of \$0.4 million, after tax. The state net operating loss carryforwards expire through the year 2023. The foreign net operating loss carryforwards have no expiration date.

Income tax payments of \$28.8 million were made in 2004, \$22.8 million in 2003, and \$34.6 million in 2002.

No provision has been made for U.S. federal or foreign taxes on that portion of certain foreign subsidiaries' undistributed earnings considered to be permanently reinvested, which at December 31, 2004 was \$23.3 million. It is not practicable to estimate the amount of tax that would be payable if these amounts were repatriated to the U.S.; however, it is expected there would be minimal or no additional tax because of the availability of foreign tax credits.

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 109-2, "Accounting and Disclosure Guidance for the Foreign Earnings Repatriation Provision within the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004" ("FSP No. 109-2"). The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the "Act"), which became effective October 22, 2004, provides a one-time dividends received deduction on the repatriation of certain foreign earnings to a U.S. taxpayer, provided certain criteria are met. The Corporation may apply the provision of the Act to qualifying earnings repatriations through December 31, 2005. FSP No. 109-2 provides accounting and disclosure guidance for the repatriation provision. As permitted by FSP No. 109-2, the Corporation will not complete its evaluation of the repatriation provisions until a reasonable duration following the publication of clarifying language on key elements of the Act by Congress or the Treasury Department. Accordingly, the Corporation has not recorded any income tax expense or benefit for amounts that may be repatriated under the Act. The range of unremitted earnings the Corporation is considering for possible repatriation under the Act is zero to \$23 million, which would result in additional income tax expense of zero to \$3 million. Currently, the Corporation does not record deferred tax liabilities on unremitted earnings of its foreign subsidiaries, as such subsidiaries invest such undistributed earnings indefinitely.

## 10. Debt

Debt at December 31 consists of the following:

(In thousands)	2004	2003
Industrial Revenue Bonds, due from 2007 to 2028. Weighted average interest rate per annum is 1.39% and 1.24% for 2004 and 2003, respectively	\$ 14,296	\$ 14,351
Revolving Credit Agreement, due 2009. Weighted average interest rate per annum is 2.56% for 2004 and 1.97% for 2003	124,500	8,868
5.13% Senior Notes due 2010	75,329	75,217
Weighted average interest rate per annum is 4.39% for 2004 and 4.71% for 2003		
5.74% Senior Notes due 2013	126,793	125,747
Weighted average interest rate per annum is 4.24% for 2004 and 4.84% for 2003		
Other debt	1,572	965
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>342,490</b>	<b>225,148</b>
Less: Short-term debt	1,630	997
<b>Total Long-term debt</b>	<b>\$340,860</b>	<b>\$224,151</b>

The estimated fair values of the Corporation's total debt instruments at December 31, 2004 aggregated \$345.7 million compared to a carrying value of \$342.5 million. The carrying amount of the variable interest rate long-term debt approximates fair value because the interest rates are reset periodically to reflect current market conditions. Fair values for the Corporation's fixed rate debt were estimated by management, utilizing valuations provided by third parties in accordance with their proprietary models.

The carrying amount of the interest rate swaps reflects their fair value as provided by third parties in accordance with their proprietary models.

The fair values described above may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, the use of different methodologies to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

Aggregate maturities of debt are as follows (1):

(In thousands)

2005	\$ 1,630
2006	59
2007	5,060
2008	62
2009	124,564
Thereafter	208,994
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$340,369</b>

(1) Amounts exclude a \$2.1 million adjustment to the fair value of long-term debt relating to the Corporation's interest rate swap agreements that will not be settled in cash.

Interest payments of \$12.1 million, \$2.6 million, and \$1.6 million were made in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively.

On July 23, 2004, the Corporation amended its existing credit facility, increasing the available line of credit from \$225 million to \$400 million with a group of ten banks. The Corporation plans to use the credit line for working capital purposes, internal growth initiatives, funding of future acquisitions, and other general corporate purposes. The credit agreement expires in 2009. Borrowings under the agreement bear interest at a floating rate based on market conditions. In addition, the Corporation's interest rate and level of facility fees depend on maintaining certain financial ratios defined in the agreement. The Corporation is subject to annual facility fees on the commitments under the Revolving Credit Agreement. In connection with the Revolving Credit Agreement, the Corporation paid customary transaction fees that have been deferred and are being amortized over the term of the agreement. The Corporation is required under the agreement to maintain certain financial ratios and meet certain financial tests as detailed in the agreement, of which the Corporation is in compliance at December 31, 2004. The unused credit available under the Revolving Credit Agreement at December 31, 2004 and 2003 was \$256.7 and \$107.1 million, respectively.

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On September 25, 2003, the Corporation issued \$200.0 million of Senior Notes (the "Notes"). The Notes consist of \$75.0 million of 5.13% Senior Notes that mature on September 25, 2010 and \$125.0 million of 5.74% Senior Notes that mature on September 25, 2013. The Notes are senior unsecured obligations and are equal in right of payment to the Corporation's existing senior indebtedness. The Corporation, at its option, can prepay at any time, all or from time to time any part of, the Notes, subject to a make-whole amount in accordance with the Note Purchase Agreement. The Corporation paid customary fees that have been deferred and will be amortized over the terms of the Notes. The Corporation is required under the Note Purchase Agreement to maintain certain financial ratios and meet certain net worth and indebtedness tests, of which the Corporation is in compliance.

In the fourth quarter of 2003, the Corporation entered into two interest rate swap agreements, designated as fair value hedges, which effectively convert \$80 million of the Corporation's \$200 million Senior Note fixed rate debt to floating rate debt. Under the terms of these agreements, the Corporation makes payments based on specified spreads over six-month LIBOR and receives payments equal to the interest payments due on the fixed rate debt. The differential between the payments is recognized as interest expense. The interest rate swap agreements qualify for the "shortcut method" under SFAS No. 133, which allows for an assumption of no ineffectiveness in the hedging relationship. As such, there is no income statement impact from changes in the fair value of the hedging instruments. Instead, the fair value of the instruments is recorded as an asset or liability on the Corporation's balance sheet, with an offsetting adjustment to the carrying value of the related debt. Other long-term assets of \$2.1 million in the accompanying December 31, 2004 consolidated balance sheet represents the fair value of the interest rate swap agreements at that date, with a corresponding aggregate increase in the carrying value of the Corporation's long-term debt.

