

CATALINA LIGHTING INC  
Form 10-K  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-K**

**FOR ANNUAL AND TRANSITION REPORTS PURSUANT  
TO SECTIONS 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 0-49881

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# Catalina Lighting, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Florida**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**59-1548266**  
(I.R.S Employer  
Identification Number)

**18191 N.W. 68th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33015**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

**(305) 558-4777**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

**Title of Each Class**  
None

**Name of each exchange on which registered**  
Not applicable

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

**Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share**

(Title of Class)

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in the 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 Exchange Act Rule 12b-2). Yes  No

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The aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant on March 31, 2003 computed by reference to the closing price of such stock, as quoted on the NASDAQ's National Market System, was \$13.2 million.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding as of the close of business on December 8, 2003 was 4,303,873.

### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed by the registrant in connection with its 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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**PART I**

**SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

As used in this Annual Report on Form 10-K (this Form 10-K), we, our, us, the Company, and Catalina refer to Catalina Lighting, Inc., unless the context otherwise requires. Certain statements in this Form 10-K constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the following: the shipment of substantially all of our backlog of orders during fiscal 2004; the impact on the operations of the Company's factory in China if Chinese authorities confiscate adjoining land; our ability to purchase products from alternative Chinese suppliers; our ability to continue to use listing marks of recognized product safety testing laboratories; the effect of the resolution of any routine litigation on our financial position or results of operations; our sales to Home Depot in fiscal 2004; our estimates of ocean freight rates; the effects of our refinancing on our weighted average interest rate; and our liquidity to meet our needs for fiscal 2004. In some cases you can identify forward-looking statements by words such as expects, anticipates, believes, plans, intends, estimates, and variations of such words and similar expressions. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to the inability to obtain the results or to fulfill the other forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following: the highly competitive nature of the lighting industry; our reliance on key customers who may delay, cancel or fail to place orders; consumer demand for lighting products; dependence on third party vendors and imports from China which may limit our margins or affect the timing of revenue and sales recognition; general domestic and international economic conditions which may affect consumer spending; brand awareness, the existence of adverse publicity, continued acceptance of our products in the marketplace, new products and technological changes, and changing trends in customer tastes, each of which can affect demand and pricing for our products; pressures on product pricing and pricing inventories; cost of labor and raw materials; the availability of capital; the ability to satisfy the terms of, and covenants under, credit and loan agreements and the impact of increases in borrowing costs, each of which affect our short-term and long-term liquidity; the costs and other effects of legal and administrative proceedings; foreign currency exchange rates; changes in our effective tax rate (which is dependent on our U.S. and foreign source income); and other factors referenced in this Form 10-K. We will not undertake and specifically decline any obligation to update or correct any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

**Item 1. Business.**

**General**

Catalina Lighting, Inc. designs, manufactures, contracts for the manufacture of, imports, warehouses and distributes a broad line of lighting fixtures and lamps under the Catalina®, Dana®, Ring®, and Illuminada® trade names. See Trademarks and Licenses. We also function as an original equipment manufacturer, selling goods under our customers' private labels. We sell in the United States through a variety of retailers including home centers, national retail chains, office superstore chains, mass merchandisers, warehouse clubs, discount department stores, and hardware stores. We also sell our products in the United Kingdom, continental Europe, Canada, and Mexico. Currently, our product line is comprised primarily of lighting fixtures and lamps. We have supplemented our product lines through acquisitions but have remained focused on lighting products. Catalina Lighting, Inc. was incorporated under the laws of the state of Florida in 1974, started selling lighting in 1985, and became a public company in 1988. The Company's fiscal year ends September 30. Our website is [www.catalinalighting.com](http://www.catalinalighting.com). Unless otherwise noted, all references to 2003, 2002 and 2001 relate to the fiscal years then ended.

## Products

We market a diverse product line, comprised principally of lighting products used primarily in residential and office environments. Our product line consists mainly of two categories: lighting fixtures and lamps. Lighting fixtures include outdoor/security lighting, chandeliers, recessed and track lighting, and wall and ceiling lights. We sell both table and floor lamps, which may be either functional or decorative. Functional lamps consist of halogen desk lamps, bankers lamps, swing arm desk lamps, torchiere lamps, magnifier lamps, and any other lamps generally used for task oriented functions. Decorative lamps are fashion oriented and made of such materials as metal, ceramic, resin, stained glass, and crystal glass. A smaller percentage of our product line consists of industrial consumables, products for the automotive aftermarket, and train and bus lighting. We develop, manufacture and maintain separate product lines for sale in North America, continental Europe and the United Kingdom due to the different consumer preferences and electrical specifications of each of these markets. We may continue to expand our product lines internally or through acquisitions.

## Distribution Methods

We utilize two distribution methods in selling our products: direct and warehouse.

We obtain a significant portion of the lighting products we sell from factories in China. Our direct sales are made either by delivering lighting products to our customers' common carriers at a shipping point in China or by shipping the products from China directly to customers' distribution centers, warehouses or stores. Direct sales are made in large quantities (generally container-sized lots) to customers, who pay pursuant to their own international, irrevocable letters of credit (which may or may not be transferable) or on open credit with us. Upon receipt of a transferable letter of credit, we may transfer the portion of the letter of credit covering the cost of merchandise to our supplier. The terms of the transfer provide that draws may not be made by the supplier until we are entitled to be paid pursuant to the terms of the customer's letter of credit. We have the right to draw upon the customer's letter of credit once the products are inspected by us or our agents, delivered to the port of embarkation and the appropriate documentation has been presented to the issuing bank within the time periods established by such letter of credit. Our China subsidiary, Go-Gro Industries, Ltd. and its two subsidiary companies ( Go-Gro ), either manufactures or procures the products for our North American and United Kingdom subsidiaries. For 2003 and 2002, 29% and 36%, respectively, of consolidated net sales were attributable to direct sales.

We also purchase products for our own account and warehouse the products for subsequent resale to customers. Our cost of products includes the cost of shipping, insurance, customs clearance and duties, storage and distribution related to such warehouse products, and therefore warehouse sales usually command higher per unit sales prices than direct sales of the same items. Through May 2002 we owned a 473,000 square foot warehouse facility near Tupelo, Mississippi, and in 2002 we relocated to a leased 128,000 square foot warehouse in Tupelo, Mississippi. We own and lease various warehouse facilities in the United Kingdom. We also lease warehouse facilities in Toronto, Canada and Mexico City, Mexico. In 2003 and 2002, warehouse sales accounted for 71% and 64%, respectively, of net sales. The increase in the percentage of warehouse sales for 2003 is primarily attributable to an increase in sales by our United Kingdom subsidiaries, as their sales are primarily made from warehouses.

The relative proportion of our sales generated by each method is dependent upon customer buying preferences and, to a lesser extent, our sales strategies. Purchasing on a direct basis generally allows the customer to pay a lower per unit price than purchasing the same items from the warehouse, but such method typically requires the customer to purchase in greater quantities and thus assume the costs, risks and liquidity requirements associated with holding larger inventories. Customer buying preferences are influenced by a number of business, economic and other factors. The underlying factors driving customer-buying preferences often vary from customer to customer and are subject to change. Over the past eight years, our larger U.S. customers have increased their direct business with us while reducing their warehouse purchases.



## Business Segments

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2002, primarily as a result of the change in our chief operating decision maker in August 2001, we changed the way we manage our business and view our reportable segments. We now manage our business on the basis of three reportable segments, North America, the United Kingdom, and China Manufacturing and Distribution.

North America consists primarily of our North American sales and distribution organizations and the supporting China-based sourcing and manufacturing operation. This segment is comprised of the following operating companies:

United States Catalina Industries, Inc. ( Catalina Industries )

Canada Catalina Lighting Canada (1992), Inc. ( Catalina Canada )

Mexico Catalina Lighting Mexico S.A. de C.V. ( Catalina Mexico )

Chile Catalina Lighting Chile Limitada

Argentina Catalina Lighting Inc. Sucursal Argentina

China the manufacturing and sourcing activities of Go-Gro as they relate to intercompany sales

The Chile and Argentina operations were directed and managed from the United States. Because of significant losses, we ceased operations in Chile and Argentina during 2001. We intend to cease warehousing and distribution activities in Mexico effective December 31, 2003 see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

United Kingdom consists of Ring Limited, its seven principal trading subsidiary companies and its parent holding company, Catalina International Limited ( Ring ). We added the United Kingdom as a primary business segment with the acquisition of Ring in 2000.

China Manufacturing and Distribution consists of the sale of products manufactured or outsourced by Go-Gro primarily to distributors and retailers in Europe and to a lesser extent Asia and to Ring.

All prior period segment information has been restated to reflect this change in the reportable segments.

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Sales (in thousands) for each primary segment for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2003, 2002 and 2001 are set forth in the table below.

	Years Ended September 30,		
	2003	2002	2001
North America	\$ 60,245	\$ 87,378	\$ 105,135
United Kingdom	127,733	114,798	104,847
China Manufacturing and Distribution	24,345	26,828	31,299
Intersegment eliminations	(10,306)	(8,738)	(6,495)
	\$ 202,017	\$ 220,266	\$ 234,786

See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Note 18 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for financial information by primary business segment.

### *North America*

The distribution companies of the North America segment design, import, warehouse and distribute lighting fixtures and lamps in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Chile, and Argentina to major retailers, including home centers, office superstore chains, mass merchandisers, discount department stores, hardware stores, and warehouse clubs. Order entry, customer service and other support functions for this segment are performed at the following locations:

United States Corporate headquarters in Miami, Florida



Canada Warehouse and office facility in Toronto, Ontario

Mexico Warehouse and office facility outside of Mexico City

Argentina and Chile U.S. Corporate headquarters and in the local country using brokers and representatives

Because of significant losses, we ceased operations in Chile and Argentina during 2001. We intend to cease warehousing and distribution activities in Mexico effective December 31, 2003 see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Catalina Industries owned a 473,000 square foot distribution facility located near Tupelo, Mississippi through May 2002 and began leasing a new 128,000 square foot facility in November 2002, also located in Tupelo, Mississippi. From May 2002 to December 2002, we leased space in the warehouse that we sold. Catalina Canada and Catalina Mexico lease distribution and office facilities of 97,000 and 24,000 square feet, respectively.

The distribution companies of the North America segment sell their products under the Catalina®, Dana®, and Illuminada® trade names and their customers' private labels. These companies market a diverse product line used primarily in residential and office settings. This segment's product line consists mainly of two categories: lighting fixtures and lamps. Lighting fixtures include outdoor/security lighting, chandeliers, recessed and track lighting, and wall and ceiling lights. Lamps sold by the distribution companies of this segment include both table and floor models and may be either functional or decorative. Functional lamps consist of halogen desk lamps, bankers' lamps, swing arm desk lamps, torchiere lamps, magnifier lamps, and other lamps generally used for task-oriented functions. Decorative lamps are fashion oriented and made of such materials as metal, ceramic, stained glass, and crystal glass. In 2003 and 2002, Home Depot accounted for 23.4% and 33.7% of North America sales, respectively. One other customer accounted for 27.4% and 19.1% of this segment's sales in 2003 and 2002, respectively. We have been advised by Home Depot that they have shifted purchases of all core program items to alternate suppliers. We anticipate that our sales to Home Depot for fiscal year 2004 will be significantly less than our sales for fiscal year 2003.

Go-Gro, our China manufacturing and sourcing subsidiary, provides substantially all of the products for the distribution companies. The products are manufactured by Go-Gro or purchased from other factories. Go-Gro maintains administrative offices in Hong Kong and owns a manufacturing facility in the Guangdong Province of China. The distribution companies of this segment arrange for the shipment of their products directly from Go-Gro or other China factories to the customers' distribution centers or stores. They also sell and ship from their warehouse facilities. See Distribution Methods .

The distribution companies of North America compete on the basis of service, price and scope of product offerings. See Strategy . The industry is highly fragmented, with no one competitor or small group of competitors possessing a dominant market position. See Competition .

At December 8, 2003 and 2002, the backlog of orders for the distribution companies of this segment amounted to \$5.2 million and \$9.3 million, respectively. Although any of the 2003 orders could be cancelled by the customer prior to shipment, we believe, based upon experience, that substantially all of these orders will be shipped during fiscal 2004.

In September 2000, Go-Gro deposited the purchase price of approximately \$1 million for its joint venture partner's interest in Go-Gro's Chinese cooperative joint venture manufacturing subsidiary, Shenzhen Jiadianbao Electrical Products Co., Ltd. ( SJE ). This purchase was finalized in

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December 2000. During the quarter ended March 31, 2001, SJE was converted under Chinese law from a cooperative joint venture to a wholly owned foreign entity and its name was changed to Jiadianbao Electrical Products (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. ( JES ).

JES obtained non-transferable land use rights for the land on which its primary manufacturing facilities were constructed under a Land Use Agreement dated April 11, 1995 between SJE and the Bureau of National

Land Planning Bao-An Branch of Shenzhen City. This agreement provides JES with the right to use this land until January 18, 2042 and required the construction of approximately 500,000 square feet of factory buildings and 175,000 square feet of dormitories and offices. This construction is complete and total costs aggregated \$15.8 million.

In connection with the settlement with Go-Gro's former joint venture partner in SJE, JES acquired the land use rights for a parcel of land adjoining its primary manufacturing facilities. Under the separate land use agreement for this parcel, JES has the right to use the land through March 19, 2051 and was obligated to complete new construction on the land (estimated to cost approximately \$1.3 million) by March 20, 2002. The construction was not completed by that date. The local municipal planning and state land bureau may take back the land use rights for the parcel without compensation and confiscate the structures and attachments if the construction is not completed by March 2004. The Company will not begin construction by the March 2004 deadline and during the fourth quarter of 2003, decided not to seek an extension from local authorities. As a result of this decision, we recorded a \$766,000 provision for impairment of land use rights during the fourth quarter of 2003. There are no structures on this parcel, and should the local authorities confiscate the land, we do not believe there would be any impact on the operations of the factory.

Go-Gro manufactures a wide range of products, including lamps, recessed lighting fixtures and track lighting fixtures. The raw materials and components essential to Go-Gro's manufacturing process are purchased from distributors and manufacturers located in various countries as follows: plastic resin (Germany, China, Japan, Thailand, Korea and Taiwan), steel (Korea, Japan, Taiwan and China), cable (China and Taiwan), light bulbs (China, Taiwan, Germany, Indonesia and Hong Kong) and various other components (China, Europe, U.S., Taiwan and others).

Through Go-Gro, the distribution companies of North America arrange for, and coordinate, the purchase of a significant volume of products from independent Chinese manufacturers. See *Dependence on China*.

We choose our contract manufacturers based on price, quality of merchandise, reliability and ability to meet our timing requirements for delivery. Manufacturing commitments are made on a purchase order basis. Go-Gro or the customer is sometimes required to post a letter of credit prior to shipment.

Go-Gro employees supervise our manufacturing contractors. These employees' responsibilities include the establishment and ongoing development of close relationships with the manufacturers, setting product and manufacturing standards, performing quality assurance functions including inspection at various stages, tracking costs, performing and/or working with engineering, and oversight of the manufacturing processes. We maintain a quality control and quality assurance program and have established inspection and test criteria for each of our products. These methods are applied by Go-Gro or its agents regularly to product samples in each manufacturing location prior to shipment and shipments are tested for quality control inspection.

#### *United Kingdom*

We acquired Ring on July 5, 2000. Ring is a wholesaler and distributor headquartered in Leeds, England consisting of seven principal trading companies comprising three operating divisions: Ring Lighting, Ring Automotive and Consumables. These divisions are engaged in the sale of lighting, automotive after-market and industrial consumable products in the United Kingdom.

Ring Lighting, a division of our subsidiary Ring Lamp Company Ltd., sells a product line of lamps and lighting fixtures comparable to that offered in North America. These products are sold from warehouse facilities under the Ring trade name or the customers' label to a variety of retailers in the United Kingdom, including home centers and mass merchandisers. B&Q, a subsidiary of Kingfisher PLC, is the largest customer

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of this division. Sales to B&Q comprised 26% and 31% of Ring's consolidated sales for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Ring competes on the basis of service, product range and price, and does not believe any

competitor has a dominant position in the lighting markets it serves. The lighting division comprised 60% and 62% of Ring's consolidated sales for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. Lighting fixtures and lamps accounted for 52% and 8%, respectively, of sales for the year ended September 30, 2003.

Ring Automotive consists of the automotive division of Ring Lamp Company Ltd. and four other subsidiaries: Grove Products (Caravan Accessories) Ltd., Lighten Point Corporation Europe Ltd., Lancer Products Ltd. and BMAC Ltd. These companies sell an extensive line of products under each company's trade name or under the customer's label, to the caravan, train and automotive aftermarket. Products sold include replacement headlights, auxiliary lighting products, caravan accessory systems, flasher units and relays, windshield wiper blades and washer pumps, engine and suspension components and other automotive electrical components. In addition, BMAC sells lighting used in the manufacture of trains and buses. A number of competitors are present in each segmental market of this division including manufacturers and other U.K. distributors and importers, but we believe that no competitor has a dominant position in these markets other than H Burden Ltd. in the caravan sector. Ring Automotive competes on the basis of service, product range and price. The automotive division comprised 31% and 29% of Ring's consolidated sales for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

Van-Line Ltd. and Arctic Products Ltd. form Ring's consumables division. Van-Line is a leading supplier of workshop consumables and branded tools to independent distributors. Arctic Products sells portable pipe freezing equipment and a variety of products for the plumbing and gas industry, including smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, soldering sprays and pressurized air cans. Approximately 9% of Ring's consolidated sales were generated in the consumables division for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002.

Ring purchases its products from suppliers (including Go-Gro) located worldwide including China, the United Kingdom and continental Europe, with China being the dominant supply source. Purchases from China suppliers, including Go-Gro, accounted for 48% of Ring's purchases for the years ended September 30, 2003 and 2002. A wide variety of competitors exist for Ring including U.K., European and Chinese manufacturers and other U.K. distributors and importers.

Ring's business is somewhat seasonal, with slightly more sales occurring in the fall and winter months.

At December 8, 2003 and 2002, Ring's backlog of orders amounted to \$8.3 million and \$3.8 million, respectively. Although any of the 2003 orders could be cancelled by the customer prior to shipment, we believe, based upon experience, that substantially all of these orders will be shipped during fiscal 2004.

#### *China Manufacturing and Distribution*

In addition to its sales to North America, Go-Gro sells directly for its own account primarily to European distributors and retailers and to Ring. Go-Gro manufactures the majority of all of the products sold by this segment. China Manufacturing and Distribution is comprised of a dedicated group of individuals who work out of Go-Gro's Hong Kong office as well as a European sales director and three sales agents who reside in Europe. Sales were \$24.3 million and \$26.8 million in 2003 and 2002, respectively. Sales to third parties were \$14.0 million and \$18.1 million in 2003 and 2002, respectively, while intercompany sales to Ring were \$10.3 million and \$8.7 million in 2003 and 2002, respectively. At December 8, 2003 and 2002, Go-Gro's backlog of orders to third parties amounted to \$2.7 million. Although any of the 2003 orders could be cancelled by the customer prior to shipment, we believe, based upon experience, that substantially all of these orders will be shipped during fiscal 2004.

#### **Strategy**

Economic and other business factors led to a consolidation in the 1990s in the retail sector for consumer products, with a limited number of large retailers acquiring ever-increasing market shares. We focus on these

major retailers, which include home centers, office product superstores, and mass merchandisers. Our strategies to strengthen our relationships and increase our sales with these major retailers include the following:

1. *Product Development and Design* To differentiate ourselves from our competitors, we attempt to present to our customers a unique leading-edge design oriented product line. By continually updating this product line with the latest fashion and design trends, we attempt to be perceived in the market place as lighting industry leaders. Customers who perceive us as industry leaders are more likely to also see us as important business partners.

2. *Customer-Centric Activities* We attempt to increase our value to our customers and differentiate ourselves from our competition by customizing our business for our largest customers. To do so, we:

(i) seek input from buyers and other customer personnel to develop product offerings, merchandising approaches and branding strategies specific to each major retail customer;

(ii) dedicate Company-owned production resources and capabilities to each major retailer; and

(iii) pursue technology linkages, the sharing of critical product and sales data and the alignment of supply chain activities with our major customers.

3. *Program Selling* We strive to be the primary source of lighting products to our retailers by offering a complete program of lighting products in a variety of categories. The availability of such products as outdoor/security lighting, table, floor and torchiere lamps, chandeliers, recessed and track lighting and wall and ceiling lights the majority of which are available in several colors or finishes provides retailers the opportunity to simplify their purchasing function by buying more of their lighting products from us as opposed to using several different suppliers.

4. *Warehouse Supply of Goods* Our warehouses in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Mexico enable us to provide our customers with the advantage of short delivery time. Warehouse sales allow retailers to receive products in days as compared to months for items shipped directly to them from China. Timely deliveries can help to increase the customer's inventory turns and profits.

#### **Dependence on China**

During 2003, we obtained approximately 66% of the lighting products we sold from factories located in China. We manufactured a portion of these products at Go-Gro and purchased the remainder from independent suppliers.

In fiscal 2003 and 2002, Chinese suppliers, other than Go-Gro, accounted for approximately 46% and 47%, respectively, of the total products we either purchased or manufactured. One supplier accounted for approximately 11% of the total products we either purchased or manufactured in fiscal 2003 and 14% in fiscal 2002. Purchases from Go-Gro and the top five Chinese independent suppliers comprised 44% and 51% of the total of the products we either purchased or manufactured for fiscal 2003 and 2002, respectively.

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Although we purchase our products from suppliers with whom we maintain close alliances, we believe the same products could be purchased from numerous other Chinese suppliers.

Our ability to import products from China at current tariff levels could be materially and adversely affected if the normal trade relations ( NTR , formerly most favored nation ) status the U.S. government has granted to China for trade and tariff purposes is terminated. As a result of its NTR status, China receives the same favorable tariff treatment that the United States extends to its other normal trading partners. China's NTR status, coupled with its membership in the World Trade Organization, could eventually reduce barriers to manufacturing products in and exporting products from China. However, we cannot provide any assurance that China's WTO membership or NTR status will not change.

We have obtained a political risk insurance policy issued by the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, a member of the World Bank Group, in the amount of \$14.4 million covering existing assets of JES in China. The



policy is a long-term non-cancelable guarantee covering the risks of expropriation and war and civil disturbance. Our net assets in Company subsidiaries located in China amounted to \$16.6 million at September 30, 2003.

## **Competition**

Our product lines span major segments within the lighting industry and, accordingly, our products compete in a number of different markets with a number of different competitors. We compete with other independent distributors, importers, manufacturers, and suppliers of lighting fixtures and other consumer products in the United States, United Kingdom, continental Europe, Canada and China. The lighting industry is highly competitive. Other competitors market similar products that compete with ours on the basis of price. Some of these competitors do not maintain warehouse operations or do not provide some of the services we provide that require us to charge higher prices to cover the added costs. The relatively low barriers to entry into the lighting industry and the limited proprietary nature of many lighting products also permit new competitors to enter the industry easily. Our success in this highly competitive market depends upon our ability to manufacture and purchase a variety of quality products on favorable terms, ensure our products meet safety standards, deliver the goods promptly at competitive prices, provide a wide range of services such as electronic data interchange and customized products, packaging, and store displays and otherwise adapt our services and product offerings to the demands of our major retail customers.

## **Independent Safety Testing and ISO 9001 Certification**

As part of our marketing strategy, we voluntarily submit our products to recognized product safety testing laboratories in the countries where we market our products. Such laboratories include Underwriters Laboratories (UL) in the United States, Specialised Technology Resources in Great Britain, Association Nacional de Normalization y Certification del Sector Electrico (ANCE) in Mexico and various European electrical testing organizations. If the product is acceptable, the laboratory issues a report, which provides a technical description of the product. In the United States, it also provides our suppliers with safety production standards to follow in producing the products and periodically conducts inspections at such suppliers' facilities for compliance. Electrical products which are manufactured in accordance with safety certification marks are generally recognized by consumers as safe products and such certification marks are often required by various governmental authorities to comply with local codes and ordinances. We do not anticipate any difficulty in maintaining the right to use the listing marks of these laboratories.

Go-Gro's manufacturing operations have been certified as meeting ISO 9001 standards. ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) first published its quality assurance and quality management standards in 1987 and updated them in 1994. ISO 9001 standards and certification facilitate international commerce by providing a single set of quality standards for both product and service oriented organizations that are recognized and respected throughout the world. In addition, Go-Gro's operations have passed audits conducted by independent organizations, such as Cal Safety Compliance Corporation (CSCC), Merchandise Testing Laboratories (HK) Ltd. (MTL) and others, hired by our major customers. The audits cover human rights and environmental aspects, among other things, and the standards are based on China's local regulations.

## **Product Liability**

We are engaged in a business which could expose us to possible claims for injury resulting from the failure of our products to function as designed or from other product defects. We maintain primary product liability insurance coverage of \$1 million per occurrence, \$2 million in the aggregate, as well as umbrella insurance policies providing an aggregate of \$50 million in excess umbrella insurance coverage. The primary insurance coverage requires us to self-insure for a maximum amount of \$150,000 per incident involving halogen light products and \$75,000 for all other incidents. No assurance can be given that the claims will not exceed available insurance coverage or that we will be able to maintain our current level of insurance.



### **Trademarks and Licenses**

Our trademarks, Catalina<sup>®</sup>, Dana<sup>®</sup> and Illuminada<sup>®</sup>, are registered in the United States, Canada, China and Mexico as well as in numerous countries in the European Community. In addition, the Ring<sup>®</sup> trademark is registered in the United Kingdom and most of the European Community.