At December 31, 2004, substantially all of the industrial revenue bond issues are collateralized by real estate, machinery, and equipment. Certain of these issues are supported by letters of credit, which total \$13.7 million. The Corporation had various other letters of credit totaling \$5.1 million. All letters of credit are included under the Revolving Credit Agreement.

### 11. Earnings Per Share

The Corporation is required to report both basic earnings per share ("EPS"), based on the weighted average number of Common and Class B common shares outstanding, and diluted earnings per share, based on the basic EPS adjusted for all potentially dilutive shares issuable. Share and per share amounts presented below have been adjusted on a pro forma basis for the December 17, 2003 stock split. See Note 1-O for further information regarding the stock split.

At December 31, 2003 and 2002, the Corporation had stock options outstanding of 148,052 and 162,530 shares, respectively, that were not included in the computation of diluted EPS for 2004, because to do so would have been antidilutive. The Corporation had no antidilutive options outstanding at December 31, 2004. Earnings per share calculations for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002 are as follows:

(In thousands, except per share data)	Net Income	Weighted- Average Shares Outstanding	Earnings Per Share
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2004:			
Basic earnings per share	\$65,066	21,196	\$3.07
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock options		324	
Deferred stock compensation		27	
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Diluted earnings per share	\$65,066	21,547	\$3.02
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2003:			
Basic earnings per share	\$52,268	20,640	\$2.53
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock options		222	
Deferred stock compensation		25	
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Diluted earnings per share	\$52,268	20,887	\$2.50
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2002:			
Basic earnings per share	\$45,136	20,398	\$2.21
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock options		446	
Deferred stock compensation		24	
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Diluted earnings per share	\$45,136	20,868	\$2.16
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## 12. Stock Compensation Plans

**Employee Stock Purchase Plan:** In May 2003, the Corporation's Board of Directors and stockholders approved the 2003 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") under which eligible employees may purchase the Corporation's Common stock at a price per share equal to 85% of the lower of the fair market value of the Common stock at the beginning or end of each offering period. Each offering period of the ESPP lasts six months, with the first offering period commencing on January 1, 2004. Participation in the offering is limited to 10% of an employee's base salary (not to exceed amounts allowed under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code), and may be terminated at any time by the employee, and automatically ends on termination of employment with the Corporation. A total of 1,000,000 shares of Common stock have been reserved for issuance under the ESPP. The Common stock to satisfy the stock purchases under the ESPP will be newly issued shares of Common stock. During 2004, 35,000 shares were purchased under the ESPP. As of December 31, 2004, there were 965,000 shares available for future offerings, and the corporation had withheld \$1.7 million from employees, the equivalent of 36,100 shares.

**1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan:** Under the LTI Plan approved by stockholders in 1995 and as amended in 2002 and 2003, an aggregate total of 3,000,000 shares of common stock were reserved for issuance. The Common stock to satisfy employee exercises will be from the Corporation's treasury stock. The Corporation does not expect to repurchase any shares in 2005. No more than 50,000 shares of common stock may be awarded in any year to any one participant in the LTI Plan. Awards under the LTI Plan currently consist of three components -- performance units (cash), non-qualified stock options, and non-employee director grants.

Under the LTI Plan, the Corporation awarded performance units of 6,334,074 in 2004, 4,805,783 in 2003, and 4,519,906 in 2002 to certain key employees. The performance units are denominated in dollars and are contingent upon the satisfaction of performance objectives keyed to achieving profitable growth over a period of three fiscal years commencing with the fiscal year following such awards. The anticipated cost of such awards is expensed over the three-year performance period, which amounted to \$4.3 million, \$3.3 million, and \$1.8 million in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively. The actual cost of the performance units may vary from the total value of the awards depending upon the degree to which the key performance objectives are met.

Under the LTI Plan, the Corporation has granted non-qualified stock options in 2004, 2003, and 2002 to key employees. Stock options granted under this LTI Plan expire ten years after the date of the grant and are generally exercisable as follows: up to one-third of the grant after one year, up to two-thirds of the grant after two years, and in full three years from the date of grant.

In May 2003, the Corporation's Board of Directors and stockholders approved an amendment to the 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan to authorize non-employee directors to participate under the plan. The amendment provided that each non-employee director could receive the equivalent of \$15,000 of the Corporation's Common Stock per year. The Board of Directors approved and issued stock grants of 268 shares in 2004 and 480 shares in 2003, adjusted for the 2003 stock split, of the Corporation's Common Stock to each of the eight non-employee directors. The stock grants were valued at \$15,000 based on the market price of the Corporation's Common Stock on the grant date and were expensed at the time of issuance.

The remaining allowable shares for issuance under the 1995 LTI Plan as of December 31, 2004 is 2,124,243.