### **Employees**

As of September 30, 2003, we employed approximately 580 people in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Mexico, and our China operations employed approximately 1,540 people. None of our employees are represented by a collective bargaining unit and we believe that our relationships with our employees are good.

### **Financial Information about Foreign and Domestic Operations and Export Sales**

We operate in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and China, and to a lesser extent, Mexico. Our primary operating segments are located in North America, the United Kingdom and China. These operating segments generally follow the management organizational structure of the Company. Net sales to external customers by North America-based operations are made primarily into the United States and Canada. Net sales to external customers by U.K.-based operations are made primarily into the United Kingdom. Net sales to external customers by China-based operations are made primarily into Europe. See Note 18 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

The following table sets forth certain information as of December 8, 2003 with respect to our executive officers:

Name	Age	Position With the Company
Robert Varakian	48	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Stephen G. Marble	40	Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

**Robert Varakian** has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and as a director of the Company since November 2002. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Varakian was president of Lectrix LLC, a company he founded in 2000 that focused on small, unique, patented, electric kitchen items. Before founding Lectrix, from 1994 through 1999, he held several positions at Ekco Group, most recently as president of Ekco Housewares from 1997 to 1999.

**Stephen G. Marble** has served as our Chief Financial Officer and Secretary since November 2002. Before becoming Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Marble served as our Controller from December 2001 to November 2002. Prior to joining the Company, he was the controller at Navix Radiology Systems Inc. in Miami since April 1999. Mr. Marble served as manager in the business process outsourcing group at Arthur Andersen, LLP from April 1998 to March 1999. From 1997 to 1998, he was controller at USA Finance, Inc.

## Item 2. *Properties.*

The following table sets forth details about our offices, manufacturing plants and warehouse facilities:

Location	Facility	Leased/Owned
<b>Catalina Industries/United States:</b>		
Miami, FL	headquarters/office	owned(1)
Tupelo, MS	warehouse	leased
<b>Go-Gro/China:</b>		
Hong Kong	office	leased
Shenzhen		leased
	warehouse/dormitories	
	manufacturing plant/office warehouse/dormitories	owned(2)
<b>Ring/United Kingdom:</b>		
Leeds	office/warehouses	leased
Hyde	office/warehouse	owned
Walsall	office/warehouse	leased
Corby	office/warehouse	leased
<b>Other:</b>		
Toronto, Canada	office/warehouse	leased

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Mexico City, Mexico

office/warehouse

leased

- (1) Owned subject to a first mortgage.
- (2) We have purchased underlying land use rights, which terminate in 2042.

All of our properties are suitable for our operations.

**Item 3. *Legal Proceedings.***

During the past few years, we have received a number of claims relating to halogen torchieres sold by us to various retailers. The number of such claims has decreased significantly since the applicable Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) standard was changed and the halogen torchieres produced complied with such new standard. Through January 7, 2003, we maintained primary product liability insurance coverage of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million in the aggregate, as well as umbrella insurance policies providing an aggregate of \$75 million in insurance coverage. The primary insurance policy required us to self-insure for up to \$10,000 per incident. Effective January 8, 2003, the umbrella coverage was decreased to \$50 million and the deductible was increased to \$150,000 per incident involving halogen light products and \$75,000 for all other incidents. Based on experience, we have accrued \$529,000 for this contingency as of September 30, 2003. No assurance can be given that the number of claims will not exceed historical experience, that claims will not exceed available insurance coverage or that we will be able to maintain the same level of insurance. All other material terms of the policy remain unchanged.

We are also a party to routine litigation incidental to our business. We believe the ultimate resolution of any such legal proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or annual results of operations.

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

None.

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**PART II**
**Item 5. Market For Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters.**

From May 21, 2001 to June 21, 2002, our common stock was quoted on the NASD Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board under the symbol CALA.OB . From June 24, 2002 to October 17, 2002, our common stock was listed on the NASDAQ SmallCap Market under the trading symbol CALA . Effective October 18, 2002, our common stock commenced trading on the NASDAQ National Market.

The following table presents: (i) the quarterly high and low sales prices from the beginning of fiscal 2002 to June 21, 2002 while the common stock was quoted on the NASD Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board; (ii) the quarterly high and low sales prices from June 24, 2002 to October 17, 2002, while the common stock was listed on the NASDAQ SmallCap Market; and (iii) the quarterly high and low sales prices from October 18, 2002 to September 30, 2003, while the common stock was trading on the NASDAQ National Market. Quotations reflect the inter-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, mark-down, or commission, and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

Effective April 8, 2002, the Company effected a one-for-five reverse stock split. All information in the table below preceding the reverse split has been restated retroactively for the reverse stock split.

	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2002		
First Quarter	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.25
Second Quarter	6.60	1.70
Third Quarter	8.74	4.75
Fourth Quarter	8.75	5.55
Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2003		
First Quarter	\$ 11.40	\$ 6.15
Second Quarter	9.92	6.08
Third Quarter	10.50	8.00
Fourth Quarter	12.70	9.26

On December 8, 2003, the closing price of our common stock as listed on the NASDAQ National Market was \$12.51. As of December 8, 2003 there were approximately 50 holders of record of our common stock. We believe that a substantially larger number of beneficial owners hold shares of our common stock in depository or nominee form.

We have never paid cash dividends on our common stock. We intend to retain future earnings, if any, to finance the expansion of our business and do not anticipate that any cash dividends will be paid in the foreseeable future. In addition, the terms of our credit facilities prohibit the payment of any cash dividends or other distribution on any shares of our common stock, other than dividends payable solely in shares of common stock. Future dividend policy will depend on our earnings, capital and financing requirements, expansion plans, financial condition and other relevant factors.

**Item 6. Selected Financial Data.**

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations. and Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

	At or For the Years Ended September 30,				
	2003(1)	2002(2)	2001(3)	2000(4)	1999(5)
	(in thousands, except per share data)				
Net sales	\$ 202,017	\$ 220,266	\$ 234,786	\$ 202,630	\$ 176,561
Net income (loss)	\$ 4,990	\$ 859	\$ (18,347)	\$ 2,845	\$ 6,489
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.18	\$ (10.22)	\$ 2.01	\$ 4.60
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.18	\$ (10.22)	\$ 1.84	\$ 3.98
Total assets	\$ 127,275	\$ 131,214	\$ 146,097	\$ 167,971	\$ 101,897
Long-term borrowings	\$ 27,086	\$ 32,414	\$ 51,240	\$ 6,888	\$ 24,774

On April 8, 2002, the Company effected a one-for-five reverse stock split. Earnings (loss) per share amounts have been restated retroactively for the reverse stock split. Certain amounts presented above for prior years have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation. No cash dividends were declared during the five-year period ended September 30, 2003.

(1) Includes \$474,000 in severance and a \$766,000 provision for impairment of land use rights.

(2) Includes \$624,000 in severance, a net charge of \$869,000 related to the sale of property and equipment, and a \$959,000 charge from a litigation settlement, as well as \$216,000 of income from the settlement of an insurance claim.

(3) Includes a \$2.6 million charge to settle executive management contracts, \$1.2 million in severance and office closing costs, other income of \$714,000 from the settlement of litigation and a provision of \$5.0 million for a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets.

(4) Includes a \$500,000 charge to close the Boston office, a \$788,000 charge related to the reorganization of executive management and assets and liabilities acquired upon the acquisition of Ring on July 5, 2000 and the operating results for Ring for the period July 5, 2000 to September 30, 2000. Long-term borrowings reflect the classification of all borrowings under our \$75 million credit facility as current liabilities at September 30, 2000.

(5) Reflects the reversal of a \$2.7 million provision for a judgment related to litigation with a former officer of the Company and the reversal of an associated \$893,000 provision for post judgment interest.

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



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The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes.

### **Sun Transaction**

During our fiscal year ended September 30, 2001 we experienced significant declines in sales, gross profit, profitability and liquidity due primarily to economic and competitive conditions in the United States and the United Kingdom. As a result of quarterly net losses, we were unable to comply with the financial covenants under our \$75 million credit facility with a bank syndicate group for the quarters ended December 31, 2000, March 31, 2001 and June 30, 2001, but were able to obtain credit facility amendments and forbearance agreements that deferred through July 31, 2001 the lenders' ability to exercise their rights and remedies (including the demand for immediate repayment) for the event of default under the credit facility resulting from the failures to meet the financial covenants.

On July 23, 2001, we obtained \$11.8 million in additional funding as a result of closing a transaction (the Sun Transaction) with Sun Catalina Holdings LLC (SCH), an affiliate of Sun Capital Partners, Inc. (a private investment firm based in Boca Raton, Florida) and other parties. See Liquidity and Capital Resources.

The Sun Transaction constituted a change of ownership of the Company as defined under Internal Revenue Code Section 382 (IRC 382). In general, IRC 382 can limit an entity's utilization of its net operating loss carry forwards and other anticipated tax return deductions existing at the time the change in ownership occurs. Based upon management's estimate of the impact of IRC 382 on the Company arising from the Sun Transaction, during the fourth quarter of 2001 we recorded a provision for a valuation allowance of approximately \$5.0 million on deferred tax assets that existed as of July 23, 2001.

## Results of Operations

In the following comparison of the results of operations, our fiscal years ended September 30, 2003, 2002 and 2001 are referred to herein as 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Unless otherwise noted, U.S. dollar equivalents of foreign currency amounts are based upon the exchange rates prevailing at September 30, 2003.

### *Comparison of Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2003 and 2002*

#### *Consolidated Results*

We had operating income of \$10.4 million in 2003 compared to operating income of \$9.4 million in 2002. The 2003 operating income reflects a \$766,000 charge related to the impairment of land use rights. The 2002 operating income included a \$959,000 charge related to the settlement of a patent lawsuit. Net income in 2003 was \$5.0 million, or \$.86 per diluted share, compared to \$859,000, or \$.18 per diluted share, in 2002.

Net sales for 2003 were \$202.0 million compared to \$220.3 million for 2002. Lower sales in the United States were partially offset by increased sales in the United Kingdom. Lower sales in the United States are primarily a result of decreased volume principally as a result of competitive pressures and general economic environment. Increased sales in the United Kingdom are primarily attributable to an increase in the average value of the Great British Pound (GBP) relative to the U.S. dollar from 1.47 during 2002 to 1.60 during 2003, which resulted in higher sales as a result of translation, as well as growth in our U.K. segment's automotive division.

Lamps, lighting fixtures, automotive after-market products and industrial consumables accounted for 26%, 49%, 19% and 6% of net sales in 2003 compared to 30%, 50%, 15% and 5% in 2002. Sales made from warehouses constituted 71% and 64% of our consolidated net sales in 2003 and 2002, respectively. In 2003 and 2002, Ring's largest customer, B&Q, a subsidiary of Kingfisher PLC, accounted for \$34.0 million (16.8%) and \$39.5 million (17.9%), respectively, of our consolidated net sales. In 2003 and 2002, Home Depot accounted for \$14.1 million (7.0%) and \$29.4 million (13.4%), respectively, of our consolidated net sales. We have been advised by Home Depot that they have shifted purchases of all core program items to alternate suppliers. We anticipate that our sales to Home Depot for fiscal year 2004 will be significantly less than our sales for fiscal year 2003. Shipments to Kmart during 2003 were \$3.0 million below the prior year. Kmart filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois on January 22, 2002, and as a result of downsizing and restructuring, reduced its level of purchases.

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Gross profit in total dollars decreased from \$43.8 million in 2002 to \$41.6 million in 2003, and gross profit as a percentage of sales increased from 19.9% in 2002 to 20.6% in 2003. The increase in the gross profit as a percentage of sales is primarily attributable to (i) changes in Ring's customer and product mix as we emphasized more profitable product lines and (ii) the strengthening of the GBP relative to the U.S. dollar effectively decreasing Ring's cost of products sold and increasing the amount of Ring's translated gross profit. A \$1.3 million increase in the provision for North America slow moving inventory and lost margins on the \$18.2 million decrease in sales reduced our profitability in 2003. In December 2002, our U.S. operating company completed its move into a smaller distribution facility. The increase in the provision for slow moving inventory is a result of our plans to market such inventory at prices less than we previously estimated. Future downward changes in estimated selling prices could reduce our profitability as we increase our provision for slow moving inventory.

Our annual ocean freight contract for North America expired on April 30, 2003. Based on the current market environment, we may incur an annualized general rate increase of approximately \$400,000. Beginning October 1, 2003, we estimate that the U.K. segment will incur an annualized rate increase of approximately \$1.1 million. Given the volatile and competitive nature of the ocean freight market, actual rates could significantly vary either favorably or unfavorably from our current estimates.

Selling, general and administrative expenses ( SG&A ) for 2003 were \$30.0 million, a decrease of \$2.8 million from the same period in the prior year. The decrease in SG&A is a result in part of our Company-wide efforts to reduce operating and overhead costs. Expense categories in which we experienced significant declines included a \$436,000 decrease in the provision for preferential payment claims, a \$277,000 decrease in depreciation expense as a result of fewer depreciable assets, a \$1.0 million decrease in payroll and benefits, a \$459,000 decrease in royalties due to the termination of our license agreement with Westinghouse Electric Corporation effective September 30, 2002, and a \$291,000 decrease in professional fees. In addition, the application of the non-amortization provisions for goodwill of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ( SFAS 142 ) resulted in a \$1.6 million decrease in goodwill amortization for 2003. However, insurance expense and our provision for the deductible on our product liability insurance had a combined increase of \$660,000 and the increase in the value of the GBP relative to the U.S. dollar resulted in a \$1.1 million aggregate increase in SG&A of Ring as a result of translation.

During 2003 we incurred severance costs of \$474,000 compared to \$624,000 in 2002. The costs incurred in 2003 relate to the termination of 55 employees primarily in the United States and China as a result of our continuing efforts to restructure the business. The costs incurred in 2002 related to the termination of 49 employees also primarily in the United States and China.

During the three months ended September 30, 2003, we recorded a charge of \$766,000 related to the impairment of land use rights as a result of our decision not to construct non-production related buildings at our Chinese manufacturing facility. See Capital Expenditures for further discussion.

Litigation settlement of \$959,000 in 2002 reflects the final judgment against us in a patent infringement lawsuit. On September 15, 1999, we filed a complaint entitled *Catalina Lighting, Inc. v. Lamps Plus*, Civil Action 99-7200, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. In the complaint, we requested declaratory relief regarding claims of trade dress and patent infringement made by Lamps Plus against a major customer of the Company. Lamps Plus filed an Answer and Counterclaim against our customer and us on October 6, 1999, alleging patent infringement and trade dress. The trade dress claim was dismissed with prejudice before trial in March 2001. In April 2001, a jury returned a verdict finding liability against us on the patent infringement claim, and in June 2001 the Court entered a judgment of approximately \$1.6 million for damages and interest thereon. We appealed the judgment entered by the Court and posted a surety bond in the amount of \$1.8 million for the appeal (for which we posted \$1.5 million in cash collateral). In a decision published on June 28, 2002, the Court of Appeals affirmed the finding of liability against us but reduced the lower court's award of damages. We received the cash collateral for the surety bond net of the judgment amount.

Interest expense was \$3.7 million in 2003 compared to \$6.9 million in 2002. The decreased expense is attributable to lower average outstanding borrowings and a lower weighted average interest rate. Average outstanding borrowings decreased from 2002 primarily as a result of the sale of the Tupelo, Mississippi warehouse in May 2002, the conversion in June 2002 of approximately \$6.0 million of subordinated debt to equity, and our use of the cash we generated from operations primarily to pay down debt. The weighted average effective interest rate decreased primarily because of lower interest rates on the term and revolving credit facilities as a result of lower debt levels and related lower leverage ratio. As a result of refinancing our \$75 million credit facility in December 2003, we anticipate the weighted average interest rate will increase as a result of: (i) a .25% increase in the margin over base rate, (ii) the use of a different and currently higher base rate and (iii) a \$5 million term loan at a fixed rate of 9%.

In May 2002, we sold our Mississippi warehouse and substantially all of the equipment to a third party resulting in a loss on sale of \$1.1 million. The net proceeds from the sale after the pay-off of the mortgage bonds



of approximately \$3.3 million were used to pay down our term loans. In addition, we sold two other facilities located in the United Kingdom, which resulted in a net gain on sale of \$229,000. The net loss of \$869,000 related to the sale of the three facilities was recognized as a loss on disposal of property and equipment.

The net foreign currency gain of \$678,000 in 2003 included foreign currency gains (losses) for our Canadian, Mexican and China operations of \$808,000, (\$116,000) and (\$14,000), respectively. The foreign currency gain of \$808,000 for our Canadian operations reflects an appreciation of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. dollar from 1.59 Canadian dollar to 1.0 U.S. dollar at September 30, 2002 to 1.35 at September 30, 2003. The net foreign currency loss of \$360,000 in 2002 included foreign currency losses of \$99,000, \$71,000 and \$190,000 for our Canadian, Mexican and China operations, respectively.

Other expense was \$50,000 and \$3,000 in 2003 and 2002, respectively. The components of other expense in 2003 are dividends on Ring preferred stock (\$199,000), partially offset by other miscellaneous income (\$149,000). The components of other expense in 2002 consisted primarily of equity in loss of unconsolidated joint venture (\$219,000) and dividends on Ring preferred stock (\$182,000), partially offset by interest income (\$141,000), the net proceeds from the settlement of an insurance claim (\$216,000), and other miscellaneous income (\$41,000). The two joint ventures in which we were involved were dissolved as of September 30, 2002.

The effective income tax rates for 2003 and 2002 were 32.6% and 33.7%, respectively. Through September 30, 2003, we have not provided for possible U.S. income taxes on \$35.2 million in undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries that were considered to be permanently reinvested. During the year ended September 30, 2003, we repatriated \$2.6 million in earnings from our Hong Kong subsidiary Go-Gro, and we intend to repatriate a portion of the future earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries to the United States. Our effective income tax rate can increase when earnings are repatriated. Our effective income tax rate is dependent on both the total amount of pretax income generated, the source of such income (i.e., domestic or foreign), and the amount and source of earnings repatriated. Consequently, our effective tax rate may vary in future periods.

## Results By Segment

See Note 18 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the financial tables for each business segment.

### *North America*

North America had a segment loss in 2003 of \$4.1 million compared to a segment loss of \$80,000 in 2002. The increase in segment loss in 2003 is primarily attributable to a decrease in gross profit as a result of lower sales, partially offset by a decrease in SG&A. The 2002 segment loss included a \$959,000 charge related to the settlement of a patent lawsuit (see Consolidated Results ) and a \$1.1 million loss related to the sale of the Tupelo, Mississippi distribution center in May 2002.

Sales by North America to external customers were \$60.2 million in 2003, a decrease of \$27.1 million from 2002. The decrease in sales is primarily a result of decreased volume in the United States as a result of competitive pressures and general economic environment.

In 2003 and 2002, Home Depot accounted for \$14.1 million (23.4%) and \$29.4 million (33.7%), respectively, of our North America net sales. We have been advised by Home Depot that they have shifted purchases of all core program items to alternate suppliers. We anticipate that our

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sales to Home Depot for fiscal year 2004 will be significantly less than our current sales for fiscal year 2003. Shipments to Kmart during 2003 were \$3.0 million below the prior year. Kmart filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois on January 22, 2002, and as a result of downsizing and restructuring, reduced its level of purchases.

Gross profit for North America was \$7.9 million in 2003 compared to \$18.1 million in 2002. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales decreased from 20.7% in 2002 to 13.1% in 2003. The \$10.2 million decrease in gross

profit and the decrease in gross profit as a percentage of net sales between 2003 and 2002 are primarily attributable to the \$27.1 million decrease in sales and a \$1.3 million increase in the provision for North America slow moving inventory.

In 2003 we recorded estimated inventory provisions of \$2.5 million compared to \$1.2 million in 2002. Gross inventory of finished products was \$6.8 million at September 30, 2003 compared to \$11.9 million at September 30, 2002. Inventory provisions have been made based on management's evaluation of the amount of stock on hand relative to sales during the year, the age of the stock based on purchase date, the historical amount received when slow moving goods are sold and other factors. The process of evaluating the adequacy of our inventory allowance is subject to significant estimation. The increase in the provision for slow moving inventory is a result of our plans to market such inventory at prices less than what we previously estimated. Future downward changes in estimated selling prices could reduce our profitability as we increase our provision for slow moving inventory.

Presently, most major U.S. customers purchase from our U.S. operating subsidiary, Catalina Industries, primarily on a direct basis, whereby the merchandise is shipped directly from the factory to the customer, rather than from the warehouse. Customers of Catalina Canada purchased 43% on a direct basis and 57% from the warehouse in 2003. Substantially all of Mexico's sales are from the warehouse. Direct ship customers receive their goods directly from our factory in China or from other Far East suppliers. As more U.S. customers have changed their sourcing method, warehouse sales to U.S. customers have declined each fiscal year in the eight-year period commencing fiscal 1995, when Catalina Industries former warehouse was constructed in Tupelo, Mississippi, and warehouse sales were 61% of annual U.S. sales compared to 21% for 2003.

SG&A decreased from \$14.9 million in 2002 to \$11.8 million in 2003. Expense categories where we had significant decreases include the provision for preferential payment claims (\$436,000), payroll, benefits and severance costs (\$1.1 million), royalties (\$459,000), primarily due to the termination of our license agreement with Westinghouse Electric Corporation effective September 30, 2002, merchandising costs (\$164,000), depreciation and amortization expense (\$378,000), professional fees (\$173,000) and the non-amortization of goodwill as a result of the implementation of SFAS 142 during 2003 (\$382,000). However, insurance expense and the provision for the deductible on product liability insurance increased by \$508,000 in the aggregate.

In May 2002 we sold our Mississippi warehouse and substantially all of the equipment to a third party, resulting in a loss on sale of \$1.1 million. This loss was recognized as a loss on disposal of property and equipment for the North American segment in 2002. During the quarter ended September 30, 2003, we recorded a charge of \$766,000 related to the impairment of land use rights as a result of our decision not to construct non-production related buildings at our Chinese manufacturing facility; \$258,000 of this \$766,000 charge was allocated to the North America segment.

The segment loss for 2003 was reduced by a net foreign currency gain of \$681,000 compared to a net foreign currency loss of \$297,000 in 2002. The \$978,000 change is primarily due to the strengthening of the Canadian dollar relative to the U.S. dollar.

We intend to cease warehousing and distribution activities in Mexico effective December 31, 2003. We intend to contact our major Mexican customers during the second quarter of fiscal 2004 and attempt to convert them to direct import customers of Go-Gro. We are currently not able to estimate what charge, if any, will be recorded as a result of this decision.

We are currently negotiating with a customer to significantly expand our retail presence in their stores. In connection with this expanded relationship, we expect to pay the customer during the second and third quarters of 2004 as much as \$3.0 million for product displays, store reset costs and markdown reimbursement. This payment will be recorded as a period cost when disbursed and will reduce our margins in the short term.



*United Kingdom*

Ring s segment contribution for 2003 was \$13.4 million compared to \$3.7 million in 2002.

Exchange rate fluctuations can have a significant translation and economic impact on Ring's results. Ring purchases a significant portion of its products in U.S. dollars. Because Ring sells primarily in GBP, a decrease in the GBP relative to the U.S. dollar can result in a decrease in Ring's margin due to Ring's inability in the U.K. marketplace to increase prices sufficiently to offset the higher effective cost of purchasing goods from China. Conversely, an increase in the GBP relative to the U.S. dollar results in a lower cost of product and higher margin and subjects Ring to pricing pressures as customers seek to gain the benefit of the currency movement. We engage in hedging activities to minimize the effect of changes in exchange rates as discussed in Item 7A of this Form 10-K. In 2003, the GBP increased in value relative to the U.S. dollar. The average exchange rate for 2003 was 1.60 U.S. dollar per GBP compared to an average of 1.47 for 2002.

Sales in 2003 were \$127.7 million compared to \$114.8 million in 2002, an increase of 11.3%. \$10.4 million of the \$12.9 million increase in sales relates to the change in the average exchange rate that is used to translate Ring's results in GBP to U.S. dollars between 2003 and 2002. In GBP, Ring's sales increased 2.3% which was primarily attributable to growth in the Automotive division. The growth in sales has resulted from a combination of new product offerings, increased business with existing customers in its core markets and the supply of new and existing products, such as LED torches, power packs, and inverters to new customers.

Ring's gross profit for 2003 was \$29.7 million compared to \$20.8 million in 2002, an increase of \$8.9 million or 43%. Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased from 18.1% in 2002 to 23.2% in 2003. The \$8.9 million increase in gross profit is attributable to changes in Ring's customer and product mix (approximately \$3.4 million), the strengthening of the GBP relative to the U.S. dollar which decreased Ring's cost of products sold (approximately \$2.5 million), the favorable impact of the strengthening GBP when translating Ring's gross profit to U.S. currency (\$2.4 million) and increased sales (\$0.7 million).

Ring continues to benefit from new products introduced in recent years, such as spotlights, torches, inverters and household bulbs, generally with higher than average margins. The strategy of Ring has been to concentrate on the higher margin products and this has resulted in a decline in the sales of lower margin products. However, some of these lower margin products are being supplied through direct importation from Go-Gro.