Stock option activity during the periods for both plans is indicated as follows:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Options Exercisable	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
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Outstanding at January 1, 2002	1,589,914	\$ 18.83	936,148	\$ 16.41
Granted	162,530	32.56		
Exercised	(392,160)	15.79		
Forfeited	(19,980)	21.95		
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Outstanding at December 31, 2002	1,340,304	21.16	837,024	18.48
Granted	148,052	38.16		
Exercised	(233,708)	16.57		
Forfeited	(16,926)	24.39		
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Outstanding at December 31, 2003	1,237,722	24.01	855,676	20.83
Granted	126,336	55.91		
Exercised	(315,517)	19.37		
Forfeited	(50,385)	25.68		
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Outstanding at December 31, 2004	998,156	\$ 29.43	729,690	\$ 23.51
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The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2004:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
	Shares	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life in Years	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Shares	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life in Years	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
Less than \$20.00	187,396	3.9	\$ 17.91	187,396	3.9	\$ 17.91
\$20.00 - \$29.99	410,009	6.6	22.52	410,009	6.6	22.52
\$30.00 - \$40.00	274,415	8.4	35.43	132,285	8.2	34.48
Greater than \$40.00	126,336	9.9	55.91	--	--	--
	998,156	7.0	\$ 29.43	729,690	6.2	\$ 23.51

**Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors:** The Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors ("Stock Plan"), approved by the stockholders in 1996, authorized the grant of restricted stock awards and, at the option of the Directors, the deferred payment of regular stipulated compensation and meeting fees in equivalent shares. Pursuant to the terms of the Stock Plan, non-employee directors received an initial restricted stock grant of 3,612 shares in 1996, which became unrestricted in 2001. Additionally, on the fifth anniversary of the initial grant, those non-employee directors who remained a non-employee director, received an additional restricted stock grant equal to the product of increasing \$13,300 at an annual rate of 2.96%, compounded monthly from the effective date of the Stock Plan. In 2001, the amount per director was calculated to be \$15,419, representing a total additional grant of 1,555 restricted shares. The cost of the restricted stock awards is being amortized over the five-year restriction period from the date of grant. Newly elected non-employee directors receive similar compensation under the terms of the Stock Plan upon their election to the Board.

Pursuant to election by non-employee directors to receive shares in lieu of payment for earned and deferred compensation under the Stock Plan, the Corporation had provided for an aggregate additional 27,487 shares, at an average price of \$27.59 as of December 31, 2004. During 2004, the Corporation issued 1,770 shares in deferred compensation pursuant to such elections.

Depending on the extent to which the non-employee directors elect to receive future compensation in shares, total awards issued under this Stock Plan could exceed the 32,000 registered shares by April 12, 2006, the termination date of the Stock Plan.

### 13. Environmental Costs

The Corporation has continued the operation of the ground water and soil remediation activities at the Wood-Ridge, New Jersey site through 2004. The cost of constructing and operating this site was provided for in 1990 when the Corporation established a reserve to remediate the property. Costs for operating and maintaining this site totaled \$1.5 million in 2004, \$0.6 million in 2003 and \$0.5 million in 2002, all of which have been charged against the previously established reserve. The Corporation increased the remediation reserve by \$0.3 million and \$1.0 million in 2004 and 2002, respectively, based upon revised operating projections. The reserve balance as of December 31, 2004 was \$7.0 million. Even though this property was sold in December 2001, the Corporation retained the responsibility for this remediation in accordance with the sale agreement.

The Corporation has been named as a potentially responsible party ("PRP"), as have many other corporations and municipalities, in a number of environmental clean-up sites. The Corporation continues to make progress in resolving these claims through settlement discussions and payments from established reserves. Significant sites remaining open at the end of the year are: Caldwell Trucking landfill superfund site, Fairfield, New Jersey; Sharkey landfill superfund site, Parsippany, New Jersey; Amenia landfill site, Amenia, New York; and Chemsol, Inc. superfund site, Piscataway, New Jersey. The Corporation believes that the outcome for any of these remaining sites will not have a materially adverse effect on the Corporation's results of operations or financial condition.

In the first quarter of 2004, the Corporation signed a PRP agreement joining a number of other companies to respond to a U.S.E.P.A. Request For Information concerning the Lower Passaic River site. As of December 31, 2004, the Corporation estimates the costs associated with this study will not have a materially adverse effect on the Corporation's results of operation or financial condition.

In the fourth quarter of 2004, the Corporation increased the remediation reserve related to the Caldwell Trucking landfill superfund site by \$4.4 million. The increase related to the estimated groundwater remediation for this site, which could span over 30 years. Through 2004, the majority of the costs for this site have been for the soil remediation. The Corporation has recorded a portion of this amount in the fourth quarter of 2004 to correct the understatement of this accrual related to a prior period, but has determined the amount to be immaterial to prior period and current year results, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors.

In October 2002 the Corporation acquired the Electro-Mechanical Division ("EMD") facility from Westinghouse Government Services LLC ("Seller"). Included in the purchase was the assumption of several Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") licenses, necessary for the continued operation of the business. In connection with these licenses, the NRC required financial assurance from the Corporation (in the form of a parent company guarantee) representing estimated environmental decommissioning and remediation costs associated with the commercial operations covered by the licenses. In addition, the Corporation has assumed obligations for additional environmental remediation costs. Remediation and investigation of the EMD facility are ongoing. As of December 31, 2004 the balance in this reserve is \$12.6 million. The Corporation obtained partial environmental insurance coverage specifically for the EMD facility. The policy provides coverage for losses due to on or off-site pollution conditions, which are pre-existing and unknown.

The environmental obligation at December 31, 2004 was \$25.2 million compared to \$23.3 million at December 31, 2003. Approximately 80% of the Corporation's environmental reserves as of December 31, 2004 represent the current value of anticipated remediation costs and are not discounted primarily due to the uncertainty of timing of expenditures. The remaining environmental reserves are discounted using a rate of 4% to reflect the time value of money since the amount and timing of cash payments for the liability are reliably determinable. All environmental reserves exclude any potential recovery from insurance carriers or third-party legal actions.

#### 14. Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans

The Corporation maintains six separate and distinct pension and other postretirement benefit plans, as described in further detail below. Prior to the acquisition of EMD in October 2002, the Corporation maintained a qualified pension plan, a non-qualified pension plan, and a postretirement health benefits plan (the "Curtiss-Wright Plans"). As a result of the acquisition, the Corporation obtained three unfunded pension and post-retirement benefit plans (the "EMD Plans"), similar in nature to those listed above. The unfunded status of the acquired EMD Plans was recorded as a liability at the date of acquisition. During 2003, the funds associated with the qualified pension plans of both the Curtiss-Wright Plans and EMD Plans were placed under a master trust fund, from which the Corporation directs the investment strategy for both plans.