SG&A increased from \$12.8 million in 2002 to \$13.6 million in 2003. An increase in payroll and payroll related costs of \$389,000, an increase of \$281,000 in insurance, a \$108,000 increase in the provision for bad debt combined with a \$1.1 million increase as a result of the strengthening of the GBP when translating Ring's SG&A to the U.S. dollar more than offset the \$1.1 million decrease in SG&A from the non-amortization of goodwill as a result of the implementation of SFAS 142 during 2003.

Interest expense decreased from \$4.3 million in 2002 to \$2.6 million in 2003. This decrease was attributable to a lower weighted average interest rate and lower average outstanding borrowings. Interest expense included \$3.4 million and \$2.0 million in acquisition-related interest in 2002 and 2003, respectively.

#### *China Manufacturing and Distribution*

The segment contribution of China Manufacturing and Distribution was \$307,000 in 2003 compared to \$2.1 million in 2002.

Sales in 2003 were \$24.3 million compared to \$26.8 million in 2002. Inter-company sales to Ring were \$10.3 million in 2003 compared to \$8.7 million in 2002. Third party sales to customers in continental Europe, the United Kingdom, and Asia were \$11.4 million, \$1.2 million, and \$1.4 million in 2003, respectively, and \$12.7 million, \$3.0 million and \$2.4 million in 2002, respectively. Manufactured sales decreased by \$3.3 million from \$24.0 million in 2002 to \$20.7 million in 2003.

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Sales to Ring increased between 2003 and 2002 while sales to third party customers decreased by \$4.1 million as two major customers shifted purchases to alternate suppliers.

Gross profit was \$3.7 million and \$4.9 million in 2003 and 2002, respectively. Gross profit as a percentage of sales decreased to 15.0% in 2003 compared to 18.3% in 2002. The decrease in gross profit is attributable to the \$3.3 million decrease in manufactured sales and to a decrease in pricing to Ring.

SG&A was \$2.7 million in 2003 and 2002.

*Comparison of Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2002 and 2001*

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We had operating income of \$9.4 million in 2002 compared to an operating loss of \$11.0 million in 2001. The \$20.4 million operating income improvement primarily resulted from an increase in gross profit and a decrease in SG&A. Net income in 2002 was \$859,000, or \$.18 per diluted share, compared to a loss of \$18.3 million, or \$10.22 per diluted share, in 2001. The pretax income for 2002 included a \$959,000 charge related to the settlement of a patent lawsuit and a net \$869,000 loss related to the disposal of property and equipment, primarily the Mississippi warehouse facility, as well as \$216,000 of income from the settlement of an insurance claim. The after-tax effect of these items was \$636,000, \$576,000 and \$136,000, respectively, or \$.13, \$.12 and \$.03 per diluted share, respectively. Without these items we would have earned \$1.9 million, or \$.40 per diluted share, in 2002.

Net sales for 2002 were \$220.3 million, a \$14.5 million decrease from the same period in the prior year. The decrease in net sales is primarily attributable to lower sales in the United States and continental Europe, partially offset by an increase in sales in the United Kingdom. Shipments to Kmart during 2002 were \$5.2 million below the same period in the prior year. Kmart filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois on January 22, 2002.

Lamps, hardwired lighting fixtures, automotive after-market products and industrial consumables accounted for 30%, 50%, 15% and 5% of net sales in 2002 compared to 37%, 46%, 13% and 4% in 2001. In 2002 and 2001, Ring's largest customer, B&Q, a subsidiary of Kingfisher PLC, accounted for \$39.5 million (17.9%) and \$40.6 million (17.3%), respectively, of our consolidated net sales. In 2002 and 2001, Home Depot accounted for \$29.4 million (13.4%) and \$32.2 million (13.7%), respectively, of our consolidated net sales. Sales made from warehouses constituted 64% of our consolidated net sales in 2002, up from 57% in 2001.

Gross profit in total dollars increased from \$32.1 million in 2001 to \$43.8 million in 2002, and gross profit as a percentage of sales increased from 13.7% in 2001 to 19.9% in 2002. The increase in gross profit as a percentage of sales was primarily attributable to changes in our customer and product mix, a decrease in estimated inventory provisions as well as decreased warehousing and product development costs as a result of our initiatives to lower operating costs.

SG&A for 2002 was \$32.8 million, a decrease of \$7.2 million from the same period in the prior year. The decrease in SG&A was a result of our Company-wide efforts to reduce operating and overhead costs. Expense categories in which we experienced significant declines in 2002 included payroll and related expenses in North America (\$1.8 million), the United Kingdom (\$992,000), and Hong Kong/China (\$398,000), bad debt, preferential payment claims and VAT tax provisions (\$1.4 million), depreciation expense (\$531,000), travel and entertainment (\$597,000), legal, accounting, and other professional fees (\$352,000), merchandising and displays (\$435,000), partially offset by an increase in management fees to our majority shareholder (\$402,000).

During 2002 we incurred severance and closing costs of \$624,000 compared to \$1.2 million in 2001. The costs incurred in 2002 related to the termination of 49 employees primarily in the United States and China as a result of our continuing efforts to restructure the business. The costs incurred in 2001 related to the termination of 75 employees in the United States, the United Kingdom and China (\$840,000) and an additional provision related to the 2000 closure of the Boston office (\$314,000).

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We expensed \$2.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2001 in connection with the Sun Transaction and related resolution of obligations under employment agreements with those individuals serving as our chief executive officer, two former executive vice presidents, and chief financial officer at the time of the Sun Transaction.

Litigation settlement of \$959,000 in 2002 reflected the final judgment against us in a patent infringement lawsuit. On September 15, 1999, we filed a complaint entitled Catalina Lighting, Inc. v. Lamps Plus, Civil

Action 99-7200, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. In the complaint, we requested declaratory relief regarding claims of trade dress and patent infringement made by Lamps Plus against a major customer of the Company. Lamps Plus filed an Answer and Counterclaim against our customer and us on October 6, 1999, alleging patent infringement and trade dress. The trade dress claim was dismissed with prejudice before trial in March 2001. In April 2001, a jury returned a verdict finding liability against us on the patent infringement claim, and in June 2001 the Court entered a judgment of approximately \$1.6 million for damages and interest thereon. We appealed the judgment entered by the Court and posted a surety bond in the amount of \$1.8 million for the appeal (for which we posted \$1.5 million in cash collateral). In a decision published on June 28, 2002, the Court of Appeals affirmed the finding of liability against us but reduced the lower court's award of damages. We received the cash collateral for the surety bond net of the judgment amount. Litigation settlement in 2001 related to the favorable settlement of litigation in the United Kingdom.

Interest expense was \$6.9 million in 2002 compared to \$7.2 million in 2001. The decreased expense is primarily attributable to lower average outstanding borrowings as well as a decrease in variable interest rates partially offset by a higher weighted average interest rate. Average outstanding borrowings decreased primarily as a result of the sale of the Tupelo warehouse in May 2002 and because the cash we generated during the year from operations was used primarily to pay down debt. Offsetting these items were higher levels of average outstanding subordinated debt issued in connection with the Sun Transaction. The weighted average effective interest rate increased primarily because of the high effective rate associated with the subordinated debt as a result of the amortization of discount and issuance costs. In June 2002, we converted approximately \$6 million of subordinated debt to equity.

In May 2002, we sold our Mississippi warehouse and substantially all of the equipment to a third party, resulting in a loss on sale of \$1.1 million. The net proceeds from the sale, after the pay-off of the mortgage bonds, of approximately \$3.3 million were used to pay down the Company's term loans. In addition, we sold two other facilities located in the United Kingdom, which resulted in a net gain on sale of \$229,000. The net loss of \$869,000 related to the sale of the three facilities was recognized as a loss on disposal of property and equipment.

The net foreign currency loss of \$360,000 in 2002 included foreign currency losses of \$99,000, \$71,000 and \$190,000 for our Canadian, Mexican and China operations, respectively. The net foreign currency loss of \$488,000 in 2001 included foreign currency gains (losses) for our Canadian, Mexican, China and Chile operations of (\$111,000), \$2,000, (\$314,000) and (\$65,000), respectively.

Other expense was \$3,000 in 2002 compared to \$107,000 in 2001. The components of other expense in 2002 included equity in loss of unconsolidated joint venture (\$219,000) and dividends on Ring preferred stock (\$182,000), partially offset by interest income (\$141,000), the net proceeds from the settlement of an insurance claim (\$216,000) and other miscellaneous income (\$41,000). The two joint ventures in which we were involved were dissolved as of September 30, 2002. The components of other expense in 2001 were dividends on Ring preferred stock (\$182,000), equity in loss of unconsolidated joint venture (\$94,000) and miscellaneous expense of (\$26,000), partially offset by interest income of (\$195,000).

The effective income tax rates for 2002 and 2001 were 33.7% and 2.0%, respectively. The lower effective tax rate for 2001 reflects a \$5.0 million provision for a valuation allowance on deferred tax assets existing at the date of the Sun Transaction (See Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Sun Transaction). Through September 30, 2002, we had not provided for possible U.S. income taxes on \$27.2 million in undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries that were considered to be permanently reinvested.

### ***Results By Segment***

See Note 18 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for the financial tables for each business segment.



*North America*

North America had a segment profit in 2002 of \$2.0 million before a \$1.1 million loss on disposal of a warehouse and related equipment and a \$959,000 charge for settlement of litigation (\$80,000 segment loss after these non-recurring items) as compared to a segment loss of \$7.6 million in 2001. The increase in segment contribution in 2002 is primarily attributable to an improvement in gross profit and decreased SG&A.

Sales by North America to external customers were \$87.4 million in 2002, a decrease of \$17.8 million from 2001. The decrease in sales was primarily attributable to weakness in the economy and competitive pressures. On January 22, 2002, Kmart Corporation filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Our sales to Kmart amounted to \$5.5 million and \$10.7 million for the years ended September 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. In 2002 and 2001, Home Depot accounted for \$29.4 million (33.6%) and \$32.2 million (30.7%), respectively, of our North America net sales.

Gross profit for North America was \$18.1 million in 2002 compared to \$13.9 million in 2001. Gross profit as a percentage of net sales increased from 13.3% in 2001 to 20.7% in 2002. The \$4.2 million increase in gross profit between 2002 and 2001 is primarily attributable to a \$3.5 million decrease in inventory provisions and a \$2.9 million decrease in warehouse and product development costs; additionally, \$2.1 million of the gross profit increase primarily resulted from changes in our customer and product mix, offset by a decrease of \$4.2 million as a result of the \$17.8 million decrease in sales between 2002 and 2001.

In 2002 we recorded estimated inventory provisions of \$1.2 million compared to \$4.7 million in 2001. Gross inventory of finished products was \$11.9 million at September 30, 2002 compared to \$16.4 million at September 30, 2001. Inventory provisions have been made based on management's evaluation of the amount of stock on hand relative to sales during the year, the age of the stock based on purchase date, the historical amount received when slow-moving goods are sold and other factors. The process of evaluating the adequacy of our inventory allowance is subject to significant estimation. Any need to further increase our inventory allowance could significantly adversely impact our future gross profits.

SG&A decreased from \$20.3 million in 2001 to \$14.9 million in 2002. Expense categories where we had significant decreases include salary and benefits (\$1.2 million), provisions for bad debt and preferential payment claims (\$1.0 million), merchandising costs (\$435,000), costs associated with the discontinued Chile and Argentina operations (\$451,000), travel and entertainment (\$321,000), depreciation (\$217,000), legal and professional (\$300,000), and royalties (\$180,000).

Salary and benefits decreased as a result of our efforts to reduce employee headcount and make our cost structure commensurate with our revenue. Provisions for bad debt are made based on our evaluation of the collectibility of our accounts receivable. We believe our accounts receivable become uncollectible primarily as a result of customers filing for bankruptcy. During 2002, we had one customer file for bankruptcy where we did not incur any loss, while in 2001 the bankruptcy of several of our customers resulted in a charge of \$1.2 million. Other categories of SGA with decreases are a result of our ongoing efforts to reduce operating and overhead costs.

*United Kingdom*

Ring's segment contribution for 2002 was \$3.7 million compared to a loss of \$5.7 million in 2001.



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Sales in 2002 were \$114.8 million compared to \$104.8 million in 2001, an increase of 9.5%. In GBP, Ring's sales increased 7.3%. The remaining increase relates to a change in the average exchange rate that is used to translate Ring's results in GBP to U.S. dollars between 2002 and 2001. During 2002 the average exchange rate was \$1.47 for each GBP compared to \$1.44 for each GBP in 2001.

The increase in Ring's sales is primarily attributable to growth in the Lighting and Automotive divisions. This growth was precipitated by a combination of new product offerings, increased business with existing

customers and the supply of new and existing products into new markets. During 2002, sales to Ring's largest customer fell, partly as a result of some products being transferred to direct supply from Go-Gro (included in China Manufacturing and Distribution) and partly as a result of competitive pressures. This was offset by growth in sales to the other companies within the U.K. home center sector and an across the board rise in the Automotive sector.

Ring's gross profit for 2002 was \$20.8 million compared to \$12.8 million in 2001 an increase of \$8.0 million or 63%. Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased from 12.2% in 2001 to 18.1% in 2002. The \$8.0 million increase in gross profit is a result of changes in Ring's customer and product mix (\$4.4 million), increased sales (\$2.1 million), decreased warehouse and operational costs (\$773,000), decreased freight expense (\$635,000) and decreased inventory provisions (\$97,000).

The changes in Ring's customer and product mix are attributable to new products launches commencing late in 2001 and continuing into 2002 which resulted in growth in sales of outdoor lighting and decorative/flush fittings while customer product line reviews resulted in additional sales of household bulbs and spotlights, generally with higher than average margins. Customer product line reviews also resulted in a decline in the sales of lower margin fluorescent tube lighting, as well as a shifting of lower margin business such as desk lamps to direct importation by competing companies and Go-Gro.

The decrease in warehouse and operational costs is primarily attributable to the implementation of strict cost controls and downsizing, which were implemented in the fourth quarter of 2001.

Freight decreased in 2002, despite the increased sales. This was the result of changes in customer and product mix and the full year benefit of changing several carriers in the previous year.

SG&A decreased from \$13.1 million in 2001 to \$12.8 million in 2002. The decrease in SG&A is primarily attributable to decreased payroll and payroll related costs. In addition, Ring had a decrease in employee termination costs of \$578,000.

Interest expense decreased from \$5.3 million in 2001 to \$4.3 million in 2002 attributable to a lower weighted average interest rate. Interest expense included \$3.4 million and \$3.9 million in acquisition-related interest in 2002 and 2001, respectively.

#### *China Manufacturing and Distribution*

The segment contribution of China Manufacturing and Distribution was \$2.0 million in 2002 compared to \$2.1 million in 2001.

Sales in 2002 were \$26.8 million compared to \$31.3 million in 2001. Intercompany sales to Ring were \$8.7 million in 2002 compared to \$6.5 million in 2001. Sales to customers in continental Europe, the United Kingdom, and Asia were \$12.7 million, \$3.0 million, and \$2.4 million in 2002, respectively, and \$19.1 million, \$2.6 million, and \$3.1 million in 2001, respectively.

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Sales to Ring increased between 2001 and 2002 as we attempted to direct more of Ring's purchases to our wholly owned factory. Increasing the factory's volume reduces fixed factory overhead as a percentage of total manufacturing cost resulting in a lower cost of product for Ring as well as North America. Sales to continental Europe decreased in 2002 as one major customer shifted purchases to alternative suppliers.

Gross profit was \$4.9 million in 2002 compared to \$5.3 million in 2001. Gross profit as a percentage of sales increased to 18.3% in 2002 compared to 16.9% in 2001, primarily as a result of changes in our customer and product mix.

SG&A was \$2.7 million in 2002 compared to \$3.0 million in 2001. This decrease is primarily attributable to decreased payroll and related costs and travel and entertainment costs.

## Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and revenues and expenses during the period. Future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty; therefore, the determination of estimates requires the exercise of judgment. Actual results inevitably will differ from those estimates, and such differences may be material to our financial statements. Management continually evaluates its estimates and assumptions, which are based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Management believes that the following may involve a higher degree of judgment or complexity:

*Collectibility of Accounts Receivable* Our allowance for doubtful accounts is based on management's estimates of the creditworthiness of our customers, current economic conditions and historical information, and, in the opinion of management, is set in an amount sufficient to respond to normal business conditions. Management sets reserves for customers based upon historical collection experience and sets specific reserves for customers whose accounts have aged significantly beyond historical collection experience. Should business conditions deteriorate or any major credit customer default on its obligations to the Company, this allowance may need to be significantly increased, which would have a negative impact upon our operations.

*Reserves on Inventories* Reserves on inventories result in a charge to operations when the estimated net realizable value of inventory items declines below cost. Reserves are recorded as a component of cost of sales. Management regularly reviews the Company's investment in inventories for declines in value. We establish reserves based on historical experience and specific reserves when it is apparent that the expected realizable value of an inventory item falls below its original cost.

*Income Taxes* Significant management judgment is required in developing our provision for income taxes, including the determination of foreign tax liabilities, deferred tax assets, and liabilities and any valuation allowances that might be required against the deferred tax assets. We evaluate quarterly the realizability of our deferred tax assets and adjust the amount of our valuation allowance, if necessary. We operate within multiple taxing jurisdictions and are subject to audit in those jurisdictions. Because of the complex issues involved, any claims can require an extended period to resolve. In management's opinion, adequate provisions for income taxes have been made. We regularly assess the likelihood of an adverse outcome resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of our provision for income taxes.

*Goodwill* In 2003, we began to perform an annual test for impairment of goodwill. This test is performed by comparing, at the reporting unit level, the carrying value of goodwill to its fair value. We assess fair value based upon a combination of valuation methodologies applied to each reporting unit. The tests performed for 2003 did not identify any instances of impairment. However, changes in expectations as to the fair values of the reporting units might impact subsequent years' assessments of impairment.

*Accrual for Sales Incentives* Our accrual for sales incentives is usually based on certain stated percentages of gross sales, and is recognized as a reduction of gross sales at the time the related sales are recorded. If the customer does not provide for the deduction of the allowance amount directly from the amount invoiced the customer at time of billing, we record an accrual for the amounts due. Management sets specific reserves for customers based on contracted amounts and other reserves for the non-contractual amounts. Should we underestimate the reserve for the non-contractual allowances, this reserve may need to be significantly increased, which would have a negative impact upon our operations.

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*Reserves for Product Liability Claims and Litigation* We are subject to various legal proceedings, product liability claims and other claims in the ordinary course of our business. Management estimates the amount of ultimate liability, if any, with respect to such matters in excess of applicable insurance coverage based on

historical claims experience and current claim amounts, as well as other available facts and circumstances. As the outcome of litigation is difficult to predict and significant estimates are made with regard to future events, significant changes from estimated amounts could occur.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We meet our short-term liquidity needs through cash provided by operations, borrowings under various credit facilities with banks, accounts payable and the use of letters of credit from customers to fund certain of our direct import sales activities. Term loans, lease obligations, mortgage notes, bonds, subordinated debt and capital stock are sources for our longer-term liquidity and financing needs. Based upon management's projections and assessment of current market conditions, we believe we will have adequate liquidity to meet our needs for fiscal 2004.

#### *Cash Flows and Financial Condition*

During 2003, we used funds generated from operations of \$11.9 million and cash on hand to pay down debt of \$10.4 million and make net capital investments of \$1.6 million. Availability under our revolving credit facilities increased from \$15.7 million at September 30, 2002 to \$23.1 million at September 30, 2003.

Accounts receivable balances decreased to \$29.3 million at September 30, 2003 from \$33.8 million at September 30, 2002 primarily as a result of lower sales in August and September 2003 compared to August and September 2002. Inventory levels at September 30, 2003 were \$34.4 million, as compared to \$34.5 million at September 30, 2002.

Our agreements with our major customers provide for various sales allowances (i.e., deductions given the customer from purchases made from us), the most common of which are for volume discounts, consumer product returns and cooperative advertising. These allowances are usually defined as a percentage of the gross sales price and are recognized as a reduction of gross sales revenue at the time the related sales are recorded. If the customer agreement does not provide for the deduction of the allowance amount directly from the amount invoiced the customer at time of billing, we record an accrual for the amounts due. These accrued sales allowances are settled periodically either by subsequent deduction from the accounts receivable from the customer or by cash payment. For financial statement presentation purposes, these sales allowances are netted against accounts receivable and amounted to \$7.9 million and \$9.1 million at September 30, 2003 and 2002, respectively. The amounts of our accrued sales allowances, by customer and in the aggregate, are dependent upon various factors, including sales volumes, the specific terms negotiated with each customer (including whether the allowance amounts are deducted immediately from the invoice or accrued) and the manner and timing of settlement.

#### *Revolving Credit and Term Loan Facilities*

In July 2000, we entered into a credit facility for approximately \$75 million with a bank syndication group to finance the acquisition of Ring and repay and terminate our existing U.S. credit facility and Ring's U.K. facility. The facility consisted of two term loans originally amounting to \$15 million and the GBP equivalent of U.S. \$15 million (GBP 9.0 million), respectively, and two revolving facilities for loans, acceptances and trade and stand-by letters of credit for our ongoing operations in the United States and the United Kingdom. Amounts outstanding under the revolving facilities were limited under a borrowing base defined as percentages of the combined accounts receivable and inventory balances for the United States and the United Kingdom. Obligations under the facility were secured by substantially all of our U.S. and U.K. assets, including 100% of the common stock of our U.S. subsidiaries and 65% of the stock of our Canadian and first-tier United Kingdom and Hong Kong subsidiaries. The facility prohibited the payment of cash dividends or other distribution on any shares of our common stock, other than dividends payable

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solely in shares of common stock, unless approval was obtained from the lenders. We paid a quarterly commitment fee of .50% per annum based on the unused portion of the revolving facilities.

On July 23, 2001, we obtained \$11.8 million in additional funding as a result of closing the Sun Transaction. Our \$75 million credit facility was amended and restructured in connection with the Sun Transaction. As a part of the restructuring, available borrowings under the revolving loans were reallocated under the amended facility to increase the U.S. revolver to \$21.4 million and decrease the U.K. revolver to the GBP equivalent of U.S. \$23.6 million. Borrowings under the facility bore interest, payable monthly, at our option of either the prime rate plus an applicable margin or the LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin (3.6% effective rate at September 30, 2003). The applicable margin was determined by a leverage ratio calculation. At September 30, 2003, the margin on prime rate and LIBOR based loans was 1.0% and 2.0%, respectively. The majority of our borrowings were LIBOR based. Under the amended facility, we were required to meet minimum levels of adjusted quarterly earnings beginning with the quarter ended September 30, 2001 through the quarter ended September 30, 2002 and were required to meet quarterly debt to adjusted earnings and fixed charge ratios beginning with the quarter ended December 31, 2002. Capital expenditures for 2003 were limited under the amended facility to \$4.0 million. The term loans and the revolving loans under the amended facility were to mature on December 31, 2003. The bank syndication group's fee for the amendment consisted of warrants to purchase 70,828 shares of common stock at a price of \$.05 per share.

On December 19, 2003, we entered into a new asset-based credit facility with a syndicate of lenders to refinance our existing indebtedness under our \$75 million credit facility. The facility matures June 30, 2006. The facility consists of two term loans in the amount of GBP 305,000 (\$507,000) and \$5.0 million and two revolving facilities in the amount of GBP 22.0 million (\$36.6 million) and \$6.0 million for loans, acceptances, and trade and stand-by letters of credit for our ongoing operations in the United States and United Kingdom. Amounts outstanding under each revolving facility are limited under separate U.S. and U.K. borrowing bases which are defined as percentages of eligible accounts receivable and inventory. Obligations under the facility are secured by substantially all of our U.S. and U.K. assets. The facility prohibits the payment of cash dividends or other distribution on any shares of our common stock. We pay a monthly commitment fee of .375% per annum based on the unused portion of the revolving facilities as well as a monthly servicing fee of \$7,500. If the \$5.0 million term loan is not repaid by the first anniversary of the loan a fee of \$500,000 is due. Borrowings under the revolving facilities and the GBP 305,000 term loan bear interest, payable monthly, at the LIBOR rate plus a margin of 2.25%. Borrowings under the \$5.0 million term loan bear interest at 9%, payable monthly. Under the facility we are required to meet quarterly minimum levels of adjusted earnings and adjusted net worth, as defined in the facility agreement, as well as a minimum debt to adjusted earnings ratio. Capital expenditures are limited to \$3.8 million per year. The Company owes a \$450,000 investment banking fee to an affiliate of our majority stockholder for services provided in connection with the refinancing. This fee will be paid in equal installments on April 1, 2004 and June 1, 2004, subject to certain minimum levels of availability as set forth in the credit facility.

Ring has an arrangement with a U.K. bank which is secured by a standby letter of credit previously issued under the GBP revolving loan facility of our former \$75 million credit facility and currently issued under the facility entered into on December 19, 2003. The arrangement provides for borrowings, trade letters of credit, bonds and foreign currency forward contracts and transactions. Bonds outstanding under this arrangement amounted to \$987,000 at September 30, 2003 and there were no borrowings or trade letters of credit outstanding.

Catalina Canada has a credit facility with a Canadian company that provides U.S. dollar and Canadian dollar ( CDN dollar ) revolving credit loans up to \$7.0 million CDN dollars (approximately U.S. \$5.2 million) in the aggregate. The facility matures in December 2004. Borrowings in CDN dollars bear interest at the Canadian prime rate plus 1.5%, while borrowings in U.S. dollars bear interest at the rate of the U.S. prime rate plus 0.5%. Borrowings under the facility are limited to a borrowing base calculated from receivables and inventory. The credit facility is secured by substantially all of the assets of Catalina Canada. The facility limits the payment of dividends, advances or loans from Catalina Canada to Catalina Lighting, Inc. to \$500,000 annually, and no such amounts may be transferred if Catalina Canada does not have sufficient excess borrowing availability under the facility's borrowing base. The facility contains a financial covenant requiring Catalina Canada to maintain a minimum net worth.