##### **The Curtiss-Wright Plans**

The Corporation maintains a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan covering substantially all employees other than those employees covered by the EMD Pension Plan described below. The Curtiss-Wright Retirement Plan (the "CW Pension Plan") formula for non-union employees is based on years of credited service and the five highest consecutive years' compensation during the last ten years of service and a "cash balance" benefit. Union employees who have negotiated a benefit under the CW Pension Plan are entitled to a benefit based on years of service multiplied by a monthly pension rate. Employees become participants under the CW Pension Plan after one year of service and are vested after five years of service. At December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Corporation had prepaid pension costs of \$77.8 million and \$77.9 million, respectively, under the CW Pension Plan. Due to the funded status, the Corporation does not expect to contribute funds to the CW Pension Plan in 2005.

The Corporation also maintains a non-qualified restoration plan (the "CW Restoration Plan") covering those employees whose compensation or benefits exceed the IRS limitation for pension benefits. Benefits under the CW Restoration Plan are not funded, and, as such, the Corporation had an accrued pension liability of \$0.7 million and \$0.8 million at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The Corporation's contributions to the CW Restoration Plan are not expected to be material in 2005.

The Corporation provides postretirement health benefits to certain employees (the "CW Retirement Plan"). In 2002, the Corporation restructured the postretirement medical benefits for certain active employees, effectively freezing the plan. The obligation associated with these active employees was transferred to the CW Pension Plan. The plan continues to be maintained for retired employees. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Corporation had an accrued postretirement benefit liability of \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively, as benefits under the plan are not funded. The Corporation's contributions to the CW Retirement Plan are not expected to be material in 2005.

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The Curtiss-Wright Plans

(In thousands)	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
<b>CHANGE IN BENEFIT OBLIGATION:</b>				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 126,523	\$ 111,827	\$ 628	\$ 512
Service cost	9,838	8,899	--	--
Interest cost	7,540	7,982	29	39
Plan participants' contributions	--	--	--	19
Amendments	303	328	--	--
Actuarial loss (gain)	(5,575)	16,652	19	144
Benefits paid	(13,845)	(19,165)	(96)	(86)
Benefit obligation at end of year	124,784	126,523	580	628
<b>CHANGE IN PLAN ASSETS:</b>				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	199,013	187,969	--	--
Actual return on plan assets	25,832	29,834	--	--
Employer contribution	593	375	96	67
Plan participants' contribution	--	--	--	19
Benefits paid	(13,845)	(19,165)	(96)	(86)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	211,593	199,013	--	--
Funded status	86,809	72,490	(580)	(628)
Unrecognized net actuarial gain	(11,238)	3,184	(570)	(662)
Unrecognized transition obligation	(7)	(11)	--	--
Unrecognized prior service costs	1,554	1,426	--	--
Prepaid (accrued) benefit costs	\$ 77,118	\$ 77,089	\$ (1,150)	\$ (1,290)
ACCUMULATED BENEFIT OBLIGATION	\$ 110,112	\$ 114,740	N/A	N/A
<b>WEIGHTED-AVERAGE ASSUMPTIONS</b>				
IN DETERMINATION OF				
BENEFIT OBLIGATION:				
Discount rate	6.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.30%
Rate of compensation increase	3.50%	3.50%	--	--
Health care cost trends:				
Rate assumed for subsequent year	--	--	10.50%	9.40%
Ultimate rate reached in 2010 and 2007, respectively	--	--	5.50%	5.50%
Measurement date	September 30	September 30	October 31	October 31

The following table details the components of net periodic pension expense (income) for the CW Pension Plan and CW Restoration Plan:

(In thousands)	2004	2003	2002
Service cost	\$ 9,838	\$ 8,899	\$ 6,015
Interest cost	7,540	7,982	7,650
Expected return on plan assets	(17,276)	(18,081)	(18,705)
Amortization of prior service cost	112	58	26
Amortization of transition obligation	(4)	(3)	(4)
Recognized net actuarial (gain) loss	33	(587)	(2,191)
Cost of settlement	257	121	1,911
Net periodic benefit expense (income)	\$ 500	\$ (1,611)	\$ (5,298)
Weighted-average assumptions in determination of net periodic benefit cost:			
Discount rate	6.00%	6.75%	7.00%
Expected return on plan assets	8.50%	8.50%	8.50%
Rate of compensation increase	3.50%	4.25%	4.25%

The following table details the components of net periodic pension income for the CW Retirement Plan:

(In thousands)	2004	2003	2002
Service cost	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 129
Interest cost	29	39	148
Amortization of prior service cost	--	--	(123)
Recognized net actuarial gain	(73)	(73)	(179)
Benefit of settlement	--	--	(3,849)
Net periodic benefit income	\$ (44)	\$ (34)	\$ (3,874)
Weighted-average assumptions in determination of net periodic benefit cost:			
Discount rate	5.30%	6.75%	7.00%
Health care cost trends:			
Current year rate	9.40%	10.70%	12.00%
Ultimate rate reached in 2007	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%

The effect on the CW Retirement Plan of a 1% change in the health care cost trend is as follows:

(In thousands)	1% Increase	1% Decrease
Total service and interest cost components	\$ 2	\$ (2)
Postretirement benefit obligation	\$ 39	\$ (35)

## The EMD Plans

The Corporation maintains the Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Corporation Pension Plan (the "EMD Pension Plan"), a qualified contributory defined benefit pension plan, which covers all Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Corporation employees. The EMD Pension Plan covers both union and non-union employees and is designed to satisfy the requirements of relevant collective bargaining agreements. Employee contributions are withheld each pay period and are equal to 1.5% of salary. The benefits under the EMD Pension Plan are based on years of service and compensation. At December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Corporation had an accrued pension liability of \$37.1 million and \$33.5 million, respectively, related to the EMD Pension Plan. The Corporation expects to contribute \$10.1 million, the estimated minimum required amount, to the EMD Pension Plan in 2005.