Go-Gro has a 41.6 million Hong Kong dollars (approximately U.S. \$5.4 million) facility with a Hong Kong bank. The facility provides limited credit in the form of acceptances, trade letters of credit, discounting of export letters of credit, factoring of receivables, and negotiation of discrepant documents presented under export letters of credit issued by banks. The facility is secured by a guarantee issued by us. This agreement prohibits the payment of dividends without the consent of the bank and limits the total amount of trade receivables, loans or advances from Go-Gro to our other companies. This facility is subject to a periodic review by the bank. At September 30, 2003, Go-Gro had used \$596,000 of this line for letters of credit, and there were no borrowings.

The terms of our credit facilities and U.S. and foreign income tax considerations impact the flow of funds between our major subsidiaries. Our \$75 million credit facility prohibited loans to Go-Gro from either Ring or our other companies other than normal intercompany payables arising from trade. The facility permitted loans from our U.S. companies to Ring but restricted the flow of funds from Ring to our non-U.K. companies to payments constituting dividends or a return of capital. The facility entered into on December 19, 2003 also prohibits loans to Go-Gro by any of our U.S. and U.K. companies other than normal intercompany trade payables. The facility permits loans and dividends between the U.S. and U.K. entities, subject to certain limits. Our Hong Kong credit facility prohibits the payment of dividends without the consent of the bank and limits the amount of loans or advances from Go-Gro to our other companies. Any loan made or dividends paid either directly or indirectly by Go-Gro to us or our U.S. subsidiaries could be considered by U.S. taxing authorities as a repatriation of foreign source income subject to taxation in the United States at a higher rate than that assessed in Hong Kong. The net impact of such a funds transfer from Go-Gro could be an increase in our U.S. income taxes payable and our effective tax rate. The credit facility for Catalina Canada also limits payments to our other companies other than trade payments in the ordinary course of business.

We utilize the revolving portions of our credit facility to support our operations in the United States and the United Kingdom. Our U.S. operations are also supported to a limited extent by cash flows from our China operations. As of December 19, 2003 we had \$9.2 million available under the new credit facility to support U.S. and U.K. operations.

As of September 30, 2003, we were in compliance with the terms and covenants of our \$75 million credit facility. Based upon (i) current assessments of market conditions for our business and (ii) sales, profitability and cash flow projections, we believe we will continue to be in compliance with the terms and covenants of the credit facility entered into on December 19, 2003 and that we will have adequate available borrowings and other sources of liquidity for the 2004 fiscal year. However, there can be no assurances that market conditions will not deteriorate in the future or that we will be able to achieve our projected results.

#### *Subordinated Notes*

We issued \$8.8 million in secured subordinated notes in July 2001 in connection with the Sun Transaction, which are due in full on July 23, 2006. These notes bear interest at 12%, compounded quarterly. Interest on the subordinated notes is payable quarterly in arrears in cash commencing as of March 31, 2003. Interest for quarters prior to the quarter ended March 31, 2003 could be added to the principal amount of the note. The note holders were also entitled to additional warrants to purchase shares of common stock at \$.05 per share for the quarters during which interest on the notes was not paid in cash. Interest was not paid in cash on the notes for the period from July 23, 2001 to March 31, 2002, for which the note holders received additional warrants to purchase, in the aggregate, 94,247 shares of common stock. Interest due on the subordinated debt outstanding for the period from March 31, 2002 to September 30, 2003 was paid in cash and no additional warrants were issued.

On June 14, 2002, we entered into a transaction with SCH and SunTrust Banks, Inc. ( SunTrust ) whereby we issued and sold 924,572 and 184,843 shares of common stock to SCH and SunTrust, respectively, for an aggregate purchase price of \$6.0 million, representing a price of \$5.41 per share. As payment for their shares,



SCH and SunTrust each surrendered a corresponding amount of subordinated debt and accrued interest, and we were released from all obligations and liabilities associated with the surrendered debt. In connection with the transaction, a special committee of independent members of the Board of Directors obtained a fairness opinion from a major investment bank regarding the \$5.41 per share sale price.

#### *Other Obligations*

We financed the purchase of our corporate headquarters in Miami, Florida with a loan payable monthly through 2004, based on a 15-year amortization schedule, with a balloon payment in March 2004. The loan bears interest at 8% and is secured by a mortgage on the land and building. The unpaid balance of this loan was \$676,000 at September 30, 2003.

Immediately prior to the closing of the Sun Transaction, we had existing employment agreements with our then chief executive officer, two executive vice presidents and our then chief financial officer that provided for certain payments to these employees in the event that we experienced a change in control. We resolved these obligations as part of the Sun Transaction by terminating the previous employment agreements and entering into settlement agreements with these employees which provide in the aggregate for (i) the granting of rights to fully vested options to purchase 313,847 shares of common stock at a price of \$5.90 per share and (ii) payments of approximately \$198,000 each quarter over a three-year period beginning September 1, 2001. The quarterly payments under these settlement agreements are suspended at any time in which a default under our credit facility has occurred and is continuing. As part of the settlement agreements, we obtained covenants not to compete through July 23, 2004. Amounts receivable from the two former executive vice presidents totaled \$212,000 immediately prior to the Sun Transaction. These amounts are being repaid on a quarterly basis in the aggregate amount of \$16,667 from the proceeds due these former executives under the settlement agreements negotiated as part of the Sun Transaction. At September 30, 2003, the remaining amounts due from these individuals totaled \$61,000.

#### *Capital Expenditures*

We have no significant commitments for capital expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

In September 2000, Go-Gro deposited the purchase price of approximately \$1 million for its joint venture partner's interest in Go-Gro's Chinese cooperative joint venture manufacturing subsidiary SJE. This purchase was finalized in December 2000. During the quarter ended March 31, 2001, SJE was converted under Chinese law from a cooperative joint venture to a wholly owned foreign entity and its name was changed to Jiadianbao Electrical Products (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd. ( JES ).

JES obtained non-transferable land use rights for the land on which its primary manufacturing facilities were constructed under a Land Use Agreement dated April 11, 1995 between SJE and the Bureau of National Land Planning Bao-An Branch of Shenzhen City. This agreement provides JES with the right to use this land until January 18, 2042 and required SJE to construct approximately 500,000 square feet of factory buildings and 175,000 square feet of dormitories and offices. This construction is complete and total costs aggregated \$15.8 million.

In connection with the settlement with Go-Gro's former joint venture partner in SJE, JES acquired the land use rights for a parcel of land adjoining its primary manufacturing facilities. Under the separate land use agreement for this parcel, JES has the right to use the land through March 19, 2051 and was obligated to complete new construction on the land (estimated to cost approximately \$1.3 million) by March 20, 2002. The construction was not completed by that date. The local municipal planning and state land bureau may take back the land use rights for the parcel without compensation and confiscate the structures and attachments if the construction is not completed by March 2004. The Company will not begin construction by the March 2004 deadline and during the fourth quarter of 2003 decided not to seek an extension from local

authorities. As a result

of this decision, the Company recorded a \$766,000 provision for impairment of land use rights during the fourth quarter of 2003. There are no structures on this parcel, and should the local authorities confiscate the land, we do not believe there would be any impact on the operations of the factory.

#### *Litigation*

During the past few years, we have received a number of claims relating to halogen torchieres sold by us to various retailers. The number of such claims has decreased significantly since the applicable Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) standard was changed and the halogen torchieres produced complied with such new standard. Through January 7, 2003, we maintained primary product liability insurance coverage of \$1 million per occurrence, \$2 million in the aggregate, as well as umbrella insurance policies providing an aggregate of \$75 million in insurance coverage. The primary insurance policy required us to self-insure for up to \$10,000 per incident. Effective January 8, 2003, the umbrella coverage was decreased to \$50 million and the deductible was increased to \$150,000 per incident involving halogen light products and \$75,000 for all other incidents. All other significant aspects of the policy remain unchanged. Based on experience, we have accrued \$529,000 for this contingency as of September 30, 2003. No assurance can be given that the number of claims will not exceed historical experience or that claims will not exceed available insurance coverage or that we will be able to maintain the same level of insurance.

#### *Other Matters*

Our ability to import products from China at current tariff levels could be materially and adversely affected if the NTR status the U.S. government has granted to China for trade and tariff purposes is terminated. As a result of its NTR status, China receives the same favorable tariff treatment that the United States extends to its other normal trading partners. China's NTR status, coupled with its membership in the WTO, could eventually reduce barriers to manufacturing products in and exporting products from China. However, we cannot provide any assurance that China's WTO membership or NTR status will not change.

Ring has a defined benefit pension plan which covered 20 current employees and approximately 750 members formerly associated with Ring. On April 7, 2003, the 20 current employees joined a defined contribution pension plan and stopped accruing future benefits under the defined benefit plan and there are now no active members in the defined benefit plan. The defined benefit plan is administered externally and the assets are held separately by professional investment managers. The plan is funded by contributions at rates recommended by an actuary based on the Minimum Funding Requirement (MFR). The U.K. government has announced that it intends to abolish the MFR and to replace it with funding standards individually tailored to the circumstances of plans and employers. In June 2003, the U.K. government announced that (i) solvent employers who choose to terminate their defined benefit pension plans are expected to meet the full buyout costs of all members' benefits and (ii) a pension protection fund is to be introduced to guarantee members a specified minimum level of pension when the employer becomes insolvent. All employers with defined benefit pension plans will pay a flat rate levy and those plans which are underfunded, such as the Ring plan, will have to pay a higher premium to the protection fund. The amount of the levy has not been determined by the protection fund. The full buyout cost is considerably higher than the MFR cost. We do not intend to terminate the plan in the foreseeable future. In conjunction with the changes announced by the U.K. government in June 2003, the Company recorded a net equity charge of \$2.7 million to other comprehensive income (pretax charge of \$3.9 million net of income taxes of \$1.2 million) to increase the accrued pension cost recorded in the September 30, 2003 balance sheet to the unfunded accumulated benefit obligation as of such date of \$8.9 million. As a result of the change in U.K. law, at some time in the future, the Company must negotiate with the plan trustees the amount of cash funded into the plan. The Company has not begun these negotiations but expects that future funding will increase. The weighted average assumptions used in the actuarial computations related to the defined benefit pension plan are consistent and reasonable.

As of September 30, 2003, Ring Limited had outstanding 9.5 million convertible preference shares of which 2.5 million shares were held by third parties and the remaining 7 million shares were owned by the Company.



The holders of the convertible preference shares are entitled to receive in priority to the equity shareholders a fixed cumulative dividend of 19.2% per annum until January 1, 2004. The shares are convertible into fully paid ordinary shares of Ring Limited on the basis of two ordinary shares of Ring Limited for every five preference shares. Convertible preference shares representing a minority interest of approximately \$1,026,000 will convert automatically into fully paid ordinary shares on January 1, 2004. The remaining minority interest of approximately \$185,000 is not convertible into ordinary shares.

### Impact of New Accounting Pronouncements

In November 2002, the Emerging Issues Task Force reached a consensus on Issue No. 00-21 ( EITF 00-21 ), Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables. EITF 00-21 provides guidance on how to account for arrangements that involve the delivery or performance of multiple products, services and/or rights to use assets. The provisions of EITF 00-21 apply to revenue arrangements entered into in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2003. We have early adopted EITF 00-21 effective June 15, 2003. The adoption of EITF 00-21 had no impact on our financial position or results of operations.

In December 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Statement No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure an amendment of FASB Statement No. 123 ( SFAS 148 ). SFAS 148 amends FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation ( SFAS 123 ), to provide alternative methods of transition for an entity that voluntarily changes to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. It also amends the disclosure provisions of SFAS 123 to require prominent disclosures about the effects on reported net income of an entity's accounting policy decisions with respect to stock-based employee compensation. SFAS 148 also amends APB Opinion No. 28 ( APB 28 ), Interim Financial Reporting, to require disclosures about those effects in interim financial information. The amendments to SFAS 123 in paragraphs 2(a)-2(e) of the statement are effective for financial statements for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002. The amendment to SFAS 123 in paragraph 2(f) of this statement and the amendment to APB 28 in paragraph 3 are effective for financial reports containing condensed financial statements for interim periods beginning after December 15, 2002. We currently account for stock-based compensation awards to employees and directors under the accounting prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 and provide the disclosures required by SFAS 123. We adopted the additional disclosure provisions of SFAS 148 during the quarter ended March 31, 2003.

In December 2002, the FASB issued Interpretation 45 ( FIN 45 ), Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others. For a guarantee subject to FIN 45, a guarantor is required to:

measure and recognize the fair value of the guarantee at inception. For many guarantees, fair value will likely be determined using the expected present value method described in the FASB Concepts Statement 7, Using Cash Flow Information and Present Value in Accounting Measurements; and

provide new disclosures regarding the nature of any guarantees, the maximum potential amount of future guarantee payments, the current carrying amount of the guarantee liability, and the nature of any recourse provisions or assets held as collateral that could be liquidated and allow the guarantor to recover all or a portion of its payments in the event guarantee payments are required.

FIN 45 is effective for financial statements for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2002. The adoption of FIN 45 did not have a material effect on our financial statements.

In January 2003, the FASB issued Interpretation 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51, which requires all variable interest entities to be consolidated by the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary is the entity that holds the majority of the beneficial interests in the variable interest entity. In addition, the interpretation expands disclosure requirements for both variable interest entities

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that are consolidated as well as variable interest entities from which the entity is the holder of a significant amount of the beneficial interests, but not the majority. The disclosure requirements of this interpretation are



effective for all financial statements issued after January 31, 2003. The consolidation requirements of this interpretation are effective for all periods beginning after June 15, 2003. This interpretation did not have a material effect on our financial statements.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS 150, *Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity* ( SFAS 150 ). This statement requires that certain financial instruments that, under previous guidance, issuers could account for as equity be classified as liabilities in statements of financial position. Most of the guidance in SFAS 150 is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. The adoption of SFAS 150 has not and is not expected to have a material impact on our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

### **Impact of Inflation and Economic Conditions**

The Company has periodically experienced price increases in the costs of raw materials and finished goods from other suppliers which reduced the Company's profitability due to an inability to immediately pass on such price increases to its customers. Significant increases in raw materials and finished goods prices could have an adverse impact on our net sales and income from continuing operations. We have experienced increased prices for raw steel which will result in increased steel costs in fiscal 2004 of approximately \$300,000.

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

We are exposed to market risk related to changes in interest rates and fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

#### *Interest Rate Risk*

Approximately 85% of our debt at September 30, 2003 (88% at September 30, 2002) was subject to variable interest rates. The remainder of our debt has fixed interest rates. Our fixed interest rate debt primarily represents \$3.7 million (face value) in subordinated notes. The carrying value and market value of our debt at September 30, 2003 were \$27.8 million and \$27.9 million, respectively. Based upon debt balances outstanding at September 30, 2003, a 100 basis point (i.e., 1%) addition to our weighted average effective interest rate would increase our interest expense by approximately \$241,000 on an annual basis. As of December 19, 2003, the date of our new credit facility, approximately 72% of our debt was subject to variable interest rates.

#### *Foreign Currency Risk*

We maintain significant investments in subsidiaries in the United Kingdom and Canada, and sell our products into these foreign markets. We also maintain a major capital investment in manufacturing facilities and supporting administrative offices in China. Due to the significance of our international sales and operations, our business and operating results are impacted by fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. If any of the currencies of the foreign countries in which we conduct business depreciated against the U.S. dollar we could experience significant changes in our competitive position, cost structure and the translations of assets, liabilities and transactions denominated in foreign currencies, which could adversely impact our future earnings.

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We engage in certain hedging activities with respect to foreign currency exposures. See Notes 1 and 20 of Notes to consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding derivative instruments and hedging activities.

Our foreign net asset/exposures (defined as assets denominated in foreign currency less liabilities denominated in foreign currency) at fiscal year ends in U.S. dollar equivalents were as follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Great British pounds ( GBP )	\$ 14,779	\$ 9,989
Hong Kong dollars	\$ 10,089	\$ 9,496
Canadian dollars	\$ 5,622	\$ 4,859

Our foreign currency risks relative to our significant foreign subsidiaries are as follows:

Ring mainly sells in GBP but pays in U.S. dollars for approximately 47% of the products it purchases. Ring hedges against movements in GBP relative to the U.S. dollar by purchasing forward foreign currency contracts to cover 50% of the estimated U.S. dollar denominated purchases on a rolling six months basis. In addition, upon a foreign currency liability becoming known for products that have been shipped which would not be covered by these contracts, individual foreign exchange contracts are entered into to exchange GBP for the relevant foreign currency on the date on which the liability falls due. This policy effectively hedges approximately 100% of Ring's U.S. dollar requirement for two months and 50% going forward three to six months. At September 30, 2003 and 2002, Ring had outstanding forward contracts to exchange GBP for U.S. dollars for GBP 6.2 million and GBP 6.5 million, respectively. The forward contracts outstanding at September 30, 2003 mature through February 13, 2004, and the contracts outstanding at September 30, 2002 matured through March 13, 2003.

The short term of Ring's foreign exchange contracts hedging specific purchases, and the fact that only 50% of expected purchases going forward three to six months are hedged, limit their effectiveness as a hedge against a significant depreciation of the GBP against the U.S. dollar over the course of a relatively longer period, such as a year. Consequently, as was the case in 2001, a depreciation of the GBP against the dollar could adversely impact Ring's gross margins to the extent the increase in the effective cost of goods purchased in U.S. dollars could not be passed on to Ring's U.K. customers through higher sales prices.

As Ring's assets, liabilities and transactions are recorded in GBP, Ring's results and financial condition are subject to translation adjustments upon their conversion into U.S. dollars for our financial reporting purposes. A 10% decline in the GBP relative to the U.S. dollar over the course of 2003 (i.e., including the actual exchange experience) would have reduced Ring's translated net sales by \$6.4 million, reduced Ring's translated segment income from \$13.4 million to \$10.7 million but would have resulted in an increase of \$869,000 million in the foreign currency translation gain. These adjusted amounts do not reflect any economic impacts of the devaluation of the GBP on Ring's sales, margins, results and overall business.

More than 91% of Go-Gro's sales in 2003 (approximately 85% of which were intercompany) were made in U.S. dollars. Go-Gro purchases in U.S. dollars, Hong Kong dollars (HK dollars) and Chinese Renminbi. A greater portion of Go-Gro's sales are in U.S. dollars than its cost of sales and other operating costs; therefore an appreciation of the HK dollar or the Chinese Renminbi relative to the U.S. dollar could, in the short term, decrease Go-Gro's operating margins and profits assuming its sales prices in U.S. dollars remain firm.

As Go-Gro's assets, liabilities and transactions are recorded in HK dollars and Chinese Renminbi, Go-Gro's results and financial condition are subject to translation adjustments upon their conversion into U.S. dollars for our financial reporting purposes. A 10% appreciation of the HK dollar and Chinese Renminbi relative to the U.S. dollar over the course of 2003 (i.e., in addition to actual experience) would not have significantly impacted Go-Gro's translated sales for 2003, but would have decreased their translated segment contribution for 2003 by \$337,000, and resulted in a decrease in its translation loss of \$ 1.2 million for 2003. These adjusted amounts do not reflect any economic impacts of the HK dollar on Go-Gro's sales, gross profits, results and overall business.

Catalina Canada sells in both U.S. dollars (approximately 41% of 2003 sales) and CDN dollars (approximately 59% of 2003 sales). Most of Catalina Canada's goods are purchased from Go-Gro in U.S. dollars. Similar to Ring, a decrease in the CDN dollar relative to the U.S. dollar could adversely impact Catalina Canada's margins and profitability if the higher effective cost of its products could not be passed on to Catalina Canada's customers through higher sales prices.

An assumed 10% depreciation of the CDN dollar relative to the U.S. dollar over the course of 2003 (i.e., in addition to actual exchange experience) would have resulted in a translation reduction of our net sales of \$628,000 for 2003 and a \$491,000 decrease in consolidated net income. These adjusted amounts do not reflect any economic impacts of the devaluation of the CDN dollars on Catalina Canada's sales, margins,

results, and overall business.

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

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(All other schedules have been omitted as the related information has either been provided in the notes to consolidated financial statements or is not required or applicable).



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT**

Board of Directors

Catalina Lighting, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows of Catalina Lighting, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the Company) for the year ended September 30, 2001. Our audit also included the financial statement schedules listed in Item 15(a)2. These financial statements and financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2001 of Catalina Lighting, Inc. and subsidiaries in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

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**Certified Public Accountants**

Miami, Florida

December 14, 2001

## CATALINA LIGHTING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

	September 30,	
	2003	2002
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,899	2,657
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$880 and \$446, respectively	29,273	33,814
Inventories	34,392	34,511
Other current assets	5,032	6,642
	<u>71,596</u>	<u>77,624</u>
Total current assets	71,596	77,624
Property and equipment, net	16,665	18,102
Goodwill	28,282	28,282
Other assets, net	10,732	7,206
	<u>\$ 127,275</u>	<u>\$ 131,214</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities		
Revolving credit facilities	\$	\$ 1,477
Term loans		3,154
Accounts payable	27,416	29,498
Current maturities of other long-term debt	702	340
Income taxes payable	3,686	1,813
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	2,344	2,481
Other current liabilities	8,618	9,406
	<u>42,766</u>	<u>48,169</u>
Total current liabilities	42,766	48,169
Revolving credit facilities	11,747	11,315
Term loans	12,284	17,574
Subordinated notes	3,038	2,804
Other long-term debt	17	721
Accrued pension cost	8,349	3,833
Other liabilities	68	1,126
	<u>78,269</u>	<u>85,542</u>
Total liabilities	78,269	85,542
Minority interest	1,211	1,144
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value authorized 1,000,000 shares; none issued		
Common stock, \$.01 par value authorized 20,000,000 shares; issued 4,420,760 shares and 4,414,260 shares, respectively; outstanding 4,292,373 shares and 4,285,873 shares, respectively	44	44
Additional paid-in capital	38,604	38,119
Retained earnings	12,613	7,623
Deferred compensation	(262)	



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Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(743)	1,203
Treasury stock, at cost, 128,387 shares	(2,461)	(2,461)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total stockholders' equity	47,795	44,528
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$ 127,275	\$ 131,214
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**CATALINA LIGHTING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Years Ended September 30,		
	2003	2002	2001
Net sales	\$ 202,017	\$ 220,266	\$ 234,786
Cost of sales	160,392	176,494	202,716
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>41,625</b>	<b>43,772</b>	<b>32,070</b>
Selling, general and administrative expenses	30,031	32,803	40,010
Severance and office closing costs	474	624	1,154
Provision for impairment of land use rights	766		
Executive settlements			2,586
Litigation settlement		959	(714)
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>10,354</b>	<b>9,386</b>	<b>(10,966)</b>
Other income (expenses)			
Interest expense	(3,664)	(6,858)	(7,169)
Gain (loss) on disposal of property and equipment, net	84	(869)	
Net foreign currency gain (loss)	678	(360)	(488)
Other expenses	(50)	(3)	(107)
<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>(2,952)</b>	<b>(8,090)</b>	<b>(7,764)</b>
<b>Income (loss) before income taxes</b>	<b>7,402</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>(18,730)</b>
Income tax (provision) benefit	(2,412)	(437)	383
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 4,990</b>	<b>\$ 859</b>	<b>\$ (18,347)</b>
<b>Earnings (loss) per share</b>			
<b>Basic</b>			
Earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.18	\$ (10.22)
Weighted average number of shares	5,558	4,755	1,796
<b>Diluted</b>			
Earnings (loss) per share	\$ 0.86	\$ 0.18	\$ (10.22)
Weighted average number of shares	5,811	4,834	1,796

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## CATALINA LIGHTING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY

(In thousands, except share data)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Deferred Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Treasury Stock		Total
	Shares	Amount					Shares	Amount	Stockholders Equity
<b>Balance at September 30, 2000</b>	<b>1,599,971</b>	<b>\$ 16</b>	<b>\$ 28,624</b>	<b>\$ 25,111</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ (461)</b>	<b>128,387</b>	<b>\$ (2,461)</b>	<b>\$ 50,829</b>
Sale of common stock	1,697,987	17	2,247						2,264
Common stock issued to outside directors	6,087		23						23
Warrants issued with subordinated notes			2,265						2,265
Warrants issued for interest on subordinated notes			49						49
Warrants issued to U.S. bank group			191						191
Stock options issued for executive settlements			1,020						1,020
Redemption of stock rights			(8)						(8)
Comprehensive loss:									
Net loss				(18,347)					(18,347)
Foreign currency translation loss						(15)			(15)
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instrument, net of taxes						(139)			(139)
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>									<b>(18,501)</b>
<b>Balance at September 30, 2001</b>	<b>3,304,045</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34,411</b>	<b>6,764</b>		<b>(615)</b>	<b>128,387</b>	<b>(2,461)</b>	<b>38,132</b>
Warrants issued for interest on subordinated notes			183						183
Warrants issued to a consultant			81						81
Stock options issued to a consultant			24						24
Exercise of stock options	800		5						5
Subordinated notes converted to equity, net	1,109,415	11	3,415						3,426
Comprehensive (loss) income:									