The Corporation maintains the Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Corporation Non-Qualified Plan (the "EMD Supplemental Plan"), a non-qualified non-contributory non-funded supplemental retirement plan for eligible EMD key executives. The EMD Supplemental Plan provides for periodic payments upon retirement that are based on total compensation (including amounts in excess of qualified plan limits) and years of service, and are reduced by benefits earned from certain other pension plans in which the executives participate. At December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Corporation had an accrued pension liability of \$2.5 and \$2.4 million, respectively, related to the EMD Supplemental Plan. The Corporation's contributions to the EMD Supplemental Plan are not expected to be material in 2005.

The Corporation, through an administration agreement with Westinghouse, maintains the Westinghouse Government Services Group Welfare Benefits Plan (the "EMD Retirement Plan"), a retiree health and life insurance plan for substantially all of the Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Corporation employees. The EMD Retirement Plan provides basic health and welfare coverage on a non-contributory basis. Benefits are based on years of service and are subject to certain caps. The Corporation had an accrued postretirement benefit liability of \$39.1 million and \$37.5 million related to the EMD Retirement Plan at December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement, the Corporation has a discounted receivable from Washington Group International to reimburse the Corporation for a portion of these postretirement benefit costs. At December 31, 2004 and 2003, the discounted receivable included in other assets was \$5.5 million and \$5.9 million, respectively. The Corporation expects to contribute \$1.7 million to the EMD Retirement Plan during 2005.

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The EMD Plans				
(In thousands)	Pension Benefits		Postretirement Benefits	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
<b>CHANGE IN BENEFIT OBLIGATION:</b>				
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 128,287	\$ 112,442	\$ 41,106	\$ 36,344
Service cost	3,249	2,032	789	705
Interest cost	8,080	5,890	2,366	2,388
Plan participants' contributions	804	597	--	--
Actuarial loss (gain)	3,503	11,137	(4,918)	3,593
Benefits paid	(6,300)	(3,811)	(1,603)	(1,924)
<b>Benefit obligation at end of year</b>	<b>137,623</b>	<b>128,287</b>	<b>37,740</b>	<b>41,106</b>
<b>CHANGE IN PLAN ASSETS:</b>				
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	83,737	74,335	--	--
Actual return on plan assets	10,052	8,009	--	--
Employer contribution	143	4,607	1,603	1,924
Plan participants' contribution	804	597	--	--
Benefits paid	(6,300)	(3,811)	(1,603)	(1,924)
<b>Fair value of plan assets at end of year</b>	<b>88,436</b>	<b>83,737</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
Funded status	(49,187)	(44,550)	(37,740)	(41,106)
Unrecognized net actuarial gain	9,700	8,635	(1,326)	3,592
Prepaid (accrued) benefit costs	\$ (39,487)	\$ (35,915)	\$ (39,066)	\$ (37,514)
<b>ACCUMULATED BENEFIT OBLIGATION</b>	<b>\$ 124,793</b>	<b>\$ 115,527</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>WEIGHTED-AVERAGE ASSUMPTIONS</b>				
<b>IN DETERMINATION OF</b>				
<b>BENEFIT OBLIGATION:</b>				
Discount rate	6.00%	6.25%	6.00%	6.25%
Rate of compensation increase	3.50%	3.25%	--	--
<b>Health care cost trends:</b>				
Rate assumed for subsequent year--Pre-65	--	--	10.50%	9.70%
Rate assumed for subsequent year--Post-65	--	--	13.00%	15.70%
Ultimate rate reached in 2010 and 2007, respectively--Pre-65	--	--	5.50%	5.50%
Ultimate rate reached in 2010 and 2007, respectively--Post-65	--	--	5.50%	6.50%
Measurement date	September 30	September 30	October 31	October 31

The following table details the components of net periodic pension expense for the EMD Pension Plan and EMD Supplemental Plan:

(In thousands)	2004	2003	2002
Service cost	\$ 3,248	\$ 2,709	\$ 424
Interest cost	8,080	7,854	1,278
Expected return on plan assets	(7,613)	(7,618)	(1,092)
Recognized net actuarial (gain) loss	--	(394)	--
<b>Net periodic benefit expense</b>	<b>\$ 3,715</b>	<b>\$ 2,551</b>	<b>\$ 610</b>
<b>Weighted-average assumptions in determination of net periodic benefit cost:</b>			
Discount rate	6.25%	7.00%	7.00%
Expected return on plan assets	8.50%	8.50%	8.88%
Rate of compensation increase	3.25%	4.00%	4.00%

The following table details the components of net periodic pension expense for the EMD Retirement Plan:

(In thousands)	2004	2003	2002
Service cost	\$ 789	\$ 705	\$ --
Interest cost	2,366	2,388	--
Net periodic benefit expense	\$ 3,155	\$ 3,093	\$ --
Weighted-average assumptions in determination of net periodic benefit cost:			
Discount rate	6.25%	6.75%	
Health care cost trends:			
Current year rate -- Pre--65	9.70%	11.10%	
Current year rate -- Post--65	15.70%	18.00%	
Ultimate rate reached in 2007 -- Pre--65	5.50%	5.50%	
Ultimate rate reached in 2007 -- Post--65	6.50%	6.50%	

The effect on the EMD Retirement Plan of a 1% change in the health care cost trend is as follows:

(In thousands)	1% Increase	1% Decrease
Total service and interest cost components	\$ 558	\$ (440)
Postretirement benefit obligation	\$ 5,306	\$ (4,354)

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 was signed into law on December 8, 2003. In accordance with FASB Staff Position FAS 106-1, the Corporation made a one-time election to defer recognition of the effects of the law in the accounting for its plan under FAS 106 and in providing disclosures related to the plan until authoritative guidance on the accounting for the federal prescription drug subsidy is issued. Proposed regulations regarding the implementation of the Act were issued in July of 2004; however, many questions cannot be answered until final regulations are issued in 2005. Until the final regulations are issued the Corporation cannot conclude whether the prescription drug benefits offered under this plan are actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D under the Act. Therefore, in accordance with FASB Staff Position FAS 106-2, any measures of the Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation or Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost do not reflect the effects of the Act on the plan.

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid from the plans:

(In thousands)	CW Pension Plans	CW Retirement Plan	EMD Pension Plans	EMD Retirement Plan	Total
2005	\$ 9,976	\$ 75	\$ 7,918	\$ 1,712	\$ 19,681
2006	10,266	76	8,501	1,937	20,780
2007	9,914	70	8,852	2,163	20,999
2008	9,962	65	9,261	2,339	21,627
2009	10,150	59	9,630	2,439	22,278
2010-2014	51,435	224	53,863	13,508	119,030

## Pension Plan Assets

The Corporation maintains the funds of the CW Pension Plan and the EMD Pension Plan under one master trust. The Corporation's Retirement Plans are diversified across investment classes and among investment managers in order to achieve an optimal balance between risk and return. In accordance with this policy, the Corporation has established target allocations for each asset class and ranges of expected exposure. The Corporation's retirement assets are invested within this allocation structure in three major categories; these include domestic equity securities, international equity securities and debt securities. Below are the Corporation's actual and established target allocations:

Asset class	As of December 31,		Target Exposure	Expected Range
	2004	2003		
Domestic Equities	54%	51%	50%	40% - 60%
International Equities	15%	15%	15%	10% - 20%



Total Equity	69%	66%	65%	55% - 75%
Fixed Income	31%	34%	35%	25% - 45%
Cash	0%	0%	0%	0% - 10%
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## Curtiss-Wright and Subsidiaries

The Corporation may from time to time require the reallocation of assets in order to bring the retirement plans into conformity with these ranges. The Corporation may also authorize alterations or deviations from these ranges where appropriate for achieving the objectives of the retirement plans. The Corporation's investment policy does not permit its investment manager to invest plan funds in the Corporation's stock.

The long-term investment objective of the Retirement Plans is to achieve a total rate of return, net of fees, which exceeds the actuarial overall expected return on assets assumption of 8.50% used for funding purposes and which provides an appropriate premium over inflation. The intermediate-term objective of the Retirement Plans, defined as three to five years, is to outperform each of the capital markets in which assets are invested, net of fees. During periods of extreme market volatility, preservation of capital takes a higher precedence than out performing the capital markets.

The overall expected return on assets assumption used in the calculation of annual net periodic benefit cost is based on a combination of the historical performance of the pension fund and expectations of future performance. The historical returns are determined using the market-related value of assets, includes the recognition of realized and unrealized gains and losses over a five-year period. Although over the last ten years the market-related value of assets had an average annual yield of 10.9%, the actual returns averaged 9.4% during the same period. Given the uncertainties of the current economic and geopolitical landscape, the Corporation considers 8.5% to be a reasonable assumption of future long-term investment returns. While the Corporation takes into account historical performance, its assumptions also consider the forward-looking long-term outlook for the capital markets.

### Other Pension and Postretirement Plans

The Corporation offers all of its domestic employees the opportunity to participate in a defined contribution plan. Costs incurred by the Corporation in the administration and record keeping of the defined contribution plan are paid for by the Corporation and are not considered material.

In addition, the Corporation had foreign pension costs under various retirement plans of \$3.5 million, \$1.9 million, and \$1.6 million in 2004, 2003, and 2002, respectively.

### 15. Leases

The Corporation conducts a portion of its operations from leased facilities, which include manufacturing and service facilities, administrative offices, and warehouses. In addition, the Corporation leases automobiles, machinery, and office equipment under operating leases. The leases expire at various dates and may include renewals and escalations. Rental expenses for all operating leases amounted to \$18.5 million in 2004, \$10.5 million in 2003, and \$8.2 million in 2002.

At December 31, 2004, the approximate future minimum rental commitments under operating leases that have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year are as follows:

(In thousands)	Rental Commitment
2005	\$15,846
2006	12,933
2007	11,074
2008	9,141
2009	6,016
Thereafter	17,727
Total	\$72,737

### 16. Industry Segments

The Corporation manages and evaluates its operations based on the products and services it offers and the different markets it serves. Based on this approach, the Corporation has three reportable segments: Flow Control, Motion Control, and Metal Treatment. The Flow Control segment primarily designs, manufactures, distributes, and services a broad range of highly engineered flow control products for severe service military and commercial applications. The Motion Control segment primarily designs, develops, and manufactures mechanical systems, drive systems, and electronic controls and sensors for the aerospace and defense industries. Metal Treatment provides various metallurgical services, principally "shot peening" and "heat treating." The segment provides these services to a broad spectrum of customers in various industries, including aerospace, automotive, construction equipment, oil and gas, petrochemical, and metal working.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies. Interest expense and income taxes are not reported on an operating segment basis because they are not considered in the performance evaluation by the Corporation's chief operating decision-maker, its Chairman and CEO.

Sales to one customer of the Flow Control segment through which the Corporation is a subcontractor to the U.S. Government were 13% of consolidated revenues in 2004, 16% in 2003, and 10% in 2002. During 2004, 2003, and 2002, the Corporation had no commercial customer representing more than 10% of consolidated revenue.

## Consolidated Industry Segment Information:

(In thousands)	Flow Control	Motion Control	Metal Treatment(1)	Segment Total	Corporate & Other(2)	Consolidated Total
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004:						
Revenue from external customers	\$ 388,139	\$ 388,576	\$ 178,324	\$ 955,039	\$ --	\$ 955,039
Intersegment revenues	--	144	555	699	(699)	--
Operating income (expense)	44,651	44,903	28,279	117,833	(7,114)	110,719
Depreciation and amortization expense	15,884	14,214	10,381	40,479	263	40,742
Segment assets	415,504	576,275	194,783	1,186,562	91,878	1,278,440
Capital expenditures	10,420	10,171	11,728	32,319	133	32,452
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003:						
Revenue from external customers	\$ 341,271	\$ 265,905	\$ 138,895	\$ 746,071	\$ --	\$ 746,071
Intersegment revenues	--	--	544	544	--	544
Operating income (expense)	39,991	30,350	19,055	89,396	(66)	89,330
Depreciation and amortization expense	14,458	7,983	8,685	31,126	201	31,327
Segment assets	323,689	317,631	170,547	811,867	161,798	973,665
Capital expenditures	12,417	4,791	15,727	32,935	394	33,329
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002:						
Revenue from external customers	\$ 172,455	\$ 233,437	\$ 107,386	\$ 513,278	\$ --	\$ 513,278
Intersegment revenues	--	--	491	491	--	491
Operating income (expense)	20,693	29,579	14,403	64,675	4,362	69,037
Depreciation and amortization expense	5,059	7,394	6,063	18,516	177	18,693
Segment assets	328,221	267,244	127,125	722,590	87,512	810,102
Capital expenditures	10,787	8,243	15,873	34,903	51	34,954

(1) Operating income for the Metal Treatment segment includes nonrecurring costs of \$0.5 million associated with the relocation of a shot peening facility in 2002.

(2) Operating income (expense) for Corporate and Other includes pension (expense) income, environmental remediation and administrative expenses, and other expenses.

## Reconciliations:

For the years ended December 31, (In thousands)	2004	2003	2002
REVENUES:			
Total segment revenue	\$ 955,039	\$ 746,071	\$ 513,278
Intersegment revenue	699	544	491
Elimination of intersegment revenue	(699)	(544)	(491)
<b>Total consolidated revenues</b>	<b>\$ 955,039</b>	<b>\$ 746,071</b>	<b>\$ 513,278</b>
EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES:			
Total segment operating income	\$ 117,833	\$ 89,396	\$ 64,675
Corporate and administrative	(6,614)	(1,677)	(2,846)
Pension (expense) income, net	(500)	1,611	7,208
Other income, net	65	389	4,508
Interest expense	(12,031)	(5,663)	(1,810)
<b>Total consolidated earnings before tax</b>	<b>\$ 98,753</b>	<b>\$ 84,056</b>	<b>\$ 71,735</b>
ASSETS:			
Total assets for reportable segments	\$ 1,186,562	\$ 811,867	\$ 722,590
Pension assets	77,802	77,877	76,072
Non-segment cash	545	72,582	4,875
Other assets	13,608	11,384	6,609
Elimination of intersegment receivables	(77)	(45)	(44)
<b>Total consolidated assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,278,440</b>	<b>\$ 973,665</b>	<b>\$ 810,102</b>

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The following table presents geographical information of the Corporation's revenues and property, plant, and equipment based on the location of the customer and the assets, respectively:

December 31, (In thousands)	2004		2003		2002	
	Revenues	Long-Lived Assets	Revenues	Long-Lived Assets	Revenues	Long-Lived Assets
Geographic Information:						
United States of America	\$735,356	\$181,708	\$574,427	\$176,273	\$387,939	\$163,531
United Kingdom	92,541	52,568	66,210	40,614	49,519	38,235
Canada	20,675	14,136	17,052	6,528	13,527	4,674
Other foreign countries	106,467	16,831	88,382	14,724	62,293	12,609
Consolidated total	\$955,039	\$265,243	\$746,071	\$238,139	\$513,278	\$219,049

### 17. Contingencies and Commitments

The Corporation, through its subsidiary located in Switzerland, entered into a credit agreement with UBS AG ("UBS") for a credit facility in the amount of 6.0 million Swiss francs (\$5.3 million) for the issue of performance guarantees related to long-term contracts. The Corporation received prepayments on these contracts, which are being used as collateral against the credit facility. The customers can draw down on the line of credit for nonperformance up to the amount of pledged collateral, which is released from restriction over time as the Corporation meets its obligations under the long-term contracts. Under the terms of this credit facility agreement, the Corporation is not permitted to borrow against the line of credit. The Corporation is charged a commitment fee on the outstanding balance of the collateralized cash. As of December 31, 2004, the amount of restricted cash under this facility was \$2.8 million, all of which is expected to be released from restriction after one year.

In October 2002, the Corporation acquired EMD. Included in the purchase was the assumption of several NRC licenses, necessary for the continued operation of the business. In connection with these licenses, the NRC required financial assurance from the Corporation (in the form of a parent company guarantee) representing estimated environmental decommissioning and remediation costs associated with the commercial operations covered by the licenses. The guarantee for the decommissioning costs of the refurbishment facility, which is estimated for 2017, is \$3.1 million. See Note 13 for further information.

Consistent with other entities its size, the Corporation is party to a number of legal actions and claims, none of which individually or in the aggregate, in the opinion of management, are expected to have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's results of operations or financial position.

### 18. Subsequent Event

On March 3, 2005, the Corporation acquired the outstanding shares of Indal Technologies, Inc ("Indal"). The purchase price of the acquisition, subject to customary adjustments as provided for in the Stock Purchase Agreement, was 78.0 million Canadian dollars (approximately \$63 million). Management funded the purchase from the Corporation's revolving credit facility. Revenues of the purchased business were 49.4 million Canadian dollars (approximately \$38 million) for the year ended December 31, 2004. Indal's operations are located in Toronto, Canada. Management intends to incorporate the operations of Indal into the Corporation's Motion Control segment.

## Corporate Information

### Corporate Headquarters

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### Annual Meeting

The 2005 annual meeting of stockholders will be held on May 19, 2005, at 2:00 pm at the Wilshire Grand Hotel, 350 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, NJ 07052.

### Stock Exchange Listing

The Corporation's Common and Class B common stock are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbols CW and CW.B.

### Common Shareholders

As of December 31, 2004, the approximate number of holders of record of Common stock, par value of \$1.00 per share, and Class B common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the Corporation was 2,873 and 4,587, respectively.

### Stock Transfer Agent and Registrar

For services such as changes of address, replacement of lost certificates or dividend checks, and changes in registered ownership, or for inquiries as to account status, write to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company at 59 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038.

Please include your name, address and telephone number with all correspondence. Telephone inquiries may be made to (800) 937-5449. Foreign (212) 936-5100. Internet inquiries should be addressed to <http://www.amstock.com>. Hearing-impaired shareholders are invited to log on to the website and select the Live Chat option.

### Direct Stock Purchase Plan/Dividend Reinvestment Plan

A plan is available to purchase or sell shares of Curtiss-Wright Common stock and Class B common stock. The plan provides a low cost alternative to the traditional methods of buying, holding and selling stock. The plan also provides for the automatic reinvestment of Curtiss-Wright dividends. For more information, contact our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company toll-free at (877) 854-0844.

### Investor Information

Investors, stockbrokers, security analysts and others seeking information about Curtiss-Wright Corporation should contact Alexandra Deignan, Director of Investor Relations, at the Corporate Headquarters listed above.

### Stockholder Communications

Any stockholder wishing to communicate directly with our Board of Directors should write to Dr. William W. Sihler at Southeastern Consultants Group, LTD, P.O. Box 5645, Charlottesville, VA 22905.

### Financial Reports

This Annual Report includes most of the periodic financial information required to be on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Corporation also files an Annual Report on Form 10-K, a copy of which may be obtained free of charge. These reports, as well as additional financial documents such as quarterly shareholder reports, proxy statements, and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, may be obtained by written request to Alexandra Deignan, Director of Investor Relations, at the Corporate Headquarters.

#### Stock Price Range

		2004		2003	
Common	High	Low	High	Low	

First Quarter	\$48.70	\$44.20	\$33.54	\$26.04
Second Quarter	56.19	45.74	33.13	26.97
Third Quarter	58.28	51.10	35.94	30.42
Fourth Quarter	60.00	52.65	47.25	35.03
		2004		2003
Class B	High	Low	High	Low
First Quarter	\$47.50	\$43.00	\$32.50	\$25.20
Second Quarter	53.77	43.50	32.68	26.00
Third Quarter	54.99	49.29	35.90	30.56
Fourth Quarter	58.32	50.00	46.71	34.88

Note: All prices adjusted for the 2-for-1 stock split on December 17, 2003.

Dividends

Common		2004		2003
First Quarter		\$ 0.09		\$ 0.08
Second Quarter		0.09		0.08
Third Quarter		0.09		0.08
Fourth Quarter		0.09		0.09
Class B		2004		2003
First Quarter		\$ 0.09		\$ 0.08
Second Quarter		0.09		0.08
Third Quarter		0.09		0.08
Fourth Quarter		0.09		0.08

Note: All dividends adjusted for the 2-for-1 stock split on December 17, 2003.





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## Subsidiaries of the Registrant

The information below is provided, as of December 31, 2004 with respect to the subsidiaries of the Registrant, all of which are wholly owned by the Corporation, directly or indirectly. The names of certain inactive subsidiaries and other consolidated subsidiaries of the Registrant have been omitted because such subsidiaries would not constitute a significant subsidiary, individually or in the aggregate.

Name	Organized Under the Laws of
Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation	New York
Curtiss-Wright Controls, Inc.	Delaware
Metal Improvement Company, LLC	Delaware
Curtiss-Wright Electro-Mechanical Corporation	Delaware
Penny & Giles Controls Limited	England
Curtiss-Wright Antriebstechnik GmbH	Switzerland
Vista Controls, Inc.	California
Autronics Corporation	Delaware
Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Company Canada	Nova Scotia
Peerless Instrument Co., Inc.	New York
Dy 4, Inc.	Delaware
Synergy Microsystems, Inc.	California
Primagraphics (Holdings) Limited	U.K.
Novatronics, Inc.	Ontario
Systran Corporation	Ohio

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 33-65073, 33-06329, and 33-116195 on Form S-8 and Registration Statement Nos. 33-113985 and 33-119589 on Form S-3 of Curtiss-Wright Corporation, of our reports dated March 15, 2005, relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedule of Curtiss-Wright Corporation and management's report of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, appearing in and incorporated by reference in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Curtiss-Wright Corporation for the years ended December 31, 2004.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Parsippany, New Jersey  
March 15, 2005

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-3 (Nos. 33-113985 and 33-119589) and in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Nos. 33-65073, 33-06329, and 33-116195) of Curtiss-Wright Corporation of our report dated March 12, 2003, relating to the financial statements, which appears in the Annual Report to Stockholders, which is incorporated in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We also consent to the incorporation by reference of our report dated March 12, 2003 relating to the financial statement schedule, which appears in this Form 10-K.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Florham Park, New Jersey  
March 15, 2005

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**Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.**

I, Martin R. Benante, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Curtiss-Wright Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

March 15, 2005

/s/ Martin R. Benante

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Martin R. Benante  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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**Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.**

I, Glenn E. Tynan, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Curtiss-Wright Corporation;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

March 15, 2005

/s/ Glenn E. Tynan

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Glenn E. Tynan  
Chief Financial Officer

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CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

In connection with the Annual Report of Curtiss-Wright Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2004 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Martin R. Benante, as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Glenn E. Tynan, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 1350, that to the best of his knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Martin R. Benante

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Martin R. Benante  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
March 15, 2005

/s/ Glenn E. Tynan

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Glenn E. Tynan  
Chief Financial Officer  
March 15, 2005

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